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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Iowa, 2025 (expected)

*Fields:* American Politics, Political Methodology, & Health Policy (minor)

*Dissertation Committee:* Julianna Pacheco (Chair), Andrea L. Campbell (MIT), Tracy Osborn, Rene Rocha, and Caroline Tolbert.

*Additional Training:* ICPSR Multilevel Models for Longitudinal & Clustered Data Workshop, Summer 2022

M.A., Political Science, The University of Iowa, 2022

M.A., Politics and International Relations, The University of Southern California, 2020

B.A., Political Science, The University of Iowa, 2018

B.A., Ethics and Public Policy, The University of Iowa, 2018

*Honors Thesis:* “Determinants of Attitudes toward the Affordable Care Act in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.”

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Public Policy:* Social policy, health policy, policy feedback, policy design, poverty

*American Politics:* Political behavior, public opinion, political socialization, inequality, elections

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Micatka, Nathan K.**, and Julianna Pacheco. “Socializing Policy Feedback: The Long-term Effects of Adolescent Program Participation on Adult Party Identification.” *Political Research Quarterly*, *Accepted*.

**Micatka, Nathan K.**, Caroline J. Tolbert, and Robert G. Boatright. “Nonpartisan Primaries, Open Primaries, and Voter Turnout.” *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Accepted*.

Dowling, Eveline, Caroline Tolbert, **Nathan K. Micatka**, and Todd Donovan. 2024. “Does Ranked Choice Voting Increase Voter Turnout and Mobilization?” *Electoral Studies*.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102816>.

Boatright, Robert G., Caroline J. Tolbert, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. 2024. “Public Opinion on Reforming US Primaries.” *Social Science Quarterly* 105 (3): 876-893. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13370>.

## NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Clarke, Andrew J., Jeffery A. Jenkins, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. 2020. “How Have Members of Congress Reacted to President Trump’s Trade Policy?” *The Forum* 17(4): 631-645.

<https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2019-0038>.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Micatka, Nathan K. “Learning to Avoid: The Long-term Effects of Adolescent Welfare Participation on Voting Habits in Adulthood.” *Revise and Resubmit at Policy Studies Journal*.

Coll, Joseph, Caroline Tolbert, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. “The ID Dilemma: Photo ID Laws Decrease Turnout, but Strict ID Laws Do Not.”

Donovan, Todd, Caroline J. Tolbert, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. “The Composition of Electorates in Partisan vs. Non-partisan Primaries: The Case of Alaska.”

Erol, Fatih, Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. “Waking up to Politics: How Sleep Quality Relates to Political Participation.”

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

Micatka, Nathan K. “Help or Hindrance: The Moderating Effects of Adolescent State Welfare Policies on Young Adult Voting.”

Pacheco, Julianna, **Nathan K. Micatka**, and Caroline Tolbert. “Physicians Voted at Higher Rates in 2020 and 2022 than the General Population.”

Boatright, Robert, Caroline Tolbert, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. *Participation, Representation, and Consistency: The Problem with Primary Voters [Book Manuscript]*, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Micatka, Nathan K. “Contextual Policy, Self-interest, and Partisanship.”

Micatka, Nathan K. “Intersectional Feedback Effects.”

Micatka, Nathan K. “Patterns of Disparage: The Political Consequences of Systemic Negative Policy Experiences in Youth.”

Pacheco, Julianna, and **Nathan K. Micatka**. “Public Stigma vs. Personal Stigma of Welfare Participation.”

### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Lowenberg and Mans Summer Scholarship, Dept. of Political Science, University of Iowa (2024)

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Council on Teaching, University of Iowa (2024)

Post-Comprehensive Exam Research Fellowship, University of Iowa (2022)

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Iowa (2022, 2023)

Best Graduate Student Seminar Paper Award, Dept. of Political Science, University of Iowa (2021)  
“*Identifying Feedback Effects: State Policy Design and Racial Differences in Health Policy Attitudes.*”

Bartling Endowed Research Fellowship, University of Southern California (2018, 2019)

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Southern California (2019)

Best Undergraduate Student Paper (2<sup>nd</sup> place), Dept. of Political Science, University of Iowa (2018)

