

# Dr. E.J. Fagan

## Curriculum Vitae

### Research and Teaching Interests

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I study how political institutions process information and make decisions about public policy. My work focuses on the role of expert information, interest groups, and political parties in influencing decisions by policymakers, particularly in the U.S. Congress.

### Education

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- PhD University of Texas at Austin, 2020  
Political Science, Chair: Bryan D. Jones
- MA University of Texas at Austin, 2017  
Political Science
- MPP George Mason University, 2011  
Public Policy
- BA Providence College, 2009  
Political Science

### Academic Appointments

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Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Political Science. 2020-present

Collaborating Scholar, University of Illinois Institute for Government and Public Affairs (0%). 2023-present

### Book Projects

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“Partisan Think Tanks and the Polarization of American Political Parties” *In production at Oxford University Press*

### Journal Articles

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Fagan, E.J. and Alexander Furnas. 2023. “Lobbying Responsiveness to Congressional Agendas” *Forthcoming at Policy Studies Journal*. Available online [here](#).

Cassella, Chris, E.J. Fagan and Sean Theriault. 2023. “The Asymmetric Return of Earmarks.” *Forthcoming at Political Research Quarterly*. Available online [here](#).

Fagan, E.J., Sean Theriault and Ryan Whittington. 2023. “The Partisan Dimensions of Earmarking in the U.S. House of Representatives.” *Forthcoming at The Forum*. Available online [here](#).

- Fagan, E.J. 2023. "Political Institutions, Punctuated Equilibrium Theory and Policy Disasters" *Policy Studies Journal* 51(2), pp 243-263.
- Fagan, E.J. 2022. "Polarization and Partisan Think Tanks" *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy* 3(3-4), pp 395-411
- Filindra, Alexandra and E.J. Fagan. 2022. "Black, Immigrant or Woman? The Influence of Kamala Harris' on Vice Presidential Nomination on White Americans' Vote Choice in the 2020 Election" *Social Science Quarterly* 103(4), pp 892-906.
- Fagan, E.J. and Zachary McGee. 2022. "Demand for Policy Information from the Congressional Research Service" *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 47(1) pp 53-77.
- Fagan, E.J., Zachary McGee and Herschel Thomas. 2021. "The Power of the Party: Conflict Expansion and the Agenda Diversity of Interest Groups" *Political Research Quarterly*. 74(1) pp 90-102.
- Fagan, E.J. 2021. "Issue Ownership and the Priorities of U.S. Party Elites, 2004-2016" *Party Politics*. 27(1) pp 149-160.
- Fagan, E.J., and Brooke Shannon. 2020. "Using the Comparative Agendas Project to Measure the Policy Content of Interest Group Activities" *Interest Groups and Advocacy* (9), pp 361-372.
- Brasil, Felipe, Ana Cláudia Capella and E.J. Fagan. 2020. "Policy Change in Brazil: New challenges for policy analysis in Latin America" *Latin American Policy*. 11(1), pp. 24-41.
- Fagan, E.J. 2018. "Marching Orders? U.S. Party Platforms and Legislative Agenda Setting, 1948-2014" *Political Research Quarterly* 71(4), pp. 949-959.
- Fagan, E.J., Bryan D. Jones, and Christopher Wlezien. 2017. "Representative Systems and Policy Punctuations" *Journal of European Public Policy* 24(6), pp. 809-831.

## **Under Review**

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"Minor Parties and New Issues During the Progressive Era." With Brooke Shannon (Pitt) and Bryan D. Jones (UT). *Under Review*

“The Policy Agenda of Policy Studies Journal.” With Alexander Furnas (Northwestern), Chris Koski (Reed), Herschel Thomas (WVU), Sam Workman (WVU) and Corinne Connor (Heinz Foundation). *Under Review*.

## **Works in Progress**

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“Party Elites and Gendered Issue Ownership.” *Working Paper*. With Andrea Manning (UIC). Preprint [here](#).

“Emerging Technology and Policy Agendas: The Case of Cryptocurrency.” With David Morales (UIC). *Conference Paper*.

“The Policy Agenda of Academic” With Chris Koski (Reed) and Corrine Connor, Herschel Thomas and Sam Workman (WVU) and Alexander Furnas (Northwestern). *NSF Grant Proposal planned for January 2024*.

“Partisan Think Tanks and Israel’s Democratic Crisis.” With Ilana Shpaizman (Bar-Ilan) and Amnon Cavari (Ben Gurion). *Working Paper*.

“Party Priorities and Rule Changes in the Earmark Process.” With Sean Theriault (UT). *Data Collection*.

