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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

<i>Florida International University</i>	<i>Miami, FL</i>
Professor	2024-Present
Associate Professor	2018-2024
Assistant Professor	2015-2018
<i>Susquehanna University</i>	<i>Selinsgrove, PA</i>
Assistant Professor	2012-2015
<i>Dickinson College</i>	<i>Carlisle, PA</i>
Visiting Assistant Professor	2011-2012
<i>Radford University</i>	<i>Radford, VA</i>
Visiting Assistant Professor	2010-2011

EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Ohio State University, Political Science, August 2010.
Dissertation: *The Redistricting Cycle in American State Politics*

M.A. The Ohio State University, Political Science, December 2005.
Major Field: American Politics; Minor Field: Political Methodology

B.A. Rice University, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, May 2001.
Majors: Political Science, Linguistics, Spanish

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Sokhey, Anand E., Drew Seib, and Todd Makse. N.d. *Shifting the Conversation about Early Voting*. Accepted at Cambridge Elements.

Makse, Todd, Scott L. Minkoff, and Anand E. Sokhey. 2019. [*Politics on Display: Yard Signs and the Politicization of Social Spaces*](#). New York: Oxford University Press.

ARTICLES

(† = co-authored with graduate student)

- (25) Burgess, Melissa† and Todd Makse. N.d. “Anachro-Knowledge: Officeholder Change and Outdated Political Knowledge.” *American Politics Research*, forthcoming.
- (24) Clark, Nick and Todd Makse. N.d. “[Social Context and Local Political Knowledge.](#)” *Urban Affairs Review*, forthcoming.
- (23) Makse, Todd. 2025. “[Exposure to Neighbor Adoptions, Agenda Setting Behavior, and Policy Diffusion.](#)” *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming.
- (22) Makse, Todd and Patrick Villalonga†. 2025. “[Perceptions of Partisanship in Local American Politics.](#)” *Social Science Quarterly* 106(4): e70070.
- (21) Makse, Todd. 2025. “[Leadership Continuity, Cosponsor Cues, and the Floor Agenda in State Legislatures.](#)” *State and Local Government Review* 57(2): 105-120.
- (20) Ratliff Santoro, Lauren, Todd Makse, and Anand E. Sokhey. 2024. “[Linking Primary Voter Mindsets to General Election Enthusiasm.](#)” *Political Behavior* 46(3): 1725-45.
- (19) Bowra, Bethany† and Todd Makse. 2023. “[Institutional Attachments and Patterns of Ambition in State Legislatures.](#)” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 48(3): 561-589
- (18) Makse, Todd. 2022. “[Bicameral Distinctiveness in American State Legislatures.](#)” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 22(3): 270-288.
- (17) Makse, Todd. 2022. “[Instant Credibility: The Conditional Role of Professional Expertise in Policymaking Success.](#)” *Political Research Quarterly* 75(1): 118-33.
Received award for Best Article on Effective Lawmaking by the Center for Effective Lawmaking, 2023.
- (16) Makse, Todd. 2021. “[Expertise and the Championing of Policy Innovations in State Legislatures.](#)” *Policy Studies Journal* 49(2): 359-80.
- (15) Christenson, Dino, Jennifer Lin† and Todd Makse. 2021. “[Ask Only What Your Country Can Do for You: Group Interests, Constituency Characteristics and Demands for Representation.](#)” *American Politics Research* 49(1): 17-29.
- (14) Makse, Todd. 2019. “[Professional Backgrounds in State Legislatures: 1993-2012.](#)” *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 19(3): 312-333.
- (13) Clark, Nicholas and Todd Makse. 2019. “[Local Media Tone, Economic Information and Retrospective Voting.](#)” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties* 29(1): 82-101.

- (12) Makse, Todd. 2017. ["The Retention of Expertise and Productivity in State Legislative Committees."](#) *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 17(4): 418-440.
- (11) Makse, Todd. 2017. ["A Very Particular Set of Skills: Former Legislator Traits and Revolving Door Lobbying in Congress."](#) *American Politics Research* 45(5): 866-886.
- (10) Christenson, Dino and Todd Makse. 2015. ["Mass Preferences on Shared Representation and the Composition of Legislative Districts."](#) *American Politics Research* 43(3): 451-78.
- (9) Makse, Todd. 2014. ["The Redistricting Cycle, Partisan Tides and Party Strategy in State Legislative Elections."](#) *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 14(3): 342-64.
- (8) Makse, Todd, Scott L. Minkoff, and Anand E. Sokhey. 2014. ["Networks, Context, and the Use of Spatially-Weighted Survey Metrics."](#) *Political Geography* 42: 79-91.
Received award for Best Poster, Political Networks Conference, 2012
- (7) Makse, Todd. 2014. ["Majority Party Change and Committee Jurisdictions in State Legislatures."](#) *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 39(3): 387-405.
- (6) Makse, Todd and Anand E. Sokhey. 2014. ["The Displaying of Yard Signs as a Form of Political Participation."](#) *Political Behavior* 36(1): 189-213.
- (5) Makse, Todd. 2012. ["Defining Communities of Interest in Redistricting Through Initiative Voting."](#) *Election Law Journal* 11(4): 503-17.
- (4) Makse, Todd and Anand E. Sokhey. 2012. ["Yard Sign Displays and the Enthusiasm Gap in the 2008 and 2010 Elections."](#) *PS: Political Science and Politics* 45(4): 694-99.
- (3) Makse, Todd. 2012. ["Strategic Constituency Manipulation in State Legislative Redistricting."](#) *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 37(2): 225-50.
- (2) Makse, Todd and Craig Volden. 2011. ["The Role of Policy Attributes in the Diffusion of Innovations."](#) *Journal of Politics* 73(1): 108-24.
- (1) Makse, Todd and Anand E. Sokhey. 2010. ["Revisiting the Divisive Primary Hypothesis: 2008 and the Clinton-Obama Nomination Battle."](#) *American Politics Research* 38(2): 233-65.

BOOK CHAPTER

Makse, Todd. 2020. ["The Disappearance of Bipartisan Representation."](#) In *A Divided Union: Structural Challenges to Bipartisanship in America*, Dario Moreno et al., eds. New York: Routledge.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Colleagues and Neighbors? Geographic Patterns of Collaboration and Legislative Effectiveness”

“Expertise in Legislative Policy Networks”

“Information Processing under Ranked Choice Voting” (with Chris Karpowitz, Michelangelo Landgrave, Drew Seib, and Anand Sokhey)

“Is an Early Voter an Informed Voter? The Consequences of Early Voting for Down-Ballot Races” (with Anand Sokhey)

“Knowledge a la Carte: Issue Importance and Vertical Patterns of American Political Knowledge” (with Nick Clark) (*Under review*)

“The Concentration of Legislative Effectiveness in the American States” (with Jacob Lollis[†]) (*Under review*)

“The Levels of Conceptualization Framework and Political Discussion” (with Jennifer Lin[†], Damon Roberts[†], and Anand Sokhey)

AWARDS

*Recognizing Excellence in Teaching Initiative award, Florida International University, 2024-25

*Best Article on Effective Lawmaking, Center for Effective Lawmaking, 2023.

*Best Poster Award, Political Networks Conference (with Scott Minkoff and Anand Sokhey), 2012

*Ohio State University, recognition of teaching excellence: Spring 2007, Spring 2009.

*Best Graduate Student Paper, APSA State Politics and Policy Section, 2006 and 2008.

*Francis Aumann Award, Ohio State University, 2006.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

*Portman Center for Policy Solutions Grant, 2024, \$29,600 (with Anand Sokhey, Michelangelo Landgrave and Chris Karpowitz)

*Kimberly and Dorothea Green Fellowship for Senior Faculty, 2022-23

*Kimberly Green Faculty Fellowship, 2021

*MIT Election Data and Science Lab New Initiatives Grant, 2019, \$5,200. “Early Voting and the Implications of Non-Simultaneity for Political Discussion” (with Anand Sokhey and Drew Seib)

*Morris and Anita Broad Fellowship, 2018

*NSF Travel Fellowship Award, Political Networks Conference, 2015

*Susquehanna University Faculty Research Mini-Grants, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014.

