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EDUCATION

University of Maryland

Ph.D. Political Science

2023 - 2028

Fields: American Politics & Methods

Committee: Kris Miler (Chair), James Gimpel, David Karol

Towson University

B.S. Political Science

2019 - 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: American Political Institutions, Elite Behavior, Political Representation

Methodological: Causal Inference, Text as Data, Spatial Data

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Bookstein, Ryan and Kris Miler. 2026. "Party Defection in Senate Confirmations of Executive Nominees." *Congress & the Presidency*, 53(1), 62-91.

WORKING PAPERS

Bookstein, Ryan and James Gimpel. "The Geography of Senate Constituency Service: Field Office Siting, Accessibility, and Persistence." *Under Review*.

Bookstein, Ryan and Kris Miler. "Deference or Discipline?: Party Defection and Senator Behavior on Executive Nominations." *In Preparation*.

Bookstein, Ryan. "Committee Membership and Issue Effectiveness in Congress." *In Preparation*.

Bookstein, Ryan. "Representational Infrastructure." *In Preparation*.

Bookstein, Ryan. "Measuring Geographic Attention in Constituent Communication." *In Preparation*.

PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meetings

American Political Science Association

2026

Midwest Political Science Association

2025, 2026

Departmental Workshops

University of Maryland American Politics Workshop

2025, 2026

University of Maryland Methods Workshop

2026

Invited Talks

Department of Politics, Law, and Society, Bryant University

2026

AWARDS & GRANTS

University of Maryland American Politics Research Grant

2025

University of Maryland Dean's Fellowship

2024 - 2027

Georgetown University Political Science Predoctoral Summer Institute Fellow

2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland

Teaching Assistant, GVPT 622: Quantitative Methods for Political Science	Fall 2026
Instructor, Math Camp for Incoming PhD Students	Summer 2026
Teaching Assistant, GVPT 479O: The Science (and Politics) of Public Opinion	Spring 2026
Teaching Assistant, GVPT 201: Scope and Methods for Political Science Research	Fall 2025
Teaching Assistant, GVPT 729A: Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation	Fall 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland

Research Assistant, Kris Miler	Fall 2023 - Spring 2026
Research Assistant, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz	Summer 2026

SERVICE

University of Maryland

Graduate Student Workshop Coordinator	2026 -
Reader, Annual Learning Outcome Assessment	2026
Graduate Student Methods Workshop Coordinator	2025
Graduate Student Representative, Department External Review	2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Python, SPSS, GIS, Excel, L^AT_EX