

# SEAN EWING

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Florida Gulf Coast University**

Assistant Professor of Political Science

*August 2025-present*

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Los Angeles**

Ph.D. in Political Science

Committee: Lynn Vavreck (chair), Daniel Thompson, Chris Tausanovitch, Jeffrey Lewis

*June 2025*

**University of California, Los Angeles**

Masters in Political Science

*2022*

**University of San Diego**

B.A. in Political Science

S.S.T.C in Social Science

*2019*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political Communication, Local News, Presidential Campaigns and Elections, Polarization, State and Local Politics, Political Behavior

## PUBLICATIONS

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Ewing, Sean and Azari, Julia R.. "From the Podium to the Press: Coverage of Kamala Harris's 2024 Convention Address" *The Forum*, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2025-2003>

## RESEARCH

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Profit over Public Good: The Impact of Investment-Ownership on Local News and Political Behavior (Invited to Revise & Resubmit at *Political Communication*)

End of an Era: The Decline of Local Family Ownership of Daily Newspapers (working paper)

Don't Say Gay: Does Anti-Transgender Legislation Lead to an Increase in Gender Identity Motivated Hate Crimes? Joint with Sam Acuña (working paper)

No News Today? The Democratic Costs of Newspapers Scaling Back to Weekly Editions (working paper)

Local News and Affective Polarization: Lessons from a Survey Experiment (working paper)

Does Information About the Health Effects of Anti-Trans Laws Affect Political Attitudes? Joint with Ryan-Baxter King (in progress)

Covering the First Horserace: Media Coverage of the Presidential Nomination Process. Joint with Julia R. Azari (in progress)

Local News and Ballot Rolloff (in progress)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Why does national news polarization viewers? (American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2025)

No News Today: The Democratic Costs of Newspapers Scaling Back to Weekly Editions (Local Journalism Researchers Workshop, Spring 2025)

Profit over Public Good: The Impact of Investment-Ownership on Local News and Political Behavior (American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2024)

End of an Era: The Decline of Local Family Ownership of Daily Newspapers (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2024)

Don't Say Gay: Does Anti-Transgender Legislation Lead to an Increase in Gender Identity Motivated Hate Crimes? with Sam Acuña (Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2024)

Local News and Ballot Rolloff (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2023)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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Graduate Student Research Mentorship (\$6000)	2020
Graduate Research Grant (\$4000)	2020
Summer Mentor Research Fellowship (\$6000)	2021
Political Psychology Fellowship (\$800, \$2000)	2023, 2024
Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee	2024
Rapaport Family Foundation Survey Research Grant (\$15000)	2024
APSA Teaching and Learning Travel Grant (\$250)	2024
Local News Researchers Workshop Travel Grant (\$1000)	2025
APSA Travel Grant, Political Communication Section (\$600)	2025

## TEACHING

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### **Instructor of Record (FGCU)**

American National Government	Fall 2025
Political Communication	Fall 2025

### **Instructor of Record (UCLA)**

Introduction to American Politics	Summer 2022, 2023, 2024
Introduction to American Politics (Summer Institute)	Summer 2022
The Presidency	Summer 2023, 2024
Politics of the Cold War	Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

## SERVICE

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### **Service to the Discipline**

Poster Session Discussant (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2023)  
Panel Chair (Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2024)  
Poster Session Discussant (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2024)  
Panel Discussant (American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2024)  
Seminar Participant (APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Winter 2025)

### **Service to the University (UCLA)**

Graduate Undergraduate Mentor (2019-present)

American Politics Lab Coordinator (2020-2021)  
Admissions Committee Representative (2021-2022)  
First Year Graduate Student Mentor (2022-present)  
American Politics Research Group Participant (2022-present)

## SKILLS

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R, LaTeX, Qualtrics (advanced)  
Python, SPSS, Stata (proficient)

## REFERENCES

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