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ACADEMIC CAREER

Senior Lecturer University of Central Florida, SPSIA.

Associate Lecturer University of Central Florida, Political Science.

Lecturer University of Central Florida, Political Science.

Lecturer Iowa State University, Political Science.

EDUCATION

Political Science Ph.D. University of Texas at Dallas

Government and Politics B.A. Magna Cum Laude University of Texas at Dallas

PEER REVIEWED AND INVITED PUBLICATIONS

“Voting with their Dollars: Partisan Remittances of United States Emigrants” with R. Urbatsch. **Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies**. January 2025.

“How Populist Parties Survive Mainstreaming Once in Power”, in “**Capire il populismo**” (**Understanding Populism**) Edited by Mattia Zulianello and Petra Guasti; UTET-Universita, Mondadori Publishers, Torino, Italy, October 2024.

“Who Votes for Populist Presidential Candidates? Differential Support among US-based Latin American Diaspora” with Konstantin Ash. **Political Geography**, October 2024.

“Is Populism Popular Abroad? Evidence from Diasporas Around the Globe” with R. Urbatsch, **Party Politics**, 2023.

“Aversion to Far-Left Parties among Europeans Voting Abroad” with R. Urbatsch. **Comparative European Politics**, 2021.

“Emigrants vs. Rural Politics: Cosmopolitan Outlooks and Electoral Opposition to Agrarian Parties” with R. Urbatsch. **Journal of Rural Studies**, 2020.

"Go means Green: Diasporas' affinity for Ecological Groups" with R. Urbatsch. ***Global Environmental Politics***, 2020.

"European Ruling Parties' Electoral Strategies and Diaspora Enfranchisement Policies" with R. Urbatsch. ***European Journal of Political Research***, 2020.

"Reactive Limits to Diaspora Enfranchisement Policies: A Conceptual Categorization". ***Diaspora Studies***, 2018.

"Diffusion of Diaspora Enfranchisement Practices: A Multinational Study" with R. Urbatsch. ***Comparative Political Studies***, 2015.

OTHER RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

"Cittadini Oltre Confine: Storia, opinione e rappresentanza degli italiani all'estero" Book Review: Italian American Review. April 2025.

"Transnational Repression in the Age of Migration" Book Review: Democratization. January 2025.

"How Populist Parties Survive Mainstreaming Once in Power", ***The Loop***, European Consortium for Political Research Political Science Blog, Invited Contribution, July 2023.

PUBLICATIONS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW:

"Electorate by Design? Explaining the Effects of (Transnational) Electoral Engineering on Voter Turnout with Sebastián Umpierrez de Reguero.

"Who Cares for Women Refugees? A Novel BDPA+25 Measure of Country Level Commitment" with Grace Bennett.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

"Do Populists Close Borders? An Analysis from the Schengen Area" presented at APSA 2024. Single authorship.

"Big Brother at the Border: EU Securitization Efforts and AI- Driven Privacy Offenses" presented at APSA 2024. Single authorship.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Turcu, Anca. 2024. "The EU Artificial Intelligence Act and 'Smart Borders Management' as Curricular Enrichment to an Immigration Policy Class at the University of Central Florida". Florida International University Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence: Curricular Enrichment Award. \$1500 Status: Not Granted.

Turcu, Anca. 2024. "AI Ex Machina: The EU Artificial Intelligence Act and "Smart Borders Management" in the Schengen Free Movement Area". Florida International University Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence: Research Award. \$1500 Status: Not Granted.

Turcu, Anca. 2021. University of Central Florida: Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning **Summer Faculty Development Conference.**
Award: \$500. Status: Granted.

Turcu, Anca. 2021. "Migration Policy, Security and Climate Change in the EU Context" Florida International University Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence: **Curriculum Development Award. \$1500.**
Status: Not Granted.

Turcu, Anca. 2020. University of Central Florida: Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning **Winter Faculty Development Conference.**
Award: \$500. Status: Granted.

Turcu, Anca. 2020. University of Central Florida: Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning **Summer Faculty Development Conference.**
Award: \$500. Status: Granted.

