

EDUCATION

Ph.D., M.A., Political Science, University of Florida, 2011

Fields: American National Institutions | Quantitative Methods

★ High Pass Award on Quantitative Methods Qualifying Exam

★ Dissertation: “Resolving Differences: Bicameral Disagreement and Reconciliation in the Postreform Congresses” (Lawrence C. Dodd, advisor)

B.S., Secondary Education, Bowling Green State University, 2005

Minors: Political Science | American History

ADDITIONAL
EDUCATION

University of Michigan, ICPSR, 2006 & 2007

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

ACADEMIC
POSITIONS

Associate Professor (with tenure), College of Charleston, 2017 - present

Courses: American Government, Research Methods, American Political Development, Congress, Public Opinion in American Politics, Parties and Polarization in American Politics, Analyzing American Politics (capstone), Research Methods for Public Administration (graduate)

★ 4.7 average student evaluation (5.0 scale)

Co-Director, American Politics Research Team, College of Charleston, 2015 - present

Research Fellow, Center for Public Choice, College of Charleston, 2012 - present

Assistant Professor, College of Charleston, 2011 - 2017

Instructor, University of Florida, 2009 - 2011

REFEREED
PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, Lauren R., Deon McCray, 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. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

★ Published with two College of Charleston undergraduates.

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

★ Published with two College of Charleston undergraduates.

Cooper, Chris, Gibbs Knotts, and **Jordan M. Ragusa**. 2016. “The Constrained Governor: Gubernatorial Decision-Making and Senate Appointments.” *Political Research Quarterly* 69 (3): 482-494. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Anthony Gaspar. 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): 361-372. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

★ Published with a College of Charleston undergraduate.

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

★ 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. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Matthew Tarpey. 2016. "The Geographies of Economic Voting in Presidential and Congressional Elections." *Political Science Quarterly* 131(1): 101-132. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

★ Published with a College of Charleston undergraduate.

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): 745-759. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

Ragusa, Jordan M. 2015. "Socioeconomic Stereotypes: Explaining Variation in Preferences for Taxing the Rich." *American Politics Research* 43 (2): 327-359. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

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. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

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): 1015-1051. ([Link to Published Article.](#))

★ Florida Department of Political Science Best Graduate Student 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

Birkhead, Nate, and **Jordan M. Ragusa**. "From Enactment to Repeal: Examining the Post-Passage Fate of Landmark Laws." (Book Project)

★ Our understanding of Congress is shaped by the laws it enacts. Yet lawmakers often perform the opposite action: repealing major laws. Despite this, no book has conducted an in-depth examination of repeals. Using an original database of all major repeals from 1877 to 2012, we seek to fill this gap by examining when and why repeals happen. One of our core arguments is that when Congress repeals laws, it often does so when parties are unified in opposition to one another, usually after the minority at passage re-gains power after a long period in the minority. In this respect, we believe repeals are best understood as long term contests between "two great teams" over the nation's laws. As the Affordable Care Act (ACA) illustrates, when the majority enacts a major law, the struggle continues long after the bill is signed.

Martin, Jeff, and **Jordan M. Ragusa**. "Locked, Loaded, and Legislating: An Examination of Gun Owners in Congress."

OP-EDS,
EDITORIALS,
& OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

Ragusa, Jordan M., and Gibbs Knotts. "A Test of Trump's Coattails." *The Huffington Post*, April 18, 2017.

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 Blog*, 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.

OP-EDS,
EDITORIALS,
& OTHER
PUBLICATIONS
(CONTINUED)

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 Blog*, 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.

TECHNICAL
REPORTS

Ragusa, Jordan M. and Kendra Stewart. 2016. "Illumination Project Report." A survey and report on citizens' views of policing in the City of Charleston.

Ragusa, Jordan M. and Kendra Stewart. 2016. "Charleston Community Policing Report." A survey and report on community policing conducted with the City of Charleston Police Department.

Craven, Jamie, Gibbs Knotts, Jordan Ragusa, and John Thevos. 2015. "An Examination of Charleston's Mayoral Election." Exit polls and analysis of the 2015 mayoral election.

DeMaria, Andrea and Jordan Ragusa. 2015. "College of Charleston Absence Memo Policy." A survey and report on the College of Charleston's policy regarding student absences.

Ragusa, Jordan M. and Kendra Stewart. 2015. "Charleston Community Policing Report." A survey and report on community policing conducted with the City of Charleston Police Department.

