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PERSONAL

Birth date: November 2, 1946

Married, two grown children

U.S. Army Reserves, 1969-75

DEGREES

Ph.D., with distinction, Yale University, 1974

B.A., University of California Berkeley, 1968, magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC HONORS AND SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (elected 1995).

Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2001-02

Outstanding Book Award, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (for Cross-Level Inference), 1997

University of Michigan Excellence in Education Award (career achievement in training of graduate students), 1996

University of Michigan Excellence in Research Award, 1995

National Science Foundation review panel in Methodology, Measurement, and Statistics, 1993-94; chair of external review committee for the same program, 1996

First President, Political Methodology Society, 1983-85, and member of governing board, 1983-90

Member, APSA Governing Council, 1988-90

Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, 1982-83

Principal methodological consultant to ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan, 1983-1990

Editor, *Political Methodology*, 1985-86

Co-editor, University of Michigan Press series on quantitative political analysis, 1991-present

Current service on editorial board of *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and former service on boards of *Political Analysis*, *Journal of Politics*, *Sage Methodology Series*, and *International Studies Quarterly*

**PROFESSIONAL
2004-
2005:
POSITIONS**

2004- Professor, Department of Politics, Princeton University (and since
The Roger Williams Straus Professor of Social Sciences)

1990-2003 Professor, Political Science, University of Michigan (and 2002-2003:
The Warren E. Miller Collegiate Professor)

1990-2003 Research Scientist, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social
Research, University of Michigan (Associate Director, 1992-93; Acting
Director, Winter semester, 2000)

1985-1990 Associate to full Professor, Political Science Department,
University of Chicago (chair of the department, 1988-89)

1975-1985 Assistant to (tenured) Associate Professor, Political Science
Department, University of California, Berkeley

1974-1975 Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Yale University

1972-1974 Instructor, Political Science Department, University of Rochester,
Rochester, New York

**TEACHING
INTERESTS**

Mathematical and statistical theory applied to electoral and party systems, public policy, and international relations.

**PRINCIPAL
CURRENT
RESEARCH
PROJECTS**

Voter Turnout under Multi-Level Governance, forthcoming volume, co-editor with Richard Sinnott of University College, Dublin (a multi-country, multi-investigator study of European and American voter turnout, funded by the EU Commission)

Democratic Realism (with Larry Bartels), book manuscript in progress

**BOOKS AND
MONOGRAPHS**

Intermediate Regression Analysis, Sage, 1982.

Statistical Analysis of Quasi-Experiments, University of California Press, 1986.

Ecological Inference (with W. Phillips Shively), University of Chicago Press, 1995.

The European Union Decides (co-editor), Cambridge University Press, 2006

**ARTICLES
AND
RECENT
PAPERS**

“Mass Political Attitudes and the Survey Response,” *American Political Science Review* 69, 4 (December 1975): 1218-31.

“Measuring Representation: Perils of the Correlation Coefficient,” *American Journal of Political Science* 21, 4 (November 1977): 805-815.

“Measuring Representation,” *American Journal of Political Science* 22, 3 (August 1978): 475-510.

“Issue Voting: What Counts as Evidence?” in Douglas W. Rae and Theodore Eismeyer, *Policy Studies Yearbook*, Sage, 1979.

“The Bias in Normal Vote Estimates,” *Political Methodology* 6, 3 (1979): 343-56.

“A Simple Model for the Time Path of Enfranchisement,” *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, Spring 1983.

“Toward Theories of Data: The State of Political Methodology,” in Ada Finifter eds., *The State of Political Science*, Spring 1983.

“Proxy Variables and Incorrect Signs on Regression Coefficients,” *Political Methodology* 11, 3-4 (1985): 299-316.

“A Darwinian View of Deterrence,” in Jack Kugler and Frank Zagare, eds., *Exploring the Stability of Deterrence* (Denver Series of International Relations Monographs) Lynn Rienner, 1987: 91-105.

“As Statisticians See Us,” *Journal of Educational Statistics* 12, 2 (1987): 148-50.

“Rational Deterrence Theory and Comparative Case Studies” (with Duncan Snidal), *World Politics* (December 1988), with commentary by three other sets of scholars.

“Democracy, Media and Presidential Primaries,” in Pev Squire, ed., *First in the Nation: Iowa and the Presidential Nominating Process*, 1989.

“Rational Deterrence Models Defended against Comparative Case Studies,” *Public Affairs Report* (March, 1989), Institute of Governmental Studies, University of California, Berkeley: 1, 12-13.

“What Does ‘Explained Variance’ Explain?” *Political Analysis* vol. 2 (1991): 173-84.

“Breaking the Iron Triangle: Social Psychology, Demographic Variables and Linear Regression in Voting Research,” *Political Behavior*, 14, 3 (September 1992) pp. 195-211.

“The Data Analysis Revolution and S-Plus,” *The Political Methodologist*, vol. 6, Winter 1995.

“Implicit Substantive Assumptions Underlying the Generalized Event Count Estimator,” *Political Analysis* 6 (1996): 155-73.