Turcu, Anca. 2017. " The European Union and Mass Emigration from Its Newest Member States". Florida International University Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence: Research Award. **\$750 Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca (co-PI), R. Urbatsch (co-PI), Elizabeth Ilams Wellman (PI) and several other co-PIs. 2017. "Diaspora Voting Around the World: A Collaborative Data Initiative". **International Studies Association Venture Research Grant. \$6000 Status: Not granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2016-2017. Competitive Professional Development Leave.

Turcu, Anca. 2016. University of Central Florida Center for Faculty Excellence **Teaching Incentive Program (TIP) Award. \$5000 Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2016. Travel Grant for Conference Presentations: Office of Research and Commercialization, University of Central Florida: **\$320. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2016-2017 Fieldwork, Interviews and Archival Work Abroad: Bucharest and Brasov, Romania. Facilitated in part by **UCF Professional Development Leave.** Allowed initial steps towards an **original dataset** on diaspora voting.

Turcu, Anca and Joanna Mishtal. 2016. "Health Care Policy in the European Union: The Migration of Health Professionals from Eastern Europe and its Implication for Health Provision". University of Central Florida Office of International Affairs and Global Strategies. In House Grant Award for **Faculty-led Study Abroad: \$5000. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2016. "One Promise, Two Promised Lands: The United States and the European Union in the New Age of Global Migration". Florida International University Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence: **Curriculum Development Award. \$2000. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2015. University of Central Florida: "Faculty Success & Innovations in Engaged Learning: New Approaches to Internationalizing the Curriculum". Summer Faculty Development Conference. Award: **\$800. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2015. Travel Grant for Conference Presentation: Office of Research and Commercialization, University of Central Florida: **\$400. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2014. "The Age of New Media: Enhancing Students' Use of Reliable New Media and Research Resources for International Relations, Comparative Politics and Public Policy Courses." University of Central Florida: **Summer Faculty Development Conference. Award: \$800. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2013. "A Study of Balancing Life and Work in Dual Career Families". University of Central Florida Center for **Success of Women Faculty Fellowship. \$1500. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2013. "The European Union's Transformative Power in Eastern Europe: Democratization, Rights, Institutions and Political Culture" Florida International University Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence: **Curriculum Development Award. \$4000. Granted.**

Turcu, Anca, and Daniel Marien. 2011. "Politics and Society in Hard Times" --**Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar** proposal, Burnett Honors College, University of Central Florida. **\$7,000. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca. 2010. **Principal Investigator:** "Winning Seats Without Gaining Power: Weak Parliaments, Political Strategies and Women MPs in Emerging Democracies". Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics. **\$1,000. Status: Granted.**

Turcu, Anca, Richard Mansbach, James McCormick and Ellen Pirro. 2010. "Institutional Transition and Regional Linkages: Educational Reform in Romania and Moldova" University of Delaware's Title VIII Research Program. \$20,000. **Status:** Not Granted.

Research: Involvement in the Profession

Research Conference Panel Organizer:

Diaspora Voting Rights Panel Proposal (with Dr. Elizabeth Wellman)—Successful: Brought together six authors who presented their work on diaspora voting. MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2016

Research Conference Panel Discussant:

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems, Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA January 2024

The Online Communication Strategies of Political Elites and Interest Groups, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, April 2023

Diaspora Politics, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, April 2023

Party Dynamics from Around the World (panel sponsored by the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties,) Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023

Cryptocurrencies and Cybersecurity, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023

Ethics and Intentions of Democracy and Voting, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, April 2021

Human Rights and US Border Policy, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, April 2021

Parties' Strategies: Electoral and Institutional, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, January 2021

The Political Mobilization of Transnational Voters, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2018

Election Rules, Party Rules and Descriptive Representation Panel, MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2016

Identity and Institutions Panel, MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2015

Exploitation, Gender and Violence panel, MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2011

Research Conference Panel Chair:

Comparative Political Behavior and Electoral Systems, Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA January 2024

The Online Communication Strategies of Political Elites and Interest Groups, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, April 2023

