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PERSONAL

Married, two grown daughters
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

Democracy for Realists won the best book of the year award from the International Society of Political Psychology in 2017. It also won the annual Brian Ferrell best book prize from the Political Science Association of Ireland the same year.

Princeton University student-initiated graduate student mentoring award for the social sciences 2017.

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

Career Achievement Award (inaugural recipient), Political Methodology Section of the American Political Science Association, 2007

Fellow, Political Methodology Society, elected 2008.

Miller-Converse invited lecturer, Center for Political Studies, ISR, University of Michigan, April 18, 2013

Otis Dudley Duncan invited lecturer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11, 2013

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

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

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

Member, APSA Governing Council, 1988-90

Fellowship, 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, 1991-2010

Former service on editorial board of *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *American Political Science Review*, *Political Analysis*, *Journal of Politics*, *Sage Methodology Series*, and *International Studies Quarterly*

**PROFESSIONAL
POSITIONS**

2020- Professor Emeritus, Department of Politics, Princeton University, and the Roger Williams Straus Professor of Social Sciences Emeritus

2004-2020 Professor, Department of Politics, Princeton University, and (since 2005) 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

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

**TEACHING
INTERESTS**

Empirical democratic theory, American and comparative political behavior.

**BOOKS AND
MONOGRAPHS**

Interpreting and Using Regression, 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-author and co-editor), Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Democracy for Realists (with Larry Bartels), Princeton University Press, 2016.

Reviewed in *The Economist*, "Free Exchange: X Marks the Knot," July 9, 2016, p. 64; in *New York Review of Books*, Michael Tomasky, "Can the Monster Be Elected," July 14, 2016, pp. 42-44, and in several other publications.

The Taiwan Voter (co-author and co-editor with T.Y. Wang), University of Michigan Press, 2017.

**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.

“Warren Miller and the Future of Political Data Analysis.” 1999. *Political Analysis*, Vol. 8, No. 2. (1999), pp. 142-146.

“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-author), reprinted in Kristen R. Monroe, *Perestroika!* (Yale University Press, 2005: 358-373).

“A Methodological Education: Part I.” 2004. *The Political Methodologist* 12, 2 (Fall): 2-4.

“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*, 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).

“Context, Behavior, Outcomes, and Tradeoffs: The Intellectual Contributions of G. Bingham Powell, Jr. to the Study of Comparative Democratic Processes” (with Russell J. Dalton, John Huber, Orit Kedar, W. Phillips Shively, and Kaare Strøm. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 44, 4 (Oct., 2011): 857-864.

“Civic Duty and Voter Turnout in Japan and South Korea” (with Aram Hur). 2011. *Election Studies* 1,2 (Fall): 45-69.

“Coding Voter Turnout Responses in the Current Population Survey” (with Aram Hur). 2013. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 77, 4 (Dec.): 985-993.

“Why Do We Need Diversity in the Political Methodology Society?” *The Political Methodologist* 21, 2 (Spring 2014): 25-28.

“Intention to Vote, Reported Vote, and Validated Vote” (with Andre’ Blais), in David Farrell, ed. *The Act of Voting: Identities, Institutions and Locale*. Taylor and Francis (Routledge), 2015.

“A Baseline for Incumbency Effects,” in Alan Gerber and Eric Schlicker, eds. *Governing in a Polarized Age: Elections, Parties, and Political Representation in America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

“Afterword” (with Larry Bartels). 2017. Postscript to *Democracy for Realists* for the paperback edition. Princeton University Press.

“Shifting Standards for Political Methodologists?” (with Sara McLaughlin Mitchell). 2018. *PS: Political Science and Politics* (May): 574-579.

“Statistics As If Politics Mattered” (with Larry Bartels). 2018. *Journal of Politics* 80, 4 (Oct.): 1438-1453.

“Government for the People” (with Larry Bartels). 2018. *Critical Review* 30: 1-2: 139-162. (Issue dedicated to a discussion of *Democracy for Realists*.)

“Civic Duty and Voter Turnout” (with Andre’ Blais). 2019. *Political Behavior* 41, 2 (June): 473–497.

“Understanding Voter Turnout in Canada: What Data Do We Lack?” 2019. *Canadian Parliamentary Review* (Spring): 2-8.

"Declining Voter Turnout in Taiwan: A Generational Effect?" (with T.Y. Wang). 2019. *Electoral Studies* 58 (Apr.): 113-124.

