

# Michael J. Pomante II

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## Current Employment

States United Democracy Center      Senior Researcher      March 2024 - Present  
1101 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 250      Research Associate      Feb 2022 – March 2024  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Claremont Graduate University      Research Fellow      Sep. 2024 - Present  
Division of Politics and Economic  
170 East Tenth Street  
Claremont, CA 91711

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## Education

### Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

Ph.D., Political Science, American and Comparative Politics      Awarded: 05/2016  
Dissertation Title: *The Young American Voter*  
Committee: Scot Schraufnagel (chair), April Clark, Mitch Pickerill

### Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

M.A., Political Science, Comparative and International Relations      Awarded: 05/2008

### Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

B.A., Political Science      Awarded: 12/2004

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## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed Books

1. Pomante II, Michael J., Scot Schraufnagel, and Quan li. (2023). *The Cost of Voting in the American States*. University Press of Kansas.

### Peer-Reviewed Edited Volume

1. Pomante II, Michael J. (2022). *Scandal and Corruption in Congress*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Insight Publishing.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

6. Pomante II, Michael J. (Forthcoming 2024). "The Cost of Voting in the American States: 2024." *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.
5. Schraufnagel, Scot, Michael J. Pomante II, and Quan Li. 2022. "[The Cost of Voting in the American States: 2022](#)." *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.

4. Schraufnagel, Scot, Michael J. Pomante II, and Quan Li. 2020. "[The Cost of Voting in the American States: 2020](#)." *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.  
\* [Altmetric ranked #80](#) (out of 3.4 million articles) as most influential research in the public (non-academic) domain in 2020. Highest ranked journal article by political scientists.
3. Li, Quan, Michael J. Pomante II, and Scot Schraufnagel. 2018. "[Cost of Voting in the American States](#)." *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.
2. Pomante II, Michael J. 2017. "[An Examination of Presidential Candidates and how they Mobilize Youth](#)." *Open Journal of Political Science* 7: 473-487.
1. Pomante II, Michael J. and Scot Schraufnagel. 2015. "Candidate Age and Youth Voter Turnout." *American Politics Research* 43(3): 479-503.

#### *Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters*

2. Pomante II, Michael J. (2022) "If they do the crime, will they do the time?: Congressional punishment of misconduct." In *Scandal and Corruption in Congress*, eds. Michael J. Pomante II. Bingley, UK: Emerald Insight Publishing.
1. Pomante II, Michael J., and Scot Schraufnagel. 2017. "The Price of Corruption in Congress." In *Corruption, Discretion and Accountability*, eds. Nancy Lind and Cara Rabe-Hemp. Bingley, UK: Emerald Insight Publishing.

#### *Textbooks*

5. Pomante II, Michael J. (under contract) *Historical Dictionary of Voting and Elections in the United States*. Lanham, MD: Roman-Littlefield.
4. Pomante II, Michael J., and Austin Trantham. (October 2024). *Historical Dictionary of the Donald Trump Administration*. Lanham, MD: Roman-Littlefield.
3. Pomante II, Michael J. with Scot Schraufnagel. 2020. *Historical Dictionary of the United States Congress 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Lanham, MD: Roman-Littlefield.
2. Pomante II, Michael J, and Scot Schraufnagel. 2018. *Historical Dictionary of the Barack Obama Administration 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Lanham, MD: Roman-Littlefield.  
\* Winner of Choice Outstanding Academic Title 2018
1. Pomante II, Michael J., and Scot Schraufnagel. 2014. *Historical Dictionary of the Barack Obama Administration*. Lanham, MD: Roman-Littlefield.

#### *Invited Encyclopedia Contributions*

3. Pomante II, Michael J. 2018. "General Motors." In *Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, ed. Scott H. Ainsworth and Brian Harward. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.

2. Pomante II, Michael J. 2018. “Brennan Center for Justice.” In *Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Organizations that Shaped America: An Encyclopedia and Document Collection*, ed. Scott H. Ainsworth and Brian Harward. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood Press.

1. Pomante II, Michael J. 2017. “Voter Mobility.” In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*, ed. Fathali Moghaddam. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publishers.

