

## Denise Quinlan

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### Education

PhD | University of Florida | Political Science | American Politics | May 2024  
*Dissertation: The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Georgia*  
*Co-chairs: Dr. Beth Rosenson and Dr. Sharon Austin*  
*Major Field: American Political Economy; Minor Field: International Political Economy*

MBA | Columbia University, New York | International Business  
BBA | Baruch College, New York | Accounting  
CPA | New York State Society of CPAs

### Research Interests

American Political Economy; International Political Economy; Black Political Economy; Income Inequality; the political economy of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI); FDI's impact on income inequality; inclusive economic development and mobility.

### Current Research

Investigation into the impact of FDI on local communities in the state of Georgia. This research falls under the umbrella of American political economy, a growing subfield in American Politics, and a new section in the American Political Science Association. My research examines the relationship between FDI and state and local county budgets, and studies the effect of spillovers from foreign direct investments on minority communities.

### Acknowledgement in Recent Publication

Austin, Sharon D. Wright. (2024). Black Female Mayors Were First Elected 50 Years Ago, but Since Then Few Black Republican Women Have Won Elections; *London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) blog*; January 5, 2024; <https://bit.ly/48J1kxU>

## Teaching Experience

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | Humanities Elective – *What is the Good Life?*  
| Spring 2023

This course draws on the cluster disciplines that make up the Humanities, interrogating the nature and experience of being human. It applies interdisciplinary and cross-cultural approaches to explore the question, “What is the good life?” and examines responses that comprise the cultural and intellectual legacy of humanity.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | The Politics of Race at the University of Florida | Fall 2022

This course examines foundational questions regarding race relations on campus, for example: “What makes society a fair one?” and “How should we manage racial conflict on campus?” Since educational opportunities are a significant step toward a fairer society, the course interrogates the manner in which colleges and universities manage fairness and conflicts concerning race and ethnicity with an emphasis on the University of Florida.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | American Federal Government | Spring 2022

Introductory American Politics course that teaches a basic knowledge of the component elements of a democracy, the structural foundations of American politics, including the Constitution, the fragmentation of political power, American political culture, economic development, and the role of the United States in the international system.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | American Federal Government | Fall 2021

Introductory American Politics course highlighting how elections and institutional structures influence outcomes in American politics. It discusses process, politics as conflict and compromise, and the electoral incentive.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | International Relations | Spring 2021

Introductory International Relations Course designed to assist students in their understanding of global politics by providing a framework for current developments as related to the international system. It helps students to develop an appreciation for the elements of change and continuity in international relations, a theoretical and conceptual understanding of current international events, insight into the complexity of international issues and the relationship between domestic and international arenas.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | Comparative Politics | Fall 2020

Introductory Comparative Politics course that focuses on select states in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe, as well as the United States and Russia, highlighting diverse political systems and ideologies, political institutions, and political economy. Students are introduced to prevailing models of representational government, including electoral and party systems, emphasizing the role of ethnicity, national identity and civil society in sovereign states.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | Comparative Politics | spring 2020

Introductory Comparative Politics course that provides students a comprehensive introduction to comparative politics through the discussion of a broad range of thematic topics, supplemented with a selection of academic readings and real-world case studies from various regions of the world.

University of Florida | Teaching Assistant | International Relations | Fall 2019

Introductory International Relations (IR) course using an interdisciplinary approach to show students the impact of the environment, geography, culture, gender, religion and ideology on global politics. This course introduces students to international political economy, international organizations, national security and foreign policy.

## **Academic Presentations**

Southern Political Science Association | January 2024

*"The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Local Communities"* Panel Presentation on the effect of FDI inflows on income inequality in Georgia.

Midwest Political Science Association | April 2023

*"Do foreign investments produce educational as well as economic disparities in low-income communities in Georgia?"* Lightning Talk on the impact of FDI inflows on budget trade-offs in Georgia.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists | March 2023

*"The Effect of Foreign Direct Investments on Local County Budgets"* Panel Presentation on the impact of FDI on local communities in the state of Georgia.

American Political Science Association | September 2022

*“The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Local Communities”* Poster Presentation on the impact of FDI on income inequality in the state of Georgia.

Florida Political Science Association | March 2022

*“The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Local Communities”* Panel Presentation on the impact of FDI on local county budgets in the state of Georgia.

