

EDUCATION

PhD, MA, Political Science, University of Florida, 2011  
Fields: American Politics | Quantitative Methods  
★ High Pass Award on Quantitative Methods Comprehensive Exam  
★ Dissertation: “Resolving Differences: Bicameral Disagreement and Reconciliation in the Postreform Congresses” (Lawrence C. Dodd, advisor)

ICPSR, University of Michigan, 2006 & 2007

Courses: Time Series Analysis, Categorical Analysis, Regression II, Matrix Algebra

BS, Secondary Education, Bowling Green State University, 2005

Minors: Political Science | American History

POSITIONS &  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE

Political Science Department, College of Charleston  
Associate Chair, 2019 - present  
Associate Professor, 2017 - present  
Director, American Politics Research Team, 2015 - present  
Assistant Professor, 2011 - 2017

Center for Public Choice and Market Process, College of Charleston

Research Director, 2019 - present

Senior Fellow, 2021 - present

Fellow, 2012 - 2021

Advisory Board, Charleston, Civil Rights, and Civics (C3) Program, 2023 - present

Expert Witness, Redistricting Litigation, South Carolina NAACP v. Alexander, 2021 - 2022

Editorial Board Member, Political Research Quarterly, 2018 - present

Contributor, LegBranch.com, 2017 - 2019 | Christian Science Monitor, 2014 - 2017

Instructor, University of Florida, 2009 - 2011

BOOKS

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Nathaniel Birkhead. 2020. “[Congress in Reverse: Repeals from Reconstruction to the Present.](#)” *University of Chicago Press.*

Knotts, H. Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. 2020. “[First in the South: Why South Carolina’s Presidential Primary Matters.](#)” *University of South Carolina Press.*

REFEREED  
ARTICLES

†= DENOTES STUDENT  
CO-AUTHOR

Stewart, Kendra, Maren Trochmann, and Jordan Ragusa. Forthcoming. “The Impact of Employee Perceptions of Inclusion in a Racially Diverse Agency: Lessons from a State Government Survey.” *Public Personnel Management.*

Amira, Karyn, Lauren R. Johnson<sup>†</sup>, Deon McCray<sup>†</sup>, and Jordan M. Ragusa. 2019. “[Adversaries or Allies? Donald Trump’s Republican Support in Congress.](#)” *Perspectives on Politics* 17(3): 756-71.

Johnson, Lauren R.<sup>†</sup>, Deon McCray<sup>†</sup>, and Jordan M. Ragusa. 2018. “[#NeverTrump: Why Republican Members of Congress Refused to Support Their Party’s Nominee in the 2016 Presidential Election.](#)” *Research and Politics* 5(1): 1-10.

REFEREED  
ARTICLES

†= DENOTES STUDENT  
CO-AUTHOR

Craven, James S.<sup>†</sup>, Jordan M. Ragusa, and John-Anthony G. Thevos<sup>†</sup>. 2017. “[Palmetto State Primaries: An Examination of South Carolina’s Nomination Contests.](#)” *Journal of Political Science* 45(1): 33-53.

Cooper, Chris, Gibbs Knotts, and Jordan M. Ragusa. 2016. “[The Constrained Governor: Gubernatorial Decision-Making and Senate Appointments.](#)” *Political Research Quarterly* 69(3): 482-94.

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Anthony Gaspar<sup>†</sup>. 2016. “[Where’s the Tea Party? An Examination of the Tea Party’s Voting Behavior in the House of Representatives.](#)” *Political Research Quarterly* 69(2): 361-72.

Ragusa, Jordan M. 2016. “[Partisan Cohorts, Polarization, and the Gingrich Senators.](#)” *American Politics Research* 44(2): 296-325.

★ Best Graduate Student Paper Award at the 2010 Florida Political Science Association meeting.

Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. 2016. “[The Nationalization of Special Elections for the U.S. House of Representatives.](#)” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties* 26(1): 22-39.

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Matthew Tarpey<sup>†</sup>. 2016. “[The Geographies of Economic Voting in Presidential and Congressional Elections.](#)” *Political Science Quarterly* 131(1): 101-32.

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Nate Birkhead. 2015. “[Parties, Preferences, and Congressional Organization: Explaining Repeals in Congress from 1877 to 2012.](#)” *Political Research Quarterly* 68(4): 745-59.

Ragusa, Jordan M. 2015. “[Socioeconomic Stereotypes: Explaining Variation in Preferences for Taxing the Rich.](#)” *American Politics Research* 43(2): 327-59.