#### *Invited Book Reviews*

2. Pomante II, Michael J. 2020. Review of Matthew T. Corrigan and Michael Binder ed., *Florida and the 2016 Election of Donald J. Trump*. Gainesville, FL: University of Florida Press in *American Review of Politics*

1. Pomante II, Michael J. 2017. Review of Jennifer L. Lawless and Richard L. Fox, *Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press in *Journal of Political Science Education* 13(3): 367-369.

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#### **Journalism**

6. Pomante II, Michael J. (Forthcoming 2024). “Election Integrity Strategies and the Impact on Voter Fraud” Kettering Foundation, From Many We.

5. Pomante II, Michael J. (Forthcoming 2024). “How the Republican’s Election Integrity Crusade Hurt Trump in 2020, and What it Could Mean for 2024” University Press of Kansas Blog

4. Pomante II, Michael J. Sep. 4, 2024. [“Boosting Youth Voter Turnout: Strategies for the 2024 Election”](#) Kettering Foundation, From Many We.

3. Pomante II, Michael J. Oct. 16, 2023. [“Why the House will not expel George Santos”](#) Smerconish.com

2. Pomante II, Michael J. (2021). [“Why do some states make voting difficult?”](#) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Election Data & Science Lab Blog.

1. Pomante II, Michael J. Oct. 8, 2020. [“These states are most likely to boost turnout – despite the pandemic”](#) *Washington Post-Monkey Cage*.

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#### **Conference Presentations**

##### *National*

9. 2020 American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA  
Mass Killings: Do They Change Voter Behavior? Sep. 9-13

8. 2020 Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
Jim Crow Voting Laws in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Jan. 9-11

7. 2018 Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA  
Classification of State Electoral Systems. Jan. 4-6
6. 2017 American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA  
The Cost of Voting: Jim Crow in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Aug. 31–Sep. 3
5. 2016 American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA  
The Cost of Voting in the American States. Sep. 1-4
4. 2016 Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
The Cost of Voting in the American States: Creating a Comprehensive Index. Jan. 7-9
3. 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL  
Unemployment: A Motivating Factor of Cast a Ballot among Voting Eligible Youth. Apr. 15-19
2. 2013 Southern Political Science Association Conference, Orlando, FL  
Democratic Party Candidate Ages and Youth Voters. Jan. 3-5
1. 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL  
Candidate Age and Youth Voter Turnout. Apr. 12-15

*Regional*

1. 2020 The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC  
The Changing Senior Population in Florida: The real Base of the Trump Coalition  
Mar. 5-6

*State*

1. 2018 Florida Political Science Association Conference, Tampa, FL  
Measuring Gun Control Policy in the American States  
Mar. 2

*Invited*

5. 2024 Annual Election Science, Reform, and Administration Conference  
The Cost of Voting in the American States: 2024  
May 16-18
4. 2021 Annual Election Science, Reform, and Administration Conference  
The Cost of Voting and the Underrepresented  
July 19-21
3. 2021 Annual Election Science, Reform, and Administration Conference, Virtual  
Minority Populations, Republicans, and the Cost of Voting Index  
July 19-21
2. 2020 Annual State Politics and Policy Conference, San Diego, CA  
Do Minority Populations in the American States Drive Up the Cost of Voting?  
Cancelled-COVID19

## Teaching

### *Institutions*

Fall 2023	Adjunct Faculty, Central Michigan University – Mt. Pleasant, MI
2018 - 2022	Assistant Professor, Jacksonville University – Jacksonville, FL
2016 – 2018	Visiting Assistant Professor, Tulane University – New Orleans, LA
2011 – 2016	Instructor, Northern Illinois University – DeKalb, IL
2008 - 2016	Instructor, University of Wisconsin Colleges – Richland Center, WI
2013 - 2014	Visiting Instructor & Internship Advisor, Beloit College – Beloit, WI
2006 - 2008	Instructor, Mid-Michigan Community College – Mt. Pleasant, MI

### Graduate courses taught:

Public Policy Analysis; American Institutions, Processes, and Public Policy

### Undergraduate courses taught:

International Politics; Quantitative Research Methods; Research Methods; Parties and Elections; Drugs and Guns; Harry Potter and the UK; Polarization, Congress; The Presidency; Parties and Elections; American Government; Advanced Industrialized Democracies; Political Psychology

