

# SHAYLA F. OLSON

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Michigan</b>	2020 - Current
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science and Scientific Computing	
M.A. Student, Statistics	
<b>Michigan State University</b>	2020
M.A. Political Science	
Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling	2020
(Department of Computational Mathematics, Science, and Engineering)	
<b>Indiana State University</b>	2017
B.A. Political Science (Minor: International Studies), Honors, <i>magna cum laude</i> .	

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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<b>Santa Fe Institute</b>	2022
Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science	

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Olson, Shayla F. and Enrique Quezada-Llanes. Forthcoming. "Political Content in Sermons and Changes in the Trump Era." In Paul A. Djupe and A.E. Sokhey (Eds), *Trump and the Transformation of Religion and Politics*.
- Djupe, Paul A., Claire C. Gilliland, and Shayla F. Olson. 2023. "Are Online Congregations Representative? Exploring Resource and Political Differences." *Review of Religious Research*.
- Olson, Shayla F. 2023. "Racialized Responses to COVID-19." In Paul A. Djupe and Amanda Friesen (Eds.), *"An Epidemic on My People": Religion in the Age of Covid-19*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- Allen, Levi G. and Shayla F. Olson. 2022. "Racial Attitudes and Political Preferences Among Black and White Evangelicals" *Politics & Religion*, 15(4), 631-648.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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### *External*

Rapoport Family Foundation Dissertation Research Grant. \$15,000.	2024
APSA Religion & Politics Small Grants Award. \$2,500.	2021
Prestage-Cook Travel Award (Southern Political Science Association)	2020

### *University of Michigan*

Hanes Walton, Jr. Endowment for Graduate Study in Racial and Ethnic Politics (Center for Political Studies) \$6,000.	2023
Rackham Student Research Grant. \$1,500.	2022
DGS Research Grant. \$1,000.	2021

### *Michigan State University*

Summer Research Assistant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research.	2019, 2020
MSU Minority Politics Workshop Award.	Spring 2020
Departmental Summer Research Award. \$2,250.	Summer 2019
Research Scholars Award, College of Social Science. \$2,214.	Summer 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Graduate Student Instructor - Graduate Level*

ICPSR Summer Program - Data Science &amp; Text Analysis 2023

Statistical Methods for Political Research II WN 2023

Statistical Methods for Political Research I FA 2022

*Graduate Student Instructor - Undergraduate Level*

Computational Social Science (Complex Systems) WN 2022

Computational Social Science (Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences) FA 2021

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Research Assistant, Professor Kevin Quinn. 2022-Current

Research Assistant, Professor Ted Brader. 2021, 2023-Current

Research Assistant, Professors Vincent Hutchings and Robert Mickey. 2021, 2022

Research Assistant, Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (MSU). 2019, 2020

Research Assistant, Professor Eric Juenke (MSU). 2018, 2019

Research Assistant, Professor Carly Schmitt (ISU). 2017

Research Assistant, Professor David Kilroy (Dublin, Ireland). 2017

Student Researcher, Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre (Dublin, Ireland). 2017

**PRESENTATIONS**

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*Invited Talks*

Religion and Politics in America: Is there a Better Way? Christian Scholarly Perspectives 2024

*Conference and Workshop Presentations*

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2023

MPSA Annual Conference. 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, Planned 2024

APSA Annual Meeting 2022

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium 2019, 2022

APSA Religion &amp; Politics Early Career Workshop 2021

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture. April 2022

Political Institutions and Elite Behavior: Experimental Approaches (SPSA). 2020

University of Michigan/Michigan State Workshop on Race and Ethnicity. Apr., Oct. 2019, 2023

**SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

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*Service to Discipline*

Communications Coordinator, APSA Religion &amp; Politics Section 2021-2023

Reviewer: *Politics & Religion*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*,  
*Public Opinion Quarterly**Organizer*

American Religion Workshop, University of Michigan 2023-2024

Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics, University of Michigan 2021-2022

APSA Religion &amp; Politics Early Career Workshop 2021

Graduate Student Religion &amp; Politics Group Summer 2020

*Discussant*

MPSA Annual Meeting 2023

APSA Religion &amp; Politics Early Career Workshop 2021

Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Politics 2020  
Annual Meeting of the Michigan Political Science Association. 2018

*Departmental Service*

Co-President, Graduate Association of Political Scientists, Michigan 2022-2023  
First-Year Representative, Graduate Student Association, MSU 2018-2019

**DATASETS**

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Olson, Shayla F. 2019. State Networks Database v.1.1.1. East Lansing, MI: Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR).

- Featured here: Olson, Shayla F. "Midwest Relations." *Michigan Policy Wonk Blog*. 2019.
- Featured here: Olson, Shayla F. "What Is the Tie that Binds? Facebook, of Course." *Michigan Policy Wonk Blog*. 2020.

**SKILLS**

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R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics, Git, Jupyter