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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky

Expected 2027

Ph.D. in Political Science

Major Field: Comparative Politics; Minor Field: American Politics

Committee: Dr. Bridgett King (*Chair*), Dr. Ada Johnson-Kanu, Dr. Maggie Macdonald,

Dr. Frances B. Henderson

Dissertation Title: “*From Union Halls to Capitol Hills: An Analysis of Labor Unions in American Politics*”

University of Kentucky

May 2026

M.A. *en passant* in Political Science

Florida State University

August 2019

B.S. in Political Science and International Affairs, *with Honors, Cum Laude*

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Amanda Driscoll (*Chair*), Dr. Lee Metcalf, Dr. Teresa Cornacchione

Thesis Title: “*The Legislative Effectiveness of Women Under Gender Quotas: Argentina Before and After Quota Implementation*”

Tallahassee Community College

August 2016

Associate of Arts, *with Honors*

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Hannah Cake. “*Guardians or Partisans? Conservative Congresswomen and Support for Violence Against Women Legislation.*” Accepted at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2026 (Chicago, IL, USA)

Hannah Cake, Kay Hales. “*When is it Popular to be an Outsider? Populist Rhetoric and LGBTQ Legislation in State Legislatures.*” Manuscript in progress.

Hannah Cake. “*Pink Tide Promises Deferred: Examining the Impact of Populism on Respect for Workers’ Rights in Latin America*” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2025 (San Juan, PR, USA)

Emily B. Bacchus, **Hannah Cake,** Porter Watkins. “*Do Perceptions of Hard Work Increase Risk Aversion? Testing Theories of Gender and Corruption*” Accepted at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA, USA)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

University of Kentucky

- PS 101: American Government (*online*) – Summer 2025
- PS 391: Special Topics in PS: Gender and Politics (*online*) – Spring 2025
- PS 372: Introduction to Political Analysis – Fall 2024, Spring 2026
- PS 210: Introduction to Comparative Politics (*online*) – Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant

University of Kentucky

- PS 101: American Government – Spring 2024
- PS 410: European Union – Fall 2023

- PS 391: Special Topics in PS: Political Institutions – Fall 2023
- PS 210: Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2022; Spring 2023

PROGRAMMING AND METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS

Programs	R Studio, Python, L ^A T _E X, Stata, HLM7
Methods	Advanced Statistical Analysis, Multi-level Modeling, Text Analysis, Causal Inference, Structural Equation Modeling

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

June 2024

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

As Research Assistant to Dr. Padraic Kenney, Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Education, on his project, *Global Anti-Authoritarian Protest Before and Since 1989*, I conducted a comprehensive literature review to identify key citations in political science, provided feedback on potential topics for inclusion, and created visualizations of relevant data for the project.

Associated Publication: Padraic Kenney, “Where Have All the Flowers Gone?: Global Anti-Authoritarian Protest Before and Since 1989,” in *Lessons from the Revolutions of 1989*, eds. David S. Danaher, Barbara J. Falk, and Delia Popescu, (Lexington Books, 2025).

Judicial Assistant

June 2020- August 2022

The Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, Tallahassee, FL

As Judicial Assistant to several Administrative Law Judges, I edited and facilitated the revision process for all Final and Recommended Orders, standard pleadings, orders, and notices entered on the docket as well as acting as an interface for attorneys, *pro se* parties, governments agencies, and the public.

Legislative Assistant

October 2019 - March 2020

Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Tallahassee, FL

As a Legislative Assistant during the 2020 Florida Legislative Session, I assisted lobbyists at the firm by monitoring legislative committee meetings, writing committee summaries, researching topics of interest, and tracking legislation daily.

Research Assistant

September 2017 - June 2018

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

As Research Assistant to Dr. Teresa Cornacchione, I coded election data and candidate demographic data for the United States and Europe for the Comparative Agendas Project.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women, UK
Graduate Research Fellowship (\$11,000 and full-tuition)

Fall 2025

Scholarship for Political Science Research, ICPSR
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (registration fees)

Summer 2025

Ken and Mary Sue Coleman, Chris and Vicki Gorman, and Penny Miller, UK
Graduate Summer Fellowship (\$2,000)

Summer 2023, 2024

Honors Medallion for Honors Thesis Excellence, FSU

Spring 2019

Political Science Department Award for Honors Thesis Excellence, FSU

Fall 2019

Social Science Scholars Program Project Grant, FSU (\$5,000)

Fall 2018

Women’s History Month Honoree, TCC (\$300)

Spring 2017

Honors Scholarship Recipient, TCC (full-tuition)

Fall 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Midwestern Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS)