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APPOINTMENTS

Colby College

Government Department

Assistant Professor

2021-Present

Faculty Fellow

2019-2021

Arizona State University

School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership

Faculty Research Associate

2018-2021

EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Doctor of Philosophy, *with Distinction*, Government

University of Virginia

Master of Arts, Government

University of Mary Washington

Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*, Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Nicholas F. Jacobs and Sidney M. Milkis. Under Contract. *Donald J. Trump and the American Presidency*. Lawrence, KN: Kansas University Press.

Nicholas F. Jacobs and Sidney M. Milkis. 2022. *What Happened to the Vital Center? Presidentialism, Populist Revolt, and the Fracturing of America*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Refereed Articles

Nicholas F. Jacobs, Desmond King, and Sidney M. Milkis. 2022. State Building in Crisis Governance: Donald Trump and COVID-19. *Political Science Quarterly*.

Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2021. "Federalism, Polarization, and Policy Responsibility During Covid-19: Experimental and Observational Evidence." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 51 (4): 693-719..

- Accepted for a special symposium edition on federalism and coronavirus

Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2021. "Economic Sectionalism, Executive-Centered Partisanship, and the Politics of the State and Local Tax Deduction." *Political Science Quarterly* 136 (2): 311-338.

Nicholas F. Jacobs and B. Kal Munis. 2020. "Staying in Place: Federalism and the Political Economy of Place Attachment." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 50 (4): 544-565.

Nicholas F. Jacobs, Desmond King, and Sidney M. Milkis. 2019. "Building a Conservative State: Partisan Polarization and the Redeployment of Administrative Power." *Perspectives on Politics* 17 (2): 453-469.

- Nicholas F. Jacobs and B. Kal Munis. 2019. "Place Based Imagery and Voter Evaluations: Experimental Evidence on the Politics of Place." *Political Research Quarterly* 72 (2): 263-277.
- Featured in *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*
- Nicholas F. Jacobs and Connor M. Ewing. 2018. "The Promises and Pathologies of Presidential Federalism." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48 (3): 552-569.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs and James D. Savage. 2018. "Kennedy's Keynesian Budgetary Politics and the 1962 Public Works Acceleration Act." *Journal of Policy History* 30 (3): 522-551.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2018. "After the White House: The Politics of the Post-Presidency." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 48 (4): 711-740.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs and Sidney M. Milkis. 2017. "Extraordinary Isolation? Woodrow Wilson and the Civil Rights Movement." *Studies in American Political Development* 32 (2): 193-217.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2017. "An Experimental Test of How Americans Think About Federalism." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 47 (4): 572-598.
- Awarded the 2018 "John Kincaid Best Article Award" by the APSA section on Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations
- Nicholas Jacobs. 2013. "Understanding School Choice: Location as a Determinant of Charter School Stratification." *Journal of Education and Urban Society* 45 (4): 459-482.
- Deemed "Essential Reading" by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights – 50th Anniversary Towards Justice Campaign
- Nicholas Jacobs. 2013. "Racial, Economic, and Linguistic Segregation: Analyzing Market Supports in the District of Columbia's Public Charter Schools." *Journal of Education and Urban Society* 45 (1): 120-141.
- Edited Book Chapters
- Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2021. "Trump, Donald." In Joseph R. Marbach, Ellis Katz, and Troy Smith (eds.) *Federalism in America: An Encyclopedia*. Center for the Study of Federalism. Available On-Line at: <http://encyclopedia.federalism.org>.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2021. "Donald J. Trump's First Inaugural Address." In Libretron Publishing for the Public Domain, *Presidential Inaugural Addresses*.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2020. "Polycentric Party Governance: Competition, Federalism, and the Production of Political Leadership in American Politics." In Peter Boettke, Bobbi Herzberg, and Brian Kogelmann (eds.), *Exploring the Political Economy & Social Philosophy of Vincent & Elinor Ostrom*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Nicholas F. Jacobs and Sidney Milkis. 2020. "Our 'Undivided Support': Donald Trump, the Republican Party, and Executive-Centered Partisanship." In Eric Patashnik and Wendy Schiller (eds.), *Dynamics of American Democracy: Partisan Polarization, Political Competition and Government Performance*. Lawrence, KN: University of Kansas Press.

Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2019. "Obama, Barack." In Joseph R. Marbach, Ellis Katz, and Troy Smith (eds.) *Federalism in America: An Encyclopedia*. Center for the Study of Federalism. Available On-Line at: <http://encyclopedia.federalism.org>.

Editor-Reviewed Articles

Nicholas F. Jacobs and Sidney Milkis. 2022. "Get Out of the Way: Joe Biden, the U.S. Senate, and Executive-Centered Partisanship during the President's First Year in Office." *The Forum*.

Sidney M. Milkis and Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2019. "Answering the Call: Leaving the Bench to Serve the President – James F. Byrnes and Franklin Delano Roosevelt." *Journal of Supreme Court History* 44 (1): 71-89.

Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2019. "Funding State and Local Governments: How Dollars Work." *Constituting America*. Available On-Line at: <https://constitutingamerica.org/funding-states-and-cities-how-dollars-work-part-2-guest-essayist-nicholas-jacobs/>

Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2018. "Building Robust Survey Experiments in Political Science: Or, 'How I Learned to Love the Null'." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.

Sidney M. Milkis and Nicholas F. Jacobs. 2017. "'I Alone Can Fix It': Donald Trump, the Administrative Presidency, and Hazards of Executive-Centered Partisanship." *The Forum* 15 (3): 583-613.

- Featured in *The Washington Post*, the *BBC*

Nicholas F. Jacobs and James W. Ceaser. 2016. "The 2016 Presidential Election by the Numbers and in Historical Perspective." *The Forum* 14 (4): 361-385.

Nicholas Jacobs. 2013. "Traditional Teacher Education Still Matters." *Phi Delta Kappan* 94 (7).

CURRENT PROJECTS

Under Review

"Trust Closer to Home? Partisan Politicking and State Government Performance in a Global Pandemic"

"Anger from Afar: Place-Based Resentment and the 2018 Midterm Elections"

Book Manuscript

Revolt in Real America: The Rise of the Rural Voter and the Crisis of American Democracy

Economic Civil War: The Political Dimensions of Fiscal Federalism in the United States (In Progress)

Working Papers

"Exploiting a Crisis: Presidential Particularism and Federal Spending in Response to Covid-19"

"If Congress Can't Budget, Can It Influence Intergovernmental Relations?"

"The Problem of Fiscal Equity in the United States: An Empirical and Theoretical Approach"

"'Life as a Liberal Decentralist is Sometimes Hard': Administrative Decentralization in 20th Century Progressive Thought"

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

Awards

Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia	2018
John Kincaid Best Article Award, APSA Section on Federalism & Intergovernmental Relations	2018
First Class Teacher of the Year, Stafford County Public Schools	2012
Fitschen Award, UMW Outstanding Political Science Graduate	2011
Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, Best Undergraduate Paper	2010

Research Fellowships

Adam Smith Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University	2017-2019
Beeke-Levy Fellowship, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute	2018
Moody Foundation Research Fellow, Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library	2018
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2018
Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Fellowship, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library	2017
Jack Miller Center Summer Fellow	2015
President's Fellowship, University of Virginia	2014-2019

Research Grants

ARENA Centre for European Studies, SINGLEMARKETS	2022
McVey Data Science Initiative, Colby College	2021
Special Projects Initiative, Provost's Office, Colby College	2020
Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies	2020
Double-Hoo Undergraduate and Graduate Research Award, UVA	2018
Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant	2018
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Council Competitive Research Grant, UVA	2018
Institute for Humane Studies Scholarship	2017
Conference and Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	2017, 2019
Bradley Fellowship, The Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation	2015- 2017
AHSS Summer Research Award, UVA	2016
Department of Politics Research Grant, UVA	2016

TEACHING

Instructor of Record - Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to American Politics
 Introduction to American State and Local Politics
 Concepts and Methods of Political Science Research
 Politics of Public Policy in the United States
 Law and Lawlessness in American Politics
 The American Presidency
 American Political Development
 Reinventing the Constitution for the 21st Century: Senior Seminar