Huder, Joshua, Jordan M. Ragusa, and Daniel A. Smith. 2011. “[The Initiative to Shirk? The Effects of Statewide Ballot Measures on Congressional Roll-Call Behavior.](#)” *American Politics Research* 39(3): 582-610.

Ragusa, Jordan M. 2010. “[The Lifecycle of Public Policy: An Event History Analysis of Repeals to Landmark Legislative Enactments, 1951-2006.](#)” *American Politics Research* 38(6): 1015-51.

★ University of Florida Political Science Department Best Graduate Paper Award in 2008.

BOOK  
CHAPTERS

Ragusa, Jordan M. 2017. “An Examination of Congressional Efforts to Repeal the Affordable Care Act.” In Lawrence C. Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, *Congress Reconsidered*, Washington, D.C.: CQ Press.

Ragusa, Jordan M. 2017. “Do the Rich Deserve a Tax Cut? Public Images, Deservingness, and Americans’ Tax Policy Preferences.” In Bart Meuleman, Femke Roosma, Tim Reeskens, and Wim van Oorschot, *The Social Legitimacy of Targeted Welfare*, London: Edward Elgar Press.

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

†= DENOTES STUDENT  
CO-AUTHOR

Birkhead, Nathaniel, Amira, Karyn, and Jordan Ragusa. “Policy or Procedure? Operational Ideology and Americans’ Support for Repealing Legislation.”

Cook, Emily<sup>†</sup>, Martin, Jeff<sup>†</sup>, and Jordan M. Ragusa. “Locked, Loaded, and Legislating: An Examination of Gun Owners in Congress.”

Crotty, Patrick<sup>†</sup>, and Jordan M. Ragusa. “Subnational Economic Benchmarking in U.S. National Elections.”

- EXPERT REPORTS Ragusa, Jordan M. 2022. “Expert Report Evaluating South Carolina’s Congressional Map.” Data collection and statistical analysis in redistricting litigation. Prepared for the ACLU in *South Carolina NAACP v. Alexander* (3:21-cv-03302). I also provided deposition testimony, was qualified as an expert witness, and testified at trial in federal court.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2022. “Congressional Rebuttal Expert Report of Dr. Jordan Ragusa.” Data collection and statistical analysis used to rebut a defense expert in redistricting litigation. Prepared for the ACLU in *South Carolina NAACP v. Alexander* (3:21-cv-03302).
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2022. “Expert Report Evaluating South Carolina’s State House Map.” Data collection and statistical analysis in redistricting litigation. Prepared for the ACLU in *South Carolina NAACP v. Alexander* (3:21-cv-03302). I also provided deposition testimony. Plaintiffs secured a settlement prior to trial.
- WHITE PAPERS Diedrich, Chelsea, Jordan M. Ragusa and Kendra Stewart. 2020. “Consumer Sentiment Survey.” Statistical analysis and report about consumer preferences and spending habits in the Charleston area. Prepared for Lowcountry Local First.
- Fletcher, Stephen, Jordan M. Ragusa and Ali Titus. 2019. “Needs Assessment.” Sampling methodology, survey design, statistical analysis and report on the topic of LGBTQ needs in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester Counties. Prepared for the Alliance for Full Acceptance.
- Amira, Karyn, Gibbs Knotts, and Jordan M. Ragusa. 2019. “An Examination of Charleston’s Mayoral Election.” Sampling methodology, survey design, exit polling and statistical analysis of the 2019 mayoral election in the City of Charleston. Prepared with students on the American Politics Research Team.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2018. “An Analysis of Employee Engagement in Charleston County.” Survey design, statistical analysis and report on the topic of employee attitudes about their work environment. Prepared for the Charleston County Human Resources Department.
- Kahle, Bob, Jordan M. Ragusa and Kendra Stewart. 2017. “College of Charleston Student Housing and Nutrition Needs Assessment.” Survey design, statistical analysis and report about college student housing and food insecurity. Prepared for the College of Charleston.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. and Kendra Stewart. 2016. “Illumination Project Report.” Survey design, statistical analysis and report on the subject of citizens’ views of policing in the City of Charleston. Prepared for the City of Charleston Police Department.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. and Kendra Stewart. 2016. “Charleston Community Policing Report.” Survey design, statistical analysis and report on the topic of community policing and student perceptions of school resource officers. Prepared for the City of Charleston Police Department.
- Craven, Jamie, Gibbs Knotts, Jordan M. Ragusa, and John Thevos. 2015. “An Examination of Charleston’s Mayoral Election.” Sampling methodology, survey design, exit polling and statistical analysis of the 2015 mayoral election in the City of Charleston. Prepared with students on the American Politics Research Team.
- DeMaria, Andrea and Jordan Ragusa. 2015. “Absence Memo Policy.” Survey design, statistical analysis and report on the topic of student absences. Prepared for the College of Charleston.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. and Kendra Stewart. 2015. “Charleston Community Policing Report.” Survey design, statistical analysis and report about community policing and student perceptions of school resource officers. Prepared for the City of Charleston Police Department.

OP-EDS,  
EDITORIALS,  
& OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan Ragusa. "Diversity and Moderation Over Tradition." *The Conversation*, January 5, 2023.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan Ragusa. "How the South Carolina Primary Gained Primacy." *Washington Post / Made By History*, December 20, 2022.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "SC Deserves to Move From First in the South to First in the Nation." *The Post and Courier*, December 7, 2022.
- Birkhead, Nathaniel, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "What Are the Chances of Repealing SC's Ban on K-12 Mask Mandates?" *The Post and Courier*, August 19, 2021.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. "Why Are Women Underrepresented in South Carolina?" *The Post and Courier*, February 17, 2021.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. "Key Data Show Cunningham as a Moderate in Congress." *Charleston City Paper*, October 31, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "According to the experts: Elizabeth Warren." *Charleston City Paper*, February 19, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "According to the experts: Joe Biden." *Charleston City Paper*, February 12, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "According to the experts: Bernie Sanders." *Charleston City Paper*, February 5, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "According to the experts: Amy Klobuchar." *Charleston City Paper*, January 29, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "According to the experts: Pete Buttigieg." *Charleston City Paper*, January 22, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "According to the experts: Tom Steyer." *Charleston City Paper*, January 8, 2020.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Studying Politics in an Early State: Lessons From Being First in the South." *APSA Raise The Vote*, December 18, 2019.
- Amira, Karyn, Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan Ragusa "Exit Poll: Overdevelopment, Flooding Motivated Charleston Mayoral Voters Most." *The Post and Courier*, November 5, 2019.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "South Carolina Will Align the Democratic Calendar." *The Post and Courier*, March 5, 2019.
- Cooper, Chris, Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "When Appointing a U.S. Senator, Governors Act Responsibly." *The News and Observer*, June 27, 2018.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "Trump Looms Large in Sanford Primary." *Charleston City Paper*, June 10, 2018.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "A Test of Trump's Coattails." *The Huffington Post*, April 18, 2017.

OP-EDS,  
EDITORIALS,  
& OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Is South Carolina a Future Swing State?" *The Post and Courier*, November 8, 2016.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "Ohio's Special Election to Replace John Boehner Wasn't Special At All" *Washington Post / Monkey Cage*, June 8, 2016.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "South Carolina Gives Clinton Big Boost for Super Tuesday" *The Post and Courier*, February 27, 2016.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "The National Impact of SC's Vote." *The Post and Courier*, February 20, 2016.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "Why Haley's a Strong Contender in the Republican Veepstakes." *The Post and Courier*, January 14, 2016.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. "Ohio Said No to Legalizing Marijuana. It Might Have Nixed Federal Reforms, Too" *Washington Post / Monkey Cage*, November 5, 2015.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Inside the Mind of Charleston's Voters." *The Post and Courier*, November 3, 2015.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. "Gun Control? Not in this Congress." *The State*, August 6, 2015.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Symbolism and Political Violence in the Holy City." *The Huffington Post*, June 19, 2015.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Special Elections Aren't All That Special." *The Huffington Post*, May 6, 2015.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "A Fundamentally Good Election for the GOP." *The Post and Courier*, November 4, 2014.
- Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "Beware of Term Limits." *The Post and Courier*, October 11, 2014.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa, "How Lindsey Graham Won." *The State*, June 14, 2014.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. "An Historical Take on the Filibuster." *The State*, December 4, 2013.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Congressional Dysfunction Didn't Happen Overnight." *The State*, October 16, 2013.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "1st District Fundamentally GOP Turf." *The Post and Courier*, May 8, 2013.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "Sex Scandal Didn't Hurt Mark Sanford Like Some Thought it Would." *The Post and Courier*, March 20, 2013.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. "Do State of the Union Speeches Lead or Follow?" *The Post and Courier*, February 15, 2013.
- Knotts, Gibbs, and Jordan M. Ragusa. "1st Congressional District: Will Voters Elect Sanford Again?" *The Sun News*, February 13, 2013.

