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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science Oklahoma State University	July 2022 - present
Director of Graduate Studies in Political Science Oklahoma State University	July 2024 - present
Assistant Professor of Political Science Oklahoma State University	August 2016 - June 2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill	2016
M.A. Political Science University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill	2013
B.A. Political Science University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>Honors: Edmund J. James Honors & Departmental Distinction</i>	2011

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- [25] Herrick, Rebekah, Joshua M. Jansa, Matthew P. Motta, and Abida Sultana. Forthcoming. “Race and Registration Roadblocks.” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.
- [24] Jansa, Joshua M., Eve M. Ringsmuth, and Alex P. Smith. Forthcoming. “Closing Gender Gaps in Political Knowledge and Efficacy: College-Level Civic Education and the Compensation Effect.” *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*.
- [23] Mallinson, Daniel J. and Joshua M. Jansa. Forthcoming. “Elite Socialization Diffusion: A Theoretical Foundation and Research Agenda for Understanding Interstate Policy Networks.” *Perspectives on Politics*.
- [22] Jansa, Joshua M. and Eve M. Ringsmuth. Forthcoming. “People Like Me? Enhancing Student Learning and Political Efficacy.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*.
- [21] Nagao, Haruka, Rittika Shamsuddin, Emma Flournoy, Ashlyn Goad, William Hatungimana, and Joshua M. Jansa. 2026. “Laboratories of Harm Reduction and Treatment: Determinants of States’ Policy Adoptions to Address the Opioid Epidemic.” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*.
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- [19] Jansa, Joshua M. and Eve M. Ringsmuth. 2026. “Resentment or Empowerment? Civic Education and the Political Efficacy of Rural Individuals.” *American Politics Research* 54(1): 27–39.

- [18] Hoyman, Michele, Joshua M. Jansa, and Austin Bussing. 2026. "The Catalysts of 'Red for Ed': Statewide Teachers Strikes as Collective Voice and Conflict Expansion for Communities of Fate." *The Social Science Journal* 63(3): 1167–84.
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- [15] Colvin, Roshaun and Joshua M. Jansa. 2024. "Athletic Competition Between the States: The Rapid Spread of Name, Image, Likeness Laws and Why It Matters for Understanding Policy Diffusion." *Policy Studies Journal* 52(2): 451-68.
- [14] Nickelson, Jack and Joshua M. Jansa. 2023. "Descriptive Representation and Innovation in American Legislatures." *Political Research Quarterly* 76(4): 2018-35.
- [13] Jansa, Joshua M. and Eve M. Ringsmuth. 2023. "Disrupted Learning about Democracy: Instructor Strategies for Navigating Temporary Modality Shifts." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 56(2): 315-320.
- [12] Jansa, Joshua M. and Eve M. Ringsmuth. 2022. "The Impact of Class Structure on Students' Political Efficacy and Confidence-in-Knowledge in Introduction to American Government Courses." *Journal of Political Science Education* 18(4): 455-475.
- [11] Dorrell, Robert M. Jr. and Joshua M. Jansa. 2022. "Copy, Paste, Legislate, Succeed? The Effect of Policy Plagiarism on Policy Success." *Policy & Politics* 50(4): 605–623.
- [10] Jansa, Joshua M., Matthew Motta, and Rebekah Herrick. 2022. "Finding DORI: Using Item Response Theory to Measure Difficulty of Registration in the U.S. and Assessing Its Impact on Voters." *American Politics Research* 50(3): 336-352.
- [9] Hansen, Eric R. and Joshua M. Jansa. 2021. "Complexity, Resources, and Text Borrowing in State Legislatures." *Journal of Public Policy* 41(4): 752–75.
- [8] Bucci, Laura C. and Joshua M. Jansa. 2021. "Who Passes Restrictive Labor Policy? A View from the States." *Journal of Public Policy* 41(3): 409-439.
- [7] Jansa, Joshua M. 2020. "Chasing Disparity: State Economic Development Incentives and Income Inequality." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 20(4): 462-488.
- [6] Jansa, Joshua M. 2019. "You Catch More Flies with Honey: An Analysis of PAC Punishment and Congressional Vote Switching." *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 8(2): 184-207.
- [5] Jansa, Joshua M., Eric R. Hansen, and Virginia Gray. 2019. "Copy and Paste Lawmaking: Legislative Professionalism and Policy Reinvention in the States." *American Politics Research* 47(4): 739–767.
- [4] Jansa, Joshua M. 2019. "Client Group Influence in Economic Development Organizations: Evidence from North Carolina, Nevada, and Oregon." *Administration & Society* 51(8): 1308-1336.
- [3] Jansa, Joshua M. and Michele M. Hoyman. 2018. "Do Unions Punish Democrats? Free Trade Votes and Labor PAC Contributions, 1999-2012." *Political Research Quarterly* 71(2): 424-439.
- [2] Jansa, Joshua M. and Virginia Gray. 2017. "Captured Development: Industry Influence and State Economic Development Subsidies in the Great Recession Era." *Economic Development Quarterly* 31(1): 50-64.
- [1] Garrett, Kristin N. and Joshua M. Jansa. 2015. "Interest Group Influence in Policy Diffusion Networks." *State Politics & Policy Quarterly* 15(3): 387-417.