### *Graduate Student Advising*

2022 - 2023 Schyster, Rihanna. (MPP capstone, graduated). *Disproportionate Discipline of Black Students in Florida's K-12 schools: An Analysis of Discipline Practices in Florida Schools through a Historical Context*

Nimitz, Mike. (MPP capstone, graduated). *An Analysis Of The Efficacy Of The Arrest Requirement For Reducing Civil Asset Forfeitures In The State Of Florida*

Matus, Bryan. (MPP capstone, graduated). *Capitol Gain: How Leadership Roles In The House Of Representatives Impact The Rate Of Returns*

Nixon, Kiaira. (MPP capstone, graduated). *Civil Citations and how they can reduce juvenile arrests and increase educational attainment*

Brunson, Lewan. (MPP capstone). *Rent control policy and Their impact on availability affordable housing*

2021-2022 Lee, December. (MPP capstone). *Reducing minority deaths caused by excessive use of force by police.*

Anderson, Nyasha. (MPP capstone, graduated). *The Role of the Baker Act in the*

*School to Prison Pipeline.*

2019-2020 Webber, Sheri. (MPP capstone, graduated). *The Role of Florida's Constitutional Revision commission and it's Impact on the Nature and Exercise of Democracy in Florida.*

*Invited Civic Education Presentations*

2020 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce – Presentation of Florida's Constitutional Amendments Oct. 6

2016 Northern Illinois University – Department of Political Science Advisory Council.  
“Unemployment: A Motivating Factor to Cast a Ballot among Voting Eligible Youth?”  
Apr. 11

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**Service**

*Professional*

2024 Reviewer. *Election Law Journal*

2023 Reviewer. *Election Law Journal*

2021 Reviewer. *International Journal of Political Science*  
Reviewer. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*  
Reviewer. *Electoral Studies*  
Reviewer. *American Political Science Review*

2020 Reviewer. *Political Research Quarterly*

2017 Reviewer. *Open Journal of Political Science*

2015 Reviewer. *American Politics Research*

2014 Reviewer. *American Politics Research*

*University*

2021-2022 University Bylaws Committee, Parliamentarian

2020-2022 Institutional Review Board – Committee Member

2015 Graduate Student Recruiting Sep. 29.  
Worked a graduate school program fair, encouraging students to attend graduate programs at NIU.

2015 Panelist and Mentor at NIU  
Graduate Assistant Orientation Panel, Aug. 19.  
Graduate Assistant Mentor, school year 2015-2016

2015 Student Ambassador Jun. 28.  
Chinese government-sponsored international program

2014 Student Ambassador Jun. 29.  
Chinese government-sponsored international program

#### *Department*

2021 Co-chair of IR/CP faculty search  
Faculty member of MPP Admissions Committee

2018-present Public Policy Institute - Governance Committee Member  
Diversity Subcommittee Member

2012-2013 Graduate Student Representative – Graduate Colloquium Program  
Reviewed proposals and granted funds for bringing scholars to lecture on campus

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#### **Awards**

#### *Research*

2024 [Webby Award Winner](#): Replacing the Refs. Electiondeniers.org

#### *Publications*

2020 Altmetric Top 100 Academic Articles in the Public Domain - #80  
Schraufnagel, Scot, Michael J. Pomante II, and Quan Li. 2020. “The Cost of Voting in the American States: 2020.” *Election Law Journal: Rules, Politics, and Policy*.

2018 Winner of Choice Outstanding Academic Title 2018  
Pomante II, Michael J. and Scot Schraufnagel. 2018. *Historical Dictionary of the Barack Obama Administration 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Lanham, MD: Roman-Littlefield.

#### *Honors*

2020 Male Faculty of the Year – Women’s Lacrosse Team, Jacksonville University

2016 Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award – Department of Political Science  
Northern Illinois University

2016 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award – Department of Political Science  
Northern Illinois University

2013 Prestage-Cook Travel Award. Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, Fl.  
January 3-5

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#### **Continuing Education**

*Research and Methods Workshop*

2012 ICPSR: University of Michigan Summer Program June 9-13.

Models for Categorical Outcomes Using Stata: Specification, Estimation, and Interpretation.

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