

Kevin A. Evans

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Academic and Administrative Appointments

- 2023 – present **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

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

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

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

Evans, Kevin. "A Watershed Moment: The Johnson Administration's Struggle Against the Legislative Veto." 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. 2025. "The Johnson Administration's Fight Against the Legislative Veto." *Paper to be 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 114th Congress." Ph.D. Dissertation. Initial placement: Assistant Professor, Lone Star College.

Hipler, 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

Faculty Fellow for Graduate Studies (2023-present)

To the Department

By-Laws Committee (2024-present)

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