*Susquehanna University Collaborative Scholarship Grant, Summer 2013.

*Dickinson College Scholarly Project grant, 2011-2012.

*Ohio State University Summer Survey Research Fellowship, 2009.

*Harvey Walker Research Grant, 2008.

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025. “Is an Early Voter an Informed Voter? The Consequences of Early Voting for Down-Ballot Races” (with Anand Sokhey). Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference, Stony Brook, NY.

2025. “Geographic Patterns of Legislative Collaboration.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Boston, MA.

2025. “Knowledge a la Carte: Issue Importance and Vertical Patterns of American Political Knowledge” (with Nick Clark). Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL.

2024. “Geographic Patterns of Legislative Collaboration.” American Political Science Association conference, Philadelphia, PA.

2024. “Elaborating a Multi-Level Framework for Studying Political Knowledge” (with Nick Clark). American Political Science Association conference, Philadelphia, PA.

2024. “The Concentration of Legislative Effectiveness in the American States” (with Jacob Lollis). State Politics and Policy Conference, Charlottesville, VA.

2024. “The Concentration of Legislative Effectiveness in the American States” (with Jacob Lollis). Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, LA.

2023. “Expertise in Legislative Policy Networks.” American Political Science Association conference, Los Angeles, CA.

2023. “Social Context and Local Political Knowledge.” (with Nick Clark). American Political Science Association conference, Los Angeles, CA.

2023. “Expertise in Policy-Specific Legislative Networks.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

2023. “What Shapes Knowledge of Local and National Politics? Findings from a Multi-City Study” (with Nick Clark). Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL.

2022. “Perceptions of Partisanship in Local Politics” (with Patrick Villalonga). American Political Science Association conference, Montreal, QU.

2022. “How Voters Experience Campaigns in an Era of Convenience Voting” (with Anand Sokhey and Drew Seib). American Political Science Association conference, Montreal, QU.

2022. “How Voters Experience Campaigns in an Era of Convenience Voting” (with Anand Sokhey and Drew Seib). Election Science Research and Administration Conference, Charlotte, NC.

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

2022. “Leadership Continuity and Cosponsorship Cues in State Legislative Lawmaking.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Tallahassee, FL.

2022. Roundtable, “Descriptive Data and its Place in the Subfield.” State Politics and Policy Conference, Tallahassee, FL.

2022. “Early Voting and the Implications of Non-Simultaneity for Political Discussion” (with Anand Sokhey and Drew Seib). Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL.

2022. “The Levels of Conceptualization and Argument Preferences among the Mass Public” (with Jennifer Lin, Damon Roberts, and Anand Sokhey). Midwest Political Science Association conference, Chicago, IL.

2021. “Exposure to Neighbor Adoptions, Agenda Setting Behavior, and Policy Diffusion.” American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA.

2021. “The Levels of Conceptualization and Argument Preferences among the Mass Public” (with Jennifer Lin, Damon Roberts, and Anand Sokhey). Midwest Political Science Association (virtual).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Colleagues and Neighbors? Geographic Patterns of Collaboration and Legislative Effectiveness.” Center for Effective Lawmaking, February 2025.

“Shifting the Conversation on Early Voting: Social and Attitudinal Implications of the Demise of Election Day.” Susquehanna University, February 2025.

Panel on the 2018 election. Broward College, October 2018.

Panel on the 2012 election. Bloomsburg University, November 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida International University (= graduate level)*

American Government (POS 2041)

Political Parties (POS 3443)

Political Behavior (POS 5208*)

Research Methods II (POS 6918*)

Legislative Process (POS 3424)

State Government and Politics (POS 4122)

Teaching Political Science (POS 5702*)

Previous Institutions

American Government and Politics

Elections in America

Contemporary Issues in Election Law

State and Local Politics

Senior Seminar

Research Methods

Political Behavior

Congress

Parties and Interest Groups

Writing and Thinking

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

*Ph.D. students (^ = major professor or co-major professor):

Graduated: Patrick Villalonga^ (2025), Bethany Bowra (2023), Maria Gabryszewska (2018)
Current: Ernest Asamoah, Melissa Burgess, Sedi Kumah, Erzuah Nvidah, David Olusanjo^,
 Maria Ovalle, Mohammad Sayyadi, Andrew Trabazo^

*M.A. students: Brennan Sullivan (2022; advisor); Jasmin Garcia (2022; second reader)

*Comprehensive exams reader: Andrew Trabajo (2023), Melissa Burgess (2022), Bethany Bowra (2021), Alex Bruno (2020), Valeriia Popova (2018), Alejandro Torres (2018)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Leadership positions

Secretary, APSA State Politics and Policy section, 2022-2025
 Editorial board member, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 2022-present
 Editorial board member, *State and Local Government Review*, 2025-present
 MPSA Program committee, Political Geography section chair, 2014

*Awards committee member:

APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant panelist, 2021, 2025
 Chair, Carsey Scholars Committee, APSA State Politics and Policy section, 2019-20
 Virginia Gray Book Award Committee, APSA State Politics and Policy section, 2017
 Jewell-Loewenberg Prize Committee, APSA Legislative Studies section, 2015

*Journal referee:

American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; American Politics Research; Canadian Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Election Law Journal; Electoral Studies; Frontiers in Political Science; International Journal of Press/Politics; International Review of Public Administration; Journal of Cultural Geography; Journal of Elections, Parties, and Public Opinion; Journal of Politics; Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics; Journal of Women, Politics and Policy; Legislative Studies Quarterly; Party Politics; Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics; Policy Studies; Policy Studies Journal; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Presidential Studies Quarterly; PS: Political Science and Politics; Public Opinion Quarterly; Southern Communication Journal; State and Local Government Review; State Politics and Policy Quarterly.

*Book and textbook reviewing

Oxford University Press, DeGruyter, Routledge, Sage

*Conference panel chair and/or discussant:

American Political Science Association: 2008, 2011, 2014, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2008-09, 2011, 2013-14, 2016-19, 2021, 2025
 State Politics and Policy Conference: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2024, 2025
 Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference: 2025
 Southern Political Science Association: 2024

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Florida International University

Departmental service (Department of Politics and International Relations)

Associate Chair (2025-present)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2018-2024)

Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-16, 2017-18, 2024-25)

Graduate Student Professional Development Committee (2024-present)

Graduate Studies Committee (2016-17)

Faculty search committees (2018-19, 2021-22, 2023-24)

Evaluating Teaching Project lead, Department of Political Science (2019)

Political Science Assessments Coordinator (2017-18)

University and School service

Resident member, Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon of Florida Chapter (2017-present)

Student Success Committee (2018-2024)

Judge, Graduate Student Appreciation Week Scholarly Forum (2017, 2024, 2025)

Judge, Conference for Undergraduate Research (2019-20, 2022)

Faculty fellow, Center for the Advancement of Teaching (2018-19, 2024-2025)

Teaching Assistant Development Committee (2018-19)

Chair, Elections Committee, School of International and Public Affairs (2016-19)

Strategic Plan 2025 Working Group (2018)

Susquehanna University

Faculty co-advisor, Mock Trial

Program Coordinator, Latino Symposium

Ad Hoc Committee on Student Retention

Graduate school advisor, Department of Political Science

Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science

Dickinson College

Faculty advisor, Rush the Vote (Student Voter Registration Committee)

Political Science Department Quiz Bowl

Radford University

Faculty advisor, Virginia Legislative Redistricting Competition team

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Reviewer, National Science Foundation, 2024

Visiting Fellows Program in AP U.S. Government and Politics, College Board, 2023

Question writer, National Political Science Bee, 2021-present

Director, assistant director, and reader, National History Bowl and Bee, 2016-present

REFERENCES

Available upon request.