AWARDS & HONORS

EDUCATION

**The University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL | **Master’s in Public Administration & B.A. Political Science** | GPA: 4.0(*Undergrad*), 4.0(*Grad*) - Summa Cum Laude, May 2022 | Public Policy, Social Innovation & Leadership minors | University Fellows Experience |

SKILLS

SPSS, Stata, R Studio, JMP | Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Publisher) | Adobe Creative Cloud | CPR Certified |

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**Best Political Science Paper** |*Spring 2022*| Awarded department-wide honor for my working paper “Fear, Racism, and [In]Security: Investigating the Effects of Political Events and Behaviors Contributing to Surging Firearms Sales in 2020.”

**Phi Beta Kappa** |*Spring 2022*| Inducted into nation’s most prestigious academic honor society upon faculty nomination and selection.

**Distinguished Leader Award** |*Spring 2022*| Awarded for outstanding leadership and service by the UA Division of Student Life.

**308 Grace Street Scholar** |*Fall 2021*| Selected as top returning student for UA’s MPA program to conduct policy research. Prepared paper “Multiple-Use Forest Management in Alabama: An Effective Balance of Interests or an Unrealistic Ideal?”

**Truman Finalist** |*Spring 2021*| Selected as a finalist in the state of Texas for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship. Endorsed by UA.

**First Place, URCA** |*Spring 2021*| Awarded best “in-progress social science research” at UA’s Undergraduate Research Conference.

**Will Byington Student Officer of the Year Award** |*Spring 2021*| Awarded top honor for student organization officers for service as President of Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault.

**Outstanding Sophomore** |*Spring 2020*| University-wide award that recognizes one sophomore for extraordinary contributions to the UA campus and Tuscaloosa community.

**Accelerated Master’s in Public Administration** |*Fall 2020 – Spring 2022*| Accepted into UA’s Accelerated Master’s Program for a Master’s in Public Administration. Program allows for graduation with MPA and B.A. in 4 years.

**Anderson Society Member** |*Spring 2020*| Inducted as sophomore to the premiere UA senior honorary society for outstanding achievements at the university. Twenty-nine students selected annually based on an application and nomination process.

**University Fellow** |*Fall 2018 – Spring 2022*| Selected as a University Fellow, UA Honors College’s program for elite scholars and dedicated social change agents. Conducted extensive research, presented findings at multiple conferences, and lived in Marion, AL for a month to work on community service projects in Alabama’s Black Belt, one of the most impoverished communities in the US.

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, & ARTICLES

**Peer-Reviewed Papers and Other Academic Publications**

Kappelman, Jack and Fording, Richard. (April 20, 2021). “The Effect of State Gun Laws on Youth Suicide by Firearm: 1981-2017.” *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* 51:368–377. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sltb.12713>.

Kappelman, Jack. (2021). “Just a Minor Infringement: How Florida’s Extreme Risk Protection Order Applies to At-Risk Youth and Other Household Members.” *Law and Psychology Review.* The University of Alabama School of Law, 45th Edition. [ISSN 0098-5961](https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/lpsyr45&div=5&id=&page=).

Kappelman, Jack. (2022). “Fear, Racism, and [In]Security: Investigating the Effects of Political Events and Behaviors Contributing to Surging Firearms Sales in 2020.” Forthcoming.

Kappelman, Jack. (2022). “Multiple-Use Forest Management in Alabama: An Effective Balance of Interests or an Unrealistic Ideal?” Forthcoming.

Brady United. (September 16, 2021). “The Truth About Suicide and Guns.” *Brady United Against Gun Violence.* <https://brady-static.s3.amazonaws.com/Gun-Suicide-Prevention.pdf>.

Advisory Council on Wellness (2020) “Exploring Mental Health Issues on the University of Alabama Campus.” White Paper. Available from Ruperto M. Perez, Associate Vice President for Student Health and Well-being, The University of Alabama.

Advisory Council on Wellness (2021). “Exploring the psychological and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students at The University of Alabama.” White paper. Available from Ruperto M. Perez, Assoc. VP for Student Health and Well-being, UA.

Advisory Council on Wellness (2022). “The Efficacy of Campus Education & Resources on Student Sexual Health and Wellbeing” White paper. Available from Ruperto M. Perez, Assoc. VP for Student Health and Well-being, UA.

**Opinion Articles**

Kappelman, Jack. “Students Should Demand More of Their Campus Leaders.” Opinions, *The Crimson White*, 2 Mar. 2020, [www.cw.ua.edu/63633/opinion/students-should-demand-more-of-their-campus-leaders/](http://www.cw.ua.edu/63633/opinion/students-should-demand-more-of-their-campus-leaders/).

