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## Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, May 2019 (expected)  
*Fields: American Politics, Public Policy*

B.A. in Politics, Fairfield University, 2013  
*Minors in Economics, History, & American Studies*  
Summa Cum Laude, Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

Albert, Zachary and David Barney. Forthcoming. “The Party Reacts: The Strategic Nature of Endorsements of Donald Trump.” *American Politics Research*.

Rhodes, Jesse H. and Zachary Albert. 2015. “The Transformation of Partisan Rhetoric in American Presidential Campaigns, 1952–2012.” *Party Politics*, DOI: 10.1177/1354068815610968.

### *Articles Under Review*

Albert, Zachary. “Partisan Policy Debates in the Extended Party Network: The Case of Cap and Trade.” (Revise and Resubmit at *Political Research Quarterly*)

### *Contributions to Edited Volumes*

Albert, Zachary and Raymond J. La Raja. 2017. “Campaign Spending” in *Sage Handbook of Electoral Behavior*, eds. Kai Arzheimer, Jocelyn Evans and Michael LewisBeck (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage).

Albert, Zachary and Raymond J. La Raja. 2018. "Political Parties and Policy Analysis" in *Policy Analysis in the US*, eds. John Hird (Bristol, UK: Policy Press).

### *Public Facing Research and Reports*

Report on "Trends in Campaign Financing, 1980-2016" for *Campaign Finance in the United States: Assessing an Era of Fundamental Change*, January 2018, eds. Nathaniel Persily, Robert F. Bauer, and Benjamin L. Ginsberg. <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/campaign-finance>.

Report on "Campaign Finance and Primary Elections" with Bruce Desmarais and Raymond La Raja, presented at the *Campaign Finance Task Force Meeting*, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Palo Alto, CA. <http://bit.ly/2kMkXOI>

Jesse H. Rhodes and Zachary Albert. "Contrary to Popular Belief, American Presidential Election Campaigns Have Become Less Partisan Over Time." *London School of Economics Blog*. December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. <http://bit.ly/1ZlAZwX>

Jesse H. Rhodes and Zachary Albert. "Presidential Campaigns Are Becoming More Partisan, Right? Wrong." *The Washington Post*, Monkey Cage. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. <http://wapo.st/2j6voLr>

## **Working Papers**

Albert, Zachary, Fridolin Linder, Bruce Desmarais, and Raymond La Raja. "Diffusion of Candidates in Campaign Finance Networks."

Albert, Zachary. "Opting Out: A Multidimensional Analysis of the Political Behavior of 'Party Non-Conformers'." (In Progress)

Albert, Zachary. "Paying for the Party: Campaign Finance Dynamics in the Tea Party Movement." (In Progress)

Albert, Zachary and Brenda Bushouse. "The Challenges of Researching Foundations: Methods and Approaches." (In Progress)

Albert, Zachary, Bruce Desmarais and Raymond La Raja. "Donor Networks and Their Influence in Congressional Primaries, 1980-2014." (In Progress)

## **Conference Presentations**

"Parties, Groups, and the Development of Policy Ideas." Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

“Stacking the Deck or Playing the Hand They’re Dealt? The Republican Party after Trump’s Nomination.” With David Barney. Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

“The Diffusion of Candidates in Campaign Finance Networks.” With Fridolin Linder, Raymond J. La Raja, and Bruce A. Desmarais. Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, New Orleans, LA.

“Paying for the Party: Campaign Finance Dynamics in the Tea Party Movement.” Presented at the *New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, Providence, RI.

“Opting Out: A Multidimensional Analysis of the Political Behavior of ‘Party Non-Conformers’.” Presented at the *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, New Orleans, LA.

“Donors Networks in Congressional Primaries.” With Bruce A. Desmarais and Raymond J. La Raja. Presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, August 31<sup>st</sup>-September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

“From Fracture to Fusion: The Muslim American Response to the ‘External Threat’ Following September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001”, presented at the *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Philadelphia, PA.

## Grants

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| 2018 | Congressional Research Grant, Dirksen Center (\$2,594)   |
| 2018 | Graduate School Dissertation Research Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst (\$1,000)                       |
| 2018 | Department of Political Science Summer Research and Writing Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst (\$2,500) |
| 2017 | Department of Political Science Research Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst (\$3000)                     |
| 2016 | Department of Political Science Research Assistantship Award, University of Massachusetts Amherst (\$4000)       |
| 2015 | Department of Political Science Research Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst (\$3000)                     |

## Contracted Work

- 2018 Primary Timing Project (Robert Boatright and Vincent Moscardelli; funded by the Hewlett Foundation)  
*Data analyst for project on primary elections*
- 2017 Campaign Finance Taskforce (Nathaniel Persily; funded by the Hewlett Foundation)  
*Author of summary report on campaign financing trends, 1980-2016*

## Research Positions

- 2018 Research Assistant, Brenda Bushouse (UMass Amherst)  
*Co-author and data analyst for project on best practices for researching foundations; data analyst for project on US child policy*
- 2015-2017 Research Assistant, Raymond La Raja  
*Co-author and data analyst for edited book chapters on campaign spending and policy analysis by US political parties, report on campaign financing in primary elections for the Campaign Finance Taskforce, and articles on individual and group funding in US elections*

## Teaching Awards

- 2018 UMass Distinguished Teaching Award (nominee)  
*Final awards announced Spring 2019*

## Teaching Experience

*Instructor at University of Massachusetts Amherst*

- Fall 2018 Intro to American Politics (Instructor)

*Teaching Assistant at University of Massachusetts Amherst*

- Spring 2018 Political Parties and Elections

- Fall 2017 Public Opinion in Politics

- Spring 2017

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| Spring 2015<br>Fall 2015 | Intro to American Politics     |
| Fall 2016                | Intro to Legal Studies         |
| Fall 2014                | Controversies in Public Policy |

## Professional Service

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| 2016-<br>2017 | Research Assistant, UMass College of Social and Behavioral Sciences/Continuing and Professional Education   |
| 2016-<br>2017 | Co-founder and Organizer, UMass Interdisciplinary Political Studies Conference. <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ybxes5uj">https://tinyurl.com/ybxes5uj</a> |
| 2015-<br>2017 | Author and Research Assistant, Bipartisan Policy Center's <i>Campaign Finance in the United States: Assessing an Era of Fundamental Change</i>          |
| 2014-<br>2016 | UMass Graduate Student Senator, Political Science Department  |

## Technical Skills and Training

### *Technical Skills*

R statistical language, Qualtrics, LaTeX, HTML (basic)

### *Additional Training*

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| 2018 | “Practical Web and Text Scraping”, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts Amherst            |
| 2017 | “Latent Variable Measurement in R”, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts Amherst           |
| 2016 | “Introduction to LaTeX” and “Advanced LaTeX”, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts Amherst |
| 2015 | “Web Scraping and Text Analysis”, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts Amherst             |

2015 “Causal Inference”, Institute for Social Science Research, University of  
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## References

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