

# David Macdonald

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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*. SUNY Press.

- <https://sunypress.edu/Books/L/Labor-Unions-and-American-Mass-Politics>.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Macdonald, David. 2025. "Party Control and American Statehouse Democracy." *The Journal of Politics*. First View: <https://doi.org/10.1086/739057>.

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

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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, 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 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

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

- Nicholas Andrews (defense scheduled for Spring 2026)
- Alesandro Cafferata (defense scheduled for Spring 2026)
- Elie Literski (defense scheduled for Spring 2026)
- Jeff 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 (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, 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 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://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, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Qualtrics

### References

Available upon request

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