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### **Education:**

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2003  
M.A. in Political Science, University of Oregon, 1995  
B.A. in Political Science, Portland State University, 1993

### **Academic Positions:**

University of California, Davis, 2008–present  
Professor of Political Science, 2014–present  
Department Chair, 2017–2021  
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2008–2014

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003–2008  
Assistant Professor of Political Science

### **Publications:**

#### *Books:*

Erik J. Engstrom and Jason M. Roberts. 2021. *The Politics of Ballot Design: How the American States Shape Democracy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Erik J. Engstrom and Robert Huckfeldt. 2020. *Race, Class, and Social Welfare: American Populism since the End of the New Deal*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Erik J. Engstrom and Samuel Kernell. 2014. *Party Ballots, Reform, and the Transformation of America's Electoral System*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

(2015 J. David Greenstone Prize for best book in politics and history published in the past two calendar years. Awarded by the Politics and History Section of APSA).

Erik J. Engstrom. 2013. *Partisan Gerrymandering and the Construction of American Democracy*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

*Articles and Chapters:*

Erik J. Engstrom, Matthew T. Pietryka, John T. Scott. 2022. "Constitutional Innovation and Imitation in the American States." *Political Research Quarterly* 75(1): 244-258.

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(2023 Winner of *Political Research Quarterly* Best Article Award from the Western Political Science Association).

Erik J. Engstrom and Robert Huckfeldt. 2021. "Critical Dialogue and Review: Benjamin I. Page and Martin Gilens "Democracy in America? What Has Gone Wrong and What Can We Do About It." *Perspectives in Politics* 19(1): 221-226.

Erik J. Engstrom. 2019. "Congressional Elections: Electoral Structure and Political Representation" in *New Directions in Congressional Politics, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Jamie L. Carson, ed. London: Routledge Press. (A substantially revised version of 2011 chapter).

Erik J. Engstrom and Jason M. Roberts. 2016. "The Politics of Institutional Choice: Evidence from State Ballot Laws." *Ohio State Law Review* 77(4): 839-865.

James Adams, Erik J. Engstrom, Danielle Joeston, Jon Rogowski, Boris Shor, and Walter Stone. 2016. "Do Moderate Voters Weigh Candidates' Ideology? Voter Decision Rules in the 2010 Congressional Elections." *Political Behavior*.

Erik J. Engstrom, Jesse R. Hammond, and John T. Scott. 2013. "Capitol Mobility: Madisonian Representation and the Location and Relocation of Capitals in the United States." *American Political Science Review* 107 (May): 225–240.

Erik J. Engstrom. 2012. "The Rise and Decline of Turnout in Congressional Elections: Electoral Institutions, Competition, and Strategic Mobilization." *American Journal of Political Science* 56 (April): 373–386.

Erik J. Engstrom. 2011. "Congressional Elections: Electoral Structure and Political Representation" in *New Directions in Congressional Politics*. Jamie L. Carson, ed. London: Routledge Press.

Erik J. Engstrom and Georg Vanberg. 2010. "Assessing the Partisan Allocation of Pork: Evidence from Congressional Earmarks." *American Politics Research* 38 (November): 959–985.

Erik J. Engstrom and William Ewell. 2010. "The Impact of Unified Government on Campaign Finance." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 35 (November): 543–569.

Jamie L. Carson, Erik J. Engstrom, and Jason Roberts. 2007. "Candidate Quality, the Personal Vote, and the Incumbency Advantage in Congress." *American Political Science Review* 101 (May): 289–302.

Erik J. Engstrom and Samuel Kernell. 2007. "The Effects of Presidential Elections on Party Control of the Senate Under Indirect and Direct Elections." In *Process, Party, and Policy Making: New Perspectives on the History of Congress*, eds. David Brady and Mathew McCubbins. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 37–52.

Erik J. Engstrom. 2006. "Stacking the States, Stacking the House: The Politics of Congressional Redistricting in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century." *American Political Science Review* 100 (August): 419–428.

Jamie L. Carson, Erik J. Engstrom, and Jason M. Roberts. 2006. "Redistricting, Candidate Entry, and the Politics of 19<sup>th</sup> Century House Elections." *American Journal of Political Science* 50 (April): 283–293.

Erik J. Engstrom and Nathan Monroe. 2006. "Testing the Basis of Incumbency Advantage: Strategic Candidates and Term Limits in the California Legislature." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 11 (March): 1–20.