Kappelman, Jack. “Texas Leaders Are Wrong to Oppose Red Flag Laws.” TribTalk, *Texas Tribune*, 6 Aug. 2018, [www.tribtalk.org/2018/08/06/texas-leaders-are-wrong-to-oppose-red-flag-laws/](http://www.tribtalk.org/2018/08/06/texas-leaders-are-wrong-to-oppose-red-flag-laws/).

PRESENTATIONS

**Research Conference Presentations**

Kappelman, Jack. (2022, January). *Fear, Racism, and [In]Security: Investigating the Effects of Political Events and Behaviors Contributing to Surging Firearms Sales in 2020*. 2022 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

Kappelman, Jack and Fording, Richard. (2021, March). *COVID-19 and Sky-Rocketing Gun Sales.* 2021 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URCA) Conference at the University of Alabama. First place award for social science research.

Perez, R.M., Phillips, J.W., Rapadas, A.B., & Kappelman, J.A. (2021, January). *Innovating student health and wellbeing: University of Alabama Advisory Council on Wellness.* 2021 NASPA Region III Alabama virtual drive-in conference.

Kappelman, Jack and Fording, Richard. (2020, November). *The Effect of State Gun Laws on Youth Suicide by Firearm: 1981-2017.* 2020 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) virtual conference.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant, UA Department of Political Science** |*January 2019-Present*| Minor in Public Policy with specialization in Firearms Policy. Researched with Dr. Richard Fording on impact of firearm legislation in reducing youth suicide by firearm rate. Presented at multiple academic conferences. Also conducted research on voting rights in Alabama, and effects of the *Shelby v. Holder* SCOTUS decision on the election of minority candidates in Alabama. Began research on the effects of COVID-19 on gun sales in the United States.

**State Policy Intern, Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence** |*January 2021-Present*| Interned on the State Policy team for the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. Responsible for bill tracking, drafting memos, talking points, testimonies, etc. Asked to completely overhaul and update the official Brady Report on the intersection of the national suicide epidemic and the role of firearms.

**Research Assistant, UA School of Law** |*April 2020-August 2020*| Worked as research assistant for Professor Fredrick Vars at The UA School of Law on various firearms laws and their effects on at-risk populations, as well as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on firearm sales nationally.

**Research Assistant, UA Division of Student Life** |*April 2021-Present*| Worked as research assistant for Dr. Ruperto Perez, UA’s Assoc. VP for Student Health and Well-being. Managed data set collected from 3+ year survey of UA student body and investigated student health outcomes. Compiled data for multiple internal UA publications.

**University Fellows Research, UA Honors College** |*August 2018-Present*| Membership in the University Fellows Experience allowed for extensive individually-directed and faculty-advised research on subject areas ranging from poverty in Alabama’s Black Belt, to the history of UA’s secret societies, to the psychological effects of solitary confinement in privately operated prisons.

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**University of Alabama Division of Student Life April 2019-May 2022**

*Chair, Advisory Council on Wellness*– University of Alabama

Appointed to council of 12 UA students to advise Associate Vice President for Student Health and Wellbeing. Provided recommendations in various white papers published by council, ranging from mental health concerns and psychiatric care, to a study of impact of COVID-19 on psychological and social wellbeing. Appointed Chair of Council for 2021-22 year.

**Vote Everywhere UA May 2020-May 2022**

*Vice President, Treasurer and Andrew Goodman Foundation Campus Ambassador*

Served as Treasurer for leading voting and civil rights student group on campus at UA. Organized free transportation for student, faculty, and staff voters to election day polling places. Conducted extensive background/legal research for ongoing civil rights activities and voting rights campaigns. Organized speaking events with issue experts.

**Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS) September 2019-April 2021**

*President*

Founded organization fighting sexual assault on campus by engaging male leaders in advocating for victims and raising money for on-campus resources. Worked with UA Administrators on designing campus climate survey to study prevalence of issue. Engaged 50+ new members in first year, launched training program in 20+ student life organizations.

**U.S. Representative Lloyd Doggett, Texas (TX35) May-August 2018 & August-December 2020**

*Congressional Intern*

Worked extensively on gun violence prevention efforts nationally and locally, and other relevant constituency issues. Conducted background research for Congressman’s legislative agenda, including research on pharmaceutical pricing, opportunity zones, and COVID-19 response. Attended House caucus meetings, constituent meetings, local organization events, and committee hearings for Ways and Means committee. Served as intern in Austin, TX District Office (2018), and remotely in Washington, D.C. Office (2020).

**Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence**  **January 2021-May 2021**

*Policy Team Intern – State and Local Policy*

Served as a policy intern for the Brady Campaign’s state policy team. Conducted extensive research on gun violence prevention measures, tracked relevant bills in all state legislatures, efficiently prepared one-sheeters, memos, and testimony for official Brady usage. Attended meetings with lawmakers and staff to push for comprehensive gun reform. Prepared updated and overhauled official Brady Report on Suicide and Guns.