

# Michael Auslen

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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, 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

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Auslen, Michael, and Justin H. Phillips. Forthcoming. “[Divided by Income? Policy Preferences of the Rich and Poor Within the Democratic and Republican Parties.](#)” *Political Behavior*.

## WORKING PAPERS

Auslen, Michael. “[Improving Subnational Opinion Estimation from Cluster-Sampled Polls.](#)” Conditionally accepted at *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*.

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. “[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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