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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025 - Present Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2025 – Present Visiting Associate Professor, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2018 - Present Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Lawmaking, University of Virginia & Vanderbilt University
- 2018 - 2025 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- 2017 - 2018 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Political Science, University of Michigan.
- 2015 M.A. Political Science, University of Michigan.
- 2008 M.A. East Asian Studies, Stanford University.
- 2006 B.A. with Distinction, Political Science, Duke University.

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2025 "Pivots or Partisans? Proposal-Making Strategy and Status Quo Selection in Congress", *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*: Vol. 20: No. 2, pp 139-181.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1561/100.00023042>
- Coverage: *the Messenger*
- 2024 "Lobbying Venue Selection Under Separation of Powers and Resource Constraints" (with LaGina Gause). *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, Vol. 13, pp 73–95.
- 2021 "Pandemic Pluralism: Legislator Championing of Organized Interests in Response to COVID-19" (with Jesse Crosson and Alexander Furnas), *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, Vol. 2: No. 1, pp 23-41.
- 2020 "Prioritized Interests: Diverse Lobbying Coalitions and Congressional Committee Agenda Setting," *The Journal of Politics* 82, no. 1 (January 2020): 225-240.
- Coverage: *the Chicago Booth Review*

- 2020 “Polarized Pluralism: Organizational Preferences and Biases in the American Pressure System” (with Jesse Crosson and Alexander Furnas), *American Political Science Review* 114, no. 4 (November 2020): 1117-1137.
- An earlier version of this article won the 2020 *POP/Party Politics Best Conference Paper Award* from the Political Organizations and Parties section of the American Political Science Association.
- 2020 “Large-N Bill Positions Data from MapLight.org: What Can We Learn from Interest Groups’ Publicly Observable Bill Positions?” (with Jesse Crosson and Alexander Furnas), *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 9, no. 3 (September 2020): 342–360.
- 2013 “Coalition Portfolios and Interest Group Influence over the Policy Process,” (with Michael T. Heaney) *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 2 (October), 251-277.

Editor-Reviewed Writing

- 2021 “Resources and Agendas: Combining Walker’s Insights with New Data Sources to Chart a Path Ahead” (with Jesse Crosson and Alexander Furnas), *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 10(1): 85-90.
- Invited essay, part of collection commemorating the 30th anniversary of the publication of Jack Walker’s *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*.
- 2020 “How Experienced Legislative Staff Contribute to Effective Lawmaking” (with Jesse Crosson, Craig Volden, and Alan Wiseman), in LaPira, Timothy M., Lee Drutman, and Kevin R. Kosar (eds.), *Congress Overwhelmed: The Decline in Congressional Capacity and Prospects for Reform*, University of Chicago Press.
- Cited in committee testimony in US Senate and House of Representatives that contributed to increasing the salary cap of legislative staffers.

Research in Preparation

Book Project

“Taking Sides: Party Competition, Interest Group Strategy, and the Polarization of American Pluralism” (with Jesse Crosson and Alexander Furnas)

Working Papers

“Drawing Different Lawmakers: Redistricting Reform and Legislative Productivity”

“The Nuclear Option: Congress and Weapons of Mass Destruction” (with Rupal Mehta and Ingrid Haas)

“The Multiplicity of Factions: Multi-Dimensional Ideal Points for Interest Groups & Members of Congress” (with Kevin McAlister, Jesse Crosson, and Alexander Furnas)

- White paper discussing findings published by New America
- Coverage: *Undercurrent Events*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2023 Research Grant, “Understanding the Politics of Nuclear Weapons”, Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$428,000)
- 2022 Research Grant, Center for Effective Lawmaking (\$2100).
- 2022 Visiting Scholars Grant, Carl Albert Congressional Research Center, Oklahoma University (\$2000)
- 2021 Electoral Reform Research Grant, New America. (\$31,322)
- 2020 Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Center. (\$3480)
- 2019 AWS Cloud Credits for Research, Amazon. (\$2400, in kind)
- 2019 POLMETH Annual Meeting Conference Travel Grant. (\$1300)
- 2018 Research Grant, Center for Effective Lawmaking. (\$1000)
- 2015 Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Congressional Center. (\$3436)
- 2012 Political Networks Training Fellowship, American Political Science Association Networks Section. (\$900)
- 2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, United States Department of Education. (\$49,800)

Internal (competitive only)

- 2022 CAS Spark Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$8100).
- 2022 Congress Fund Award, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$6500).
- 2021 Congress Fund Award, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$6500).
- 2020 Research Council Grant-in-Aid, Office of Research and Economic Development, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$7500)
- 2020 Senning Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$6500).
- 2019 Faculty Research Development Fellow, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$1000, in kind)
- 2019 ENHANCE CAS Research Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$4992)
- 2016 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. (\$50,000)
- 2015 Ford Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan. (\$25,000)
- 2015 Rackham Summer Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. (\$8000)
- 2012 Spring/Summer Collaborative Research Grant (with Michael T. Heaney), Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan. (\$11,400)
- 2007 Takahashi Fellowship, Stanford University. (\$45,000)

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Making Polarization Work for You: a Politician’s Survival Guide,” *CAS Inquire* series, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- 2022 “Polarizing Pluralism: Party Competition, Interest Group Strategy, and the Resurgent Mischiefs of Faction,” Consortium on the American Political Economy.

