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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, University of California, Davis, 2005-present.

Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis, 1999-2005.

American Political Science Association Congressional Fellow, Washington, DC, 1998-99.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science, 1998.

A.B. Brown University, *magna cum laude*, Political Science, 1990.

PUBLICATIONS—BOOK

Sniderman, Paul M., and Benjamin Highton, eds. Forthcoming. *Facing the Challenge of Democracy: Explorations in the Analysis of Public Opinion and Political Participation*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

PUBLICATIONS—ARTICLES

Highton, Benjamin. Forthcoming. "The Influence of Strategic Retirement on the Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections." *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.

Highton, Benjamin. Forthcoming. "Updating Political Evaluations: Policy Attitudes, Partisanship, and Presidential Assessments." *Political Behavior*.

Highton, Benjamin, and Cindy D. Kam. 2011. "The Long-Term Dynamics of Partisanship and Issue Orientations." *Journal of Politics* 73:202-215.

Highton, Benjamin. 2011. "Racial Attitudes Rival Partisanship and Ideology when Explaining the 2008 Presidential Vote across the States." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 44:530-535.

Highton, Benjamin. 2010. "The Contextual Causes of Issue and Party Voting in American Presidential Elections." *Political Behavior* 32:453-471.

Highton, Benjamin. 2009. "Revisiting the Relationship between Educational Attainment and Political Sophistication." *Journal of Politics* 71:1564-1576.

Claassen, Ryan L., and Benjamin Highton. 2009. "Policy Polarization among Party Elites and the Significance of Political Awareness in the Mass Public." *Political Research Quarterly* 62:538-551.

Highton, Benjamin. 2008. "Job Approval and Senate Election Outcomes in the United States." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 33:245-262.

Claassen, Ryan L., and Benjamin Highton. 2006. "Does Policy Debate Reduce Information Effects in Public Opinion? Analyzing the Evolution of Public Opinion on Health Care." *Journal of Politics* 68:410-420. Reprinted in *Health Politics and Policy*, ed. S. Tolleson-Rinehart and M. A. Peterson. Los Angeles, CA: Sage.

PUBLICATIONS—ARTICLES, CONT.

Highton, Benjamin. 2006. "Long Lines, Voting Machine Availability, and Turnout: The Case of Franklin County, Ohio in the 2004 Presidential Election." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 39:65-8.

Highton, Benjamin, and Michael S. Rocca. 2005. "Beyond the Roll Call Arena: The Determinants of Position Taking in Congress." *Political Research Quarterly* 58:303-316.

Highton, Benjamin. 2005. "Self-Reported Versus Proxy-Reported Voter Turnout in the Current Population Survey." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 69:113-123.

Wolfinger, Raymond E., Benjamin Highton, and Megan Mullin. 2005. "How Postregistration Laws Affect the Turnout of Registrants." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 5:1-23.

Highton, Benjamin. 2004. "Voter Registration and Turnout in the United States." *Perspectives on Politics* 2:507-515.

Highton, Benjamin. 2004. "Policy Voting in Senate Elections: The Case of Abortion." *Political Behavior* 26:181-200.

Highton, Benjamin. 2004. "White Voters and African American Candidates for Congress." *Political Behavior* 26:1-25.

Highton, Benjamin. 2002. "Bill Clinton, Newt Gingrich, and the 1998 Congressional Elections." *Public Opinion Quarterly* 66:1-18.

Highton, Benjamin, and Arthur L. Burris. 2002. "New Perspectives on Latino Voter Turnout in the United States." *American Politics Research* 30:285-306.

Highton, Benjamin, and Raymond E. Wolfinger. 2001. "The Political Implications of Higher Turnout." *British Journal of Political Science* 31:179-192.

Highton, Benjamin, and Raymond E. Wolfinger. 2001. "The First Seven Years of the Political Life Cycle." *American Journal of Political Science* 45:202-209.

Highton, Benjamin. 2000. "Senate Elections in the United States, 1920-1994." *British Journal of Political Science* 30:483-506.

Highton, Benjamin. 2000. "Residential Mobility, Community Mobility, and Voter Turnout." *Political Behavior* 22:109-120.

Highton, Benjamin, and Raymond E. Wolfinger. 1998. "Estimating the Effects of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993." *Political Behavior* 20:79-104.

Highton, Benjamin. 1997. "Easy Registration and Voter Turnout." *Journal of Politics* 59:565-75.

