

# Neil A. O'Brian

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**University of Oregon**, Eugene, OR  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Fall 2020 - Present

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, AY 2020

## EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Political Science, Summer 2020

- Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Behavior
- Dissertation Committee: Eric Schickler (chair), Rob Van Houweling, Gabe Lenz, Sarah Anzia

**Case Western Reserve University**, Cleveland, OH

B.A., May 2011, *summa cum laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

“Social Groups as the Source of Political Belief Systems: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory.” With Elizabeth Mitchell. 2022. **American Political Science Review**.

“Political Accountability and Selective Perception in the Time of COVID.” With Sean Freeder. Accepted. **Public Opinion Quarterly**.

“Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion.” 2020. **Perspectives on Politics**.

“One-Party States and Legislator Extremism in the U.S. House, 1876-2012.” 2019. **The Journal of Politics**.

“Income Inequality and Congressional Republican Position Taking, 1913-2013.” 2019. **The Journal of Politics**.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Racial Realignment and the Roots of Contemporary Polarization.” (Book Manuscript)

“Media Perceptions of Group Positions: Causes and Consequences.” With Elizabeth Mitchell.

“The Evolution of African Americans as a Pro-Choice Constituency.”

“Waiting for Trump: The Move to the Right of White Working-Class Men, 1968-2016.” Working Paper. *The California Journal of Politics and Policy*. With Shad Turney, Frank Levy and Jack Citrin.

“Financial Incentives, Policy Participation and Political Attitudes: The Case of Obamacare.” Working Paper. Prepared for the 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

- Courses Taught: Introduction to American Politics, The U.S. Congress
- Graduate Advising: Madison Schroeder (MA Thesis, first reader)
- Undergraduate Advising (Honors Thesis): Kat Abrams (second reader), Nathaniel Olds (second reader), Connall Anderson (first reader), Nathaniel Leaf (first reader)

SERVICE

Honors and Awards Committee (University of Oregon, Dept. of Political Science 2022)  
Journal Referee: *Journal of Politics*, *International Relations*, *Research in Political Sociology*

ACADEMIC  
AWARDS

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, 2019  
Harrell Rodgers Scholarship  
Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship (UC Berkeley)  
Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant (UC Berkeley)  
Dean's achievement award *for scholarship and leadership in economics (CWRU)*  
Marvin J. Barloon Book Award *for outstanding performance in Economics (CWRU)*

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Social Groups as the Source of Political Belief Systems: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory (2021); Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion (2019); Financial Incentives, Political Participation and Political Attitudes: The Case of Obamacare (2015)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Media Perceptions of Group Positions: Causes and Consequences (2022); Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion (2019); One Party States and Legislator Extremism (2017)
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting: Mass Opinion and Party Coalition Formation (2018)

PRIOR  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

8th Grade Math Instructor, Veritas College Preparatory Charter School 2013-2014  
8th Grade Math Instructor, Teach for America, Memphis, TN 2011-2013