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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Florida Gulf Coast University

Assistant Professor of Political Science

August 2025-present

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Political Science

Dissertation: Changes in the News Industry and its Impact on Local News Production and Political Behavior

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

Political Communication, Media Coverage of Campaigns and Elections, Local Media, Local Politics, Polarization, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Ewing, Sean. 2026. "Profit over Public Good: The Impact of Investment Firm Ownership on Local News and Political Behavior." *Political Communication* 1–38. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584609.2025.2601736>

Ewing, Sean and Julia Azari. 2025. "From the Podium to the Press: Coverage of Kamala Harris's 2024 Convention Address." *The Forum*, vol. 22, no. 2-3, pp. 309-324. <https://doi.org/10.1515/for-2025-2003>

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Frames of Nationalization: Conflict, Party Labels, and National Figures in Local News and its Impact on Affective Polarization (under review)

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

Oops! Media Coverage of Presidential Gaffes. Joint with Bethany Bowra (working paper)

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

Covering the First Horserace: Media Coverage of the Presidential Nomination Process. Joint with Julia Azari (working paper)

Virtue or Vice? How Bipartisanship is Covered in the Press and Felt in the Public (in progress)

Saving Local News: Evidence from State Policy Interventions (in progress)

Newspaper Mergers and Coverage of City Officials (in progress)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

APSA	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
MPSA	2023, 2024, 2026
SPSA	2026
WPSA	2024
Local Journalism Researchers Conference	2025, 2026

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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, 2026
APSA Travel Grant, Political Communication Section (\$600)	2025
FGCU Faculty Senate Professional Development Grant (\$2000)	2025

TEACHING

Instructor of Record (FGCU)

American National Government	Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026
Political Communication	Fall 2025
American Political Institutions	Spring 2026
Campaigns and Elections	Fall 2026
Research Methods in Political Science	Fall 2026

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

Service to the Discipline

Reviewer, *Journalism Practice*

Committee Member, Timothy E. Cook Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2025-2026 academic year)

Panel Chair (American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Fall 2025)

Poster Session Discussant (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2024)

Panel Chair (Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2024)

Poster Session Discussant (Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Spring 2023)

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 (2019-2025)

American Politics Lab Coordinator (2020-2021)
Admissions Committee Representative (2021-2022)
First Year Graduate Student Mentor (2022-2025)

Service to the University (FGCU)

WiSER Undergraduate Research Mentor (2025-present)
Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Public Law (2025-2026)
Faculty Advisor, FGCU Political Science Club (2025-present)

SKILLS

R, LaTeX, Qualtrics, Stata, Python, SPSS

REFERENCES

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