Jamie L. Carson and Erik J. Engstrom. 2005. "Assessing the Electoral Connection: Evidence from the Early United States." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (October): 746–757.

Erik J. Engstrom and Samuel Kernell. 2005. "Manufactured Responsiveness: The Impact of State Electoral Laws on Unified Party Control of the President and House of Representatives." *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (July): 547–565.

Erik J. Engstrom. 2004. "The United States: The Past – Moving from Diversity to Uniform Single-Member Districts." In *Handbook of Electoral System Choice*, ed. Josep Colomer. London: Palgrave Press, 155–163.

Erik J. Engstrom and Samuel Kernell. 1999. "Serving Competing Principals: The Budget Estimates of OMB and CBO in an Era of Divided Government." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 29 (November): 820–830.

#### *Notes*

Erik J. Engstrom. 2004. "Redistricting and Electoral Competition: Some Historical Evidence." *Extensions of Remarks, Legislative Studies Newsletter* July.

#### **Research Grants:**

National Science Foundation, Political Science Program. (SES-1060978, "Causes and Consequences of the American Ballot"), 2011-2013, With Jason M. Roberts.  
Total Grant Amount: \$190,144. UC Davis portion: \$95,072

#### **Fellowships, Honors and Awards:**

*Political Research Quarterly* Best Article Award, 2023, for "Constitutional Innovation and Imitation in the American States," with Matthew Pietryka and John T. Scott. Awarded by the Western Political Science Association.

J. David Greenstone Prize, 2015, for best book in politics and history in the past two calendar years (with Samuel Kernell), awarded by the Politics and History section of APSA (for *Party Ballots, Reform, and the Transformation of American Politics*).

Longley Prize for best journal article published on representation and electoral systems in 2005 (with Samuel Kernell), awarded by Electoral Systems and Representation section of APSA (for “Manufactured Responsiveness: The Impact of State Electoral Laws on Unified Party Control of the President and House of Representatives, 1840–1940”).

UNC Junior Faculty Development Award. 2006

Spray-Randleigh Faculty Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2003 & 2004.

Peggy Quon Prize in Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2002.

### **Teaching:**

*Undergraduate:* Legislative Process, American Political Parties, The Presidency, Comparative Political Parties (UC Davis Quarter Abroad at London School of Economics, 2021), California Policy Process (at UC Center Sacramento).

*Graduate:* The American Political System (core seminar), The U.S. Congress.

### **Service:**

#### *Department:*

Political Science Speaker Committee, 2022-2023

Department Chair, 2017–2021

Administrative Lead Chair, Orange Cluster, (Departments of Political Science, Communication, and Linguistics), 2017–2021

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012–2016

Political Science Internship Coordinator, 2012–2016

Undergraduate Affairs Committee (chair in most years), 2012–2016

American Politics Faculty Recruitment Committee (chair), 2015

Political Science Infrastructure Committee, 2015–2016

Department of Political Science Strategic Plan Committee (chair), 2014–2015

American Politics field convener (various years)

American Politics Comprehensive Exam committee (various years)

American Politics Qualifying Exam committee (various years)

Graduate Affairs Committee, 2009–2010, 2016–2017

Various ad hoc personnel committees

#### *University:*

Undergraduate Instruction Program Review Committee, Academic Senate, 2022-2023

External Chair, UC Davis Department of Economics Chair Recruitment Committee, Winter 2022

Faculty Leader, UC Davis Quarter Abroad at London School of Economics, Fall 2021

Search Committee for Faculty Recruitment, UC Center Sacramento, 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021

Recruitment Advisory Committee for L&S Associate Dean of the Faculty in the Social Sciences, 2019

College of L&S COACHE (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education) Faculty Advisory Committee, 2018

College of Letters and Science Course Instruction Committee, 2010–2015

Committee for Effective Delivery of the Curriculum (Division of Social Sciences), 2012

*Discipline:*

Editorial Board Member, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2023-present

Chair of External Review Committee, University of California, Merced, Department of Political Science, Graduate Program Review. February 2022.

Chair of J.David Greenstone Prize selection committee, Politics and History Section of APSA, 2016

External Reviewer, Oregon State University, Department of Political Science, Undergraduate Program Review. May 2015.

Program Co-Chair, Legislative Studies Division, 2011 American Political Science Association Meetings

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Politics, Elections and Public Opinion*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Polity*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Choice*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Publius*, *Social Science History*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Studies in American Political Development*, Oxford University Press, University of Michigan Press, and the National Science Foundation.