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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 2023 - present

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, Florida State University, 2020

M.A., Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2013

B.A., Political Science, University of Central Florida, 2011

Research

Books

Macdonald, David. 2026. *Labor Unions and American Mass Politics*. State University of New York Press.
- https://sunypress.edu/Books/L/Labor-Unions-and-American-Mass-Politics

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Macdonald, David. 2026. "Party Control and American Statehouse Democracy." *The Journal of Politics*. First View: https://doi.org/10.1086/739057.

Macdonald, David. 2026. "Core Political Values and Partisan Attitude Change." *Political Research Quarterly* 79(3): 964-977.

Macdonald, David. 2026. "The Political Consequences of Public Attitudes Toward 'Legal' vs. 'Illegal' Immigrants." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 14(1): 147-165.

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Why Do Some Union Members Vote Republican? The Role of Workplace Political Discussion." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 89(3): 784-811.

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Student Loan Debt and Participation in American National Elections." *Political Research Quarterly* 78(3): 928-941.

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Labor Union Membership and Women's Political Ambition: Evidence From the United States." *Politics & Gender* 21(2): 220-245.

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Trust in Government and American Public Opinion Toward Foreign Aid." *Political Science Research and Methods* 13(2): 245-263.

Macdonald, David. 2024. "White Racial Identity and Preferences for (Non) White Immigrants in the United States." *American Politics Research* 52(6): 677-688.

Macdonald, David. 2024. "Political Trust and American Public Support for Free Trade." *Political Behavior* 46(2): 1037-1055.

Macdonald, David. 2023. “Public Attitudes Toward Organized Labor." *Social Science Quarterly* 104(4): 581-590.

Macdonald, David. 2023. “Core Values and Priming Effects in Electoral Campaigns." *Political Psychology* 44(3): 515-530.

Macdonald, David, and Teresa Cornacchione. 2023. “Political Trust and Support for Immigration in the European Mass Public." *Political Behavior* 45(2): 491-510.

Macdonald, David. 2022. “The Authoritarian Predisposition and American Public Support for Social Security." *Political Research Quarterly* 75(3): 918-929.

Macdonald, David. 2021. “Political Trust and Support for Immigration in the American Mass Public." *British Journal of Political Science* 51(4): 1402-1420.

Macdonald, David. 2021. “Labor Unions and White Democratic Partisanship." *Political Behavior* 43(2): 859-879.

Macdonald, David. 2021. “When Does Inequality Demobilize? New Evidence from the American States." *Electoral Studies* 70: 102282.

Macdonald, David. 2021. “Immigration Attitudes and White Americans’ Responsiveness to Rising Income Inequality." *American Politics Research* 49(2): 132-142.

Macdonald, David. 2021. “How Labor Unions Increase Political Knowledge: Evidence from the United States." *Political Behavior* 43(1): 1-24.

Macdonald, David. 2020. “Trust in Government and the American Public’s Responsiveness to Rising Inequality." *Political Research Quarterly* 73(4): 790-804.

Macdonald, David. 2020. “Class Attitudes, Political Knowledge, and Support for Redistribution in an Era of Inequality." *Social Science Quarterly* 101(2): 960-977.

Macdonald, David. 2019. “Labor Unions and Support for Redistribution in an Era of Inequality." *Social Science Quarterly* 100(4): 1197-1214.

Dissertation

Income Inequality and Mass Support for Redistribution

- Committee: Brad T. Gomez (chair), Robert A. Jackson, Matthew T. Pietryka

Courses Taught

University of Florida

Politics and Public Opinion (undergraduate)

Research Methods in Political Science (undergraduate)

Conduct of Inquiry (graduate)

Seminar in Political Behavior (graduate)

Honors and Awards

Askew-Haskell Faculty Mentor Scholarship ($1,000)

- Bob Graham Center for Public Service
- Awarded Spring 2025

Book Publication Subvention Grant in the Humanities ($1,000)

- UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences & The Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere
- Awarded Fall 2024

University Service

Department Roles

Graduate Placement and Professionalization Coordinator, Fall 2026 - present

Research Series in Politics Coordinator, Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Ph.D. Committees

Dissertation Co-Chair

- Jacob Caldwell (successfully defended, Summer 2025)

M.A. Committees

Thesis Committee Member

- Nicholas Andrews (successfully defended, Spring 2026)
- Alesandro Cafferata (successfully defended, Spring 2026)
- Brett Carnival (successfully defended, Spring 2026)
- Marcus Khanna (successfully defended, Spring 2026)
- Elie Literski (successfully defended, Spring 2026)
- Cody Snelgrove (successfully defended, Spring 2026)
- Jeffrey Glibowski (successfully defended, Fall 2025)
- Alexis Alvis (successfully defended, Spring 2025)
- Ashley Mason (successfully defended, Spring 2025)
- Corbin Verschaeve (successfully defended, Spring 2025)
- Zachary Winograd (successfully defended, Spring 2025)
- Kepra Young (successfully defended, Spring 2025)

Undergraduate Research

Honors Thesis Advisor

- Ananya Balaji (completed with highest honors, Spring 2026)
- Pristine Thai (completed with high honors, Spring 2026)
- Kaylynn Nguyen (completed with highest honors, Spring 2025)
- Valentina Rosa (completed with high honors, Spring 2025)

Professional Conferences

American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Presenter and discussant at annual conference (2024)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- Presenter and discussant at annual conference (2018, 2024)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)
- Presenter and discussant at annual conference (2018, 2019, 2024, 2026)

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer for the following journals (listed alphabetically)

American Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Review

American Politics Research

British Journal of Political Science

Democratization

Electoral Studies

European Journal of Political Research

ILR Review

International Interactions

International Journal of Public Opinion Research

Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties

Journal of European Public Policy

Journal of Politics

Labor Studies Journal

Perspectives on Politics

Policy Studies Journal

Political Behavior

Political Research Quarterly

Political Studies

Politics & Gender

Politics, Groups, and Identities

Public Opinion Quarterly

Research & Politics

Social Problems

Social Science Quarterly

Reviewer for the following book presses (listed alphabetically)

Columbia University Press

- Book manuscript reviewed (Summer 2026)

Select Public Media

https://courthousenews.com/if-the-democrats-win-whats-next/

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/aug/14/oliver-larkin-democratic-socialist-florida-congress

https://www.sun-sentinel.com/2025/09/21/florida-doge-starts-attacking-bloated-government-budgets-whos-next-in-the-state/

https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/are-lefties-more-creative-july-7-2025/id1168275879?i=1000716294692

https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/4889479-florida-desantis-investigation-trump-attempt/

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2024/08/14/florida-abortion-amendment-poll/74766606007/

https://www.orlandosentinel.com/2024/07/26/kamala-harris-coconut-tree-and-brat-status-engage-young-people-but-will-they-vote/

https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2024/07/the-teamsters-boss-is-courting-trump-despite-his-anti-labor-record/

https://www.courthousenews.com/many-trump-voters-back-senate-democrats-making-the-chamber-a-toss-up-in-the-fall/

Skills

Stata, LaTeX, Qualtrics

References

Available upon request

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