Human Rights and US Border Policy, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, April 2021

Using Novel Data to Examine Dynamic Effects in Media and Politics Research, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan Puerto Rico, January 2020

Innovative Approaches to Teaching International and Comparative Politics, MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015

Democracy in Presidential and Semi-Presidential Systems panel, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, March, 2014

Religion and Politics panel, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2009

Invited Academic Journal Reviewer

Acta Politica
American Political Science Review
Citizenship Studies
Comparative Migration Studies
Comparative Political Studies
Democratization
Diaspora Studies
European Political Science Review
European Journal of Political Research
Electoral Studies
International Migration
International Migration Review
International Studies Quarterly
Journal of Comparative Politics
Journal of Comparative Political Studies
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Journal of International Development
Journal of Information Technology and Politics
Journal of International Development
Journal of Legislative Studies
Journal of Politics
Journal of Political Science Education
Journal of Social Science Research
Migration Studies
Nationalities
Politics
Representation
Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism
Political Behavior
University of Central Florida's Undergraduate Research Journal
Women's Studies International Forum

SELECTED RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS **National and International**

Turcu Anca. "Who Votes for Populist Presidential Candidates? Differential Support among US-based Latin American Diaspora", APSA, Philadelphia, PA, 2024. Co-authored with Konstantin Ash.

Turcu Anca. "Do Populists Close Borders? An Analysis from the Schengen Area" APSA, Philadelphia, PA, 2024. Single authorship.

Turcu Anca. “Big Brother at the Border: EU Securitization Efforts and AI-Driven Privacy Offenses” APSA, Philadelphia, PA, 2024. Single authorship.

Turcu Anca. “Latin American Diasporas' Support for Populist presidents” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2024. Co-authored with Konstantin Ash.

Turcu, Anca. “Global Cryptocurrency Regulations: Factors Shaping States’ Legislative Preferences” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, online, April 2023.

Turcu, Anca. “No Longer Second Order? Diaspora Voters’ Turnout in European Parliament Elections” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, online, April 2023.

Turcu, Anca. “Controversial Technological Advances and Authoritarian Resilience: Evidence from Countries Facing Western Sanctions” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023.

Turcu, Anca. “No Longer Second Order: How Diaspora voters Shaped the 2019 European Parliament Elections” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023.

Turcu, Anca. “American Party Politics: Organizational Asymmetry and Raising Stakes in the Competition for Votes Cast Abroad”. State of the Parties Virtual Conference, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, University of Akron, November 2021.

Turcu, Anca. “Diasporas and Democratic Backsliding: Do Voters Abroad Punish Parties Promoting Illiberal Agendas?” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, online, April 2021.

Turcu, Anca. “Best Practices for Online Teaching: Technology Tools for Student Engagement & Attention” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, online, April 2021.

Turcu, Anca. “Diversity and the Immigration Policy Classroom” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, online, April 2021.

Turcu Anca. “Winning the Diaspora: Parties’ Strategies for Elections Abroad”. Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, online, January 2021.

Turcu Anca. "Diaspora Representation in National Legislatures: Institutional Inclusivity or Deliberate Malapportionment?" Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020.

Turcu Anca. "Differences in Domestic-Diaspora Electoral Choices and their Causes". Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2018. Individual presentation. Co-authored with R. Urbatsch.

Turcu, Anca. "Organizational and Electoral Constraints: The European Left and National Burqa Bans." Paper presented at the International Conference on Politics, Athens, Greece, June 2016. Co-authored with Barbara Kinsey.

Turcu, Anca. "Limits to Diaspora Enfranchisement: A New Typology". Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Turcu, Anca. "Reactive Limits: Categories, Causes and Cases". Paper presented at the French Political Science Association annual meeting, Aix-en-Provence, France, June 2015.

Turcu, Anca. "Democratic Norm Diffusion and Deceptive Signaling in Diaspora Enfranchisement Practices". Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

Turcu, Anca. "Diffusion of Diaspora Enfranchisement Practices: A Multinational Study". UCF Department of Political Science brown bag lunch research presentation series, Orlando, FL, October 2014.

