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EDUCATION

Florida State University
Ph.D., American Politics and Public Policy, 2005
Dissertation: "Beyond Membership: A Sense of Community and Political Action."
M.S., Political Science, 2003
University of Central Florida
M.A. Political Science, 1996
Thesis: "Interest Group Activity at the State Level: Prison Building and Crime in Florida."
B.A. History and Political Science, 1994

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Tampa
Department of Political Science and International Studies
Professor 2019-present
Associate Professor 2013-2019
Assistant Professor 2008 - 2013
University of Memphis
Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor 2005-2007

LEADERSHIP

Southern Political Science Association, VP Elect/2025 Program Chair, 2023-24
UT Democracy Coalition, Faculty Director/Co-Founder, 2019-present
Inaugural Senate Committee Chair, Community Engagement & Responsible Citizenship 2020-21
Inaugural Department Chair, Department of Political Science and International Studies, 2016-2019
Department Chair, Department of Government, History, and Sociology, 2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

HERS Leadership Institute (2023-24) Immersive learning experience (four weekends) focused on general leadership principles, higher education trends, innovation and change, budget and financial principles, career planning, equity-minded leadership, and navigating legal issues.

American Council on Education (ACE) Leadership Academy for Department Chairs (2016)
Immersive weekend studying best practices for leading departments in times of change.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Anderson, Mary R., V. Brobbey, K. Fridy, and W. Myers. 2020. "Ghana's Swing Voters: Results from a Panel Study Following Voters through the 2016 Campaign." *Ghana Studies* 23:56-80. *https://doi.org/10.1353/ghs.2020.0003*

Fridy, Kevin, Mary R. Anderson, and Issac Yen. 2020. "Personal, Public, and Political Impacts of a New District: Survey Data from Before and After the Creation of Ghana's Nabdam District." *Journal of Asian and African Studies 56(3): 495-510.* *https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0021909620930051*

Anderson, Mary R. and David Richards. 2018. "Beyond the Media's Explanation: Examining the Determinants of Attitudes Towards Torture," *Journal of Human Rights,* 17(3):289-302. *https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2018.1437541*

Richards, David, Mandy Morrill, and Mary R. Anderson. 2012. "Some Psycho-Social Correlates of US Citizen Support for Torture," *Nordic Journal of Human Rights,* 30(1):63-95. *https://www.idunn.no/doi/10.18261/ISSN1891-814X-2012-01-04*

Hibbing, Matthew, Melinda Ritchie, and Mary R. Anderson. 2011. "Personality and Political Discussion," *Political Behavior,* 33(4):601-624. *https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-010-9147-4*

Anderson, Mary R., Christopher Lewis, and Chardie Baird. 2011. "Punishment and Reward: An Experiment on Gender and Candidate Choice," *Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy,* 32(2): 136-157. *https://doi.org/10.1080/1554477X.2011.562077*

Mondak, J.J., *Hibbing, M*. Canache, D., Seligson, M., and Anderson, M. 2010. "Personality and Civic Engagement: An Integrative Framework for the Study of Trait Effects on Political Behavior," *American Political Science Review,* 104 (February): 85-110. *https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055409990359*

Anderson, Mary R. 2010. "Community Psychology, Political Efficacy and Trust," *Political Psychology,* 31(1):59-84. *https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9221.2009.00734.x*

Anderson, Mary R. 2009. "Beyond Membership: Sense of Community and Political Behavior," *Political Behavior*, 31(4):603-627. *https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-009-9089-x*

Mondak, Jeffery J. and Mary R. Anderson. 2004. "The Knowledge Gap: A Reexamination of Gender-Based Differences in Political Knowledge," *Journal of Politics,* 66(2): 492-512. *https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1468-2508.2004.00161.x*

Crew, Robert E. and Mary R. Anderson. 2003. "Testing Charter School Theory in Florida," *American Journal of Evaluation* 24(2): 189-212.

Books

Anderson, Mary R and Kevin S. Fridy. 2022. *Community, Civic Engagement, and Democratic Governance in Africa: The Case of Ghana*. New York, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Crew, Robert E. Jr. and Mary R. Anderson. 2018. *The 2014 Elections in Florida: The Last Gasp From the 2012 Elections*. Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield.

Crew, Robert E. Jr. and Mary R. Anderson 2016. *The 2012 Elections in Florida: Obama Wins and Democrats Make Strides in Downticket Races.* New York: University Press of America.

Ringquist, Evan and Mary R. Anderson. 2013. Eds. *Meta-Analysis in Public Management and Policy.* New York: John Wiley and Sons.

Anderson, Mary R. 2010. *Community Identity and Political Behavior.* New York, New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Chapters

Anderson, Mary, Liv Coleman, and Kathryn VanderMolen. *Forthcoming.* "Elections and Partisan Change in Florida." In Benton (Ed) *Government and Politics in Florida, 4th Edition.* University Press of Florida.

Anderson, Mary. 2021. "George Floyd, Pussyhats and White Nationalists." In Foltz (Ed) *Freedom of Speech in a Modern World.* Kendall Hunt Publishing.

Anderson, Mary and William Myers. 2020. "Global Engagement and Digital Technology," In Young, Morrone, Wilson and Wilson. (Eds) *Quick Hits: Teaching with the Digital Humanities.* Indiana University Press.

Anderson, Mary R., Tatyana Guzman, and Evan Ringquist. 2013. "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Educational Vouchers," In Ringquist and Anderson (Eds). *Meta-Analysis in Public Management and Policy.* New York: John Wiley and Sons.

Ringquist, Evan and Mary R. Anderson. 2013. "Introduction," In Ringquist and Anderson (Eds). *Meta-Analysis in Public Management and Policy.* New York: John Wiley and Sons.

Anderson, Mary R., and Evan Ringquist. 2013. "Conclusion," In Ringquist and Anderson (Eds). *Meta-Analysis in Public Management and Policy.* New York: John Wiley and Sons.

Currently Under Review

"She Said Yes: Candidate Emergence Among Women" with Kathryn VanderMolen and Lakshmi Jayaram.

"Not Just the Nation's Hostess: First Ladies as Policy Actors." with Jonathan Lewallen.

"Exploring the Origins of Confidence-in-Knowledge using the Big Five." with Kathryn VanderMolen.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022 *Linda Devine Outstanding Contribution to Student Life Award,* University of Tampa.
2021 *Richard Piper Outstanding Service Award,* College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education, University of Tampa.
2021 *J. Richard Piper Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award*, University of Tampa.
2019 *Unsung Hero Award*, University of Tampa.
2010 *Excellence in Scholarship and Research*. College of Social Sciences, Mathematics, and Education, University of Tampa.

GRANTS

Research Grants

2023 University of Tampa RISE Grant. *Elections and Partisan Change in Florida,* with Kathryn VanderMolen and Liv Coleman ($12,999).

2022 University of Tampa Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Grant. *Not Just the Nation's Hostess: First Ladies as Policy Entrepreneurs*, with Jonathan Lewallen ($6999).

2022 Professional Development Award— Research Sabbatical—*U.S. First Ladies Project.*

2021 University of Tampa RISE Grant. *U.S. First Ladies Policy Agendas Project,* with Jonathan Lewallen ($13,816).

2019 University of Tampa, Board of Fellows Grant. *Women, Confidence and Political Ambition,* with Kathryn VanderMolen ($3250 awarded).

2018 University of Tampa, Undergraduate Research and Inquiry Grant. *Women, Confidence and Politics.* ($7780 awarded).

2018 University of Tampa, RISE Grant. *Causes of Ebbing and Flowing Approval Ratings: A Telephone Panel Study in Accra and Nabdam,* with Kevin Fridy and William Myers ($11,881 awarded).

2017 University of Tampa Professional Development Award--course reduction-- *Cultural Considerations: Personality and Political Engagement, A Case Study in Ghana.*

2016 University of Tampa DELO Grant. *An African Campaign: Monitoring the impact of campaign appeals in real time in Ghana,* with Kevin Fridy and William

M. Myers ($8235 awarded).

2015 University of Tampa DELO Grant. *Political Knowledge and Participation amongst the Elite, Middle Class and Lumpenproletariat in Accra, Ghana,* with Kevin Fridy ($6000 awarded).

2013 University of Tampa DELO Grant. *Political Knowledge's Relationship to Political Behavior in Northern Ghana*, with Kevin Fridy ($2050 awarded).

2012 University of Tampa DANA Grant. *Exploring the Impact of a New District Capital on Social Connections in Ghana's Upper East Region,* with Kevin Fridy ($3500 awarded).

2009 University of Tampa DELO Grant. *A Comparison of RDD and Online Surveys. Can You Get a Representative Sample Online?,* with Ryan T. Cragun ($5000 awarded).

2009 University of Tampa DANA Grant. *Torture: Approval, Acceptance and Issue Framing* ($1500 awarded).

2008 University of Tampa DELO Grant. *What Do Citizens Think About Torture and Why?* ($5000 awarded).

2006 Center for Urban Child Policy at the Urban Child Institute Research Grant**.** *Assessing the Public's Knowledge of Children's Issues: A Closer Look at Memphis/Shelby County Tennessee* ($7000 awarded).

2004 National Science Foundation Grant. SES-0417813. *Doctoral Dissertation Research in Political Science: Beyond Membership: A Sense of Community and Civic Action,* Co PI's Mary R. Anderson and Jeffery Mondak ($12,000 awarded).

2003 FSU Leroy Collins Center for Public Policy Research Grant. *Tallahassee Community Survey Part II* ($10,000 awarded).

2003 FSU DeVoe L. Moore Center Supplemental Dissertation Grant. *Tallahassee Community Survey Part I —Examining Contexts* ($3000 awarded).

2003 Dissertation Fellowship, DeVoe L. Moore Center for the Study of Critical Issues in Economic Policy and Government, Florida State University. ($15,000 awarded).

Teaching and Learning Grants

2020 University of Tampa, Learning Enrichment Grant. *Running for Public Office* ($4866 awarded), with Kathryn VanderMolen.

2019 University of Tampa, Learning Enrichment Grant. *Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement for an Informed Democracy* ($3398 awarded), with Kathryn VanderMolen.

2018 University of Tampa, Learning Enrichment Grant. *Campaigns and Elections:*

Practicing Survey Research ($5000 awarded).

2017 University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant. *What's Next? Civic Education and Community Engagement Across the Disciplines,* with Liv Coleman, Kathryn VanderMolen, and Julianne Mora ($5000 awarded).

2016 University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant. To support creation of a new QEP Themed BAC course. *BAC101: Road to the White House Election 2016 and BAC102: Careers in Law and Government* ($2750 awarded).

2016 University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant. To support the creation of a new course titled: *Political Networks: A Travel Course to DC,* with William M. Myers ($4880 awarded).

2015 University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant. *Enhancing the GWA100 Experience with the GWA Faculty* ($6000 awarded).

2011 University of Tampa Learning Enrichment Grant. *Enhancing Assessment Outcomes in Social Sciences via Live Text,* with Deletha Hardin and Liv Coleman ($4500 awarded).

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Conference Participation (since 2013) *******includes collaboration with student authors*

* "First Ladies and their Audiences." Presented at the 2023 Southern Political Science Association Conference and 2023 Midwest Political Science Conference. Mary R. Anderson, Jonathan Lewallen, *Philip Ferdinand and Jessica Bansil.*

* "The Velvet Pulpit: An Examination of First Ladies Public Remarks and Speeches." Presented at the 2022 Southern Political Science Association Conference. *Jessica Bansil, Philip Ferdinand, Kimberly Giangrasso, CadyNessralla*, Mary R. Anderson, and Jonathan Lewallen.

* "First Ladies as Institutional Actors." Presented at the 2021 Southern Political Science Association Conference. Virtual Conference. Mary R. Anderson, Jonathan Lewallen, *Kimberly Giangrasso, Sophia Pisano, and Cady Nessaralla.*

"Women and Political Ambition." Presented at the 2020 Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, PR. Mary R. Anderson, Kathryn VanderMolen, and Lakshmi Jayaram.

"How to Balance Work and Life Demands." A roundtable discussion at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

"How to Survive the Tenure Process." A roundtable discussion at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

* "Women, Confidence, and Politics." Presented at the 2019 Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, TX. Mary R. Anderson, *Haley Hill, Alexis Laroe, and Courtney Wilson.*

"Mentoring Women to Communicate Effectively Across All Levels of the Profession." A roundtable discussion at the 2019 Southern Political Science Association Conference, Austin, TX.

"The Promises of Decentralization: A Natural Experiment in the New Nabdam District of Ghana." Presented at the 2018 Southern Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, LA. Kevin Fridy and Mary R. Anderson.

"Civic Engagement and the U.S. Presidential Election of 2016." Presented at the 2017 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference. Long Beach, CA. Mary R Anderson, Liv Coleman and Julianne Mora.

"Personality and Political Participation in Ghana." Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Washington DC. Kevin Fridy, Mary R. Anderson, and William M. Myers.

"Better Understanding of Poverty in Africa: Results from Multidimensional Poverty Survey administered in Northern Ghana and Accra." 2016. Presented at the 12 International Scientific Conference of the University of Ciego de Avila Maximo Gomez Baez, Cayo Coco, Cuba. Kevin Fridy and Mary R. Anderson.

"Operationalizing Socio-economic Status in Africa: Results from surveys administered in Northern Ghana and Accra." Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR. Mary R. Anderson and Kevin Fridy.

"The Relationship between Trust and Approval: Results of a panel survey in Northern Ghana." Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA. Mary R. Anderson and Kevin Fridy.

* "The Effect of Personality on Political Engagement in Ghana" presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. Mary R. Anderson, Kevin Fridy, and *Mollie Hammel.*

"Political Knowledge in Ghana" presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. Mary R. Anderson and Kevin Fridy.

"Competing Measures of Poverty: Results from a Panel Survey from Northern Ghana." Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN. Mary R Anderson, Kevin S. Fridy, and Isaac Yen.

"Community Influence on Political Behavior in Rural Ghana: The Cases of Duusi, Nangodi, and Pelungu." Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. Mary R Anderson and Kevin Fridy.

"Democratic Values, Party Identification, and Torture." Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois. Mary R. Anderson and David Richards.

Invited Presentations

"Confidence and Candidate Emergence Among Women," Presentation to the League of Women Voters Hillsborough County. May 2023, with Lakshmi Jayaram and Kathryn VanderMolen.

"Community Based Learning," Presentation for the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Tampa. Tampa. FL. February 2023, with Christopher Boulton, Arthur Hollist, Julie Nelson, and Renee Patrick.

"UTampaVotes 2020," Presentation to Student Services. University of Tampa. Tampa, FL. October 2020. With Ian McGinnity.

"Civic Engagement and GOTV at UT," Presentation to the Alumni Board. University of Tampa. Tampa, FL, October 2020. With Ian McGinnity and *Juliana Fray*.

"Civic Engagement Online," Presentation to the New Teaching Institute. University of Tampa. Tampa, FL. October 2020

"The Foundations of Mixed Methods," Presentation to the Workshop for Social Science Research. Concordia University, San Juan, PR. January 2020. With Lakshmi Jayaram.

"How to Write a Research Paper 101," Presentation to the Workshop for Social Science Research. Concordia University, Montreal. CA. January 2019.

"Responsible Citizenship," Presentation to the University of Tampa Board of Trustees. October 2018.

"Civic Learning Across the Disciplines," Presentation for the University of Tampa Center for Teaching and Learning. October 2018.

"Community Identity and Political Behavior," Presentation to the Workshop for Social Science Research. Concordia University, Montreal, CA. September 2018.

"Beyond the Media's Explanation: Examining the Determinants of Attitudes Towards Torture," Presentation for Human Rights Day at University of Tampa. Tampa, FL. Spring 2018.

"Free Speech on Campus and Activism," Presentation at the Student Affairs Staff Exchange. Nov. 2017.

"Community Identity and Political Behavior," Presentation to the Workshop for Social Science Research. Concordia University, Montreal, CA. Fall 2017.

"How to get (and keep) a job at a private liberal arts university?" Presentation to Florida State University Political Science Department. Spring 2015.

"Community Influence on Political Behavior in Rural Ghana: The Cases of Duusi, Nangodi, and Pelungu," Presentation to the Economic and Social Rights Group of the Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut. Fall 2013, with Kevin Fridy.

Institutes and Trainings

2023 CITI Program, IRB Social-Behavioral-Education Researchers

2021 Discrimination Awareness in the Workplace Course
2021 Title IX and Sexual Harassment Prevention Course
2020 Media Training, B2 Communications, Tampa, FL
2020 Sustained Dialog Institute Moderator
2020 The New Teaching Institute Online Teaching Certification. University of Tampa, Tampa, FL.
2019 CITI Program, IRB Social-Behavioral-Education Researchers
2016 The Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, UNC Chapel Hill. "Short Course: Introduction to R." January 2016
2003 Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; 2003
2001 Essex Summer School in Social Science and Data Analysis Collection, University of Essex, Colchester, England; 2001

Other Workshops and Conferences Attended

2019 Global Citizenship for Campus, Community, and Careers: Crossing Borders and Boundaries. AAC&U, San Antonio, TX.
2018 Joint Special Operations University, Special Operations Research Crossflow Workshop. MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL.
2018 International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Annual Conference. "Reaching New Heights." Calgary, CA.

