

Colby Humphrey
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Education

University of Texas, Austin, TX

PhD, Department of Government

May 2022

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Master of Public Service & Administration

May 2012

Baylor University, Waco, TX

Journalism

August 2009

Research Interest

- Money in politics, state and local government, campaigns and elections, federalism

Teaching/Research Experience

Baylor University, 2023-present

Lecturer

- American Public Policy
- American National Government
- Urban Political Processes

Trinity University, 2022 – 2023

Adjunct Faculty

- The U.S. Congress
- Money in Politics

University of Texas, 2019-2020

Research Assistant

- Focused on entrepreneurial policy at the state and local level through the LBJ school, specifically in Austin and Texas

Texas A&M University Extension Service, Product Development Center, 2018-2019

Research Assistant

- Focused primarily on the Defense to Response technology program and the Smart City IoT Innovation (SCITI) initiative

Teaching Assistant

- US Congress (Spring 2018)

University of Texas, 2017-2018

Teaching Assistant, Online

- Introduction to American Government (Fall 2017)

Awards and Honors

- Koch Associate Program Fellow, 2020 – 2021
- Alumni Ventures' Venture Fellow, 2021 – present
- Hatfield Prize, Center for Public Justice, January 2024 - present

Conference Presentations

Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019

- The Role of Campaign Finance in Local Elections.

Southwestern Social Science Association, 2019

- The Role of Campaign Finance in Local Elections

Midwest Political Science Association, 2020

- Campaign Finance and Turnout in Texas Municipal Elections

Articles and Publications

- Op-Ed, "Is Broadband Affordable for Middle-Class Families?" The Pew Charitable Trusts, August 30, 2023
- Op-Ed, "Mental health and police reform – where's the investment in innovation?" Deseret News, July 31, 2020
- Humphrey, Colby. 2022. "Reforming Local Campaign Finance Regimes." *Forthcoming*
- Humphrey, Colby & Kathryn de Wit. 2023. "Is Broadband Affordable for Middle-Class Families?" *The Pew Charitable Trusts*

Experience

Pew Charitable Trusts: Austin, TX

November 2022 – Present

Research Officer, Broadband Access Initiative

- Research lead on federal, state, and local policies related to broadband expansion and affordability
- Deliver insights on effective broadband deployment strategies to public officials, non-profits, and practitioners throughout the US

Axle Box Innovations: College Station & Austin, TX

January 2020 – October 2022

Director of Research and Policy

- Competitive analysis and social media data analytics for emerging technologies in the first responder and defense technology markets
- Policy research and analysis, focused on state and local governments

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service: College Station, TX

October 2010 – November 2022

Research Assistant and Project Specialist

- Policy research & analysis related to first-responder technologies. Worked with new firms in navigating regulatory burdens and market conditions for selected products

- Economic development research for the Knowledge Engineering division of TEEX. Worked with municipal governments in Texas in creating strategic plans for local communities