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Academic Appointments

University of North Texas

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2023-

Louisiana State University

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2021-2023

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2021

B.A., Political Science, American University, 2016

Research

Journal Articles

16. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Michael E. Shepherd. Forthcoming. "Beyond Relief: The Lasting Legacy of New Deal Spending on the Geography of Government." *Journal of Politics*
15. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Lanie Richards.* 2025. "District Size and Proximity to the Pork Barrel in Congressional Elections." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 50 (4): e70039
14. **Hamel, Brian T.** 2025. "Traceability and Mass Policy Feedback Effects." *American Political Science Review* 119 (2): 778-793
13. **Hamel, Brian T.** 2025. "Inequality in the Classroom: Electoral Incentives and the Distribution of Local Education Spending." *Journal of Politics* 87 (2): 527-543
12. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Nichole M. Bauer. 2024. "Gender, Issue Stereotypes, and the Electoral Returns to Distributive Politics in the United States." *Politics & Gender* 20 (4): 858-878

* = current or former graduate student

11. Green, Donald P., **Brian T. Hamel**, and Michael G. Miller. 2024. "Macropartisanship Revisited." *Perspectives on Politics* 22 (3): 599-608
10. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Derek E. Holliday. 2024. "Unequal Responsiveness in City Service Delivery: Evidence from 42 Million 311 Calls." *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 19 (3): 243-274
9. **Hamel, Brian T.**, Jan Leighley, and Robert M. Stein. 2024. "Why Making Voting Easier Isn't Enough: Early Voting, Campaigns, and Voter Turnout." *American Politics Research* 52 (4): 343-354
8. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Moriah Harman.* 2023. "Can Government Investment in Food Pantries Decrease Food Insecurity?" *Food Policy* 121: 102541
7. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Bryan Wilcox-Archuleta. 2022. "Black Workers in White Places: Daytime Racial Diversity and White Public Opinion." *Journal of Politics* 84 (3): 1828-1833
6. Asquer, Raffaele, Miriam A. Golden, and **Brian T. Hamel**. 2020. "Corruption, Party Leaders, and Candidate Selection: Evidence from Italy." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 45 (2): 291-395
 - Winner of the Jewell-Loewenberg Award for the best Comparative Politics article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2020
5. Atkeson, Lonna Rae, and **Brian T. Hamel**. 2020. "Fit for the Job: Candidate Qualifications and Vote Choice in Low Information Elections." *Political Behavior* 42 (1): 59-82
4. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Antoine Yoshinaka. 2020. "Who Donates to Party Switchers?" *American Politics Research* 48 (2): 295-307
3. **Hamel, Brian T.**, and Michael G. Miller. 2019. "How Voters Punish and Donors Protect Legislators Embroiled in Scandal." *Political Research Quarterly* 72 (1): 117-131
2. Henderson, John A., **Brian T. Hamel**, and Aaron M. Goldzimer. 2018. "Gerrymandering Incumbency: Does Nonpartisan Redistricting Increase Electoral Competition?" *Journal of Politics* 80 (3): 1011-1016
1. Panagopoulos, Costas, Jan E. Leighley, and **Brian T. Hamel**. 2017. "Are Voters Mobilized by a 'Friend-and-Neighbor' on the Ballot? Evidence from a Field Experiment." *Political Behavior* 39 (4): 865-882

Under Review

"Representation in Municipal Government: Evidence from LGBTQ+ Policy" (with Michael V. Elwell*)

Projects in Progress

- “Polity Size and Representation”
- “Federal Grants and Local State Capacity”
- “State Preemption Laws and Local Democracy” (with Tyler Simko)
- “Public Policy and Trust in Government” (with Michael V. Elwell*)
- “Affective Attachments and Electoral Accountability” (with Ryan Baxter-King and Moriah Harman*)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- Excellence in Research Award, UNT Department of Political Science, 2025
- Junior Faculty Summer Research Support Award, UNT, 2023
- Manship Summer Research Fellowship, LSU, 2022
- Jewell-Loewenberg Award, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2021
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA, 2020-2021
- Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, 2019-2020
- New Initiatives in Election Science Grant, MIT Election Science and Data Lab, \$10,000, 2017-2019 (with Jan Leighley and Robert Stein)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2016-2019

Conference Presentations

- American Political Science Association: 2016-2019 and 2022-2024
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2015, 2017-2019, and 2022-2026
- Southern Political Science Association: 2016, 2023, and 2026
- New England Political Science Association: 2015
- Society for Political Methodology: 2016 (poster)
- State Politics and Policy: 2022
- Election Sciences, Reform, and Administration: 2018
- Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop: 2017
- Junior American Politics Workshop: 2020

Invited Talks

Stony Brook University, 2025
University of North Texas, 2023
Baruch College, 2023
Columbia University, 2022 (cancelled)
Florida State University, 2022 (x2)
Louisiana State University, 2021
University of Utah, 2021
Stanford University, 2021
European University Institute, 2020

Teaching

University of North Texas
U.S. Political Behavior and Policy (U)
Political Science Research Methods (U; scheduled)
The Legislative Process (U)
Urban Politics (U)
Voting Rights and Election Law (U)
Causal Inference (G)

Louisiana State University

American Government (U)
Urban Politics and Public Policy (U)
The Legislative Process (U)

Ph.D. Advising and Placement

University of North Texas

Ahmed Hamza
Michael Elwell
Lanie Richards

Louisiana State University

Sean Whyard (Visiting Assistant Professor, Western Carolina University)

Moriah Harman (Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University)

Academic Service

Hahn-Sigelman Best Article Prize Committee, *American Politics Research*, 2025

Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award Committee, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2025

Chair, Best Dissertation Award Committee, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2024

Executive Council, APSA Urban and Local Politics Section, 2023-2025

Co-Chair, Jewell-Loewenberg Award Committee, APSA Legislative Studies Section, 2022

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science* (x5), *American Political Science Review* (x3), *American Politics Research* (x4), *Election Law Journal* (x4), *Electoral Studies* (x4), *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* (x2), *Journal of Politics* (x6), *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Party Politics* (x2), *Policy Studies Journal*, *Political Behavior* (x6), *Political Communication*, *Political Geography*, *Political Research Quarterly* (x6), *Politics & Gender*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Public Choice*, *Social Science Quarterly* (x2), *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Urban Affairs Review*

Panel Chair/Discussant at APSA (2017-2019, 2022-2024), MPSA (2017, 2019, 2022-2026), Ole Miss American Politics Conference (2025), and Junior American Politics Workshop (2025)

University of North Texas

Department

Professionalization Seminars Committee, 2025-2026

Legal Studies Lecturer Search Committee, 2025

Executive Committee, 2024-2025

Library Committee, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 (chair)

Workbook Committee, 2023-2024

Computing Committee, 2023-2024 and 2025-2026 (chair)

Election Judge, 2023-2024

Louisiana State University

Department

Assistant to the Chair Search Committee, 2023
Chair, Research Committee, 2022-2023
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2021-2022

Last Updated: January 20, 2026