

Alexander L. Jensen
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT

University of Central Florida
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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, School of Politics, Security, & International Affairs
University of Central Florida – Orlando, FL (Fall 2024–present)

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science
Skidmore College – Saratoga Springs, NY (2023–2024)

FELLOWSHIPS

Lab Fellow, American Politics Research Lab
University of Colorado Boulder – Boulder, CO (2019–2024)

Center Fellow, Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment
University of Colorado Boulder – Boulder, CO (2018–2021)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) - Political Science
University of Colorado Boulder – Boulder, CO (2024)
Concentration: American Politics & Quantitative Methodology
Dissertation: “Toxic Masculinity and the Public Square”
Committee: Anand Sokhey (Chair), Jennifer Fitzgerald, Vanessa Baird, Joshua Strayhorn, and
Bridget Barrett

Master of Arts (M.A.) - Political Science
University of Colorado Boulder – Boulder, CO (2020)
Concentration: American Politics & Quantitative Methodology

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) - Political Science
Gustavus Adolphus College – Saint Peter, MN, *Cum Laude* (2018)
Concentration: American Politics & Political Theory
Minor: History (Modern United States)

OTHER POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Online Teaching Certificate, Interactive Distributed Learning (IDL 6543) –
University of Central Florida (Spring 2025)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

American Government and Politics

Public Opinion, Mass Political Behavior, Social Context, Political Psychology

Political Methodology (Quantitative Research Methods)

Experimental Methods, Survey Design and Polling, Interpretive Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

University of Central Florida

The Politics of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Class in the U.S.
(POS 6079; Spring 2025)

Quantitative Methods in Political Research (POS 6746; Fall 2024)

Undergraduate

University of Central Florida

Political Psychology (POS 4206; Fall 2024)

Skidmore College

Gender and American Politics (PL 251; Spring 2024)

Experimental Methods (PL 302; Spring 2024)

Public Opinion Research Methods (PL 371-8; Spring 2024)

Advanced Political Data Analysis (PL 371-2; Fall 2023)

Campaigns and Elections (PL 224; Fall 2023)

Introduction to American Politics (PL 101; Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

University of Colorado Boulder (as Instructor of Record)

Public Opinion and Political Behavior (PSCI 3051; Spring 2023)

U.S. Campaigns and Elections (PSCI 3021; Summer 2023)

University of Colorado Boulder (as Grad. Teaching Assistant)

Introduction to American Politics (PSCI 1101; Fall 2018, 2021, 2022; Spring 2019, 2021, 2022; Summer 2022)

Quantitative Research Methods (PSCI 2075; AY 2019/20)

Survey Design and Analysis (PSCI 3155; Fall 2020)

Religion and Politics (PSCI 4028; Fall 2021)

American Foreign Policy (PSCI 3163; Fall 2022)

STUDENTS ADVISED

Pleasant Ogedengbe, Ph.D. (Security Studies) expected 2025, University of Central Florida, Dissertation Committee Member.

Nathan Becker, Ph.D. (Security Studies) expected 2026, University of Central Florida, Dissertation Committee Member.

Alanna Reynolds, Ph.D. (Security Studies) expected 2026, University of Central Florida, Dissertation Committee Member.

Kassadi Smith, Ph.D. (Security Studies) expected 2027, University of Central Florida, Dissertation Committee Member.

Eddie Bones, M.A. (Political Science) 2025, University of Central Florida, Non-Thesis Second Reader.

Scott Healy, M.A. (Political Science) expected 2025, University of Central Florida, Thesis Committee Member.

Claudette Medina, M.A. (Political Science) expected 2026, University of Central Florida. Won 2024-'25 American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship.

Daniella Basdeo, B.A. (Political Science) expected 2026, University of Central Florida, Honors Undergraduate Thesis Chair.

Ash Delmore, B.A. (Political Science) 2024, Skidmore College, Honors Thesis Committee Member.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Jensen, Alexander, Madeline Mader, Srinivas C. Parinandi, Anand E. Sokhey, and Michael Byrd. 2023. "Federal Slavery Legislation and Voting in U.S. Gubernatorial Elections, 1840-1860." *Journal of Historical Political Economy* 3(2): 161-178.

RESEARCH IN EDITED VOLUMES

Jensen, Alexander. *Forthcoming*. "What Do People Mean When They Talk About 'Toxic Masculinity'?" In *Faith, Sexism, and Justice*. Mary Streufert and Heather Dean, eds. Chicago, IL: Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Gilbert, Christopher P., Joseph M. Cella, **Alexander L. Jensen**. 2017. "Minnesota: The Resurgence of Evangelical Political Strength in 2016." In *God at the Grassroots 2016: The Christian Right in American Politics*. Mark Rozell and Clyde Wilcox, eds. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

Jensen, Alexander. “‘Toxic Masculinity’ and Public Opinion.” Under review at *Public Opinion Quarterly* (as of 5/7/25; JIF=2.9)

Jensen, Alexander, and Anand E. Sokhey. “Understanding Public Reactions to Political Scandals: Results from a Series of Experiments.” Under review at *American Politics Research* (as of 5/7/25; JIF=1.6)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Lee, Myunghee, Charmaine Willis, and Alexander Jensen. “The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend: Threat Perception, Crime, and Support for US Military.” In preparation for submission.

