

# HANNAH CAKE

Ph.D. Candidate ◊ Pronouns: *she/they*

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Kentucky

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*”

*Expected 2027*

### 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*

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*”

*August 2019*

### 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.** “*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; Summer 2026

### 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, HLM7  
**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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**Political Science Endowed Doctoral Research & Travel Award, UK (\$1,000)** *Summer 2026*

**Office for Policy Studies on Violence Against Women, UK** *Fall 2025*

Ashley Judd Distinguished Graduate Fellowship (\$11,000, benefits, and full-tuition)

**Scholarship for Political Science Research, ICPSR** *Summer 2025*

Summer Program in Quantitative Methods (registration fees)

**Ken and Mary Sue Coleman, Chris and Vicki Gorman, and Penny Miller, UK** *Summer 2023 - 2026*

Graduate Summer Fellowship (\$1,000-2,000)

**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