Turcu, Anca. "Development, Democratic Stability and Foreign Intervention in Semi-Presidential Republics." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, March 2014.

Turcu, Anca. "Parties of the Left and the Burqa Ban: An Organizational Competition Model." Paper presented at the International Conference of Europeanists, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 2013. Co-presented and co-authored with Barbara Kinsey.

Turcu, Anca. "Gendered Quotas' Impact on Women's Substantive Representation: A Comparative Study of Established and New Democracies." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

Turcu, Anca. "Diaspora Voting Rights in the Context of Global Economic Crisis." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2013. Individual presentation. Co-authored with R. Urbatsch.

Turcu, Anca. "Parties of the Left and the Burqa Ban: An Electoral Competition Model." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2013. Individual presentation. Co-authored with Barbara Kinsey.

Turcu, Anca. "Pamphlets of the Great Recession: Stories of Crises and Nationhood in the United States and Italy." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2013. Individual presentation. Co-authored with Daniel Marien.

Turcu, Anca. "Who Is Afraid of External Voting? A Comparative Analysis of Diaspora Voting Restrictions". Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2012.

Turcu, Anca. "Laws or Guidelines? National Gendered Asylum Policies in Ten Countries". Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2012.

Turcu, Anca. "Winning Seats Without Gaining Power: Weak Parliaments, Political Strategies and Women MPs in Emerging Democracies". Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

Turcu, Anca. "Deadwood' or 'Drift-wood'? Voter Turnout in Romania: the Myth of the Vanishing Voter and the Reality of the Disenfranchised Electorate". Poster presented at the MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

Turcu, Anca. "Globalization, Ethnic Class Subordination and the Future of Ethnic Conflict". Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010.

Turcu, Anca. "Multilevel Governance and Minority Rights in the EU: Interactions among Supranational Institutions, Kin States and Host States". Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2009.

Turcu, Anca. "Institutional Performance, Legitimacy and the Destiny of the Nation State within the EU: an East- West European Comparison".

Presented at the American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2006.

Turcu, Anca. "Third Party Intervention in Ethnic Rights Negotiations: A Comparative East-West European Analysis". Paper presented at the Southwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, April 2006 and the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2006

Turcu, Anca. "Elites, Ethnic Minorities and European Integration: The Case of the Hungarian Minority in Romania". Paper presented at the European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, Budapest, Hungary, September 8-11, 2005

Turcu, Anca. "Public Support for European Integration". Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 1-4 September 2005. Co-authored with Carole Wilson.

Turcu, Anca. "Ethnic Minorities and Democratization: A Case Study of the Hungarian Minority in Romania". Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX, 2004.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH MENTOR

Research Mentor for Hailey Donahue: "The Appropriation of Isolationist Rhetoric by Populist Politicians", research presentation at the 32nd Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science 2025, May 2025

Research Mentor for Hailey Donahue: "The Appropriation of Isolationist Rhetoric by Populist Politicians", research poster presented at the UCF Student Scholar Symposium, March 2025

Research Mentor for Hailey Donahue: "The Appropriation of Isolationist Rhetoric by Populist ", research poster presented at the UCF Honors College Research Showcase, Family Weekend, September, 2024

Research Mentor for Grace Bennett: Co-authored paper currently under review for publication "Who Cares for Women Refugees? A Novel BDPA+25 Measure of Country Level Commitment, April 2025

Research Mentor for Tyler Rapisarda: “Populism, Migration and Security in Comparative Perspective”, research poster presented at the UCF Student Scholar Symposium, March 2025

Research Mentor for Zachary Levinson with Dr. Barbara Kinsey “The Burqa Ban and Parties of the Left: Organizational and Electoral Constraints” paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Saint Pete Beach, Florida, January 2023

Research/ Publication Mentor for Rose Mahdavi: “Governments’ Adoption of Native Crypto Currency: A Case Study Analysis of Iran, Venezuela and Russia”. **American Journal for Undergraduate Research (AJUR)**. Revise and resubmit received December 2021. Published June 2022.