"RCTs versus Observation Research: Assessing the Tradeoffs." 2022. In Jennifer Widner, Michael Woolcock, and Daniel Ortega Nieto, eds. *The Case for Case Studies: Methods and Applications in International Development*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 52-61.

“The Crisis of Democracy: A Self-Inflicted Wound.” 2022. In Emmanouil M. L. Economou, Nicholas C. Kyriazis, and Athanasios Platias, eds. *Democracy in Times of Crisis*, Nikolaos Kyriazis et al., eds. Springer Nature, pp. 21-39.

“A Dialogue about Situating Taiwan Research within Academia” (with T.Y. Wang). 2022. *Taiwan Insight* (May 3). Taiwan Studies Programme, University of Nottingham.

台灣研究的定位 (with T.Y. Wang). 2022. whogovernstw.org (May 7). Chinese version of previous note (online).

CURRENT RESEARCH

“Trump and Turnout: Was There a Working-Class Surge over the Blue Wall?” (with Jeremy Darrington). Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2019.

“A Unified Model of Turnout and Vote Choice: Interpreting and Using Multinomial Probit Estimation” (with Won-ho Park). Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2020.

“Citizen Assemblies: Theory and Reality.” Manuscript, March, 2021.

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.

NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE SINCE 2010

Governing Council, Inter-University Consortium for Social and Political Research (ICPSR), elected 2011; chair 2014-2015; term ended 2017.

National Science Foundation Advisory Committee for the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, 2010-2014.

Chair, special NSF committee for reviewing political science grant applications to comply with the Coburn Amendment, July 2013.

External review committee, Political Science Department, University of Texas—Austin, April, 2013.

Chair, external review committee, Political Science Department, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, November, 2014.

Advisory Committee, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 2011-2014.

Ithiel de Sola Pool Award committee (chair), for American Political Science Association, 2009-2010.

Review Committee for EITM Program, Political Science, National Science Foundation, October 28-29, 2009

Advisory Board for the establishment of a Houston Panel Survey Study, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, March 20-22, 2008

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

Member, External Department Review, UCLA, February, 2007

Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*, 2007-2011

APSA Political Methodology Section, Future Planning Committee (2005-2006)

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), 2001

**RECENT
INVITED
LECTURES**

“After *Democracy for Realists*.” Online presentation to Department of Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University, Korea. December 16, 2021.

“Getting the Politics Right in Election Research.” Online presentation to Data Analytics Colloquium, the University of Texas-Dallas and National Chung-Hsing University, Taiwan. December 9, 2021.

“The Taiwan Voter” (with T.Y. Wang). Online presentation to the Center for Social Research, Peking University. April 28, 2021.

“Studying Elections in an Era of Unrepresentative Surveys.” Online presentation to Data Analytics Colloquium, the University of Texas-Dallas and National Chung-Hsing University, Taiwan. October 22, 2020.

“The Crisis of Democracy.” Presented to an online conference, “Salamis and Democracy: 2.500 Years After.” Hosted by University of Piraeus and others. Athens, Greece. October 3, 2020.

“The 2020 Taiwan Election and International Relations: Taiwan between China and America.” University of Texas-Dallas Conference on the 2020 Taiwan Election. February 21, 2020

“Democracy for Realists.” Delivered at National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, March 29, 2018.

“Managing Democracy: Some Empirical Foundations.” Yale University, January 25, 2018.

“Democracy for Realists,” Illinois State University Political Science Department Annual Lecture, October 2017. Also “Age, not Social Class: Dropoff in Low Turnout Elections,” on the same visit to Illinois State.

“Democracy for Realists,” University of Florida Political Science Department Annual Lecture, March 2017.

“Democracy for Realists,” Phi Beta Kappa Annual Lecture, University of South Carolina, February 2017.

“Democracy for Realists.” Fordham University, February, 2017.

“Democracy for Realists,” Pew Research, Washington, D.C., December 2016.

“Asian Political Identities and Democracy,” University of California, Berkeley, Taiwan-Korea conference, November 2016.

“Democracy for Realists,” honorary university-wide lecture, Roger Williams University, Providence, RI, October, 2016.

“Democracy for Realists,” University of California, Berkeley, Political Science Department talk, May 2016.

“Democracy for Realists,” honorary university-wide State of Democracy Lecture (with Larry Bartels), Maxwell School, Syracuse University, April 2016.

“Democracy for Realists,” invited Empire Lecture (with Larry Bartels), Midwest Political Science Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 17, 2015.

Arizona State University, invited lecture, January, 2015: “Democracy for Realists” and “Diversity in Political Science.”