“Issue Ownership and Party Promise Fulfillment in the U.S.” With Petia Kostadinova and Mine Tafolar (UIC). *Conference Paper*,

“The Policy Agenda of the Progressive Era.” With Bryan D. Jones (UT) and Brooke Shannon (. *Book Project*.

“The Politics of Error: The Mistakes That Governing Systems Make.” With Bryan D. Jones. *Working Paper*.

## **Conferences and Symposiums**

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### *Professional Association Conferences*

American Political Science Association, Paper, 2019-2020, 2022. Discussant, 2022

Midwest Political Science Association: Paper, 2016-2023; Discussant, 2019-2023

Program Chair, Public Policy Section, 2023.

Southern Political Science Association: Paper, 2019, 2021-2022; Discussant, 2019, 2021-2022

American Association of Policy Analysis and Management: Paper: 2022

Southwestern Political Science Association: Paper, 2017; Discussant, 2017

Conference on Public Policy Research: Paper, 2023

*Symposiums and Small Group Conferences*

Comparative Agendas Conference: Paper, 2016-2023; Discussant, 2019, 2022.

Conference on Budgeting Across Europe: Paper: 2015

Polarization and Political Economy Symposium: Paper: 2021

Party Pledges Project Workshop: Paper: 2021

Political Economy of the Gilded Age and Progress Era Symposium, Paper: 2023

**Fellowships and Awards**

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Travel Grant, 2023. \$1,000. Department of Faculty Affairs, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Seed Grant, 2023. \$1,500. Committee on Social Science Research, College of Liberal Arts, University of Illinois at Chicago

Research Partner Fellowship, 2022. \$17,264 Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois

Seed Grant, 2021. \$1,500. Committee on Social Science Research, College of Liberal Arts, University of Illinois at Chicago

Spring Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2020. \$16,194. College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin

Fall Graduate School Fellowship, 2019. \$19,906. Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Graduate School Summer Fellowship, 2019. \$7,640. Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin

Dissertation Grant, 2018. \$4,000. McCombs Business School, University of Texas at Austin

Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2017. \$2,000. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

Recruitment Fellowship, 2014. \$10,000. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

**Research Positions**

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Faculty Associate, U.S. Policy Agendas Project, 2020-present

Project Manager, U.S. Policy Agendas Project, 2017-2019

**Courses Taught**

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Pols 101: Introduction to American Government – Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

Pols 202: The Politics of Economic Policy – Fall 2020

Pols 226: Politics Parties – Fall 2021

Pols 329: American Politics Seminar (Polarization of American Politics) – Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Pols 500: Public Policy Processes (graduate) – Spring 2021  
Pols 505: Research Methods (graduate) – Spring 2023, Spring 2024  
Pols 562: Legislation and Public Policy (graduate) – Spring 2022

Teaching evaluations (student and peer) available upon request

## **Reviewer**

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American Journal of Political Science  
American Political Science Review  
Brazilian Journal of Public Administration  
British Journal of Political Science  
Cambridge Elements  
Canadian Journal of Political Science  
Chinese Public Administration Review  
Economic Development Quarterly  
Government and Opposition  
Interest Groups and Advocacy  
International Review of Administrative Sciences  
Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics  
Legislative Studies Quarterly  
Party Politics  
Perspectives on Politics  
PS: Political Science and Politics  
Policy and Politics  
Policy Studies Journal  
Policy Sciences  
Polity  
Political Research Quarterly  
Public Administration  
Public Opinion Quarterly  
Review of Policy Research

## **Department Service**

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Research and Professionalization Workshop (organizer) 2022-present  
Graduate Committee 2020-present  
Advisory Committee 2020-present  
American Politics Exam Committee, 2020-present

Open Subfield Search Committee, 2021-2022

## **Students Advised**

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### Graduate

#### *Current:*

Daniel Williams (2022-) *Chair*

Amir Toumie (2022-) *Chair*

David Morales (2022-) *Chair*

Aydin Maleki, (2023-) *Chair*

Mine Tafolar (2020-) *Committee*

Andrea Manning (2020-) *Committee*

Rodrigo Moura Karolczak (2022) *Committee*

Elif Baba (2022-) - *Committee*

#### *Former:*

Isaac Pollert (2022-2022) – Committee (Post Doc at Penn State)

Eliska Schnabel (2021-2023) – Committee (Tenure track at Albion College)

#### *Visiting:*

Gabriel Rodriogues dos Santos (2023) *J-1 Visiting Research Scholar, Universidade de São Paulo*

### Undergraduate

#### *Former:*

Janet Vivanco (2021-2022) – First-at-LAS advising

Karen Ramirez (2022-2023)—First-at-LAS advising

## **Service to the University**

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Advisory Committee, Democracy and Polarization Summit, Illinois Institute for Government and Public Affairs. 2023.

