

# HANNAH CAKE

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## EDUCATION

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### **University of Kentucky**

Ph.D. in Political Science

*Expected 2027*

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**

M.A. *en passant* in Political Science

*May 2026*

### **Florida State University**

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

*August 2019*

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**

Associate of Arts, *with Honors*

*August 2016*

## PRESENTATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

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**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

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### **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

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### Programs

R Studio, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stata, HLM<sub>7</sub>

### Methods

Advanced Statistical Analysis, Multi-level Modeling, Text Analysis, Causal Inference, Structural Equation Modeling

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### 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

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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**

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Midwestern Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS)