

# Jack Knox Belk Jr

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## Education

### New College of Florida

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

- *Thesis Title:* Rural Politics: A quantitative exploration of rurality, attitudes, and political behavior
- *Thesis Committee:* Keith Fitzgerald, Barbara Hicks, Sherry Yu, and Jack Reilly (Sponsor)

Sarasota, Florida

Aug. 2015 - Present

### Saint Thomas Aquinas High School

SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATE

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Aug. 2011 - May 2015

## Research Experience

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

Jun. 2018 - Present

RESEARCHER & LAB MANAGER

- Conducted original research, both independently and in collaboration with other lab members, mostly centered on the relationship between place, attitudes, and political behavior in the American context.
- 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.
- 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.

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

Jan. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR

- 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.

### On the Question of Rural Measurement

Oct. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR

- Explored the importance of sound measurement specification when modeling relationships between place of residence and political behaviors and attitudes.
- Used five years of survey data and ten county-level measures of rurality to examine how changing from a continuous to categorical variable influences predictions of behavioral outcomes.

### Get Out The Vote: Color, Size, and the Effectiveness of Direct Mail

Oct. 2018 - Present

CO-AUTHOR

- Used a field experiment to test for a relationship between the color and size of voter mobilization direct mail and voter turnout.

### Political Trust and Ideological Extremism

Dec. 2017 - Mar. 2018

AUTHOR

- Replicated and extended previous quantitative work on the relationship between political trust and ideological extremism.
- 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. Meyers, FL.

### Politics in Latin America: An Examination of the Cuban Revolution

Sarasota, Florida

AUTHOR

Jan. 2017

- Reviewed relevant literature on the colonization and historical development of Latin America, and Cuba specifically, to identify factors that made revolution possible.
- Traced the impact of the revolution through to the modern day, in an attempt to highlight its influence on the Cuban state, U.S.-Cuban relations, and Cuba's role in current regional politics.

## Work Experience

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

Sarasota, Florida

#### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Aug. 2017 - Present

- 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.
- Led group discussions, hosted course review sessions, and graded student work and exams.

### 12th Judicial Circuit Court

Sarasota, Florida

#### PRETRIAL SERVICES INTERN

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

Sarasota, Florida

#### STUDENT LAW CLERK

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.

Ft. Lauderdale & Sarasota, Florida

#### LEAD STATION COOK & CERTIFIED DESIGNATED TRAINER

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 Sauté stations, the two highest volume and most demanding stations in the kitchen.

### Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.

Sarasota, Florida

#### LEGAL INTERN

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.

## Presentations

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### 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops

Arlington, Virginia

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

### 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.

## 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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### 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.

### Collegiate Debate Tutorial

Sarasota, Florida

ORGANIZER AND INSTRUCTOR

Jan. 2016 - May 2016

- Designed and taught a semester long course on the fundamentals of collegiate debate.

### New College Swim Club

Sarasota, Florida

SWIMMER

Aug. 2018 - Present

- Supported and participated in practices and events for the school swim team.