

# Jack Knox Belk Jr

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## Education

### New College of Florida

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH A MINOR IN FINANCE

- *Thesis Title:* Rural Politics: A quantitative exploration of rurality and political behavior
- *Thesis Committee:* Jack Reilly (Sponsor), Sherry Yu, and Amanda Fidalgo

Aug. 2015 - May 2019

Sarasota, Florida

### Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE

Aug. 2011 - May 2015

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

## Research Experience

### On the Question of Rural Measurement

Oct. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR WITH JACK REILLY

- Used five years of survey data and ten county-level measures of rurality to explore the importance of sound measurement specification when modeling relationships between place of residence and political behaviors and attitudes.
- Presented at the 47th Annual Florida Political Science Association Conference, and at the 91st Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- Generously supported by a grant from the American Political Science Association.

### Nelson Minus Gillum and Beyond: A Look at 2018 Florida Precinct Returns

2019

FLORIDA POLITICAL CHRONICLE, VOL 27 NO. 1

- Used precinct level election data to investigate drivers of support for candidates for statewide office in the 2018 midterm elections.
- A collaborative effort of the P.E.B.L. group.

### Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 U.S. Election

Jan. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR WITH JACK REILLY, MATTHEW PIETRYKA, AND ANAND SOKHEY

- Extended previous work on the relationship between social connectedness and political engagement, and the role of contextual influence, through the use of new measures and fresh data.
- Performed nearly all data management and statistical analysis, assisted with the production of the manuscript, and authored the appendix.
- Was awarded a fellowship to support the presentation of a version of the preliminary findings as a poster at the 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops in Arlington, VA.

### Political Trust and Ideological Extremism

Dec. 2017 - Mar. 2018

AUTHOR

- Identified a significant association between conservative ideological extremism and low political trust that had been mischaracterized in previous research due to poor measurement specification and ineffective survey design.
- Presented findings at a panel session of the 46th Annual Florida Political Science Conference in Ft. Myers, FL.

## Presentations

### 91st Annual Southern Political Science Association Conference

Jan. 2020

PANEL PRESENTATION OF *On the Question of Rural Measurement*

San Juan, Puerto Rico

- Presented updates to ongoing original research on the importance of correctly measuring the concepts *rural* and *urban*. Introduced a new measure that vastly outperforms many current approaches.

### 47th Annual Florida Political Science Association Conference

Mar. 2019

PANEL PRESENTATION OF *On the Question of Rural Measurement*

Tampa, Florida

- Presented original research on the importance of correctly measuring the concepts *rural* and *urban*. Introduced a new measure that vastly outperforms many current approaches.

### 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops

Jun. 2018

POSTER PRESENTATION OF *Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 U.S. Election*

Arlington, Virginia

- Presented joint research on the relationship between social connectedness, measured in several different ways, and political behaviors and attitudes during the conference's poster session.

- Presented original research on the relationship between political trust and ideological extremism in the United States.

## Work Experience

### The Analyst Institute

Sept. 2019 - Present

## ANALYST

Washington, D.C.

- Designed, executed, analyzed, and communicated the results of cutting-edge experimental research on voter mobilization and persuasion.
- Responsible for simultaneously managing a portfolio of 5 - 10 field experiments at a time, each with a budget between \$100k - \$3M and up to 10 million subjects.
- Contributed to Analyst Institute's codebase of tools used for data cleaning, statistical analysis, visualization, and reporting.

### P.E.B.L. (Politics, Elections, and Behavior Lab)

Jun. 2018 - Present

## RESEARCHER &amp; LAB MANAGER

Sarasota, Florida

- Directed and supported the original research of junior lab members by maintaining lab resources, assisting with data management and analysis, and providing feedback on manuscripts and other work.
- Maintained key infrastructure, such as an up-to-date copy of the Florida Voter File, an open-source geocoder, and additional servers.
- Assisted with the development of standards and guidelines for research conducted by P.E.B.L.

### Department of Political Science, New College of Florida

Aug. 2017 - May 2019

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

Sarasota, Florida

- Planned and coordinated multiple exercises, workshops, and in class discussions on topics covered in American government and quantitative social science methods courses.
- Taught multiple sessions on the fundamentals of debate, including writing cases, preparing and engaging in cross examination, and delivering rejoinders and rebuttals.