- BOOK
REVIEWS
- Ragusa, Jordan M. 2018. Reviewed 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. Reviewed 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. Reviewed Volden and Wiseman's "Legislative Effectiveness in the United States Congress: The Lawmakers." *Political Science Quarterly* 130 (4): 778-780.
- INVITED
PRESENTATIONS
- "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
PRESENTATIONS
& SERVICE
(PAST 5 YEARS)
- 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).
- Southern States Communication Association*, 2016. Paper "Economic Voting, Media Markets, and Geographic Evaluations."
- Southern Political Science Association*, 2016. Paper "Locked, Loaded, and Legislating: An Examination of Gun Owners in Congress" (with Frank Martin). Panel Chair for "Race, Class, and Representation in Congress." Discussant for "Scholarship Informed by the Works of Larry Dodd."
- Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics*, 2016. Paper "An Examination of South Carolina's Nomination Contests: 1988-2016."
- South Carolina Political Science Association*, 2016. Paper "An Examination of South Carolina's Nomination Contests: 1988-2016."
- Northeastern Political Science Association*, 2015. Paper "Locked, Loaded, and Legislating: An Examination of Gun Owners in Congress" (with Frank Martin).
- Southern Political Science Association*, 2015. Program Chair for the Legislative Politics Section. Paper "Where's the Tea Party" (with Anthony Gaspar). Panel Chair for "Floor and Pre-Floor Actions."
- Northeastern Political Science Association*, 2014. Paper "Voting Behavior and the Tea Party Caucus" (with Anthony Gaspar). Panel Chair for "Mobilization and Persuasion: Context and Tactics."
- Symposium on Southern Politics*, 2014. Discussant for "State Legislative Politics."

<p>CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & SERVICE (PAST 5 YEARS)</p>	<p><i>Public Choice Society</i>, 2014. <u>Paper</u> "Legislative Organization and a Century of Repeals" (with Nate Birkhead). <u>Panel Chair</u> for "Information, Organization and Legislative Processes."</p> <p><i>Southern Political Science Association</i>, 2014. <u>Paper</u> "Legislative Organization and a Century of Repeals" (with Nate Birkhead).</p> <p><i>American Political Science Association</i>, 2013. <u>Poster</u> "Legislative Organization and a Century of Repeals" (with Nate Birkhead).</p>
<p>ACADEMIC AWARDS</p>	<p>Nominated by the Department of Political Science for the University of Florida's 2010-2011 Best Graduate Student Teacher Award.</p> <p>Best Graduate Student Paper in 2010, Florida Political Science Association, for "Chamber Hopping in the US Congress."</p> <p>"High Pass" on Political Methodology Ph.D. Qualifying Exam</p> <p>Best Graduate Student Paper in 2008, Florida Department of Political Science, for "Contextual and Institutional Explanations of Macro-Level Policy Change: 1951-2002."</p>
<p>FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS</p>	<p>Research Fellow, College of Charleston Department of Economics, Initiative for Public Choice & Market Process (\$42,000 total), 2012-2018</p> <p>Social Science Research Council, Negotiating Agreement in Congress Grant (\$10,000), 2017</p> <p>College of Charleston Faculty R&D Grant (\$2650), 2013</p> <p>Dirksen Center Congressional Research Award (\$2000), 2012</p> <p>College of Charleston HSS Dean's Discretionary Research Award (\$1500), 2012</p> <p>College of Charleston HSS Dean's Discretionary Research Award (\$1000), 2012, 2016</p> <p>University of Florida Supplemental Retention Scholarship, Summer 2011</p> <p>H. Douglas Price American Government Research Fellowship, Summer 2010</p> <p>University of Florida Department of Political Science Summer Research Scholarship, Summer 2010 & Summer 2009</p> <p>Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, January 2008</p> <p>University of Florida Dauer Research Fellowship, Summer 2007</p> <p>University of Florida Grinter Fellowship, 2006-2011</p>
<p>COLLEGE & DEPARTMENT SERVICE</p>	<p>Founder and Co-Director, American Politics Research Team, 2015-present</p> <p>College Student Affairs and Athletics Committee, 2013-17 ★ Committee Chair, 2015-17</p> <p>Political Science Intellectual Life Committee, 2014-17 ★ Committee Chair, 2015-17</p> <p>Department Curriculum Committee, 2011-13 & 2014-17</p> <p>Department Graduate School Faculty Advisor, 2011-17</p> <p>Faculty Advisor: South Carolina Student Legislature (2011-17), College Democrats (2012-17), College of Charleston Debate Team (2014-17)</p>

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Program Chair, Legislative Politics Section, *Southern Political Science Association*, 2015

Committee Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award, *Southern Political Science Association*, 2013

Journal Referee: *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*

PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, *Midwest Political Science Association*, *Southern Political Science Association*

SKILLS

Stata, R, SPSS, Excel, L^AT_EX, HTML, Prezi

REFERENCES

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