- 2017 “Prioritized Interests: Diverse Lobbying Coalitions and Congressional Committee Agenda Setting,” Boston University.
- 2017 “Prioritized Interests: Diverse Lobbying Coalitions and Congressional Committee Agenda Setting,” Miami University of Ohio.
- 2017 “Manipulating Political Conflict: Legislative Strategy and Lobbying Coalition Diversity,” Faculty Research Luncheon, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- 2016 “Informative Interest Group Position-Taking: How Lobbying Influences Congressional Committee Agenda-Setting.” Faculty Research Luncheon, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- 2016 “Interest Group Lobbying, Legislator Priorities, and Congressional Committee Agenda-Setting.” Indiana University American Politics Workshop.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2025 “The Nuclear Option: Party Competition and Nuclear Decision-Making,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 11-14, 2025.
- 2025 “Issue Politicization: When Core Issues Become Political Battlefields,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 11-14, 2025.
- 2025 “Drawing Different Lawmakers: Redistricting Reform and Legislative Productivity,” Center for Effective Lawmaking Research Conference, Vanderbilt University, June 2nd, 2025
- 2025 “Drawing Different Lawmakers: Redistricting Reform and Legislative Productivity,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr 3-6, 2025
- 2024 “Partisan Interest Groups in, and as, Lobbying Coalitions,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 4-7, 2024
- 2024 “Partisan Interest Groups in, and as, Lobbying Coalitions,” CBS-Princeton Money in Politics Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 27-28, 2024
- 2024 “Taking Sides: Mission Creep Among American Organized Interests, 1973-2017,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr 4-7, 2024
- 2023 “The Who and How of Campaign Finance and Group Partisanship,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug 31-Sept 3, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2023 “The Who and How of Campaign Finance and Group Partisanship,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr 12th-16th, Chicago, IL.
- 2022 “The Who and How of Campaign Finance and Group Partisanship,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 13th-18th, Montréal, Quebec, Canada
- 2022 “Politicizing Pluralism: Interest Groups, Party Programs and Issue Polarization,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 13th-18th, Montréal, Quebec, Canada
- 2022 “‘Our Ability to Continue Legislating Must Remain Beyond Question’: Proxy Voting in the House of Representatives During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept 13th-18th, Montréal, Quebec, Canada
- 2022 “Pivots or Partisans? Proposal-Making Strategy and Status Quo Selection in the U.S. Congress,” Center for Effective Lawmaking 4th Annual conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, June 13th, 2022.
- 2022 “Dimensions of Interest Group Conflict,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7th-10th, Chicago, IL.

- 2022 “Politicizing Pluralism: Interest Groups, Party Programs and Issue Polarization,” Workshop on Interest Groups and Polarization in American Politics, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX, January 12th, 2022.
- 2021 “Politicizing Pluralism: Interest Groups, Party Programs and Issue Polarization,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Sept. 30 – Oct. 3.
- 2021 “Drawing Better Lawmakers,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Sept. 30 – Oct. 3.
- 2020 “Drawing Better Lawmakers,” Junior Americanist Workshop Series, Dec. 16, virtual.
- 2020 “Polarizing Pluralism: Party Competition, Interest Group Strategy, and the Resurgent Mischiefs of Faction,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Sept. 9-12, virtual.
- 2020 “Polarizing Pluralism: Party Competition, Interest Group Strategy, and the Resurgent Mischiefs of Faction,” Congress & History Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison (held virtually), June 4-5.
- 2020 “Expanding the Scope of Conflict: Legislative Strategy to Diversify Lobbying Coalitions,” accepted (not presented due to COVID-19 pandemic), Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2020 “Estimating Proposal and Status Quo Locations for Legislation using Cosponsorships, Roll-Call Votes, and Interest Group Bill Positions,” accepted (not presented due to COVID-19 pandemic), Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2019 “Estimating Proposal and Status Quo Locations for Legislation using Cosponsorships, Roll-Call Votes, and Interest Group Bill Positions”, POLMETH (Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting), July 18-19th, Boston, MA.
- 2019 “Polarized Pluralism: Organizational Preferences and Biases in the American Pressure System”, Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 4-7, Chicago, IL.
- 2018 “Estimating Interest Group Ideal Points with Public Position-Taking on Bills in Congress”, Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 5-9, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “The Revolving Door, Partisan Alignments, and Communication Networks Among Health Reform Lobbyists”, American Political Science Association, Aug 30 – Sept 2, San Francisco, CA.
- 2017 “Making the Electoral Connection: Legislator Responsiveness to Lobby Day Visits” Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 6-9, 2017, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 “Interest Group Lobbying, Legislator Priorities, and Congressional Committee Agenda-Setting” American Political Science Association, Sep 1-4, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 “Interest Group Lobbying, Legislator Priorities, and Congressional Committee Agenda-Setting” Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 7-10, 2016, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Committee Chairs, Committee Priorities, and Congressional Agenda-Setting”, American Political Science Association, Sept 2-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 “The Revolving Door in Lobbyist Networks: Presumed Expertise and the Accrual of Actual Expertise”, Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 16-19, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Access through the Revolving Door: Lobbying House Committees on Health Care Reform”, Southern Political Science Association, Jan 15-17, 2015, New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 “Interest Group Venue Selection Under Constraint”, Midwest Political Science Association, Apr 3-6, 2014, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “The Biases of Binary Data: Partisan and Revolving Door Ties in a Count-Edge Network of Health Reform Lobbyists”, American Political Science Association, Aug 29-Sep 1, 2013, Chicago, IL.

