

# Neil A. O'Brian

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>University of Oregon</b> , Eugene, OR Assistant Professor, Political Science, Fall 2020 - Present  <b>Princeton University</b> , Princeton, NJ Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, AY 2020	
EDUCATION	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Berkeley, CA Ph.D., Political Science, Summer 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fields: American Politics, Methodology, Political Behavior</li><li>• Dissertation Committee: Eric Schickler (chair), Rob Van Houweling, Gabe Lenz, Sarah Anzia</li></ul> <b>Case Western Reserve University</b> , Cleveland, OH B.A., May 2011, <i>summa cum laude</i>	
PEER REVIEWED BOOKS	<i>The Roots of Polarization: From the Racial Realignment to the Culture Wars</i> . Forthcoming, August 2024. <b>University of Chicago Press</b> .	
PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES	“Social Groups as the Source of Political Belief Systems: Fresh Evidence on an Old Theory.” With Elizabeth Mitchell Elder. 2022. <b>American Political Science Review</b> .  “Political Accountability and Selective Perception in the Time of COVID.” With Sean Freeder. 2022. <b>Public Opinion Quarterly</b> .  “Before Reagan: The Development of the Partisan Divide on Abortion.” 2020. <b>Perspectives on Politics</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coverage: <i>The Washington Post</i></li></ul> “One-Party States and Legislator Extremism in the U.S. House, 1876-2012.” 2019. <b>The Journal of Politics</b> .  “Income Inequality and Congressional Republican Position Taking, 1913-2013.” 2019. <b>The Journal of Politics</b> .	
WORKING PAPERS	“Partisanship and Trust in Doctors: Causes and Consequences.” With Brad Kent. (Revise & Resubmit, <b>British Journal of Political Science</b> ).  “Media Perceptions of Group Positions: Causes and Consequences.” With Elizabeth Mitchell Elder. (Under Review.)	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Young people are lukewarm about Biden – and giving them more information doesn’t move the needle much. <i>The Conversation</i> . With Chandler James.	

“Waiting for Trump: The Move to the Right of White Working-Class Men, 1968-2016.” With Shad Turney, Frank Levy and Jack Citrin. **The California Journal of Politics and Policy.**

ACADEMIC  
AWARDS

- 2024 Andrew Carnegie Fellow. \$200,000 grant for project: *Partisan Prescriptions: The Polarization of Health Outcomes.*
- University of Oregon, College of Arts & Sciences Program Grant (\$4,000) for the development of an American Politics Working Group.

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

- Courses Taught: Introduction to American Politics, The U.S. Congress, Introduction to Political Analysis (Grad & Undergrad)
- Graduate Advising: Madison Schroeder (Chair), Amy Snyder, Elaina Barker, Irina Toland (Dissertation Committee); Tanner Bivens, Christine Capili (Institutional Representative)
- Undergraduate Advising (Honors Thesis): AY 2021-22 (2 students); AY 2022-23 (2 students); AY 2023-24 (7 students).

SERVICE

- Honors and Awards Committee 2022; A & A Committee 2023 (UO Political Science Dept.)
- Journal Referee: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *International Relations*, *Research in Political Sociology*

PRIOR  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

8th Grade Math Instructor, Veritas College Preparatory Charter School	2013-2014
8th Grade Math Instructor, Teach for America, Memphis, TN	2011-2013