Donald B. Johnson Scholar Award, Dept. of Political Science, University of Iowa (2017-18)

Roger J. and Anne Hargrave Award, Dept. of Political Science, University of Iowa (2015-16)

### FUNDED GRANTS

American Political Science Association, Conference Travel Grant. (2024)

University of Iowa Graduate Student Government, Dissertation Research Grant. (2024)

University of Iowa Graduate Student Government, Conference Travel Grant. (2023)

University of Iowa Graduate Student Government, Dissertation Research Grant. (2022)

MIT Election Data and Science Lab, “Do Post-Election Audits Increase Confidence in Elections?” Co-PI (with Christian Grose – USC). Amount: \$9,850 (2019-20)

## UNFUNDED GRANTS

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Dissertation Research Grant (2024)

American Political Science Association/NSF, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (2023)

Russell Sage Foundation, Dissertation Research Grant (2023)

University of Wisconsin Institute for Research of Poverty and Economic Mobility, National Dissertation Award (2023)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Political Consequences of Systemic Negative Policy Experiences in Youth.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024.

“The Composition of Electorates in Partisan vs. Nonpartisan Primaries” (with Todd Donovan & Caroline Tolbert). State Politics and Policy Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, June 2024.

“Primary Election Rules, Competition, and Voter Turnout” (with Caroline Tolbert & Robert Boatright). Election Science, Reform, and Administration Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, May 2024.

“Help or Hindrance? The Moderating Effects of State Welfare Policies on Youth Voting.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2024.

“Waking up to Politics: How Sleep Quality Relates to Political Participation” (with Fatih Erol & Aleks Ksiazkiewicz). Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2024.

“The Composition of Electorates in Partisan vs. Non-partisan Primaries: The Case of Alaska” (with Todd Donovan & Caroline Tolbert). Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 2024.

“How Much Variation is There in State Primary Electorates – and Why Should We Care?” (with Robert Boatright and Caroline Tolbert). Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Vancouver, Canada, March 2024.

“Is there a National Primary Electorate? Ideology and Representativeness in State Primary Electorates, 2014-22” (with Robert Boatright & Caroline Tolbert). Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2024.

“The Persistent Effects of Multiple Policy Experiences during Adolescence.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

“Socializing Policy Feedback: The Long-term Effects of Welfare Program Participation in Adolescence.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

## INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

“Socializing Policy Feedback: The Long-term Effects of Welfare Program Participation in Adolescence.” The University of Iowa American Politics Workshops, February 2023.

“Determinants of Attitudes toward the Affordable Care Act in Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.” The University of Iowa Dept. of Political Science Alumni Board Best Paper Finalists, May 2018.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Primary Instructor*

The Politics of US Social Policy (POLI:3150), University of Iowa, 2023.

### *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to American Foreign Policy (POLI:1501), University of Iowa, 2022.

Big Ideas: Information, Society, and Culture (POLI:1050), University of Iowa, 2021.

American Public Policy (POLI:3111/5111), University of Iowa, 2021.  
Introduction to the Politics of Race (POLI:1900), University of Iowa, 2020.  
Constitutional Law (POSC340), University of Southern California, 2020.  
Immigration Politics & Policy (POSC439), University of Southern California, 2019.  
Law in Film (POSC443), University of Southern California, 2019.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### *Research Assistant*

Professor Caroline Tolbert (Fall 2023 - Spring 2025)  
Professors Caroline Tolbert and Julie Pacheco (Winter 2023 - 24)  
Professor Rene Rocha (Winter 2021 - 22)  
Professor Bryce Dietrich (Summer 2021)  
USC Schwarzenegger Institute (Winter 2018 - 19)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

### *Service*

Manuscript Reviewer: *Policy Studies Journal*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*  
Grant Reviewer: *Iowa Graduate & Professional Student Government*  
Organizer: *University of Iowa American Politics Workshops*  
Conference Assistant: *The Risks and Opportunities of the 2024 Election, Iowa Shambaugh Conference*  
Mentor: *American Political Science Association Mentoring Program*

### *Affiliations*

American Political Science Association  
Public Policy Section  
Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section  
Class and Inequality Section  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society

## REFERENCES

### *Julianna Pacheco, PhD*

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