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Jordan Ragusa joined the department in 2011 and became Associate Chair of the department in 2019. Dr. Ragusa has a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Florida and a B.S. in secondary education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Dr. Ragusa's research focuses on the U.S. Congress, with specific interests on the effect(s) of political parties, polarization, and legislative organization on roll-call behavior and the policymaking process. His published work also includes research on the presidency, congressional and presidential elections, political behavior, and political economy.

Dr. Ragusa is the author of two forthcoming books: "[Congress in Reverse: Repeals from Reconstruction to the Present](#)" (University of Chicago Press, with Nate Birkhead) and "[First in the South: Why the South Carolina Presidential Primary Matters](#)" (University of South Carolina Press, with Gibbs Knotts). He has published in the journals: *Political Research Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Political Science*, *Research & Politics*, and *the Journal of Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties*.

Dr. Ragusa is also the co-director of the College's [American Politics Research Team](#), a research fellow in the [Center for Public Choice and](#)

Market Process, and a columnist for the Legislative Branch Capacity Working Group at [LegBranch.com](http://LegBranch.com).

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### Education

Ph.D., University of Florida

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