Research/ Publication Mentor for Lauren Wilson-Faix: “The Circle Game: Family Authority Structures, Political Partisanship and Endogeneity in Gender”. For submission with **The Pegasus Review (UCF)**, 2020-2021.

Research Mentor for Mohamedameen Osman: “Antiziganism and the Rise in Electoral Success for Right Wing Authoritarianism in Central and Eastern Europe.” **Winner of the Judges’ Choice Distinction** at the 2022 UCF Student Scholar Symposium

Research Mentor for Burnett Honors College Research Match Week: Two undergraduate students recruited to assist with my research on US diaspora voting patterns, Fall 2021.

UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE RESEARCH THESES

Selected MA Theses, Independent Studies and Honors Theses

Chair: PhD Committee for John Akoeda: “Diaspora Enfranchisement in Ghana”. Spring 2025-present

Committee Member: Master’s of the Arts Non-Thesis Committee for Anders Choez. “Contract Intensity as a Cross-national Correlate of Inflation”.2025. Successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee for Karla Luzardo “American Identity Beyond Borders and Bias”. 2024-2025. Successfully defended.

Chair: Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee for Tyler Rapisarda: “Populism, Migration and Security in Comparative Perspective”. Fall 2023-Fall 2024. Successfully defended.

Chair: Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee for Hailey Donahue: “The Appropriation of Isolationist Rhetoric by Populist Politicians”. Spring 2024-Fall 2024. Successfully defended.

Chair: Master’s of the Arts Non-Thesis Committee for Noura Abou Hamze. “Border Management and Immigration Policies When Populists Are in Power: A Comparative Analysis of Italy and Greece.” Spring 2024. Successfully defended.

Committee Member: Master’s of the Arts Committee for Divya Kapoor. “Girl Child Marriage and Governing Party Ideology- Evidence from India”. 2024. Successfully defended.

Chair: Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee for Grace Bennett: “Intent, Content and State-Specific Circumstances 25 Years Later: A Comparative Analysis of Contemporary Protections for Women Refugees among Beijing Declaration Signatory Countries”. Fall 2023-Spring 2024. Successfully defended.

Committee Member: Master’s of the Arts Committee for Joshua Stiekman: “Assessing the Connection Between Social Media and Ideological Extremism”. Fall 2022- Spring 2024. Successfully defended.

Committee Member: Master’s of the Arts Committee for May Ali. “Factors Influencing Varied Treatment of Refugees Across Nations”. Fall 2023. Successfully defended.

Chair: Honors Undergraduate Thesis Committee for Mohamedameen Osman: “Minority Rights in the Era of Mass Migration”. Summer and Fall 2021.

Committee Member: Master’s of the Arts Committee for Alex Aders: “Immigration and the French Far Right”. Summer 2020- Summer 2021. Status: successfully defended.

Independent Research: Lauren Wilson-Faix: “**Family Authority Structure and Political Partisanship**”. Fall 2020.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Calissa Jones: “Systemic Oppression of Minority Women’s Abortion Rights in the Southeast Region”. Fall 2020-Spring 2021. Status: not defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Nina Neto: "An Application of Economic Norms Theory to Brazilian Corruption". Fall 2020-Spring 2021. Status: successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Bryan Cruz: "Mas Que Cubano: Linked Fate and Transnational Ties among Cuban Immigrant Generations". Fall 2020. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Lauren Wilson: "The New King Makers: European Parties, Anti-Immigration Legislation - and the MENA Migration Crisis". Spring 2018- Spring 2019. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Rose Mahadavieh: "Governments' Adoption of Native Cryptocurrency: A Case Study of Iran, Venezuela and Russia". Fall 2018- Spring 2019. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Tyler Howell: "On the Russification of Conflict Regions". Spring 2018- Fall 2018. Status: not defended.