PUBLICATIONS—OTHER

Highton, Benjamin. 2006. "Alternative Tests for the Effects of Campaigns and Candidates on Voting Behavior." In *Capturing Campaign Effects*, H. Brady and R. Johnston, eds. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Traugott, Michael, Henry E. Brady, and Benjamin Highton. 2005. "A Review of Recent Controversies Concerning the 2004 Presidential Election Exit Polls." National Research Commission on Elections and Voting. Social Science Research Council.

PUBLICATIONS—OTHER, CONT.

Highton, Benjamin. (co-authored with 15 others). 2005. "Challenges Facing the American Electoral System: Research Priorities for the Social Sciences." National Research Commission on Elections and Voting. Social Science Research Council.

Highton, Benjamin. (co-authored with 5 others). 2004. "Interim Report on Alleged Irregularities in the United States Presidential Election of 2 November 2004." National Research Commission on Elections and Voting. Social Science Research Council.

Citrin, Jack, and Benjamin Highton. 2002. *How Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Shape the California Electorate*. San Francisco, CA: Public Policy Institute of California.

Highton, Benjamin. 2001. "Voting: Turnout." In *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, N. Smelser and P. Baltes, eds. Oxford, UK: Elsevier Science.

Highton, Benjamin. (co-authored with 4 others). 1993. *California Latina/Latino Demographic Data Book*. California Policy Seminar.

Highton, Benjamin. (co-authored with 3 others). 1992. *Latina/Latino Public Opinion Data Book*. California Policy Seminar.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS (2009-2011)

"Descriptive African American Representation across the American States." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2011.

"Estimating the Incumbency Advantage in U.S. House Elections in the Presence of Strategic Retirement." Research Workshop on American Politics, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley. April 2010.

"Policy Attitudes as the Basis for Updating Political Evaluations: The Case of Presidential Assessments." Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association. August 2009.

"Promises Fulfilled? Election Day Registration and Voter Turnout in the United States." Shambaugh Conference on Election Reform, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science, May 2009.

"The Contextual Causes of Party and Issue Voting in American Presidential Elections." Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2009.

"Biased Partisans or Rational Updaters? How Ordinary Citizens Update Their Presidential Evaluations." Research Workshop on American Politics, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley. February 2009.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate:	American Politics Political Behavior	Congress Research in American Politics
Undergraduate:	Introduction to American Politics Elections and Voting Behavior Scientific Study of Politics Political Internships	Legislative Process Advanced Seminar on American Politics Honors Thesis Writing Freshman Seminar on Opinion and Voting

GRANTS

UC Davis Office of Research and Division of the Social Sciences, Publication Assistance Grant for *The Democratic Experiment*. 2011. \$3,000.

UC Davis Faculty Research Grants, awarded in multiple years (1999-2011), \$2,000-\$6,000 per grant.

UC Davis Office of the Chancellor and Provost, Summer Salary Research Grant. 2010. \$4,000.

Ford Foundation and Carnegie Corporation. 2003-04. "How Postregistration Laws Affect the Turnout of Blacks and Latinos" (with Raymond Wolfinger). \$55,000.

Carnegie Scholar, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2001-03. "Race and Representation in the U.S. Congress." \$100,000.

University of Maryland Foundation/Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (Funded by Pew Charitable Trusts). 2002. "Between Registering and Voting: How State Laws Affect the Turnout of Young Registrants" (with Raymond Wolfinger). \$78,338.

UC Davis Institute of Governmental Affairs Junior Faculty Research Grant, 1999-2000. \$2,500.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

APSA Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee for best paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (2009-10).

State Politics and Public Policy Quarterly Best Paper Award Committee (2006; 2007, chair).

National Research Commission on Elections and Voting, Social Science Research Council (2004-05).

Manuscript/Proposal Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *American Review of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Election Law Journal*, *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement*, *Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, National Science Foundation, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Analysis*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Communication*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Politics and Policy*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*, W.W. Norton, *Western Journal of Black Studies*, *Women and Politics*.

Section Head, Voting Behavior: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2010)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (2001, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011). Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2001, 2011).

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE (2006-2011)

Committee on Effective Delivery of Curriculum, UCD Division of Social Science (2011-12)

Educational Policy Committee, UCD College of Letters & Science (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12).

Grade Change Committee, UCD Academic Senate (2011-2012)

University of California Sacramento Center Academic Advisory Committee (2010-present).

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science (2008-present).

Internship Coordinator, Political Science (2008-present).

Chair of Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Political Science (2007-present).

American Politics Field Committee (2005-06, chair; 2006-07; 2007-08, chair; 2010-11).

Transfer Student Advisor, Political Science (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011).