Teaching Fellowships and Grants

Davis Artificial Intelligence Institute, Colby College	2021
Teaching Active Learning @ Colby Fellowship	2020
Teaching Inequality, Goldfarb Center at Colby College	2020

Honors Theses Advised

Lukas Alexander. 2022. "Executive-Centered Partisanship in the U.S. Senate"
 Andrew Ordentlich. 2022. "Majority Leaders and Senate Control"
 Esther Kim. 2021. "Polycentric Approaches to Community Policing"
 Sean Holly. 2021. "Construction of Voting Rights in American Constitutional Development"

Joshua Goldberg. 2020. "Executive Control of the Administrative State"

Advanced Placement Teacher - Virginia Commonwealth Governor's School

A.P. United States History
 A.P. Human Geography
 A.P. European History
 A.P. United States Government

SERVICE

Referee

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>Journal of Politics</i>
<i>Publius: The Journal of Federalism</i>	<i>Electoral Studies</i>
<i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i>	<i>Political Science Quarterly</i>
<i>Congress & the Presidency</i>	<i>Journal of Public Policy</i>
<i>Political Behavior</i>	<i>School Leadership & Management</i>
<i>Journal of Education Policy</i>	<i>Cambridge Journal of Education</i>
<i>Equity & Excellence in Education</i>	<i>Rowman & Littlefield</i>
<i>Journal of Geographical Systems</i>	<i>Lexington Books</i>

College Service

Faculty Advising Board, Goldfarb Center, Colby College	2022-2023
Hiring Committee, Goldfarb Center Executive Director, Colby College	2022
Committee to Establish a Public Policy Major, Colby College	2022
Faculty Representative, Truman Scholarship Foundation	2021-Present
Appointed Member, Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, Colby College	2021-2022
Co-Principle Investigator, The Colby Poll	2020
Assistant Director, State Constitution Project, Arizona State University	2018-2020
Honors Examiner, UVA Politics Dept., Honors Program	2017, 2019
Grant Reviewer, UVA Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	2019
Instructional Assistant, UVA Politics Dept., Honors Program	2017, 2018
Coordinator, UVA Politics Dept., Admitted Graduate Student Day	2017, 2018, 2019
Department Representative, UVA Graduate School of Arts and Sciences	2015-2016
Teaching and Research Assistant, Miller Center, Gilder Lehrman Teacher's Seminar	2015

Professional Service

Chair, Politics and History Section, New England Political Science Association	2022-2023
U.S. Department of the Treasury, USA-Spending Advisory Consultant	2020-Present
Awards Committee, APSA Section on Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations	2019-2020
Advisory Board Member, UMW College of Education	2011-2015

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations, Institutes, and Symposia (Selected)

University of Oslo, Norway	2022
"The Politics of European and American Single-Market Governance"	
Oxford University and Stanford University	2021
"The Changing Character of the American Right"	
Wright Symposium, American Society for Public Administration	2021
"If Congress Can't Budget, Can It Influence Intergovernmental Relations?"	

Mercatus Center, George Mason University (Postponed) "Public Governance and the Classical-Liberal Perspective"	2020
American Political Science Association, APSA Roundtable "Executive Federalism and Populist Challenges to Governance"	2019
Oxford University, Pembroke College "State Constitutional Development and Living Repositories"	2018
University of Toronto, Toronto Political Development Workshop "Urban Political Development"	2018
Oxford University, Nuffield College and the Rothermere American Institute "Social Movements and the American State"	2017
Institute for Humane Studies and Liberty Fund "Federalism and Competition"	2017
John Marshall International Center for the Study of Statesmanship "The Promise and Peril of an Energetic Executive"	2016
Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History "Property, Power, and the Rise of Atlantic Constitutions"	2015

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association
 American Society for Public Administration
 Association for Budgeting and Fiscal Management
 New England Political Science Association
 Policy History Conference
 Southern Political Science Association
 Virginia Social Studies Association