National Conference of Black Political Scientists | March 2022

*“The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Local Communities”* Panel Presentation on the impact of FDI on budget trade-offs in the state of Georgia.

Southern Political Science Association | January 2022

*“The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Local Communities”* Panel Presentation on the effect of FDI inflows on economic disparities in Georgia.

University of Florida | January 2022

*“The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investments in Local Communities”* Presentation on the effect of FDI inflows on income inequality in Georgia.

## **Language Skills**

French and Spanish foreign languages; served as French and Spanish translator in St. Kitts and Nevis; former member of the American Translators Association.

Experience using R, RStudio, RQDA and LaTeX for quantitative and qualitative data analysis and presentation.

## **Select Memberships**

American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; Southern Political Science Association; Florida Political Science Association; National Conference of Black Political Scientists; Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science.

## **Non-Academic Experience**

Founder | The K&L Group | 2005 -2019

International economic development addressing income inequality in Africa and the Caribbean; imported Handcrafted Wall Art from Ghana, South Africa and St. Kitts and Nevis for resale in TJX Companies, owners of TJ Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods, HomeSense, and Sierra; contributed to the reduction of income inequality in the local communities in which The K&L Group acquired and imported handcrafted items for resale in the United States.

Financial Specialist | ExxonMobil | 2000 - 2005

Financial analysis of upstream operations in Exxon Exploration Company; business analysis of downstream operations at the Exxon Baytown Refinery; internal monitoring and reporting on the crude oil refinery's compliance with corporate guidelines and federal law, including The Clean Air Act, with respect to air pollution control; produced Financial and Operational Reports for senior ExxonMobil management.

## **Select Community Leadership**

### *Global:*

Ondangwa, Namibia (2012)

Wrote Success Guide for children left orphaned by AIDS; taught Math and assisted students in the development of arithmetic skills; taught English Language Arts, instructing students in technical English language skills, including grammar, spelling and sentence construction.

Leon, Nicaragua (2011)

Concrete home construction for residents living in homes made of cardboard; cleared the ground, poured concrete and cut wood planks to fabricate the homes; built a patio for the local clinic so that patients had a waiting area.

Cebu, Philippines (2010)

Church Planting with US missionaries in the Philippines; established an elementary school within the church; Sourced school materials including books, book bags, pens, pencils and other supplies.

### *Local:*

President, St. Kitts and Nevis Association, 2008 – 2018; founded under the auspices of Prime Minister, the Rt. Honorable Dr. Denzil Douglas; hosted former and current prime ministers, cabinet members, senators, ambassadors and other government representatives.

Treasurer, Atlanta Caribbean Association, 2004-2008; manage financial records and reporting; budget, allocate and distribute disaster relief funds; fundraising and arranging trips to distribute supplies to hurricane-ravaged areas in the Caribbean.

Treasurer, Caribbean American Heritage Group, 2000-2008; financial management and reporting; lead nominating committee for service award recipients; host award ceremonies for community leaders; organize Caribbean-American Day at Atlanta City Hall.

### **Select Honors and Awards**

Thirtieth Anniversary of Independence of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis Award; Presented by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis for outstanding service (2013).

Atlanta Caribbean Association Community Service Award for hosting annual panel discussion on Caribbean politics and economics (2012 – 2018).

Caribbean American Heritage Group Award in recognition of exemplary fundraising achievement to provide academic scholarships to deserving college-bound students (2012 – 2018).

### **Non-Academic Presentations**

The St. Kitts and Nevis Association 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Keynote Speaker. Topic: “STEM Education in Latin America and the Caribbean”, 2018

Atlanta Caribbean Association panel discussion on the political and economic environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2012 – 2018.

The Caribbean American Heritage Group presentation on Hurricane Preparedness and Response, Allocation of Resources and Contributions, 2012 – 2018.

### **Hobbies**

Adventure and Exploration

Select Adventures - scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef in Australia and the Red Sea in Egypt; shark cage diving off Cape Town, South Africa; hiking Kilimanjaro, and observing wildebeest migration on the Serengeti in Tanzania.

Select Explorations - Giza pyramids in Egypt, the Killing Fields in Cambodia, and the underground tunnels in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

## Academic References

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