Dolan, Thomas, Alexander Jensen, Kelsey Larsen, Kenecia Wright. “COVID-19, Attributions of Blame, and Support for Casualty Mitigation Policies.” In preparation for submission.

Jensen, Alexander, and Zoe Moss. “A New Term for an Old Concept? The Political Nature of “Toxic” Masculinity.” In preparation for submission.

Jensen, Alexander, Gustavo Venturelli, and Lucas Gutierrez-Arnold. “Ideology and Attitudes Towards Foreign Intervention.” Working paper.

Jensen, Alexander, Claire McGovern, and Alexandra Hanson. “Smiling, Family Women? Depictions of Female Candidates and Their Effects on Public Opinion.” Working paper.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Responsible for collecting \$4,950 for undergraduate experimental research in PL 302: Experiments in Political Science, Skidmore College (March 2024)

Travel to Read Grant - \$1,850, Skidmore College (January 2024)

Graduate School Travel Grant - \$450, University of Colorado Boulder (January 2024)

Political Science Graduate Research Grant (Large Grant) - \$5,000, University of Colorado Boulder (March 2023)

Beverly Sears Graduate Student Research Grant - \$1,000, University of Colorado Boulder (January 2023)

Graduate Student Grant - \$750, Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment at the University of Colorado Boulder (March 2020)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Public Opinion Toward American National Institutions from the Founding to Today.” Presented at the “Nation and Nationhood: The Importance of the Founding Fathers” Symposium, Florida State College (Jacksonville, FL), March 2025.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

“The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend: Threat Perception, Crime, and Support for US Military.” *Upcoming presentation* at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Vancouver, BC, Canada), September 2025.

“Ideology and Attitudes Towards Foreign Intervention.” Presented at the 82nd Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2025.

“Do Resignations Restore Faith in Government?” Presented at the 81st Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2024.

“The Politics of Toxic Masculinity: Towards a New ‘Toxic Masculinity Index’.” Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Los Angeles, CA), September 2023.

“Reconsidering the Effect of Masculinity on Reactions to a Politician’s Infidelity Scandal.” Presented at the 80th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2023.

“Toxic Masculinity in American Politics.” Presented at the November meeting of the American Politics Research Lab at CU Boulder (Boulder, CO), November 2022.

“Media Coverage of U.S. Political Scandals: 2015-2017.” Presented at the 79th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL), April 2022.

“Understanding Public Reactions to Political Scandals: Results from a Series of Experiments.” Presented at the 78th Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference (Chicago, IL - *Virtual*), April 2021.

“Determinants of Vote Choice in the United States.” Presented at the First-Year Poster Presentation. Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder (Boulder, CO), November 2018.

“Making America Great *Again*? A Critique of the Republican Party’s Southern Strategy from Goldwater to Trump.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference (Saint Peter, MN), April 2018.

“It’s a Party on Campus: The Impact of Colleges and Universities in Minnesota Elections.” Presented with Joseph M. Cella at the Celebration of Creative Inquiry, Gustavus Adolphus College (Saint Peter, MN), May 2017.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Teaching Excellence Award, Graduate and Professional Student Government Awards, University of Colorado Boulder (May 2024)

First Place Prize, Qualifying Paper (Master’s Thesis) Awards, University of Colorado Boulder (October 2020)

First Place Prize, Department of Political Science Writing Award, 2016-’17, Gustavus Adolphus College (May 2017)

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha (honor society), Spring 2018

SERVICE

Leader, M.A. Comprehensive Exam, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida (Spring 2025)

Committee Member, Search Committee (Lecturer in American Judicial Politics) – School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida (AY 2024/’25)

Committee Member, Promotion and Tenure Criteria Revision Committee – School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida (AY 2024/’25)

Committee Member, MA Program Committee – School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida (AY 2024/’25)

Session Leader – “Critical Thinking and Philosophy of Science,” Ph.D. Methods Workshop – School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida (Summer 2024)

Co-Organizer, 2nd Meeting of the Front Range American Political Science Association, Boulder, CO (Summer 2023)

Comprehensive Exams Liaison – Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder (AY 2021/’22)

Co-Chair, Mentors of Political Science – Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder (AY 2020/’21)

Expert Judge, Problem-Based Learning Presentations – Northglenn (CO) High School (2020/’22)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Southern Political Science Association (2023-present)

Member, American Political Science Association (2023-present)

Member, Front Range Political Science Association (2022-2024)

Member, Midwestern Political Science Association (2020-present)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.