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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, GeoSciences) 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. Secondary Education. Broad-field Social Studies. 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.

Positions

2018 - Present	Adjunct Professor of Comparative Politics Department of Political Science and International Studies The University of Tampa
2019	Adjunct Professor of American Politics Hillsborough Community College Ybor Campus
2015 - Present	Adjunct Professor of Political Science College of Arts and Sciences LIM College
2012 - 2017	Instructor of Political Science School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies The University of South Florida

Publications and Media Appearance

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Nicolè 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*.

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

Other Publications

"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>

Volunteer Work

Research and on-air co-host at Mriya Report.

Link: <https://mriyareport.org>

Mriya Report is a 501(c)3 in the US. (2022-present)

A global news and information Twitter space combating Russian disinformation with an interdisciplinary panel of special guests ranging from top military analysts, political scientists, historians, sociologists, Ukrainian government officials, Ukrainian defenders, and more live 24/7 since the start of the full-scale invasion February 24th, 2022.

Writing reports and original research on Russia's hybrid war in Ukraine and across Europe for high-stakes policy holders, as well as our listeners.

Interface with US and/ or international officials and act as a point of contact for policy analysis based on my research.

Courses Taught: Instructor of Record

Intro to Comparative Politics

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

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

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

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 (HCC Fall 2019-Present)

Russian Politics

PSC 290 On Campus Blackboard (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.

Research Interests

International Relations

Democracy & Democratic Backsliding

Post-Soviet Politics of Russia & Sphere

European Politics & the Future of the European Union

Democratic Institutions, the EU, & the UN

Terrorism & National Security

Political Extremism

Hybrid Warfare

NATO

Human Rights

Authoritarianism

Conference Presentations

2021

Southern Political Science Association

Paper Presentation.

2021

Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies

Annual Conference

Chair, Central Asian Gender & Race.

New Orleans, Louisiana

(November 2021.)

- 2020 **Council for European Studies Annual Conference.**
Paper Presentation.
Reykjavik, Iceland
(*canceled due to COVID.*)
- 2019 **Higher School of Economics, XX April International Academic Conference on Economic and Social Development**
Paper Presentation.
Moscow, Russia.
(*declined, co-author presented.*)
- 2014 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Poster Presentation.
- 2011-5; 2018 **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

PhD Student Liaison to Faculty Graduate Students of Political Science (GAPS) USF 2013-4

Peer Reviewer American Journal of Political Science; Political Behavior.

Discussant MPSA 2018. Post-Communist States.

Skills

Programming R, STATA, Python, L^AT_EX

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

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

Military Service

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

Academic References

Dr. Dave Armstrong

Associate Professor, Political Science.

Canada Research Chair (CRC), The University of Western Ontario.

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Dr. Michael A. Hansen

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Dr. Darrell Slider

Professor Emeritus & Dissertation Advisor.

USF SIGS (*Lives in Russia, often traveling*).

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Student Reference

Alayana Alaras

University of Tampa Alumna 2021. Political Science.

Student in Intro to World Affairs, Russian Politics, and Terrorism and Political Violence Courses.
Contact info available upon request.

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