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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

Salve Regina University

Inaugural Brodsky Chair in Constitutional Democracy and Culture / Professor of Political Science 2024-present

University of Tampa

Department of Political Science and International Studies

Professor 2019-2024

Associate Professor 2013-2019

Assistant Professor 2008 - 2013

University of Memphis

Department of Political Science

Assistant Professor 2005-2007

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. and J. Lewallen. *Forthcoming*. "Not Just the Nation's Hostess: First Ladies as Policy Actors." *Policy Studies Journal*

Anderson, Mary R., L. Jayaram, and K. VanderMolen. *Forthcoming*. "She Said Yes! An Exploration of Confidence Among Women Who Run for Political Office." *State and Local Government Review*. OnlineFirst
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0160323X241248405>

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 Nabdram District." *Journal of Asian and African Studies* 56(3): 495-510.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0021909620930051>

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

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

LEADERSHIP

Southern Political Science Association, VP /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