- 2012 “Coalition Portfolios and Interest Group Influence over the Policy Process”, American Political Science Association, Aug 30 – Sep 2, 2012, New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 “Coalition Portfolios and Interest Group Influence over the Policy Process”, Political Networks Conference, June 15-16, 2012, Boulder, CO.

TEACHING

Teaching Grants

2020 CAS Instructional Improvement Fund, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$10,000)

Instructor of Record

At University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Congress and Public Policymaking. 19S, 21F, 22F, 23F, 24F

Political Analysis: Introduction to Research Methods. 18F, 19S, 19F, 20S, 20F, 21S, 21F, 22S, 22F, 23S, 24S

Elections, Parties, and Special Interests. 21S, 23S

Graduate Seminar in American Political Institutions. 20F

Political Persuasion and Advocacy Strategy. 19F, 22S, 25S

At University of Michigan

Tools of Political Science: R, Stata, and LaTeX (graduate level). 13F

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023 Chair, Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award Committee, Political Organizations and Parties (Organized Section), American Political Science Association.
- 2022 Committee, Carl Albert Dissertation Award, Legislative Studies (Organized Section), American Political Science Association.
- 2021-2023 Treasurer, Political Organizations and Parties (Organized Section), American Political Science Association.
- 2019-2021 Executive Committee, Political Organizations and Parties (Organized Section), American Political Science Association.
- 2020 Committee, Leon Epstein Outstanding Book Award, Political Organizations and Parties (Organized Section), American Political Science Association.

Periodic Referee

American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; PS: Political Science & Politics; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Journal of Legislative Studies; Political Behavior; Du Bois Review; Congress & the Presidency; Interest Groups & Advocacy.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2024 Faculty Reviewer, Graduate Travel Awards Program, UNL Graduate Student Association
- 2022 Social Science Reviewer, Instructional Improvement Grant, College of Arts & Sciences.
- 2020 Strategic Consultant, Huskers Vote Coalition

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 2024 – Present Chair, Nominations Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2024 – Present Public Policy Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2023 – 2024 Member, Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2023 – Present Faculty Meeting Parliamentarian, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2020 – Present American Politics Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2020 – Present Website Manager, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2020 – Present Coordinator, Research in Political Science brownbag, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2019 – 2020 Member, Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2018 – 2020 Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Alpha, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

MEDIA & PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2023 Featured and Quoted in “UNL professors win \$428,000 grant to study how Congress makes nuclear weapons policy,” *Omaha World-Herald*, Dec 19, 2023.
- 2023 Quoted in “Filibuster over trans bill jams Neb. legislature,” *Washington Post*, March 21, 2023.
- 2022 Quoted in “Sen. Ben Sasse to Leave Congress Early for University of Florida Job — Here's Who Could Replace Him,” *People*, October 7th, 2022.
- 2022 Quoted in “Who Will Replaced Trump Impeacher Senator Ben Sasse in Nebraska?,” *Newsweek*, October 7th, 2022.
- 2022 Guest speaker, “Should the Filibuster Stay?” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) Political Interest Group, August 18th, 2022.
- 2022 Quoted in “Don Bacon, Tony Vargas turn attention to fall showdown for Nebraska's 2nd District,” *Omaha World Herald*, May 19th, 2022.
- 2022 Guest, Sunwater Institute Congressional Reform Podcast, March 29th, 2022.
- 2022 Quoted in “More than \$130,000 in dark money targets Flood in GOP race with Fortenberry,” *Nebraska Examiner*, March 7, 2022.
- 2021 Legislative Strategy Consulting, Office of Nebraska State Senator Mike Flood
- 2020 Strategic Consulting, Inclusive America
- 2020 Guest, *2020Talks* podcast, May 12th, 2020.
- 2018 Guest contributor, “How divided government affects lobbyist influence in Congress”, *Legbranch.org*. December 11th.

2018 Guest commentator, "Midterm Elections Special Coverage", *Star City News*. November 6th.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (Legislative Studies Section; Political Networks Section; Political Organizations and Parties Section)
Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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Charles R. Shipan. J. Ira and Nicki Harris Professor of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science & Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan. cshipan@umich.edu

Craig Volden. Professor, Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, and Professor, Department of Politics, University of Virginia. volden@virginia.edu