Book Chapters

- [4] Jansa, Joshua M. and Eve M. Ringsmuth. Forthcoming. “Active Learning.” In Mallinson, Hellwege, and Roberts. (eds.) *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*.
- [3] Jansa, Joshua M. 2026. “Simulating Life on the Minimum Wage and Its Political Consequences.” In Glasgow, Harvey, Gibb, and Fielder. (eds.) *Short Games and Active Learning in Political Science: Beating the Clock*.
- [2] Jansa, Joshua M. 2017. “Economic Development and Infrastructure Policy.” In Gray, Hanson, and Kousser (eds.) *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis, 11th Edition*.
- [1] Gross, Justin H. and Joshua M. Jansa. 2016. “Relational Concepts, Measurement, and Data Collection.” In Victor, Montgomery, and Lubell (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Political Networks*.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Blog Posts

- Jansa, Joshua and Daniel Mallinson. “Linking Policy Design and Diffusion.” *PSJ Blog*. March 25, 2026.
- Colvin, Roshaun and Joshua Jansa. “Athletic Competition Between the States: The Rapid Spread of Name, Image, Likeness Laws and Why it Matters for Understanding Policy Diffusion.” *PSJ Blog*. July 24, 2024.
- Jansa, Joshua and Eve Ringsmuth. “Sandra Day O’Connor saw civics education as key to the future of democracy.” *The Conversation*. December 15, 2023.
- Jansa, Joshua. “Why diverse legislatures are more innovative.” *3Streams*. November 22, 2023.
- Jansa, Joshua. “Plagiarism undermines successful policy: From vaping bans to organ donor laws, states that copy policy don’t get what they want.” *3Streams*. May 9, 2022.
- Jansa, Joshua. “How Biden’s child tax credit could be the biggest accomplishment of his first 100 days.” *3Streams*. April 28, 2021.
- Jansa, Joshua. “States that boost billionaires with incentives could harm post-Covid recovery.” *3Streams*. November 23, 2020.
- Jansa, Joshua, Joseph Anthony, and Matt Motta. “Election Night’ might become ‘Election Week’, and that’s OK.” *Stillwater News-Press*. October 10, 2020.
- Motta, Matt and Joshua Jansa. “Oklahomans may be less divided on expanding mail-in voting than state lawmakers.” *Tulsa World*. May 11, 2020.
- Colvin, Roshaun and Joshua Jansa. “California’s ‘Fair Pay to Play’ law has other states racing to join up. Here’s why.” *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. November 18, 2019.
- Jansa, Joshua. “Inequality is higher in some states like New York and Louisiana because of corporate welfare.” *The Conversation*. November 7, 2019.
- Jansa, Joshua. “Evidence from states shows why Trump’s brand of Carrier-style dealmaking won’t work.” *The Conversation*. January 9, 2017.
- Jansa, Joshua and Kristin Garrett. “How states plagiarize interest group model bills on many issues.” *USAPP Blog*. August 13, 2015.
- Jansa, Joshua. “Transparency needed on corporate subsidy spending in the U.S.” *Sunlight Foundation Blog*. October 10, 2014.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025

- Advancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (AURCA) Grant
– *Awarded w/ Eve Ringsmuth*
– *Funds a work-study research assistant for the Higher Education and Democracy Research Lab.*

2024

- Advancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (AURCA) Grant
– *Awarded w/ Eve Ringsmuth*
– *Funds a work-study research assistant for the Higher Education and Democracy Research Lab.*

Women for OSU Partnering to Impact Grant

- *Awarded w/ Eve Ringsmuth.*
– *Provides textbooks and internet access to rural students enrolling in online American Govt. course.*

2022

OSU Distinguished Early Career Faculty Award
– *Recognizes faculty with strong potential for continued contributions to OSU and their field.*

Advancing Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (AURCA) Grant

- *Awarded w/ Rebekah Herrick*

2021

Arts & Sciences Research (ASR) Program Grant

2018

College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Incentive Grant

2017

College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Incentive Grant

2016

Whit Ayres Travel Fund Award

2015

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Award

Robert K. Merton Dissertation Award

Prestage-Cook Travel Fund Award

Whit Ayres Travel Fund Award

2014

American Political Science Association Travel Grant

Whit Ayres Travel Fund Award

National Consortium for Data Science Best Poster Award

- *Awarded w/ Kristin Garrett*

2013

Thomas M. Uhlman Graduate Summer Fellowship

CONFERENCE PAPERS, POSTERS, AND PARTICIPATION

2026

State Politics & Policy Conference (SPPC)

APSA Symposium on Civic Education & America's 250th

Chicago, IL
Washington, DC

2025

American Political Science Association Conference (APSA)

