

Jessie E. Munson

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

APSA Congressional Fellowship

2026 - 2027

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison

August 2026

First Field: American Politics

Second Field: Comparative Politics

Minor: Political Methodology

Dissertation: Talking About Blocking: How Senators Discuss Filibustering

Committee: Eleanor Powell (Chair), Barry Burden, Michael Wagner, David Canon, James Curry (University of Notre Dame)

MA, Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison

May 2022

BA, Political Science, History (Minor), Montana State University

May 2019

Summa Cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American Politics, Congress, Political Institutions, Representation, Comparative Legislatures, British Politics, Elections

PUBLICATIONS

Munson, Jessie E. 2026 “Claiming and Blaming: How Minority Party Status Shapes Filibuster Framing in the U.S. Senate” *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 51 (3). (*Job Market Paper*)

Parker, David C.W., Jessie E. Munson, and Caitlyn M. Richter. 2020. “To Scrutinise and Protect: Question Time as a Window into Institutional and Electoral Incentives at Holyrood and Westminster.” *Parliamentary Affairs*. 73 (2): 274–95.

WORKING PAPERS

Under Review

“Words and Deeds: Do Legislators’ Public Messages Reflect Their Behind-the-Scenes Work with Federal Agencies?” with Devin Judge-Lord, Rochelle Snyder, and Eleanor Powell.

Working Papers

“The Vertical Politics of Misinformation: Election Narratives in Congress and State Legislatures” with SoRelle Gaynor and Jess Esplin

“Filibuster as Foil: How Senators Position Themselves on the Filibuster”

“Football, #BlackLivesMatter, and #ThreeLions: What the 2021 Euro Championship Tells Us about the Politics of Race, Place-based Resentment, and the Representational Styles of English MP” with David C.W. Parker and Heba Haq

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

William A. Steiger Fellowship (\$9000)

2026

American Political Science Association

Best Dissertation Prize in American Politics

2026

Department of Political Science, UW–Madison

Leon Epstein Prize in American and British Politics Department of Political Science, UW-Madison	2025
Summer Writing Scholarship (\$3000) Department of Political Science, UW-Madison	2025
Summer Initiative Grant (\$2500) Department of Political Science, UW-Madison Survey Experiment Funding	2025
Survey Pilot Grant (\$400) Experimental Politics Workshop, UW-Madison	2025
Summer Initiative Grant (\$2500) Department of Political Science, UW-Madison Research Travel (Interviews) and Research Assistance	2024
Student Research Grants Competition (\$1500) The Graduate School, UW-Madison Travel for Conduct of Congressional Interviews (Summer 2024)	2024
Summer Initiative Grant (\$2500) Department of Political Science, UW-Madison ICPSR Summer Session (Summer 2023)	2023
Summer Initiative Grant (\$600) Department of Political Science, UW-Madison Assistance with Methods Training in R (Summer 2022)	2022
Goetz Award Department of Political Science, Montana State University Excellence in Political Science	2019
Marshall Scholarship National Finalist	2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Conference Presentations	
American Political Science Association	2025, 2026
Women in Legislative Studies	2024, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association	2023, 2025, 2026
Political Studies Association (UK) Annual Meeting	2018, 2023
Presentations at UW-Madison	
American Politics Workshop (Research Presentation)	2023, 2025, 2026
American Politics Workshop (Discussant)	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Experimental Politics Workshop	2025
Invited Presentations	
“The Vertical Politics of Misinformation”	December 2026
Representation and Politics in Legislatures Lab Virtual Workshop Series, University of Notre Dame <i>with SoRelle Gaynor and Jess Esplin</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record	
PS 104: Introduction to American Politics	Summer 2026
Teaching Assistant	
PS 311: The U.S. Congress	Fall 2021, Fall 2023, Fall 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Eleanor Powell	2021, 2024
Research Assistant for Professor Steven Brooke	2020
Undergraduate Researcher, Undergraduate Research Scholars – Montana State University	2017

PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Political Science Works in Progress Workshop (PS–WIPS), UW–Madison	
Founder and Co-Coordinator	2025-2026

American Politics Faculty Search Committee	2024
Graduate Student Representative	

American Politics Workshop, UW–Madison	
Graduate Student Coordinator	2021-2023

Report

Jessie Munson and Kenneth Mayer, *Polling Place Resource Allocation for Election Day Line Management*. Town of Middleton, WI and Dane County, WI. 2023.

Panelist

UW–Madison Departmental TA Training	2022, 2023
UW–Madison Political Science Prospective Student Visit	2023

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Delta Program Research Mentor Training, UW–Madison	2025
Five-week seminar on evidence-based, inclusive research mentoring, including communication, expectation alignment, and fostering mentee independence and belonging.	

Teaching & Learning Conference at APSA Annual Meeting	2025
Full-day program on pedagogy in political science, including interactive workshops and panels on inclusive, democratic, and evidence-based political science pedagogy.	

The Discussion Project, UW–Madison	2023
Three-day professional development seminar for faculty and graduate students, focused on inclusive and effective practices for classroom discussion.	

ICPSR Summer Methods Training	2023
Graduate courses in research design and quantitative methods.	

MEDIA

1050 Bascom Podcast	2024
“Power and Politics in the U.S. Congress with Jessie Munson”	

SKILLS

Experience in R, Quarto, $\text{\LaTeX}$, STATA, Qualtrics, and Adobe Creative Cloud Suite

REFERENCES

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