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## ACADEMIC CAREER

**Senior Lecturer** University of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security and International Affairs, August 2022-present.

**Associate Lecturer** University of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security and International Affairs 2016- 2022.

**Lecturer** University of Central Florida, Political Science 2010-2016.

**Lecturer** Iowa State University, Political Science 2008-2010.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of Texas at Dallas, Political Science 2003-2008.

## EDUCATION

**Political Science Ph.D.** University of Texas at Dallas

**Government and Politics B.A.** University of Texas at Dallas

## RECENT PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Is Populism Popular Abroad? Evidence from Diasporas Around the Globe” with R. Urbatsch, *Party Politics*, April 2022.

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

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

“Go means Green: Diasporas’ affinity for Ecological Groups” with R. Urbatsch. *Global Environmental Politics*, November 2019.

“European Ruling Parties’ Electoral Strategies and Diaspora Enfranchisement Policies” with R. Urbatsch. *European Journal of Political Research*, October 2019.

"Reactive Limits to Diaspora Enfranchisement Policies: A Conceptual

Categorization". *Diaspora Studies*, 11:1 January 2018.

"Diffusion of Diaspora Enfranchisement Practices: A Multinational Study" with R. Urbatsch. *Comparative Political Studies*, 48: 407-437, August 2015.

## **RESEARCH/ INVITED PUBLICATIONS: FORTHCOMING OR CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW**

Book Chapter: "Keeping Friends Close: Soft Power, Smart Power, and the Healing Effects of Cultural Diplomacy When America's Trusted Alliances Face Major Crises." In *'Rhetoric & Politics. Tracking Cultural Diplomacy Through the Ages'* Edited by Pia Carolla, Francesca Gazzano; L'ERMA di Bretschneider Publishers, Rome, Italy. Forthcoming. 2024.

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS**

**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 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.**

## **SELECTED RESEARCH AND TEACHING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS National and International**

**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 and R. Urbatsch.** "Differences in Domestic-Diaspora Electoral Choices and their Causes". Paper presented at the International Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

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

**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 and Barbara Kinsey.** "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.

**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 and R. Urbatsch.** "Diaspora Voting Rights in the Context of Global Economic Crisis." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

**Turcu, Anca and Barbara Kinsey.** "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.

**Turcu, Anca and Daniel Marien.** "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.

**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 and Carole Wilson.** "Public Support for European Integration". Poster presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 1-4 September 2005.

**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.

### **CLASSES TAUGHT**

Comparative Politics (undergraduate and graduate)  
Politics of Western Europe  
Politics of Eastern Europe  
Politics of the European Union  
Politics of the Middle East  
Politics of Developing Areas  
Immigration Policy  
Politics and Society in Hard Times-Honors Seminar

### **EFFORTS TO IMPROVE TEACHING**

**UCF Supporting Black Women College Students.** Roundtable. June 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 Squares Project.** Spring 2021

**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

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH MENTOR**

**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**

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

**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.

**MA Non-Thesis Paper Reader:** 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

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.

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### **Service To Students**

**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: Spring 2011, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2021

**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 To the School of Politics, Security & International Affairs**

Undergraduate Committee: August 2010- 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

### **Service To the University of Central Florida**

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.

Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education University Committee. 2023

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

### **Service To 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:**

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:**

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

### **Academic Journal Reviewer**

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 Review

International Studies Quarterly

Journal of Comparative Politics

Journal of Comparative Political Studies

Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies

Journal of Information Technology and Politics

Journal of Legislative Studies

Journal of Political Science Education

Journal of Social Science Research

Migration Studies

Political Behavior

University of Central Florida's Undergraduate Research Journal

Women's Studies International Forum

### **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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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

**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.