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Assistant Professor • Political Science & Public Administration

POSITIONS

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| Auburn University at Montgomery <i>Assistant Professor, Political Science & Public Administration</i> | August 2019–present Montgomery, Alabama |
| Center for Risk & Crisis Management <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> | May 2014–June 2019 Norman, Oklahoma |
| University of Oklahoma <i>Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science</i> | January 2018–May 2019 Norman, Oklahoma |
| Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education <i>Research Assistant</i> | January–August 2014 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma |

EDUCATION

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|---|--------------------------|
| Ph.D. in Political Science <i>University of Oklahoma</i> | 2019 Norman, Oklahoma |
| Master in Public Administration <i>University of Oklahoma</i> | 2016 Norman, Oklahoma |
| B.A. in Political Science <i>University of Oklahoma</i> | 2014 Norman, Oklahoma |

PUBLICATIONS

- Tracey Bark, Elizabeth Bell, and Ani Ter-Mrktchyan. 2024. "Regulation Timing in the States: The Role of Divided Government and Legislative Recess." *Regulation & Governance*. [Link to Article](#).
- Samuel Workman, Scott E. Robinson, and Tracey Bark. 2024. "Organization, Information Processing, and Policy Change in U.S. Federal Bureaucracies." *Policy & Politics*. 52 (2): 278-297. [Link to Article](#).
- Tracey Bark. 2022. "Show Me the Numbers: Bureaucratic Use of Data in the Policy Making Process." *Administration & Society* 54 (9): 1795-1826. [Link to Article](#).
- Samuel Workman, Deven Carlson, Tracey Bark, and Elizabeth Bell. 2022. "Measuring Interest Group Agendas in Regulatory Proposals: A Method and the Case of US Education Policy." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 11: 26-45. [Link to Article](#).
- Tracey Bark. 2021. "Information Provision as Agenda Setting: A Study of Bureaucracy's Role in Higher Education Policy." *Regulation & Governance* 15 (2): 408-427. [Link to Article](#).
- Tracey Bark and Elizabeth Bell. 2019. "Issue Prioritization by Bureaucratic Leaders: The Influence of Institutional Structure." *Administration & Society* 51 (6): 915-950. [Link to Article](#).
- Tracey Bark and Alisa Hicklin Fryar. 2018. "Politics and Presidents: The Relationship between SHEEOs and Campus Leaders" in *The State Higher Education Executive Officer and the Public Good*, eds. David Tandberg, Brian Sponsler, Randy Hanna, and Jason Guilbeau. New York: Teachers College Press (Columbia University), 193-215.
- Samuel Workman, JoBeth Shafran, and Tracey Bark. 2017. "Problem Definition and Information Provision by Federal Bureaucrats." *Cognitive Systems Research* 43 (June): 140-152. [Link to Article](#).

Open Source Textbook (Non-Refereed)

Wesley Wehde, Tracey Bark, Hank Jenkins-Smith, Joseph Ripberger, Gary Copeland, Matthew Nowlin, Tyler Hughes, Aaron Fister, and Josie Davis. 2020. *Quantitative Research Methods for Political Science, Public Policy and Public Administration for Undergraduates: 1st Edition with Applications in Excel*. Johnson City, TN: East Tennessee State University. [Link to Textbook](#).

WORKING PAPERS

Tracey Bark and Robert A. Crawford. "Talking at Parties: Bureaucratic Language in Response to Party Control Changes." *Article Under Review*.

Tracey Bark. "Does Culture Matter? Informal Constraints on Bureaucratic Rulemaking in the American States."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Auburn University at Montgomery

Undergraduate

Introduction to American Politics (*In Person, Online, and Half-Term Formats*)

Nonprofit Administration (*Online*)

Politics of Education (*Online*)

Research Design

Statistics for Social Science

Graduate

Administration of Nonprofit Organizations (*Online*)

Bureaucratic Politics

Grants and Contracts (*In Person and Hybrid Formats*)

Intergovernmental Relations

Introduction to Public Administration (*In Person and Half-Term Hybrid Formats*)

Research Design

Statistics and Data Analysis

University of Oklahoma

Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Analysis

American Federal Government (*Lab Instructor*)

Graduate

Agenda Setting (*Guest Lecturer*)

Higher Education Policy (*Guest Lecturer*)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Centennial Scholars Research Program Grant (with Nicholas O. Howard) 2024

Professional Growth Committee, Concordia College

Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity Grant 2023

Experiential Education and Engagement Center, Auburn University at Montgomery

Faculty Research Grant-in-Aid 2022–2025

Research Council/Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Auburn University at Montgomery

APSA Travel Grant 2022

American Political Science Association

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| Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship <i>Provost's Office, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2018–2019 |
| H.V. Thornton Memorial Award <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2018–2019 |
| Overall Outstanding Graduate Student Award <i>University of Oklahoma</i> | 2018 |
| Richard C. Kearney Endowed Fellowship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2017–2019 |
| John Halvor Leek Memorial Scholarship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2018–2019 |
| Student Travel Assistance Grant <i>College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2017 & 2018 |
| David R. Morgan Award <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2017 |
| Joyce and Edmond Peters Scholarship <i>Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma</i> | 2016–2017 |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tracey Bark. "Legislative Plagiarism: The Impact of Bureaucratic Information Provision." *Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 4-7.

Tracey Bark and Robert A. Crawford. "Talking at Parties: Bureaucratic Language in Response to Party Control Changes." *Presented at the 2023 Annual Meetings of:*

Southern Political Science Association. Tampa, FL. January 11-14.

Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 13-16.

Tracey Bark, Ani Ter-Mkrtchyan, and Elizabeth Bell. "Picking up the Slack: Bureaucratic Rulemaking in Times of Legislative Inaction." *Presented at the 2022 Annual Meetings of:*

Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April 7-10.

State Politics and Policy Conference. Tallahassee, FL. April 21-23.

American Political Science Association. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. September 15-18. (Accepted, but not presented)

Tracey Bark. "Does Culture Matter? Informal Constraints on Bureaucratic Rulemaking in the American States." *Presented at the 2021 Annual Meetings of:*

Southern Political Science Association. Virtual Conference. January 6-9.

Midwest Political Science Association. Virtual Conference. April 14-18.

Tracey Bark. "Show Me the Numbers: Bureaucratic Use of Data in the Policy Making Process." *Accepted for presentation at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Conference Cancelled.

Samuel Workman, Deven Carlson, Tracey Bark, and Elizabeth Bell. "Measuring Attention Shifts and Regulatory Agenda Change in U.S. Education Policy." *Presented at the 2019 Annual Meetings of:*

American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. August 29-September 1.

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Denver, CO. November 7-9.

Tracey Bark. "Structure Matters: Conditions of Bureaucratic Influence on State Legislation." *Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 4-7.

Tracey Bark. "Information Provision as Agenda Setting: A Study of Bureaucratic Influence in Higher Education Policy." *Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 5-8.

Samuel Workman, Scott E. Robinson, and Tracey Bark. "Attention, Institutional Friction, and Policy Change in U.S. Federal Bureaucracies." *Presented at the 2017 Annual Meetings of: Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago, IL. April 6-9.
Southwestern Social Science Association. Austin, TX. April 13-16.
Comparative Agendas Project. Edinburgh, Scotland. June 15-17.
American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. August 31-September 3.

Tracey Bark and Elizabeth Bell. "Issue Prioritization in Institutional Agenda Spaces." *Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago, IL. April 6-9.

Tracey Bark. "The Influence of State Politics on Higher Education Governance Structures." *Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.* Philadelphia, PA. September 1-4.

Tracey Bark. "The Politics of Higher Education Governance: How State Political Context Influences the Creation of Governance Structures." *Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.* Chicago, IL. April 7-10.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Public Administration | Public Policy | Statistics |
| Bureaucracy | American Politics | Research Design |
| State and Local Politics | Education Policy | Nonprofits |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| CRCV Summer Seminar | |
| <i>AUM Civil Rights and Civic Virtues Society</i> | June 24-28, 2024 |
| Women’s Research Mentoring Workshop | |
| <i>American Political Science Association</i> | June 8-9, 2023 |
| Online Teaching Certification | |
| <i>AUM Faculty Development Institute</i> | Fall 2019, Summer 2021, Spring 2024 |
| APSA Dissertation Workshop | |
| <i>State Politics and Policy</i> | August 29, 2018 |
| Inter-university Consortium of Political Science Research Short Course | |
| <i>Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data</i> | July 16–20, 2018 |

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

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| Stacy Ryan | In Progress |
| Malerie Goodman | In Progress, ABD |
| Deepika Chandel | In Progress, ABD |
| Shaniqua Williams | Completed July 2023 |
| Jonathan Farley | Completed April 2023 |

SERVICE

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| Discipline | |
| Award Committee Member, Christopher Z. Mooney Best Dissertation Prize | 2023 |
| Organizing Committee Member, Policy Studies Workshop | 2022–2023 |
| Roundtable Participant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting | 2021, 2024 |
| Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting | 2019, 2021, 2024 |

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting 2018, 2019, 2021
 Reviewer For: *Public Administration*, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Higher Education Quarterly*

Department & University

Auburn University at Montgomery

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| Member, Faculty Senate Calendar Committee | 2024–present |
| Member, AUM Civil Rights and Civic Virtue Society | 2024–present |
| Event Moderator, “70 Years After Brown v. Board of Education Decision” | February 2024 |
| Member, Faculty Senate Administrator Evaluation Committee | 2023–present |
| Member, AU/AUM PhD Admissions Committee | 2023–present |
| Guest Presenter, CLASS New Faculty Orientation | Fall 2022 |
| Member, CLASS Statistics Course Development Committee | Spring 2022 |
| Member, AUM MPS Admissions Committee | 2022–present |
| Member, CLASS Peer Review of Teaching Committee | 2021–2022 |
| Member, AUM MPA Admissions Committee | 2021–present |
| Member, AU/AUM PhD Comprehensive Exam Grading Committee | 2020–2023 |
| Panelist, Scientific Inquiry in the Social Sciences | November 2020 |
| Member, Departmental Search Committee | 2019–2020, 2023–2024 |
| Panelist, Impeachment Discussion Forum | October 2019 |

University of Oklahoma

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| OU Graduate College Student Ambassador | 2016–2019 |
| President, Graduate Association of Political Science | 2017–2019 |
| Facilitator, OU Political Science Graduate Student Orientation | 2017 & 2018 |
| Vice President, Graduate Association of Political Science | 2015–2016 |
| Member, University Libraries Student Advisory Council | 2015–2016 |

Community

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| President of Board of Directors, Gift of Adoption Fund–Alabama Chapter | 2022–present |
| Member, Montgomery Women for Good | 2022–present |
| Board of Directors, Gift of Adoption Fund–Alabama Chapter | 2021–present |

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Sections: Public Administration, State Politics and Policy, Public Policy, Education Politics and Policy

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association