Committee Member: Master's of the Arts Non-Thesis Committee Charles Strickhouser: "Personal Freedom and the Shadow Economy". Fall 2018. Status: successful.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Sydney Winchester: "Examining the Legality of the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center". Fall 2016. Status: successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Natalie Ramos: "From Liberal to Restrictive: Asylum Policy Change in Germany". Fall 2016. Status: successfully defended

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Gabriela Wolk: "Is the Doctor in? The Effects of Emigration on the Health Care Systems in Poland and Romania". Fall 2015- Spring 2016. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Luis Diego Campos Rubi: "The Bismarck Model: Provisions for Mental Health--A study of German and Japanese Political Evolution & Implementation". Fall 2015- Spring 2016. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Devyani Mehta: "The Lesser of Many Evils: A Comparative Analysis of Terrorist Groups' Motivations,

Strategies and Outcomes". Fall 2015- Spring 2016. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Erika Martinez: "Globalization and the 'Fourth Wave': Contemporary International Terrorism in a Comparative Historical Perspective". Fall 2015- Spring 2016. Status: successfully defended.

Independent Study: Feena Qazi Abbati, Fall 2016: "Sweden, Germany and Hungary: How are they Handling the Current Refugee Crisis?"

Independent Study: Tyler Yeargain, Fall 2015: "Minority Parties: The Availability and Consequences of Extraterritorial Citizenship for Hungarian and Romanian Ethnic Minorities"

Independent Study: Kayla Mayer, Fall 2015: "Poverty Creates Policy: A Comparative Analysis of Food Deserts in Developed Nations"

Independent Study: Erika Martinez, Summer 2015: "The Roots and Results of Middle Eastern Sectarianism"

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Gabriela Wolk: "The Repressive Role of Technology in American and British Dystopian Novels of the Cold War". Fall 2014- Spring 2015. Status: successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Tyler Yeargain: "Blurred (County) Lines: A Comprehensive Analysis of Voting Patterns in Florida at the County-Level from 1952 to 2012". Spring –Fall 2014. Status: successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Amelia Klug: "Investing in an Interconnected Workforce: Global Education Reform". Spring –Fall 2014. Status: successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Sara Gomez: "Women and Politics in Latin America". Spring 2014- Fall 2014. Status: not defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Hanady Nabout: "Women's Leadership and Conflict Prevention in the Middle East". Spring-Summer 2014. Status: successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Christopher Szczerba: "Issues in Effective Policymaking in the Prevention of International Human Trafficking". Summer 2013- Spring 2014. Successfully defended.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Tiffany Hsieh: "The Role and Effectiveness of Nongovernmental Organizations in Influencing States' Response during Humanitarian Crises". Summer 2013- Spring 2014.

Committee Member: Honors in the Major Committee for Tyler Black: "The Rise of the Nationalists in Britain: Radical Movements, Policies and Social Attitudes in Dealing with Immigration". Spring 2012-Spring 2013. Status: Successfully defended.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Elizabeth Moore: "Alternative Electrification for Rural Households: Technologies and Implementation of Off-Grid Electrification in Rural Andean Areas". 2012- Summer 2013.

Chair: Honors in the Major Committee for Nicholas Corvino: "Immigration Policy in Times of Crisis: A Comparative Outlook". Fall 2011- Fall 2012. Status: successfully defended.

Professional Achievements, Graduate and Law School Admissions of Selected Mentees

AmeriCorps Public Ally Program; St. Andrew's University;
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor: Rackham Masters Award;
Emory University: Woodruff Fellowship;
Boston University, University of Virginia, UC Berkeley, Penn State,
American University, University of Pittsburgh, Texas A&M, George Mason,
Syracuse, Lancaster University UK, University of Florida and University of Central Florida.

TEACHING PORTFOLIO

The Politics of Artificial Intelligence in Comparative Perspective
Global Security in the Age of Migration (Original Graduate Seminar)
Comparative Politics (Graduate Seminar)
Comparative Politics- Undergraduate (Designated UCF High Impact Global Learning Course)
Politics of Western Europe
Politics of Eastern Europe (Designated UCF High Quality Course)
Politics of the European Union
Politics of the Middle East
Politics of Developing Areas (Latin America, Africa, Asia)
Immigration Policy (Designated UCF High Quality Course)
Politics and Society in Hard Times-Honors Seminar

EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TEACHING

UCF AI Day: Strategies for the Classroom and Beyond. April 2025.

