

Abigail Hemmen

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Education

University of Notre Dame

Expected May 2026

Ph.D., Political Science

Fields: American Politics & Comparative Politics

Indiana State University

May 2021

B.A., Political Science & English

Research & Teaching Interests

Research: Representation, State legislators, Governors, Elite behavior, State politics, Political messaging, Social media, Political relationships, Political knowledge

Teaching: American political institutions, Undergraduate research methods, State & local government, Political Representation, Media & politics, Political Groups

Peer-reviewed Publications

Brittany C. Solomon, Matthew E. K. Hall, Abigail Hemmen, & James N. Druckman. (2024).

“Illusory interparty disagreement: Partisans agree on what hate speech to censor but do not know it.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121(39), 1-8.

<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2402428121>

Rachel Porter, Jeff Harden, Emma Schroeder, Mackenzie Dobson, Géssica de Freitas, Abigail Hemmen & Emily Anderson. (Forthcoming). “The Consequences of Elite Action Against Elections.” *British Journal of Political Science*.

Abigail Hemmen. (Accepted, Pending replication). “Is it Worth Posting? Testing the Influence of State Legislators in Simulated Social Media.” *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*.

Research In-progress

Under Review

“Support for Content Moderation by Public versus Private Actors.”

with Matthew E. K. Hall & Brittany C. Solomon

“Public Perception and Student Support of Protesters on College Campuses.”

with Brittany C. Solomon, Matthew E. K. Hall & James Druckman

In-progress

“Representation and Feelings of External Political Efficacy.”
with Emily Anderson

“Chronically Online at the State House? The Incentives and Resources that Predict State Legislators’ Social Media Presence.”

“Understanding Americans’ Contradictory Support for Political Compromise.”
with James Kirk

“The Power of Posting: Political Benefits of State Legislators’ Online Presence”

“Governors going Public? The Impact of Governors’ Social Media Posts.”

Academic Conferences [Selected]

“Tweeting Majorities: Party Instability and Online Partisan Rhetoric from State Legislators”
State Politics & Policy Conference, May 2023

“Impact of Political Rhetoric on Social Media: A Survey Experiment”
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2025

“Chronically Online at the State House? The Incentives and Resources that Predict State Legislators’ Social Media Presence”
Women in Legislative Studies Annual Conference, October 2025 (Accepted)

Research Grants

Democracy Catalyst Grant — \$18,200	November 2024
Democracy Initiative, University of Notre Dame	

“The Public” Grant — \$3,200	September 2024
Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame	

Centennial Grant — \$2,500	September 2025
American Political Science Association	

Teaching Experience

Instructor-of-Record:

“How to (Not) Lie with Statistics”	Summer 2024
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“Politics in the Age of Social Media”	Fall 2024
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Leading Discussion Sections:

“Keeping the Republic” with Dave Campbell	Fall 2022
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“Introduction to American Politics” with Angela McCarthy	Spring 2023, Spring 2025
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Teaching Assistant:

“American Political Parties” with Christina Wolbrecht	Fall 2023
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Pedagogical Certificates & Courses

Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate	March 2024
Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate	June 2025
Teaching Everyone: Designing More Inclusive Courses	July 2025

Professional Service

Editorial Assistant, <i>Legislative Studies Quarterly</i> , for Jeff Harden	July 2023 – May 2024
Research Assistant, Delegate Survey Project for Geoff Layman & John C. Green	Spring 2024
American Field Representative, Political Science Graduate Association	Aug 2023 – Present

Methodological Training

Experimental Design, Advanced Quantitative Methods (GLM), Causal Inference

Professional Affiliations & Memberships

University of Notre Dame:

The Rooney Institute for the Study of American Democracy
Representation and Politics in Legislatures Lab
Politics, Organizations, and Psychology Lab

External:

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Women in Legislative Studies

Software

R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics