

# Kevin A. Evans

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## Academic and Administrative Appointments

2025 - present **Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs and Curriculum Affairs**, Florida International University, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs

2023 - 2025 **Faculty Fellow for Graduate Studies**, Florida International University, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs

2019 - 2022 **Graduate Director (Political Science)**, Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations

2017 - present **Associate Professor**, Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations

2015 - 2018 **Undergraduate Director**, Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations

2011 - 2017 **Assistant Professor**, Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations

## Education

2011 **Ph.D.**, Political Science, University of California, Davis  
Fields: American politics and methodology

2005 **B.A.**, Political Science, University of California, Irvine  
Honors: Magna cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa

## Research

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2016. "Presidential Signing Statements and Lawmaking Credit." *Political Science Quarterly* 131(4): 749-778.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2016. "The Politics of Credit in Presidential Signing Statements." *Congress & the Presidency* 43(2): 179-205.

Evans, Kevin. 2014. "Framing the Accomplishment: How, and Why, Presidents use the Rhetorical Content in Signing Statements for Strategic Purposes, FDR-Carter." *Congress & the Presidency* 41(1): 84-106.

Evans, Kevin, Rolfe Peterson, and Nathan Hadley. 2012. "Principled or Opportunist? Perceptions of Arlen Specter and His Party Switch during the 2010 Midterm Election." *American Politics Research* 40(5): 880-902.

Evans, Kevin. 2012. "Looking before Watergate: Foundations in the Development of the Constitutional Challenges within Signing Statements, FDR – Nixon." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 42(2): 390-405.

Simas, Elizabeth, and Kevin Evans. 2011. "Linking Party Platforms to Perceptions of Presidential Candidates' Policy Positions, 1972-2000." *Political Research Quarterly* 64(4): 831-839.

Evans, Kevin. 2011. "Challenging Law: Presidential Signing Statements and the Maintenance of Executive Power." *Congress & the Presidency* 38(2): 217-234.

## Other Publications

Evans, Kevin, Maria Henriquez, and Cheryl Johnson. 2025. "The Featured Course: A Strategy to Incentivize Faculty Collaboration on Interdisciplinary Graduate Courses." *GradEdge* (newsletter), Council of Graduate Schools, July 30. <https://cgsnet.org/newsletter/the-featured-course-a-strategy-to-incentivize-faculty-collaboration-on-interdisciplinary-graduate-courses>.

Evans, Kevin. 2025. "Emerging from the Shadows: Vice Presidential Influence in the Modern Era: Yon, Richard M. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2024. 402 Pages. \$99 (Hardcover); \$36.95 (Softcover)." *Congress & the Presidency*, May, 1–2. doi:10.1080/07343469.2025.2495403.

Evans, Kevin, and Sara Moats. 2024. "What to watch for as the polls close on election night - and beyond." *FIU News*, November 2. Online at: <https://news.fiu.edu/2024/four-points-to-consider-on-election-day-and-beyond>.

Evans, Kevin, and Sara Moats. 2020. "Four things to watch for on Election Day – and the days after." *FIU News*, November 2. Online at: <https://news.fiu.edu/2020/four-things-to-watch-for-on-election-day-and-the-days-after>.

Evans, Kevin. 2019. "Presidential Power: Theories and Dilemmas. By John P. Burke. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2016. 255 pp." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 49(2): 470-471. Online at: <https://doi.org/10.1111/psq.12532>.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2017. "When Trump signs bills into law, he objects to scores of provisions. Here's what that means." *Monkey Cage* (blog), Washington Post, May 17. Online at: <https://wapo.st/2pK7Tzo>.

Evans, Kevin. 2017. "How Political Engagement Makes Government Better." *FIU Magazine* 36: Winter 2016-2017. Online at: <https://newsarchives.fiu.edu/2017/03/political-engagement-makes-government-better/109319>.

Evans, Kevin. 2013. "The Declaration and the Self-Evident Benefits of Editing." *FIU News*, July 2. Online at: <http://news.fiu.edu/2013/07/the-declaration-and-the-self-evident-benefits-of-editing/64005>.

Evans, Kevin. 2013. "Why the Obama Administration Has Issued Fewer Signing Statements." *Riding the Tiger* (blog), Miller Center, February 4. Online at: <http://archive.millercenter.org/ridingthetiger/obama-administration-signing-statements-evans>.

Evans, Kevin, Rolfe Peterson, and Nathan Hadley. 2012. "What Arlen Specter Taught Us about Party Switching." *The Monkey Cage* (blog), October 15. Online at: <http://themonkeycage.org/2012/10/15/what-arlen-specter-taught-us-about-party-switching/>.

Evans, Kevin. 2011. "Executive Orders in Coordination with Congress: The Case of Health Care." *Presidency Research Group (PRG) Report* 33(2): 10-11.

## Works in Progress

Bowra, Bethany, Kevin Evans, and Nicole Kalaf-Hughes. "Inefficient Interbranch Communication during the Carter Administration." Article manuscript.

Bowra, Bethany, Melissa Burgess, and Kevin Evans. "Sincerely, Richard Nixon: Presidential Mail Logs and Interbranch Communication." Article manuscript.

Evans, Kevin. "A Watershed Moment: The Johnson Administration's Struggle Against the Legislative Veto." Article manuscript.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. *The Problem of Lawmaking Credit: How Presidents Help Members of Congress Link Themselves to Legislative Accomplishments*. Book manuscript (under advanced contract with University of Michigan Press).

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. "Partial Success and Legislative Appeals in Presidential Signing Statements, 1953-2008." Article manuscript.

Fatovic, Clement, and Kevin Evans. "'Respect the Office of the President': Origins, Uses, and Implications of a Monarchical Idea." Article manuscript.

## Invited Presentations

"The Problem of Lawmaking Credit: How Presidents Help Members of Congress Link Themselves to Legislative Accomplishments," Barry University, February 21, 2023.

## Conference Papers and Presentations

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. Upcoming. "The Changing Politics of Lawmaking Credit." *Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. Upcoming. "Bill Signing Ceremonies and the Demand for Lawmaking Credit." *Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association* in New Orleans.

Evans, Kevin. 2025. "The Johnson Administration's Fight Against the Legislative Veto." *Paper presented at the Policy History Conference* in Charlotte.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2025. "Presidential Position Votes, Coalition Building, and Signing Statements." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2024. "Bill Enrollment Ceremonies as Breadcrumbs for Credit Claiming." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Bowra, Bethany, Melissa Burgess, and Kevin Evans. 2023. "Sincerely, Richard Nixon: Presidential Mail Logs and Interbranch Communication." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Los Angeles (virtual).

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2023. "Left Wanting More: Partial Success and Legislative Appeals in Presidential Signing Statements, 1953-2020." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* (virtual).

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2022. "The Politics of Lawmaking Credit and Constituent Communications." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Clement Fatovic. 2020. "Respect the Office of the President: Origins and Implications of a Royalist Idea." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual)*.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2019. "The Politics of Signing Ceremonies during the Reagan-Bush Era." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Washington, D.C.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2019. "Constructing Believable Credit-Claiming Opportunities Across the Constitutional Divide." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin. 2019. "Lyndon Johnson, Signing Statements, and Public Controversy over the Faithful Execution of Law." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association* in Austin.

Evans, Kevin. 2018. "White House and Agency Response Times to Congressional Mail during the Carter Administration." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2018. "JFK's Use of Bill Signing Ceremonies to Cultivate and Harden Support during the 87th Congress." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2017. "Bill Signing Ceremonies, Coalition Building, and Lawmaking Credit." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association* in San Francisco.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2017. "Signing Before an Audience: How JFK Incentivized Agreements on National Policy by Facilitating the Credit Claiming Activities of Legislators." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin. 2017. "White House Response Times to Congressional Mail during the Carter Administration." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association* in New Orleans.

Evans, Kevin, and Mark Mayo. 2016. "Filling in the Blanks: Interbranch Coordination of Executive Orders to Supplement Legislation." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association* in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Evans, Kevin. 2015. "Defending Institutional Boundaries: The Johnson Administration's Struggle Against the Legislative Veto." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2014. "Coalitions and Credit: The Interbranch Dynamics of Policy Responsibility." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin. 2014. "A Watershed Moment: The Johnson Administration's Struggle Against the Legislative Veto." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association* in New Orleans.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2013. "The Politics of Credit in Washington and at Home." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2013. "The Politics of Credit in Presidential Signing Statements, 1933-2012." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, and Bryan Marshall. 2013. "Legislative Appeals in Presidential Signing Statements, 1933-2008." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association* in Orlando.

Evans, Kevin. 2012. "Toward a Theory of Presidential Credit Claiming and Attribution: Evidence from Signing Statements, 1933-1974." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, Bryan Marshall, Christopher Kelley, and Deanna Watts. 2012. "Presidential Foreshadowing: Signing Statements, Policy Requests, and the Threat of Public Appeals, 1933-2011." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin, Rolfe Peterson, and Nathan Hadley. 2011. "Principled or Opportunist? Perceptions of Arlen Specter and His Party Switch." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

Evans, Kevin. 2010. "Looking Before Watergate: Early Foundations and Patterns in the Development of Signing Statements, 1933-1966." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Washington, D.C.

Evans, Kevin, and Nathan Hadley. 2010. "Party Switching and the Goals of Members in the U.S. Congress: The Cases of Arlen Specter, Olympia Snowe, and Susan Collins." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association* in San Francisco.

Evans, Kevin, and Elizabeth Simas. 2010. "Elite Polarization and Political Engagement in California." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association* in San Francisco.

Evans, Kevin. 2009. "Presidential Signing Statements as Informants that Guide Congressional Oversight." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association* in Toronto.

Evans, Kevin. 2009. "Challenging Law: Presidential Signing Statements and the Maintenance of Executive Power." *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* in Chicago.

## **Fellowships and Grants**

SPSA Artinian Travel Award (2016, \$500)

Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award (2015-2016, \$1,000)

SIPA Faculty-Student Research Award (2015, \$2,500).

Morris and Anita Broad Research Fellowship Award (2012-2013, \$1,000)

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant (2009, \$250)

## **Teaching**

### **Awards**

FIU Office of Faculty Leadership & Success, Rewarding Excellence in Teaching Incentives (RETI) Award (2023, \$2,000)

FIU Faculty Senate, Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching (2018, \$5,000)

- Recognized in "Campus Teaching Awards: 2018–2019 Academic Year." 2019. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 52(4): 806–8.

## Courses

### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to American Politics  
Legislative Process  
Political Parties  
Presidency

### *Graduate*

Congress  
Presidency  
Seminar in American Politics  
Quantitative Content Analysis

## Graduate Advising (Major Professor Only)

Bowra, Bethany. 2023. "Will and Skill on Capitol Hill: How the President's Reputation with Congress Impacts His Legislative Success." Ph.D. Dissertation. Initial placement: Assistant Professor, Broward College.

Burgess, Melissa. 2021. "Getting His Way: Presidential Memoranda and Executive Orders in the Trump Administration." M.A. Project.

Gabryszewska, Maria I. 2018. "Gender, Party, and Political Communication in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress." Ph.D. Dissertation. Initial placement: Assistant Professor, Lone Star College.

Hippler, Harry. 2013. "Presidential Rankings, Legacy, and Economic Performance, 1869-2013." M.A. Project.

## Service

### To the Discipline

#### *Ad Hoc Reviewer*

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Congress & the Presidency, Electoral Studies, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Political Research Quarterly, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Rowman & Littlefield, Social Science Quarterly, and Yale University Press

#### *Conference Panels*

Chair, MPSA (2019)  
Discussant, MPSA (2012, 2015, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024), SPSA (2019)

#### *Presidency and Executive Politics Section (APSA)*

Committee member, Founders Best Graduate Student Paper Award (2018, 2021)

### To the University

FIU's representative, University Press of Florida Editorial Advisory Board (2019-present)  
FIU's representative, statewide implementation of a postsecondary civics literacy law (2017)

### To the School

Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs and Curriculum Affairs (2025-present)  
Faculty Fellow for Graduate Studies (2023-2025)

### To the Department

By-Laws Committee (2024-2025)

Pi Sigma Alpha (Tau Rho) Advisor (2022-2024)

- Pi Sigma Alpha Best Chapter Award for 2023-2024 (\$500 to the chapter, \$200 to the advisor)

Graduate Program Director (Political Science) (2019-2022)

Undergraduate Director (2015-2018)

Undergraduate Committee (2015-2018)

Programming and Planning Committee (2015-2018, 2019-2022)

Personnel Committee (2014-2016)

Graduate Student Development Committee (2014-2015, 2019-2022)

Political Science Graduate Program Committee (2013-2014, 2017-2018, 2019-2022)

Political Science Undergraduate Assessments Coordinator (2012-2013)

Vision Committee (2012-2013)

Library Committee (2011-2012)

Search Committees (2011-2012, 2021-2022)

## **References**

Available upon request