UCF AI in the classroom workshop co-hosted by FCTL and CDL/FMC. February 2024.

UCF Supporting Black Women College Students. Roundtable. Summer 2022.

UCF Global Learning High Impact Course Designation for CPO 3103: Comparative Politics. Fall 2021.

UCF Center for Distributed Learning Quality Online Course Designation INR 4074: Immigration Policy. Spring 2021

UCF Center for Distributed Learning Quality Online Course Designation CPO 3614: Politics of Eastern Europe. Spring 2021

UCF Affordable Instructional Materials (AIM) Course Designation CPO 4101: Politics of the European Union. Spring 2021

UCF Affordable Instructional Materials (AIM) Course Designation INR 4074: Immigration Policy. Spring 2021

UCF FCTL Faculty Teaching Squares Project. Spring 2021, Spring 2023

UCF FCTL “Teaching and Learning Day” Series. Fall 2020-Spring 2021

UCF FCTL “Technology Tuesdays” Series. Fall 2020-Spring 2021

UCF AO2 “Access to Opportunity” Program Training. Spring 2021

UCF Code of Conduct Certification Training. Fall 2020

UCF “Zoom Essentials for Online Teaching” Training. April-May 2020

UCF “Creating and Sustaining Effective Online Discussions” Fall 2015

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service To Students

AI in the Classroom Training: University of Central Florida FCTL and CDL/FMC Showcase and Workshop. February 2024.

Volunteer Faculty Judge University of Central Florida's Annual Amy Zeh Service-Learning Showcase: 2021, 2023

Volunteer Faculty Judge University of Central Florida's Graduate Study-Graduate Workshop 3 Minutes Thesis (3MT) Event: 2020

Volunteer Faculty Judge: University of Central Florida's Annual Graduate Research Forum "Research Week": Spring 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2021, 2024, 2025.

Volunteer Faculty Judge: University of Central Florida's Annual Undergraduate Research Forum: Spring 2023

Volunteer Faculty Judge: Florida- Eastern Europe Linkage Institute Scholarship Program at the University of Central Florida. 2015 -2018.

Faculty Host: Summer Transfer Student Orientation: 2020

Kognito "At-risk" Training for student mental health support, Spring 2020

Faculty Host: MyPoliSci Day, Spring 2018

Pre-semester undergraduate student advising: 2011-present

Undergraduate student advising: Fall 2011- present

Faculty Adviser: "Invisible Children- UCF Chapter": 2011-2015

Service: School of Politics, Security & International Affairs

International and Global Studies Major and Minor Coordinator 2024-present

Undergraduate Committee: August 2010- present

Undergraduate Success, Retention and Awards Committee 2023-present

Study Abroad Committee: August 2012- 2019

Library Liaison: August 2012- present

Rules and Policies Committee: 2016, 2019-2020

Department AESP Committee (Appointed by Dean Johnson) Fall 2016

Chair of Scholarships and Awards Committee: 2017-2019
Scholarship and Awards Committee: 2019-2022
Diversity & Inclusion Committee: 2019-2020
Instructor/Lecturer Promotion Criteria Committee: 2020-present
Instructor/Lecturer Promotion Committee: 2016; 2022
Strategic Planning Committee: 2016-2017
Workload Policy Committee: 2023
Director of Kurdish Studies Center Search Committee: Spring 2024

Service To the University of Central Florida

Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education University Committee. 2023-present

High Impact Practices Course Designation Review Committee- Research Intensive Designation: 2025

High Impact Practices Course Designation Review Committee- Global Learning Designation: 2022- present

COACHE committee on Personal and Family Policies. 2016.

Proposal Leader: Faculty Cluster Hire Initiative, University of Central Florida: "International Migration-- Causes, Processes and Outcomes" 2014- 2015.

Teaching: Service to the Profession

Book Reviews

"Review of Mindful Strategies for Helping College Students Manage Stress." *Journal of Faculty Development* (May 2022).

"Review of Entering Research: A Curriculum to Support Undergraduate and Graduate Research Trainees." *Journal of Political Science Education* (March 2022): 1-3.

