Taylor Tokos

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Iowa   2027 (expected)

Dissertation: "Strategic Representation through Bill Complexity: How Legislators Use Technical and Structural Complexity in Policymaking."
Chair: Frederick J. Boehmke
Committee Members: Tracy Osborn, Colin Case, Justin Kirkland

M.A., Political Science, University of Iowa   2023
B.A., Political Science, Creighton University, Omaha, NE   2021

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

American Politics
Legislative Studies, State Politics, Women and Politics, Representation, Policymaking
Methodology
Statistical Modeling, Data Visualization,Text Analysis, Data Management

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Coll, Joseph A., Rachel S. Torres, and **Taylor Tokos**. "The Electoral Race Card: How Racially Coded Claims of Voter Fraud Reduce Voter Confidence among Racially Polarized White Americans." *Politics and Governance.*

WORKING PAPERS

Tokos, Taylor. "Bill Complexity in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993-2025."

Tokos, Taylor, Caroline Tolbert, and Richard Witmer. "Native American Voter Turnout: The Impact of Election Laws and Administrative Capacity."

Osborn, Tracy, Anna Mahoney, Brody DeBettignies, **Taylor Tokos**, and Olive Kuester. "Party Power: Understanding Women Legislators' Status within Parties in the State Legislatures."

Boehmke, Frederick J., Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Samuel Harper, Hyein Ko, Taegyoon Kim, Johabed Olvera, Isaac Pollert, Tracee Saunders, and **Taylor Tokos**. "Diffusion in a Time of Uncertainty: How the Determinants of State Policy Choices Changed During the Pandemic."

Boehmke, Frederick J., Thomas Dainty, Samantha J. DeRagon, Hyein Ko, **Taylor Tokos**, Tianhui Wu, and Weidong Zhang. "The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science. "

Boehmke, Frederick J., Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Hyein Ko, Johabed Olvera, Tracee Saunders, and **Taylor Tokos**. "The Evolution of State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Boehmke, Frederick J., Bruce A. Desmarais, Jeffrey J. Harden, Samuel F. Harper, Hyein Ko, Tracee Saunders, and **Taylor Tokos**. "Lessons About State Policy Responses to COVID-19 Through Data Visualization."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa
  POLI 1501: Introduction to American Foreign Policy   Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa
  POLI 1100: Introduction to American Politics   Fall 2022

Primary Instructor, University of Iowa
  POLI 1100: Introduction to American Politics (Online)   Fall 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Frederick J. Boehmke   Fall 2023-present
Research Assistant, Colin R. Case   Summer 2025
Research Assistant, Tracy Osborn   Summer 2023
Research Assistant, Caroline J. Tolbert   Summer 2023

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Bill Complexity in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1993-2025."
  WiLS 2025, Champaign, IL
"Party Power: Understanding Women Legislators' Status within Parties in the State Legislatures."
  WiLS 2025, Champaign, IL
"The Heterogeneous Effect of State Ideology on State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic."
  SPPC 2025, Boston, MA
"State Policy Responses to COVID-19: 8 Takeaways Through Visualizations."
  MPSA 2025, Chicago, IL
"The Evolution of State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic."
  MPSA 2025, Chicago, IL
"The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science."
  MPSA 2025, Chicago, IL
"Native American Voter Turnout: The Impact of Voting Laws and Election Administrative Capacity."
  MPSA 2024, Chicago, IL
"A Comprehensive Look at State Policy Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic"
  MPSA 2024, Chicago, IL
"Native American Voter Turnout: The Impact of Voting Laws and Election Administrative Capacity."
  ESRA 2024, Los Angeles, CA
"American Indian Turnout and Election Law Change."
  MPSA 2022, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Data Visualization Workshop Instructor, University of Iowa
  POLI 7003: Advanced Methodology   Fall 2024
  Gave a lecture on data visualization to second year Ph.D. students in the Advanced methodology
  class. This lecture included creating maps, descriptive data visualizations, and post-estimation
  visualizations.

Stata Workshop Instructor, University of Iowa   Spring 2024
  Taught a workshop to first-year Ph.D. students. This workshop introduces graduate students
  to coding in Stata, and covers topics ranging from data management, exploration, and visualization.

AFFILIATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association	2021 - Present
Women in Legislative Studies	2024 - Present

SKILLS

Programming Languages
Stata, R, LaTeX, Qualtrics