“Two-Level Games and Unitary Rational Actors,” in *Level of Analysis Effects on Political Research* (Taipei, Taiwan: Weber, 2001: 35-47).

“Parental Socialization and Rational Party Identification,” *Political Behavior* 24, 2 (June, 2002): 141-170.

“Toward a New Political Methodology: Microfoundations and ART,” *Annual Review of Political Science* 5 (2002): 423-450

“Advice for Students Taking a First Political Science Graduate Course in Statistical Methods,” *The Political Methodologist* 10, 2 (Spring, 2002): 10-12 (posted on the APSA website 2002-2005).

2004 Report to the APSA Council on Graduate Education (co-chair), reprinted in Kristen R. Monroe, *Perestroika!* (Yale University Press, 2005: 358-373).

“Two Cheers for Charles Ragin,” *Studies in Comparative International Development* 40,1 (Spring, 2005): 27-32.

“Two-Step Hierarchical Estimation: Beyond Regression Analysis,” *Political Analysis* 13, 4 (Autumn, 2005): 447-456.

“Let’s Put Garbage Can Regressions and Garbage Can Probits Where They Belong,” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (forthcoming, 2006)

“Institutional Realism and Bargaining Models,” in Robert Thomson et al., eds., *The European Union Decides* (Cambridge University Press, 2006: chap. 4).

“Evaluating Political Decisionmaking Models,” in Robert Thomson et al., eds., *The European Union Decides* (Cambridge University Press, 2006: chap. 10).

**CHAPTERS
FROM
FORTHCOMING
BOOKS**

“Ignorance and Bliss in Democratic Politics: Party Competition with Uninformed Voters” (with Larry Bartels), presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April, 2002.

“Blind Retrospection: The Electoral Politics of Drought, Flu, and Shark Attacks” (with Larry Bartels), presented at the 2002 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September, 2002.

“Musical Chairs: Pocketbook Voting and the Limits of Democratic Accountability” (with Larry Bartels), presented at the 2004 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September, 2004.

“Partisan Hearts and Gall Bladders” (with Larry Bartels), Midwest Political Science Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2005.

“It Feels Like We’re Thinking” (with Larry Bartels), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 2006.

“Voter Turnout in National and Sub-National Elections: The American Case” (with Michael Hanmer), 2003.

“Voting in Multi-Level Systems” (with Richard Sinnott), manuscript, spring 2005.

“The Rational Learning Model of Voter Turnout” (with Richard Sinnott), manuscript, winter 2005.

“Voter Dropoff in Low-Saliency Elections (with Richard Sinnott), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September, 2005

"Differential Turnout in Multi-level Electoral Contests--The American Case" (with Michael Hanmer), Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, April 2006

**OTHER
RECENT
PAPERS**

“Why Lagged Dependent Variables Can Suppress the Explanatory Power of Other Independent Variables,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2000.

“Impossibility Results for Symmetry in Political Loss Functions,” presented at the Public Choice Society annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 8-10, 2001.

“Expressive Bayesian Voters and their Turnout Decisions,” presented to the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, October 2005, and a substantially revised version at the annual meeting of the Political Methodology Society, July, 2006.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of William Berry and Michael Lewis Beck, ed., “New Tools for Social Scientists,” *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, December 1987.

Review of Philip E. Converse and Roy Pierce, “Representation in France,” in *The Political Methodologist*, Summer 1989.

**RECENT
NATIONAL
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

External Department Review, Political Science Department, University of California, Berkeley, December 2006

APSA Political Methodology Section, Future Planning Committee (2005-present)

NSF Review Committee for the Reauthorization of the National Election Study, 2005

APSA Political Methodology Section, paper selection committee for 2005 annual meeting (chair)

Annual Review of Political Science Editorial Board (2001-2005)

Journal of Conflict Resolution Editorial Board (past decade-present)

APSA Committee on Graduate Education (co-chair), 2003-04

**GRANTS
RECEIVED**

National Science Foundation and National Institute of Justice, full salary support and research costs, 1978-79 academic year.

Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, half salary support, 1982-83.

University of Michigan grant for undergraduate course enhancement via instructional technology, 1992.

National Science Foundation, summer salary plus research support, 1993-96.

Pacific Cultural Foundation, travel and research grant, 1994-95.

Nature Conservancy of Michigan, research grant, 1996-97.

Taiwan National Science Foundation grant for travel and participation in grant application for longitudinal voter study, 1998

Dutch National Science Foundation grant of \$900,000 for data-gathering and analysis of European Union decisionmaking (as part of a multinational team), 1999

European Union Commission \$1 million grant for a study of voter turnout in the member states (as part of a multinational team), 2000

**RECENT
INVITED
LECTURES**

“Bayesian Voters and their Turnout Decisions,” and “Trends in Contemporary Political Methodology,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 9-11, 2006

“Trends in Contemporary Political Methodology,” and “Why Contemporary Democratic Theory Is Indefensible,” Penn State University, November 2-3, 2006