

# Jack Knox Belk Jr

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## Education

### New College of Florida

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

Sarasota, Florida

Aug. 2015 - Present

### Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Aug. 2011 - May 2015

## Experience

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

RESEARCHER & LAB MANAGER

Sarasota, Florida

Jun. 2018 - Present

- Co-authored *Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 United States Election: A Replication and Extension* with Prof. Reilly and developed materials for presentation at the 2018 Political Networks Conference in Arlington, V.A.
- Directed and supported the original research of junior lab members by maintaining lab resources, assisting with data collection, cleaning, and analysis, and providing feedback on manuscripts and other work.
- Assisted Prof. Jack L Reilly with startup tasks such as the development of standards and guidelines, organization of office space, and the installation of computers and software for the newly founded P.E.B.L. research laboratory.

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

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Sarasota, Florida

Aug. 2017 - Present

- Planned and coordinated multiple in class debates 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.
- Led group discussions, hosted course review sessions, and graded student work and exams.

### 12th Judicial Circuit Court

PRETRIAL SERVICES INTERN

Sarasota, Florida

Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018

- Interviewed each newly arrested person and compiled relevant case history into a comprehensive report for judges presiding over First Appearance.
- Collected relevant case history on behalf of 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

STUDENT LAW CLERK

Sarasota, Florida

Jan. 2018 - May 2018

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

### The Cheesecake Factory, Inc.

LEAD STATION COOK & CERTIFIED DESIGNATED TRAINER

Ft. Lauderdale & Sarasota, Florida

Jul. 2015 - Mar. 2018

- 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 Saute stations, the two highest volume and most demanding stations in the kitchen.
- It is worth noting that The Cheesecake Factory is the busiest restaurant in North America when measured by sales per square foot.

### Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

LEGAL INTERN

Sarasota, Florida

Jan. 2017 - Dec. 2017

- 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.
- Attended various professional development sessions that focused on developing and reinforcing best practices in the pro-bono field.

## Fredd Atkins for Sarasota County Commissioner

Sarasota, Florida

CAMPAIGN MANAGER

Apr. 2016 - Nov. 2016

- 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

Coral Springs, Florida

ORGANIZING FELLOW

Aug. 2014 - Nov. 2014

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

## Extracurricular Activities

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### New College of Florida ACLU Club

Sarasota, Florida

CO-PRESIDENT

May 2018 - Present

- Grew membership, expanded campus outreach, and increased the annual funding of the ACLU club.
- Organized a *Know Your Rights* discussion between students and local criminal defense attorneys.

### New College of Florida ACLU Club

Sarasota, Florida

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jan. 2018 - May 2018

- Served as a founding board member of the newly formed ACLU club.
- Organized on campus events focused on boosting membership and raising awareness of student rights and civil liberties.
- Coordinated funding requests and facilitated communication with the ACLU chapter of the greater Sarasota area.

## Honors & Awards

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- 2018 **Fellowship**, 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops
- 2015 **National Merit Scholar**, National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- 2015 **Benacquisto Scholar**, Florida Department of Education
- 2015 **Florida Academic Scholar**, Florida Department of Education
- 2015 **Arthur N. Rupe Scholar**, Arthur N. Rupe Foundation
- 2015 **Excellence Award**, New College of Florida

Arlington, Virginia

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Sarasota, Florida

## Skills

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**Statistical Software** Stata 15, R, RStudio, Shiny  
**Open-source Research** LaTeX, Atom, Git, GitHub

## Presentations

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### 46th Annual Florida Political Science Conference

Ft. Meyers, Florida

PANEL PRESENTATION OF *Political Trust and Ideological Extremism*

Mar. 2018

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

### 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops

Arlington, Virginia

POSTER PRESENTATION OF *Social Connectedness and Political Behavior in the 2016 United States Election: A Replication and Extension*

Jun. 2018

- 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.