## **Service to the Profession**

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Program Chair, Public Policy Section, MPSA 2024

Organizing Committee, Junior Public Policy Workshop, 2022-2023

## Non-Academic Professional Experience

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Deputy Communications Director, Global Financial Integrity, Washington DC, 2011-2014.  
Advocate, Stand Up America PAC, Washington DC, 2009-2010.  
Field Organizer, Dennis Shulman for Congress, Demarest NJ, 2008.

## Op-Eds and Selected Media Appearances

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Kubzansky, Caroline. “Suburbs, cities facing high costs try a new tack: hiring federal lobbyists to pry dollars out of Washington.” *The Chicago Tribune*. August 7, 2023.

Radelat, Ana. “Despite GOP calls for fiscal restraint, lawmakers expected to secure earmarks.” *Minn Post*, February 12, 2023.

Ahern, Mary Ann. “Chicago Businessman Donates Staggering \$1.6 billion to Conservative Nonprofit.” *NBC 5 Chicago News*. August 23, 2022.

Kirsch, Noah. “New Right-Wing Megadonor Barre Seid Has Sparked Huge Controversy Before” *The Daily Beast*. August 22, 2022.

McCarten, James. “Guns vs. mental health support in Highland Park, ‘why can’t it be both?’” *National Observer*. July 7, 2022.

McCarten, James. “How polarization in the U.S. thwarts state-level efforts to toughen red flag laws.” *The Globe and Mail*. July 7, 2022.

Roos, Meghan. “Stephen Breyer's Retirement 'Keeps the Court in Headlines' for Midterms Season” *Newsweek*. January 28, 2022.

Podcast, “End the Algorithm,” *Beyond Politics Podcast*. October 16, 2021.

Podcast, “Information Wars,” *Record Pulse Podcast*. April 1, 2021.

Czachor, Emily. “Marjorie Taylor Greene's Ability to Make Legislative Impact Dampened After Committee Removals.” *Newsweek*. February 4, 2021.

Roos, Meghan. “Political Experts Predict Democrats Will Fight the Ghost of Donald Trump Amid GOP Infighting.” *Newsweek*. January 29, 2021.

Interview, “Biden Inauguration.” WBEZ Chicago Public Radio, January 21, 2021.

Interview, “Biden Inauguration.” WBBM Newsradio, January 20, 2021.

Yglesias, Matthew. “Two models for regulating social media giants, explained” *Vox*. October 26, 2020.

Quig, A.D. “Why isn’t there a New Deal 2.0 in the recovery mix?” *Crain’s Chicago Business*. June 4, 2020.

Op-Ed, “Shell Companies Undermine Sanctions Against North Korea” With Mike Findley. *Austin-American Statesman*, August 28, 2017.

Interview, “Bitcoins and Money Laundering” Stossel, *Fox Business Network*, January 7, 2015.

Interview, “Sending Money on a Round Trip to Avoid Taxes,” All Things Considered, *NPR*” April 16, 2014.

Op-Ed, “Why Bitcoin (And Other Cryptocurrencies) Will Inevitably Become Tools Of The Rich, Powerful, and Criminal”, *Business Insider*, December 3, 2013.

Op-Ed, “Anonymous Currency Aids Criminals,” *Baltimore Sun*, November 25, 2013.

Interview, “British PM in Transparent Tax Move,” Business Matters, *BBC Radio*, November 1, 2014.

Op-Ed, “Mitt Romney’s Bermuda Tax Holiday,” *Politico*, January 20, 2012.

### **Blog Posts and Other Publications**

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Fagan, E.J. “[End the Algorithm](#)” *Tech Policy Press*. October 16, 2020.

Fagan, E.J. “[What the 2020 Democratic Party Platform Tells Us About Joe Biden’s Issue Priorities](#)” *3Streams*. August 17, 2020.

Fagan, E.J. “[Congress Could Pass a Major Anti-Money Laundering Reform This Week](#)” *3Streams*. June 28, 2020.

Fagan, E.J. “[A polarized Congress relies on more party-aligned think tanks](#)” *LegBranch*, May 15, 2019.

Dwidar, Maraam, Connor Dye, E.J. Fagan, Katie Madel and Laura Quaglia. “[Trump’s State of the Union addresses are very different from his predecessors’. Here’s how.](#)” *The Monkey Cage*, February 7, 2019.

Fagan, E.J. “[Even if they don’t win back Congress in the midterms, Democrats may still be able to set the agenda](#)” *London School of Economics United States Public Policy Blog*, August 15, 2018.

Baker, Raymond, E.J. Fagan, Mark Choi, and Channing May. “Bunkering and Nigeria: An Estimate of Lost Revenues.” *Global Financial Integrity*, December 2013.