

Jonathan Knuckey
Associate Professor of Political Science
University of Central Florida

Education

- 1998 Ph.D., Political Science, University of New Orleans
Concentrations: American political behavior, American political institutions, racial minority politics. Dissertation: *Critical Elections and the Dynamics of Partisan Change in the South* (Chair: Dr. Charles D. Hadley).
- 1992 M.A., U.S. Politics & History, University of Keele (England)
- 1991 B.A., (Honours) Political Theory & Institutions, University of Liverpool (England)

General Areas of Teaching & Research

Southern politics, race, racial attitudes, identity politics, voting behavior, political parties, elections, Florida politics, comparative politics, civic engagement, research methods.

Faculty Positions Held

- 2005-date: Associate Professor (with tenure), University of Central Florida
- 1999-2005: Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida
- 1998-1999: Lecturer, University of New Orleans

Other Positions Held

- 2011-2015: Fellow and Director of Research, Lou Frey Institute for Politics and Government, University of Central Florida
- 2008-2013: Graduate Program Director

Teaching

Courses Taught Since Summer 2018

Undergraduate:

CPO 3103 – Comparative Politics (*Upper level; elective for Political Science; core for International & Global Studies major; web-based*)

Government and politics in selected nations, with emphasis upon comparative analysis of contemporary problems, politics, political culture, behavior, and institutions.

POS 3173 – Southern Politics (*Upper level; elective; face-to-face and web-based*)

Study of southern politics past and present. Emphasis on factors effecting changes in the region and the states, especially the role of race and racism. Southern and national relationship examined.

POS 3703 – Scope & Methods of Political Science (*Upper-level; core; web-based*)

The scope and methodology of political analysis. Extensive examination of the discipline, research design, methodology and data analysis. This class is required all political science majors.

Graduate:

POS 6045 – Seminar on American Politics (*Required, core seminar; face-to-face*)

Overview of the institutions and processes of the American political system, the trend and tendencies of political behavior, and the diverse theoretical understandings of American government in the world of political science. Focus is on understanding and critically evaluating interpretations of the structure and function of our governmental system, including: the three branches of government, elections, political socialization and civic engagement, representation, political parties, and interest mobilization.

POS 6207 – Seminar on Political Behavior (*Elective; face-to-face*)

Overview of current research on American political behavior. Examines topics such as public opinion, and political participation, with particular attention to electoral politics and voting behavior. The antecedents of opinions and participation are analyzed along with the consequences and implications of people's opinions and behavioral patterns. Methods of studying these phenomena are critically assessed

Recent Student Supervision

Ph.D. Committee - External Reader

Stephanie Williams (University of South Florida), “In Defense of the Forgotten Man: The Sustained Legacy of the Southern Strategy on the Post-Reagan Era Presidency (Defender, Spring 2019)

M.A. Thesis Chair

Joshua Stiekman, “Assessing the Connection Between Social Media and Ideological Extremism.” (In progress).

Tiffeni Russo, “Attitudes Toward Transgender Individuals.” (Defended, Spring 2021)

Heidi Beck, “The Effects of Divided Government on Voter Turnout.” (Defended Summer, 2020)

Brittany Shaul, “Political Knowledge and Political Engagement in the United States,” (Defended, Spring, 2019)

M.A. Thesis Committee Member

Craig Wilding, “Mail ballot signature rejections: Household members Signing Each Other’s ballots” (Defended, Fall, 2021). (Defended, Fall, 2021). ***Winner of Outstanding Use of Methods in MA Thesis***

Mia Warshofsky, “The Elderly Voter as Collateral Damage: The Consequences of Voter Restriction on Elderly American Voter Turnout.” (Defended, Fall, 2021).

MA Non-Thesis Option, Capstone Paper

Sean Skillings, “The Relationship between Education and Homicide: A Multi-Country Analysis.” (Defended, Fall 2022)

Rachel Friant, “Gunning for Answers: Administrative Centralization Affecting Gun-Related Deaths and Worsening Factors in the United States.” (Defended, Summer 2020).

Tiago Dovale, “The Price of Terror: Investigating the Impact of Terrorism on Government Social Spending” (Defended, Spring 2020).

Matthew Barrow, “Speech, Security, and the Supreme Court: Modern Redefining of Freedom of Speech.” (Defended, Spring 2019).

Honors Undergraduate Thesis Supervision

Chair

Kate Rumisek, “Leadership Effectiveness and the Politics of Covid-19: A Comparison Between the United States, Brazil and New Zealand.” (In progress).

Dana DeCastro, “The Complicity of the White Working-Class in their Economic Disenfranchisement.” (In progress).

Lyndsey Gonzalez, “The Politics of Police Reform.” (In progress)

Tyler Roderick, “The Effects of the Internet on Political Participation and Polarization.” (Defended, Fall 2022)

Horacio Pla, “Populism’s Historical and Contemporary Manifestations in American Politics.” (Defended, Fall 2021)

Emma Tritton, “The Party Decides, or Does It? An In-Depth Analysis of the 2020 Democratic Primaries and the Party’s Influence.” (Defended, Spring 2020)

Faiza Begani “Political Repression in Modern America, 1960s-2017.” (Defended Summer 2019).

Committee Member

Caitlin Concannon, “Explaining Nikki Fried’s 2018 Victory for Commissioner of Agriculture.” (Defending, Spring 2022)

Abigail Bass, “Examining the Role of Protests in South Korean Democratization.” (Defended, Fall 2021).

Laura Chiu, “Policy success but political failure in the Obama presidency” (Defended, Summer 2020)

Oumaima Jaayfer, “The Welfare State in the Twentieth Century: A Case Study of the Swedish Public Pension System.” (Defended, Spring 2020)

Brittany Wilson “Explaining Support for the 2004 Minimum Wage Amendment.” (Defended, Summer 2019).