Vancouver, BC

Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
2024	
American Political Science Association Virtual Conference	Online Only
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR)	Syracuse, NY
Rural Renewal Symposium	Ardmore, OK
2023	
American Political Science Association Conference (APSA)	Los Angeles, CA
Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR)	Denver, CO
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
2022	
Southern Political Science Association Conference (SPSA) [virtual, COVID-19]	San Antonio, TX
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) [virtual, COVID-19]	Chicago, IL
2021	
American Political Science Association Conference (APSA) [virtual, COVID-19]	Seattle, WA
Big 12 Teaching and Learning Conference [virtual, COVID-19]	Lawrence, KS
2020	
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA) [cancelled, COVID-19]	Chicago, IL
Oklahoma Political Science Association Conference [virtual, COVID-19]	Oklahoma City, OK
2019	
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
State Politics and Policy Conference (SPPC)	College Park, MD
Labor and Employment Relations Association Conference (LERA)	Cleveland, OH
Oklahoma Political Science Association Conference	Oklahoma City, OK
2018	
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
Labor and Employment Relations Association Conference (LERA)	Baltimore, MD
2017	
Southern Political Science Association Conference (SPSA)	New Orleans, LA
2016	
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
Southern Political Science Association Conference (SPSA)	San Juan, PR
2015	
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL
Southeastern Conference of Public Administration (SECoPA)	Charleston, SC
State Politics and Policy Conference (SPPC)	Sacramento, CA
2014	
American Political Science Association Conference (APSA)	Washington, DC
National Consortium on Data Science Data Innovation Showcase	Chapel Hill, NC
State Politics and Policy Conference (SPPC)	Bloomington, IN
2013	
PolMeth XXX	Charlottesville, VA
2011	
Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA)	Chicago, IL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor	Introduction to American Government Introduction to Political Inquiry Fundamentals of Political Science Money, Media, & Politics Policy & Politics of Poverty & Inequality Improving Democracy Lobbying & Interest Groups Public Policy Analysis (Graduate) Proseminar in American Politics (Graduate) State Politics & Policy (Graduate) Civic Education & Engagement (Graduate)
T.A. or Co-Instructor	Analyzing Public Opinion Race, Innocence, & the Death Penalty The American Worker Pressure & Power State & Local Politics Nonprofits & Advocacy How to Win Elections & Influence Voters Freshman Seminar

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

M.A. Chair	14 students since 2018
M.A. Committee Member	10 students since 2018
Ph.D. Committee Member	Jericho McElroy (Sociology, 2022)
Undergraduate RAs	10 students since 2018
Other Experience	Faculty Mentor in Leadership OSU Program (2018-19) Peer Advisor in UNC Pre-Grad Education Advising Program (2012-15)

DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, & DISCIPLINE SERVICE

Chairships	OSU Poli Sci Graduate Committee Chair (2024-present) APSA Class & Inequality Best Paper Award Committee Chair (2023) OSU Tenure-Track Enviro. Policy Search Committee Chair (2023) OSU Tenure-Track Methods Search Committee Chair (2022) APSA Division Chair for State Politics & Policy Section (2021) OSU American Politics Teaching Assistant Professor Search Chair (2021) OSU Tenure-Track Comparative Public Policy Search Chair (2021)
Discussant	State Politics Conference (2026) – panel on education policy APSA (2025) – panel on text analysis and state policy American Politics Research Group (2023) – paper on state legislatures Political Networks Online Colloquium (2023) – paper on policy diffusion SPSA (2022) – panel on class & inequality. LERA (2019) – panel on future of labor post- <i>Janus</i> SPSA (2017) – panel on policy adoption & diffusion.
Past University Service	University Grade Appeals Board Member

Faculty Dispute Resolution Board Member
Academic Integrity Facilitator

Section Memberships

APSA State Politics & Policy Section
APSA Class & Inequality Section
APSA Political Science Education Section

Guest Editor

Policy Studies Journal Special Issue on Policy Diffusion
with Dan Mallinson, Xun Cao, and Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo.

Peer Reviewer (since 2018)

American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Policy Studies Journal, American Politics Research, Social Science Quarterly, Legislative Studies Quarterly, State Politics & Policy Quarterly, Business & Politics, Journal of Public Policy, Economic Development Quarterly, State and Local Government Review, Journal of Academic Ethics, Journal of Political Science Education

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & SKILLS

Trainings

OSU Graduate Coordinator Training (2025)
OSU Academic Integrity Facilitation Training (2023)
OSRHE Open Education Resources 101 (2022)
OSU ITLE Flipped Classroom Seminar (2020)
OSU ITLE Preparing Online Instructors Certificate (2018)
OSU Arts & Sciences Grant Writing Bootcamp (2018)
UNC Energizing the Classroom Training (2016)
UNC Teaching Transferrable Skills Workshop (2014)

Administrative Tools

Nuventive, Slate, Canvas

Data Analysis Tools

R/RStudio, Stata, Qualtrics, Excel, LaTeX/Overleaf