- BOOK  
REVIEWS
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2022. Bullock and Owen's "Special Elections: The Backdoor Entrance to Congress." *Perspectives on Politics* 20 (1): 324-326.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2018. Meinke's "Leadership Organizations in the House of Representatives: Party Participation and Partisan Politics." *Journal of Politics* 80 (1): e9-e10.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2017. Devine and Kopko's "The VP Advantage: How Running Mates Influence Home State Voting in Presidential Elections." *Political Science Quarterly* 132 (1): 194-195.
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2015. Volden and Wiseman's "Legislative Effectiveness in the United States Congress: The Lawmakers." *Political Science Quarterly* 130 (4): 778-780.
- INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS
- "An Examination of the 2022 Midterm Election." Keynote address for the Charleston Estate Planning Council, Charleston, SC, November 2022.
- "Undemocratic Democracy: The Filibuster and Electoral College." Keynote address for the Charleston chapter of the League of Women Voters, Charleston, SC, April 2021.
- "Polarization and the 2020 Presidential Election." Presented at Clemson University, organized by the South Carolina Humanities Electoral Initiative, Clemson, SC, November 2020.
- "Congress in Reverse: Repeals from Reconstruction to the Present." Presented at Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC, February 2020.
- "First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters." Presented at Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC, February 2020.
- "First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters." Presented at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, February 2020.
- "First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters." Presented at The Citadel, Charleston, SC, February 2020.
- "First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters." Presented at Winthrop University's John C. West Forum, Rock Hill, SC, January 2020.
- "An Examination of the 2018 Midterm Election." Keynote address for the Charleston Estate Planning Council, Charleston, SC, November 2018.
- "#NeverTrump: Why Republican Members of Congress Support and Oppose Donald Trump." Presented at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, October 2018.
- "From Enactment to Repeal: Partisan Disagreements & the Fate of Landmark Laws (1877-2012)." Presented at the Negotiating Agreement in Congress Conference, organized by the Social Science Research Council, held in New York, NY, October 2017.
- "Do the Rich Deserve a Tax Cut?" Presented at the Conference on the Social Legitimacy of Targeted Welfare, organized by Bart Meuleman, Femke Roosma, Tim Reeskens, and Wim van Oorschot, held at the University of Leuven, Brussels, Belgium, January 2016.
- "Coordination and Partisanship in Modern Conference Committees." Presented at the Conference on Bicameralism organized by David Rohde and Bruce Oppenheimer and sponsored by the Political Institutions and Public Choice Program at Duke, March 2009.

CONFERENCE  
ATTENDANCE  
(PAST 5 YEARS)

*Southern Political Science Association*, 2023. Paper “Ideology and Support for Repeals.” Discussant for “Abortion, LGBTQ+ and Gun Control.” Discussant for “Public Opinion.”

*Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics*, 2020. Discussant for “The South in Congress.”

*Southern Political Science Association*, 2020. Program Chair for the Legislative Politics Section. Paper “Voting Behavior and Gun Control in Congress.” Panel Chair for “Polarization in Congress.”

*South Carolina Political Science Association*, 2019. Book Panel “First in the South: The Case for the South Carolina Primary” (with Gibbs Knotts). Discussant for “Money, Satisfaction, and Fake News.”

*Public Choice Society*, 2018. Book Panel “From Enactment to Repeal: Examining the Post-Passage Fate of Landmark Laws” (with Nate Birkhead).

*Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics*, 2018. Paper “GOP Bellwether: Explaining South Carolina’s Predictive Ability in Republican Nominating Contests” (with Gibbs Knotts).

*Southern Political Science Association*, 2018. Paper “From Enactment to Repeal: When and Why Repeals Happen” (with Nate Birkhead). Discussant for “Legislative Capacity.” Panel Chair for “Polarization and Political Speech.”

*American Political Science Association*, 2017. Paper “From Enactment to Repeal: When and Why Repeals Happen” (with Nate Birkhead).

*Southern Political Science Association*, 2017. Paper “From Enactment to Repeal: Measuring Repeal Significance” (with Nate Birkhead). Paper “I’m With Her? Why Republican Lawmakers Refused to Endorse Their Party’s Nominee” (with Lauren Johnson and Deon McCray).

ACADEMIC  
AWARDS

Outstanding Reviewer Award in 2019, Political Research Quarterly.

Nominated by the Department of Political Science for the University of Florida’s 2010-2011 Best Graduate Student Teacher Award.

Best Graduate Student Paper in 2010, Florida Political Science Association, for “Chamber Hopping in the US Congress.”

High Pass on Political Methodology Ph.D. Qualifying Exam.

Best Graduate Student Paper in 2008, Florida Department of Political Science, for “Contextual and Institutional Explanations of Macro-Level Policy Change: 1951-2002.”

FELLOWSHIPS  
AND GRANTS

Research Fellow, Center for Public Choice and Market Process (\$71,000 total), 2012-present.

Social Science Research Council, Negotiating Agreement in Congress Grant (\$10,000), 2017.

College of Charleston Faculty R&D Grant (\$2,650), 2013.

Dirksen Center Congressional Research Award (\$2,000), 2012.

College of Charleston HSS Dean’s Discretionary Research Award (\$6,000 total), 2012, 2016, 2018, 2019, & 2022.

University of Florida Supplemental Retention Scholarship, 2011

FELLOWSHIPS  
AND GRANTS

H. Douglas Price American Government Research Fellowship, 2010  
University of Florida Political Science Summer Scholarship, 2010 & 2009  
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2008  
University of Florida ICPSR Academic Scholarship and Travel Awards, 2006 & 2007  
University of Florida Dauer Research Fellowship, 2007  
University of Florida Grinter Fellowship, 2006-2011

DEPARTMENT  
SERVICE

- Associate Department Chair (2019-23)
- Chair, Curriculum Committee (2019-23)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (2011-13, 2014-17, 2019-23)
- Director, American Politics Research Team (2015-23)
- Chair, Ad Hoc Advising Committee (2021-22)
- Chair, Ad Hoc T&P Committee (2022-23)
- Member, Geography Committee (2022-23)
- Chair, American Politics/Methods VAP Search Committee (2022)
- Member, Comparative Politics/International Relations VAP Search Committee (2021)
- Member, Intellectual Life Committee (2013-17, 2018-19)
- Chair, Intellectual Life Committee (2015-17, 2018-19)
- Member, Geography Program Tenure-Track Search (2019)
- Member, William V. Moore Research Conference Committee (2018-20)
- Member, Ad Hoc Job Search Practices Committee (2015-16)
- Member, Ad Hoc Student Recruitment Committee (2014-15)
- Member, American Politics/Behavior Search Committee (2014-15)
- Member, Environmental Policy Search Committee (2012-13)
- Graduate School Advisor (2011-17)
- Library Liaison (2012-16)

COLLEGE  
SERVICE

- Research Director, Center for Public Choice and Market Process (2019-23)
- At Large Faculty Senator (2020-23)
- Secretary, Ad Hoc Gun Violence Committee (2021-23)
- Member, College Curriculum Committee (202-23)
- Alternate Member, Tenure & Promotion Review Committee (3 cases)(2021-22)
- External Member, Library Tenure, Promotion & Third-Year Review Panel (4 cases)(2020)
- Member, Strategic Plan Steering Committee (2019-20)
- External Member, Psychology Tenure, Promotion & Third-Year Review Panel (3 cases)(2019)
- Chair, Student Affairs and Athletics Committee (2015-17)
- Member, Student Affairs and Athletics Committee (2013-17)



PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

- Editorial Board Member, Political Research Quarterly (2018-23)
- Advisory Board, Charleston, Civil Rights, and Civics (C3) Program (2023)
- Expert Witness, Federal Redistricting Litigation (2021-22)
- Program Chair, Southern Political Science Association (2021-22)
- Program Chair, Southern Political Science Association (2020-21)
- External Letter Writer, Dr. Richard Yon, West Point (2021)
- External Letter Writer, Dr. Matt Thornburg, USC-Aiken (2020)
- Program Chair, Southern Political Science Association (2014-15)
- Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee, *Southern Political Science Association*, 2013
- Journal Referee: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, American Politics Research, British Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, The Journal of Law and Courts, Social Science Quarterly, Publius, Environment and Planning

TECHNICAL  
SKILLS

Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics, Excel, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, HTML, WordPress, Prezi

REFERENCES

Available upon request.