Florencia Devesa, “Explaining differences in support for Trump and Rubio in the Florida 2016 general election.” (Defended Summer, 2019).

Independent Studies Supervised

Tiffeni Russo, “Changes in attitudes toward transgender people and policies” (Graduate research, Spring, 2020).

Janice Kinsler, “The role of race and racial attitudes in contemporary southern politics.” (Undergraduate research, Fall 2021)

Recent Teaching Related Workshops

Knuckey, Jonathan, and Aubrey Jewett. 2020. "Revising Research Methods Delivery Without a Textbook." Summer Faculty Development Institute, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Central Florida (Virtual Conference held during Covid-19 pandemic).

Research

Recent Journal Articles

* *Denotes co-authorship with a UCF student*

30. Kim, Myunghee, and **Jonathan Knuckey**. 2021. "Trump and U.S. Soft Power." *Policy Studies* 42 (5-6): 682-698 (IF = 2.103)

29. **Knuckey, Jonathan** and Myunghee Kim. 2020. "The Politics of White Racial Identity and Vote Choice in the 2018 Midterm Elections." *Social Science Quarterly* 101 (4): 1584-1599 (IF = 1.951)

28. **Knuckey, Jonathan** and *Komysha Hassan. 2020. "Authoritarianism and Support for Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election." *Social Science Journal* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sosci.2019.06.008> (IF = 2.421)

27. **Knuckey, Jonathan**. 2018. "I Just Don't Think She Has a Presidential Look: Sexism and Vote Choice in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Social Science Quarterly* 100 (1): 342-358 (IF = 1.951)

26. Kim, Myunghee, Nikola Mirilovic, and **Jonathan Knuckey**. 2018. "Attitudes toward Homosexuality and Perceptions of the United States Abroad." *Social Science Quarterly* 100 (1): 123-139 (IF = 1.951)

25. **Knuckey, Jonathan**. 2017. "The Myth of the 'Two Souths?' Racial Resentment and White Party Identification in the Deep South and Rim South." *Social Science Quarterly* 98 (2): 728-749 (IF = 1.951)

Book Chapters

10. **Knuckey, Jonathan** and Aubrey Jewett. 2021. "Florida: Kingmaker No More?" in Scott Buchanan and Branwell DuBose Kapeluck (eds.) *The 2020 Presidential Election in the South* (Rowman & Littlefield)

9. **Knuckey, Jonathan** and Aubrey Jewett. 2018. "Florida: Old South Electoral Strategy Trumps the Newest Southern Politics," in Branwell DuBose Kapeluck and Scott Buchanan (eds.) *The 2016 Presidential Election in the South* (University of Arkansas Press)

Recent Conference Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

* *Denotes co-authorship with a UCF student*

2023. Knuckey, Jonathan and Adrienne Mathews. "Racial Resentment, Sexism and the 2020 Presidential Election." Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Fort Worth, TX.

2022. **Knuckey, Jonathan** and *Komysha Hassan. “Authoritarianism and the Vote in the 2020 U.S. Election.” Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association San Antonio, TX, January 13th-15th

2021. Jewett, Aubrey, and **Jonathan Knuckey**, “The 2020 Presidential Election in Florida: Miami Dade Hispanics Push Trump to Victory.” Annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, March 27, Virtual Conference.

2020. Kim, Myunghee and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “Global Leadership of the U.S. and China.” Southern Political Science Association meeting, San Juan, PR, January 9-11.

2020. Kim, Myunghee and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “Trump’s Personality and His Leadership Perceptions.” Paper was accepted for presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 17-19, 2020, Chicago, IL (meeting was cancelled).

2019. **Knuckey, Jonathan**, and Myunghee Kim. “The Politics of White Racial Identity and Vote Choice in the 2018 Midterm Elections.” Northeastern Political Science Association meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 7-9.

2019. *Matthews, Adrienne, and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “Race and the 2018 Gubernatorial Election in Georgia.” Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.

2019. Kim, Myunghee and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “Trump and the ‘Model Minority’: Asian American Voting Behavior in 2016.” Annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2019. Kim, Myunghee and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “Racial Prejudice, Sexism and Vote Choice for Trump in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin ,TX.

2019. Kim, Myunghee and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “Racial Prejudice toward Asian Americans and Vote Choice for Trump in the 2016 Election.” Annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec.

2018. *Conkwright, Ethan and **Jonathan Knuckey**. “The 2016 Presidential Election and Partisan Change in Florida.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Orlando, FL.

2018. **Knuckey, Jonathan** and *Komysha Hassan. “Authoritarianism and Support for Trump in the 2016 Election.” Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Orlando, FL.
Winner of Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Conference Paper.

2018. Kim, Myunghee, **Jonathan Knuckey** and *Xiongwei Cao. “Voting Behavior among Asian Americans in the U.S. Presidential Election.” Annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018. **Knuckey, Jonathan.** “Testing the Southern Exceptionalism Hypothesis in the 2016 Election.” Biennial Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC.

2018. **Knuckey, Jonathan.** “I Just Don’t Think She Has a Presidential Look: Sexism and Vote Choice in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election.” Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Service

Service Noted Refers to Service Related to Exclusively to Teaching and Student Success

Department - Graduate Survey Research Certificate Advisor (2021-2022)

Department - UCF Model U.N. Club Advisor (2019-2021)

Department - Pegasus Plan (Low GPA) Advisor (2017-date)

Department - Undergraduate Committee (1999-2002; 2020-date)

Department - MA Student Success Committee (2017-2019)