TEACHING

Courses taught:

- Honors Seminar: Women of the White House
- Introduction to American Government
- Research Methods
- Political Analysis
- Political Parties and Interest Groups
- Congress and the Presidency
- Campaigns and Elections
- Public Opinion
- Political Psychology
- Political Networking: A Travel Course to DC
- Introduction to Public Policy

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Southern Political Science Association
Program Chair 2025 /VP Elect (2023-24)
Journal of Politics Editorial Selection Committee Chair (2022-23)
Executive Council (2020-2023)
Membership Committee (2021-22 Chair)
Strategic Planning Committee (2020-21)

Nominating Committee (2020; 2021 Chair)
Executive Council (2014-2016)
Ad Hoc Committee on Professional Standards (2018)
Committee on the Status of Women (2015-2019)
American Association of University Professors
University of Tampa Chapter Secretary (2020-21)
American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

Manuscript Reviewer: *Journal of Politics, Political Behavior, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Human Rights, Political Science Quarterly, International Journal of Public Opinion, Public Opinion Quarterly, Journal of Campus Activities Practice and Scholarship*.

SERVICE

University Service:

UT Democracy Coalition—Co-Founder/Faculty Director: 2019-present
Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee: 2023-2024
University Community Engagement and Responsible Citizenship Committee: 2020-present
Chair 2020-2021
Ad Hoc University Committee for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: 2020
COVID19 Health Safety Task Force: 2020
Faculty Advisor Student Government Association: 2017-2021
Admissions Faculty Representative: 2017- present
NSLVE Representative: 2016-present
ICPSR Designated UT Representative: 2016-2021
Associate Professor Peer Support and Mid-Career Development Working Group: 2018-2019
Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Develop Dismissal Policy and Procedures: 2018
Ad Hoc Senate Committee to Review Tenure and Promotion Procedures: 2016-2018
Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Service Learning: 2016
Civic Education Workshop Series for Students, Staff, and Faculty: 2016-17, 2017-18
University Internship Committee: 2016-18
University Benefits and Salary Committee 2009-2014
Ad Hoc Senate Summer Stipend Task Force: 2012-2013

College and Departmental Service:

College Tenure and Promotion Committee: 2014-2020, 2021-2023, 2023-2025
Tenure and Promotion Committee Chair 2019-2020; Promotion Committee Chair 2021
College Mentor to Assistant Professor(s) Program: 2017-2021
Adjunct Coordinator, Department of Political Science and International Studies, 2021-Present
Internship Coordinator, Department of Political Science and International Studies, 2016-2018
Faculty Search Committee—1 Endowed Chair, 5 Tenure Track, 2 Professor of Instruction

Community Service:

Nangodi Institute: Board Member, 2017-present; Ghana.
Volunteer Campaign Manager: school board election, 2022.
Volunteer Campaign Advisor: U.S. Congressional election, 2018.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Recent television appearances

"The Case to Vote." Panel- Academics and Activism. PBS-WEDU November 2022.
"Florida's primary results show new Trump-mentum in battleground state, but will it last until November?" Interview with WFLA. 2020.
Election Night Coverage. Panel expert. NBC WFLA Channel 8 News. November 2018.
Primary Night Coverage. Panel expert. NBC WFLA Channel 8 News. August 2018.

Other media mentions (since 2017)

"Behind the Ballgowns." Madeline McMahon. UT Journal. September 2023.
"UT Students Excited to Be in the Room Where It Happened." News and UT Life. February 2023.
"Getting out the Vote." Jessica Blatt. UT Journal. December 2020.
"UT Recognized as a 2022 ALL IN Most Engaged Campus for College Students." News and UT Life. November 2022.
"Washington Monthly Magazine Highlights UT for Value and Student Voting," News and UT Life. September 2022.
"UT Student Voting Spiked 41% Between 2016 and 2020 Elections." News and UT Life. November 2021.
"Alumna Makes Impact on Higher Education." University of Central Florida COS News. 2017.