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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

Labor Unions and American Mass Politics

- Accepted for publication and forthcoming with SUNY Press (April, 2026)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Why Do Some Union Members Vote Republican? The Role of Workplace Political Discussion." Forthcoming in *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Macdonald, David. 2025. "The Political Consequences of Public Attitudes Toward 'Legal' vs. 'Illegal' Immigrants." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. First View: <https://doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2025.2481559>.

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Student Loan Debt and Participation in American National Elections." *Political Research Quarterly*. First View: <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129251331004>.

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

- Macdonald, David. 2023. "Core Values and Priming Effects in Electoral Campaigns." *Political Psychology* 44(3): 515-530.
- Macdonald, David. 2022. "The Authoritarian Predisposition and American Public Support for Social Security." *Political Research Quarterly* 75(3): 918-929.
- 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. "Labor Unions and White Democratic Partisanship." *Political Behavior* 43(2): 859-879.
- 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. "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 Gomez (chair), Robert Jackson, Matthew 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

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

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

- Bob Graham Center for Public Service
- Awarded Spring 2025

University Service

Ph.D. Committees

Dissertation Co-Chair

- Jake Caldwell (successfully defended, Summer 2025)

M.A. Committees

Thesis Committee Member

- 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, in progress during the 2025-2026 academic year)
- (Pristine Thai, in progress during the 2025-2026 academic year)
- Kaylynn Nguyen (completed with highest honors, Spring 2025)
- Valentina Rosa (completed with high honors, Spring 2025)

Professional Conferences

American Political Science Association (APSA)

- Annual Conference (2024)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

- Annual Conference (2018, 2024)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

- Annual Conference (2018, 2019, 2024)

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* • *International Interactions* • *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* • *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* • *Journal of Politics* • *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*

Select Public Media

<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/>

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<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, R, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

References

Available upon request

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