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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2025–

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Government, 2024–2025

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

Ph.D., Political Science, 2019–2024
Fields: American Politics, Quantitative Methods
Dissertation: "Essays on Media and Public Opinion in State and Local Politics"
Committee: Justin Phillips (chair), Shigeo Hirano, Robert Shapiro, Eunji Kim, Patricia Kirkland

M.Phil., Political Science, 2022

M.A., Political Science, 2020

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

M.P.P., John F. Kennedy School of Government, 2019

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

B.A. with Highest Distinction, Journalism (with honors) and Political Science, 2014
Certificate, Informatics, 2014

WORKING PAPERS

Auslen, Michael, and Justin H. Phillips. "Divided by Income? Policy Preferences of the Rich and Poor within the Democratic and Republican Parties." Conditionally accepted at *Political Behavior*.

Gamm, Gerald, Justin H. Phillips, Matthew Carr, and Michael Auslen. "The Culture War and Partisan Polarization: State Political Parties, 1960-2018." Conditionally accepted at *Studies in American Political Development*.

Auslen, Michael. "Improving Subnational Opinion Estimation from Cluster-Sampled Polls." *Revise and resubmit*.

Auslen, Michael. "Statehouse Democracy without the Electoral Connection: Local News and Representation in State Legislatures."

Auslen, Michael. "Public Goods and the Press: Policy Implications of Disparities in Local Political News."

Auslen, Michael, Shigeo Hirano, and James M. Snyder, Jr. "Newspapers, News Deserts and Political Behavior in Local Elections."

Goplerud, Max, and Michael Auslen. "Multivariate MRP."

OTHER WRITING

Policy Research

1. Auslen, Michael. 2019. "Mail Voting and Minority Turnout: Evidence from Ohio." National Vote at Home Institute.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2023 Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University Department of Political Science ($3,000)

2022 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, American Political Science Association ($13,970)

2018 Policy Analysis Exercise grant, Harvard Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy ($400)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2023 NSF Conference Travel Funding, Society for Political Methodology

2023 Tom Carsey Scholar, State Politics and Policy Conference

2022 Best Graduate Student Poster, State Politics and Policy Conference

2022 Tom Carsey Scholar, State Politics and Policy Conference

2019 Distinction Policy Analysis Exercise [master's thesis], Harvard Kennedy School

2017–2019 William A. Starr Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School (full scholarship)

2014 Elvis J. Stahr Distinguished Senior Award, Indiana University

2014 David L. Adams Award, Indiana University Student Media

2013 Robert D.G. Lewis First Amendment Award, Society of Professional Journalists

2013 Wendell L. Willkie Scholarship, Indiana University Department of Political Science

2010–2014 Ernie Pyle Scholar, Indiana University School of Journalism

2010–2014 Herman B Wells Scholar, Indiana University (full scholarship)

TEACHING

Columbia University

The American Congress (TA for Gregory Wawro), Spring 2024, Fall 2020

Research Design: Data Analysis (TA for Shigeo Hirano), Fall 2022

State Politics (TA for Justin Phillips), Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Introduction to American Politics (TA for Oliver McClellan), Fall 2021

Harvard Kennedy School

Political Institutions and Public Policy (CA for Matthew Baum), Spring 2019

Markets and Market Failure (CA for Pinar Dogan), Fall 2018

MPP Math Review (CA for Ellen Whitesides), Summer 2018

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023 University of Pittsburgh, Center for American Politics and Society

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 APSA, State Politics and Policy, MPSA

2023 APSA, Local Political Economy Pre-Conference, PolMeth, State Politics and Policy, MPSA

2022 State Politics and Policy

2021 APSA, MPSA

SERVICE

2022–2023 Co-Graduate Student Coordinator, Columbia American Politics Speaker Series

2020–2022 Co-Organizer, Columbia American Politics Graduate Student Workshop

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Tampa Bay Times/Miami Herald, Tallahassee, FL
Staff Writer—State Capitol Bureau Reporter, 2015–2017

The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, IN
Pulliam Journalism Fellowship—Politics & Education Reporter, 2014

SKILLS

Technical: R, Python, Stan, Stata, SQL.

Language: Spanish (intermediate).

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