"Why the French Hate Headscarves", *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, 16 (1):138-139.2010.

Textbook Reviews

Rowman and Littlefield: Challenges of the Developing World textbook, 10th edition

Routledge: Politics & Culture of the Developing World (multiple editions)

Rowman and Littlefield: Politics of Eastern Europe (multiple editions)

Oxford University Press: Comparative Politics textbooks

Oxford University Press: Politics of the Middle East textbooks
Pearson: Comparative and Middle Eastern Politics textbooks
Wadsworth/ Cengage Learning: Comparative Politics textbooks
SAGE Publications INC: Comparative Politics textbooks
SAGE Publications INC: Study of Politics textbooks
Longman: Comparative Politics and Politics of Eastern Europe textbooks

Author: Supplemental Textbook Materials

Pearson: Comparative Politics textbooks (multiple editions)
Wadsworth/ Cengage Learning: Comparative Politics textbooks
Longman Publishing Group: Comparative Politics textbooks

Author: UCF Faculty Focus Articles

“Ending Women’s Underrepresentation in Academia” UCF ‘Faculty Focus’, April 2017.

“Immigration Policy: Internationalizing the Curriculum” in the University of Central Florida’s ‘Faculty Focus’, October 2015.

Support for The College Board’s Advanced Placement Program

Completed surveys pertaining to AP Comparative Politics and Government Classes, July 2016.

Service To the Community

Media Interview: granted to UCF’s NSM Today: “US Immigration Policies and Family Separation at the Border”, Orlando, FL, 2017

Media Interview: granted to Central Florida Focus: “Immigration Policy Priorities of the Current Presidential Administration, and their Effect on DACA Recipients” 2018.

Invited Presentation to the NU Class of the First United Methodist Church: “Topics in Contemporary Immigration Policy”, Orlando, FL, Fall 2015.

Invited Presentation to the Volusia County League of Women Voters: “Contemporary Immigration Debates: The Unaccompanied Minors Arrivals Crisis”, Port Orange, FL, January 2015.

Invited Op-Ed “Contemporary Immigration Debates: The Unaccompanied Minors Arrivals Crisis” Orlando Sentinel, July 15th, 2014.

Articles published by Contributors.ro, presenting US politics and current events to a Romanian audience (2012-present)

Invited Presentation "Climate and Conflict Refugees in the United States and the European Union". United Nations Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 2010.

Invited Presentation "Democratization Efforts in Afghanistan and the Middle East". October 2009. Iowa State ROTC

Miscellaneous Service, Training and Research Activities

Red Cross CPR Training, UCF Human Resources, 2016.

Interactive Distributed Learning for Technology-Mediated Course Delivery University of Central Florida, (Online Teaching Certification). 2010.

Essex Summer School in Data Collection and Analysis, University of Essex, United Kingdom. 2006.

European Summer Institute on European Expansion, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. 2004.

PAST AND PRESENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Council for European Studies

The European Consortium for Political Research

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southwestern Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Association Francaise de Science Politique

ADDITIONAL COMPETENCIES

German: fluent

(Translator certification granted by the German Government June 1999)

Italian: fluent

French: proficient

Spanish: proficient

Portuguese: basic reading and speaking knowledge

Romanian: native

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Studies Stipend: University of Texas at Dallas, 2003- 2008

The Bill Archer Fellowship: Washington, D.C., January- May 2002

B.A. Magna Cum Laude: University of Texas at Dallas May 2003

The Dean's List: University of Texas at Dallas 2002- 2003

P.E.O. Scholarship: Dallas, TX, Aug. 1999- May 2003

Academic Excellence Scholarship: UT Dallas, August 1999- May 2003

Institute for Humane Studies Scholarship: Princeton, New Jersey, 2001

Collegium V Honors: UT Dallas, January 2000- May 2003

Student Employee of the Year Award: UT Dallas, 2003

The Center for International Policy, Washington D.C.: Assistant for the "Africa Demilitarization Program", 2002

REFERENCES

Available upon request.