### 12th Judicial Circuit Court

Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018

## PRETRIAL SERVICES INTERN

Sarasota, Florida

- Interviewed each newly arrested person and compiled relevant case history into a comprehensive report for judges presiding over First Appearance, as well as the Office of the Public Defender and the Office of the State Attorney.
- Reviewed each new inmate's file to determine eligibility for special court programs, such as mental health court, drug court, and DUI court.
- Interviewed victims of violent and domestic crimes to verify information and gather victim statements for the court.

### Office of the General Counsel, New College of Florida

Jan. 2018 - May 2018

## STUDENT LAW CLERK

Sarasota, Florida

- Evaluated the effectiveness and suitability of the then-current Title IX policy and worked with internal departments and external advisors to develop and propose revisions.

### The Cheesecake Factory, Inc.

Jul. 2015 - Mar. 2018

## LEAD STATION COOK &amp; CERTIFIED DESIGNATED TRAINER

Ft. Lauderdale &amp; Sarasota, Florida

- Prepared station for shift, cooked all orders quickly and according to recipe, cleaned and organized station after shift, and assisted other members of the kitchen team.
- Trained new cooks on the Pasta and Sauté stations, the two highest volume and most demanding stations in the kitchen.

### Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2017

## LEGAL INTERN

Sarasota, Florida

- Supported staff attorneys by drafting complaints, motions, and answers as requested.
- Accompanied staff attorneys in their appearances before the 12th Circuit Court.
- Assisted with client intake and review of client provided documents such as leases, contracts, correspondence, and notices.
- Contributed to weekly case review by researching and presenting applicable statutes, codes, regulations, and case law.

### Fredd Atkins for Sarasota County Commissioner

Apr. 2016 - Nov. 2016

## CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Sarasota, Florida

- Effectively managed all aspects of the county-wide campaign, including fundraising, messaging, scheduling, recruitment, budgeting, and voter outreach.
- Developed and implemented a fundraising plan that raised nearly \$100,000 from individual donors and local interest groups.
- Led the implementation of a digital outreach campaign that returned an above average engagement and click through rate.

### Charlie Crist for Governor

Aug. 2014 - Nov. 2014

## ORGANIZING FELLOW

Coral Springs, Florida

- Recruited, trained, and coordinated volunteers.
- Scheduled staff and managed phone banks at the Coral Springs, Florida office.

## Honors & Awards

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2018	<b>Fellowship</b> , 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops	Arlington, VA
2015	<b>National Merit Scholar</b> , National Merit Scholarship Corporation	U.S.A
2015	<b>Benacquisto Scholar</b> , Florida Department of Education	Florida
2015	<b>Florida Academic Scholar</b> , Florida Department of Education	Florida
2015	<b>Arthur N. Rupe Scholar</b> , Arthur N. Rupe Foundation	Florida
2015	<b>Excellence Award</b> , New College of Florida	Sarasota, FL
2014	<b>Degree of Special Distinction</b> , National Speech and Debate Association	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
2014	<b>Semifinalist</b> , Yale Invitational Debate Tournament	New Haven, CT
2014	<b>Semifinalist</b> , Harvard National Congressional Debate Tournament	Cambridge, MA
2014	<b>Semifinalist</b> , NYC Invitational Debate Tournament	New York, NY

## Skills

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<b>Statistical Software</b>	R, Stata 15
<b>Open-source Research</b>	Atom, BibDesk, Git, GitHub, LaTeX, RStudio, Shiny

## Extracurricular Activities

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<b>New College of Florida ACLU Club</b>	May 2018 - May 2019
CO-PRESIDENT	Sarasota, Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grew membership, expanded campus outreach, and increased the annual funding of the ACLU club.</li><li>Organized a <i>Know Your Rights</i> discussion between students and local criminal defense attorneys.</li></ul>	
<b>New College Swim Club</b>	Aug. 2018 - May 2019
SWIMMER	Sarasota, Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supported and participated in practices and events for the school swim team.</li></ul>	
<b>New College of Florida ACLU Club</b>	Jan. 2018 - May 2018
VICE-PRESIDENT	Sarasota, Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Served as a founding board member of the newly formed ACLU club.</li><li>Organized on campus events focused on boosting membership and raising awareness of student rights and civil liberties.</li></ul>	
<b>Collegiate Debate Tutorial</b>	Jan. 2016 - May 2016
ORGANIZER AND INSTRUCTOR	Sarasota, Florida
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designed and taught a semester long course on the fundamentals of collegiate debate.</li></ul>	