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## Education

**Ph.D.**, Government. School of Interdisciplinary and Global Studies. The University of South Florida. Awarded December 2017. *Exam Fields*: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods/ Bayesian Inference *Dissertation*: *Measuring Social Trust in Post-Communist States: Making the Case for Particularized Trust*. *Committee*: (Chair) Darrell Slider. (Members) Steven Tauber, Bernd Reiter. (Outside Member, Psychology) Kenneth Malmberg. (Outside Committee Chair, GeoSociences) Steven Reader.

**Ph.D. Studies**, Department of Political Science, The University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. 2010-2012. (*Transferred due to husband's job taking us back to Tampa*).

**Graduate Certificate**. Educational Policy & Leadership. Marquette University. 2007-2009.

**M.A.** Government/ Comparative Politics and International Relations. The University of South Florida. 2000-2003.

**B.A.** Government. Department of Government and International Affairs. The University of South Florida. 1997-2000.

**A.A.** Liberal Arts. Hillsborough Community College. 1997.

## Military Service (10pt Veterans Preference and Schedule A Qualified)

**United States Marine Corps**, E-2. Service Connected Disability/ Honorable Discharge. 1992-3

## Skills

**Policy/ Analysis** Writing policy papers, providing analysis to stakeholders, peer-reviewed analysis work on Eastern Europe (Belarus, Ukraine, Russia/ Chechnya/ N. Caucasus), briefing papers, interfacing with the public and diplomats, expertise in authoritarianism, democratic backsliding, democratic governance, European Security, Russian disinformation, Ukraine/ Russia, and decolonization.

**Programming** R, STATA, Python,  $\LaTeX$

**Methods** Quantitative: Bayesian & Frequentist Methods. Multivariate, Logistic, Regression, MLM, HLM, OLS, IRT, Factor Analysis, T-tests, Means testing, Hypothesis testing, Data Visualization.

**Languages (reading)** English (native); Italian (intermediate); Russian (intermediate); Icelandic (beginning); Ukrainian (beginning).

## Positions

2024-Present	<b>Full-Time Instructor of Political Science</b> Hillsborough Community College Dale Mabry Campus
2018 - 2024	<b>Adjunct Professor of Comparative Politics</b> Department of Political Science and International Studies The University of Tampa
2019-2024	<b>Adjunct Professor of American Politics</b> Hillsborough Community College Ybor & Dale Mabry Campus
2015 - 2021	<b>Adjunct Professor of Political Science</b> College of Arts and Sciences LIM College
2012 - 2017	<b>Instructor of Political Science</b> School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies The University of South Florida

## Publications and Media Appearance

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Nicole M. Ford and Michael A. Hansen. (2022) "Explaining the 2020 Belarusian Protests in Historical Context: Comparing Recent Attitudes and Political Participation to the Beginning of Lukashenko's Presidency." *Nationalities Papers*.

Nicolè M. Ford (2024) "Electronic Resistance: Measuring the Ukrainian Underground Music Scene through Youth Political Participation 2022" *Communist and Post-Communist Studies (Review and Resubmit)*

Ford, Nicolè M. "Adat." In *The Global Encyclopaedia of Informality*, edited by Alena Ledeneva. Vol. 1. London: UCL Press, 2018.

### Other Publications

"Magomed Kadyrov: Chechnya's Grand and Unwanted Uncle" *Australian Institute of International Affairs*

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/mkadyrovford2023>

"New Slovenian PM Robert Golob Charts a Different Course With The EU" *Australian Institute of International Affairs*

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/SloveniaUkraine>

"Russia's Ancestral Lands' and Putin's Justification to Invade Ukraine" *The Globe Post*

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/PutinUkraineJustification>

"External Threats and Public Trust in the EU." (forthcoming in *Kulture Report volume 11* for Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen.)

"'Muzzle Law' Ends Poland's Ability to Call Itself a Democracy." *The Globe Post*

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/fordpoland013020>

"Has the 'Soaring Polish Eagle' Become a Renegade?" *The Globe Post*  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/ford-Poland-080519>

"Trotsky Is an Icepick to the Heart of Soviet History." *Foreign Policy*  
 Link: <https://preview.tinyurl.com/ForPolFord021719>

"Two Moscow teens were released from jail after thousands protested in the streets. Here are 5 things you need to know." August 29, 2018. *The Washington Post*  
 Link: <https://tinyurl.com/wapoFord082918>

## Media Appearances

### Online and Print Interviews

Ukenye, Lawrence (2023, January 11) Why Israel won't change course on Ukraine *Politico*  
 Link: [I spoke with Lawrence Ukenye](#) regarding Israel's new government and whether or not they would change their policy of not providing military aid to Ukraine.

Kendrick, M. (2022, May 12). The Ukraine War Brought Europe Together. Can It Cement the Bond? *The Morning Consult*  
 Link: [I spoke with Matthew Kendrick](#) regarding EU support for Ukraine.

Cadenas, J. (2022, April 26). Elecciones en Eslovenia: Quien es Robert Golob. *Newtral.es*  
 Link: [I spoke to Julia Cadenas of Newtral Spain](#) and offered commentary on Slovenia's 2022 election and Freedom Movement's candidate Robert Golob who swept the elections in April.

Gosselin, J. (2022, April 22). Le sud de plus en plus isolé, des civils pris au piège. *La Presse*  
 Link: [I spoke with Janie Gosselin of La Presse](#) about the situation in Mariupol and Putin's new strategy in the war in Ukraine.

Morrow, A. (2022, March 1). In State of the Union, Biden will look to rally U.S., world against Russian invasion of Ukraine. *The Globe and Mail*.  
 Link: [I spoke with Adrian Morrow](#) regarding President Biden's approach to Ukraine thus far.

### Selected Television Appearances

Brzezinski, M.; Ford, N. M.; Kasparov, G. (2022, April 15). Morning Joe: Segment on the situation in Ukraine. Morning Joe. other, NYC, NY; *MSNBC*

Fernandez, M.; Ford, N. M. (2022, March 16). Russia Intensifies Attacks in Ukraine. Toronto, Canada; *CTV News*.

Donovan, Evan; N. M. Ford (15 July 2018) "Previewing Trump and Putin's Summit" [Tampa, Florida]. *NBC*.

### Working Papers

Nicolè M. Ford "How Does Trust Impact Democratic Support? Measuring Social & Institutional Trust in the Central and Eastern Europe. 2009-2019."

Nicolè M. Ford "Dudayev's Prophecy: How Adat Influences Participation of Chechen Battalions in Ukraine 2014-2022."

Nicolè M. Ford & MP Broache. "International Mechanisms for Accountability for Human Rights Violations in Belarus | Strengthening Transatlantic Cooperation."

### Book Project

Nicolè M. Ford, "The President's Prophecy: Why Chechen Dissidents Are Fighting and Dying For Ukraine."

### **Invited Talks**

Special Guest Speaker: Nicolè M. Ford. (2022, March 23) Public Policy Webinar Series "The Conflict in Ukraine PART 1: Understanding What's Happening and Why" University of Illinois-Springfield.  
Link: <https://tinyurl.com/FordAtUIS032322>

## **Courses Taught: Instructor of Record**

### **Intro to Political Science**

POS 1001 On Campus Canvas & online (2024-Present)

### **Intro to Comparative Politics**

CPO 2002 On Campus and Online Canvas (USF, Fall 2013-Fall 2017)

POLS 2300 Online Blackboard (LIM College, Fall 2015- 2021)

PSC 100 On Campus (UT, Fall 2018- 2024)

### **Terrorism**

POL 4300; PSC 290 Online (LIM Spring 2016, Spring 2017; UT Zoom Spring 2021)

### **Politics of Europe**

EUS 3000 Online Canvas (USF Fall 2015)

### **Empirical Political Analysis**

POL 3733 On Campus (USF Spring 2013)

### **American Government**

POS 2041 On Campus Canvas & online (HCC Fall 2019-Present)

### **Russian Politics**

PSC 290 On Campus & Canvas (UT Fall 2020)

### **Course Development**

**Intro to Comparative Politics 2018; LIM College.**

Created a condensed version of my course for their new online accelerated degree program.

**Terrorism: Challenges to Stability & Diplomacy 2018;  
LIM College.**

Created a fully online course for their Arts & Sciences degree programs.

## **Select Conference Presentations**

2021 & 2023                      **Southern Political Science Association**  
Paper Presentation.

- Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies  
Annual Conference**  
Chair, Central Asian Gender & Race.  
2021 **New Orleans, Louisiana**  
(November 2021.)
- Council for European Studies  
Annual Conference.**  
Paper Presentation.  
2020 & 2023 **Reykjavik, Iceland**  
(canceled due to COVID in 2020 presented in 2023.)
- Higher School of Economics, XX April International  
Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development**  
Paper Presentation.  
2019 **Moscow, Russia.**  
(declined, co-author presented.)
- 2014 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**  
Poster Presentation.
- 2011-5; 2018& 2023 **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**  
Paper Presentation.
- 2010 **Society for Applied Anthropology National Meeting**  
Paper Presentation, with EJ Ford.

## Awards

**University Fellowship**, University of South Florida. 2012-2017

**Department Scholarship**, Government and International Affairs. University of South Florida. 2015

## Research Affiliation

**Visiting Ph.D. Student Scholar**; University of Rochester. 2014-6

## Field Research

**Moscow, Russia**: Thesis Research and Language Training. Winter 2000; Summer 2001

## Professional Internships

**United Nations, Department of Political Affairs**, Analyst Intern. New York, NY 2002

Produced internal papers on N. Korea's nuclear capabilities/ threat assessment, as well as country and leadership profiles for Secretary General Kofi Annan for his trip to SE Asia in 2002. Documents were produced on tight deadlines requiring quick turnover. Worked with high level diplomats from various countries.

**Senator Bob Graham**, Research Intern. Tampa, FL 1994

Answered constituent questions regarding the Senator's position of various issues. Conducted research on upcoming bills/ issues.

## Pannel Participation

**United Nations Association:** Millennium Development Goals 2013

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association; APSA Methods; APSA Comparative Politics section; APSA Women's Caucus; Women Also Know Things; Political Studies Association; Council on European Studies; MidWest Political Science Association; MPSA Women's Caucus; The Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies; Women in International Security.

## Service

**co-sponsor** Spartans Stand With Ukraine; University of Tampa

**H-Russia** Book reviews on Russia and region.

**Peer Reviewer** American Journal of Political Science; Political Behavior and more.

## Academic References

### **Dr. Ruth Tallman**

Associate Dean CAS & Former Department Chair

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### **Dr. Darrell Slider**

Professor Emeritus & Dissertation Advisor.

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