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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis. Department of Political Science, Ph.D. 2005.

Fields: American Politics, Public Law, and Methodology.

Dissertation: “An Activist Mediated Model of Presidential Elections: Campaigns to Structure Voting Behavior.”

Committee: Benjamin Highton (Chair), Robert Huckfeldt, Brian Sala, and Walter Stone.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI. Summer Training Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2001.

Goshen College, Goshen, IN. B.A. 1994. History major, Spanish minor.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Kent State University, Fall 2010 – present.

Assistant Professor, Kent State University. Fall 2005 – Spring 2010.

Graduate Fellow, UC Davis—Washington Center. 2004-2005 school year.

Instructor, UC Davis. Summer, 2004.

Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant, UC Davis. 2000-2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Claassen, Ryan. Forthcoming. “Awareness Effects and Campaign Effects: Maximum Effects for Minimum Citizens?” *Political Behavior*.

Claassen, Ryan. Forthcoming (expected Dec. 2011). “Political Awareness and Partisan Realignment: Are the Unaware Unevolved?.” *Political Research Quarterly*.

Claassen, Ryan, and Andrew Povtak. 2010. “The Christian Right Thesis: Explaining Longitudinal Change in Participation among Evangelical Christians.” *Journal of Politics*. 72: 2-15.

Claassen, Ryan and Benjamin Highton. 2009. “The ‘Choice Context’ and the Political Significance of Political Awareness.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 62: 538-551.

Claassen, Ryan. 2009. “Direction v. Proximity: Amassing Experimental Evidence.” *American Politics Research*. 37: 227-253

PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- Claassen, Ryan. 2008. "Testing the Reciprocal Effects of Campaign Participation." *Political Behavior*. 30: 277-296.
- Claassen, Ryan, David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson. 2008. "'At Your Service': Voter Evaluations of Poll Worker Performance." *American Politics Research* in the 2008 special issue devoted to election administration. 36:4. 612-634.
- Claassen, Ryan. 2007. "Campaign Activism and the Spatial Model: Getting Beyond Extremism to Explain Policy Motivated Participation." *Political Behavior*. 29:3. 369-390.
- Claassen, Ryan. 2007. "Ideology and Evaluation in an Experimental Setting: Comparing the Proximity and the Directional Models." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60:2. 263-274.
- Claassen, Ryan. 2007. "Floating Voters and Floating Activists: Political Change and Information." *Political Research Quarterly*. 60:1. 124-134.
- Claassen, Ryan 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*. 68:2. 410-420.
- Claassen, Ryan. 2005. "Hispanic Public Opinion." In *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Benjamin Radcliff and Samuel Best, eds. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press. 297-304.
- Claassen, Ryan. 2004. "Political Opinion and Distinctiveness: The Case of Hispanic Ethnicity." *Political Research Quarterly*. 37: 4. 609-620.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- Claassen, Ryan, and Michael S. Rocca. "Campaign Effects and Ethnicity: Testing for Unequal Effects." Revise and Resubmit at *Political Research Quarterly*.

UNDER REVIEW

- Claassen, Ryan, David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson. "Voter Confidence and the Election-Day Voting Experience."
- "Information Effects and Groups: Does Membership Substitute for Information?" (with Stephen P. Nicholson)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- "Political Engagement and Religion" (a book proposal)
- "Activist Mediated Elections."
- "Reevaluating the Effect of Partisanship on Trust"

EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH

A Classroom-Based Experiment to Investigate the Linkages Between New Media, Civic Learning, and Civic Action Among Young People. (with J. Quin Monson) Spencer Foundation, Chicago, Illinois--\$40,000. Awarded August 2010 (Grant #201100076).

The Candidate Evaluation Experiment: Testing Proximity and Directional Predictions on Policy Issues and Ideology (Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, TESS). Principal Investigator, 2006. Competitive, peer reviewed, application process. Awarded a 5,000 Respondent-Question Experiment funded by the NSF (market value approximately \$15,000).

The Voter Satisfaction Survey (Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Brigham Young University). 2006. Invited to assist in fielding the survey and to collaborate writing several papers analyzing the results. Project funded by grants from the NSF, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the JEHT Foundation (I was not a PI on the grants, but I did oversee the KSU portion of the Summit County poll which involved expenses of approximately \$13,000).

GRANT WRITING ACTIVITY

Second-Wave Election Administration Reform: Is the Cure Worse than the Disease? National Science Foundation, Small Grant for Exploratory Research Proposal--\$40,077. Submitted, April 2008. Withdrawn because the proposal to replace touchscreen voting machines in Ohio for the 2008 election was defeated.

Attitudinal Extremism: Investigating the Roots of Polarization in Order to Understand Its Consequences. National Science Foundation Grant Proposal-\$227,213. Rejected, December, 2007.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Captured by Evangelicals? The Changing Composition of Partisan Campaign Activists, 1960-2004.” (with Ann Coleman). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2010.

“Does Membership Matter? Investigating Policy Distinctiveness in Interest Groups.” (with Stephen Nicholson and Benjamin Highton). Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. 2010.

“The Christian Coalition Effect: Testing for Longitudinal Change in Participation Among Evangelical Christians.” (with Andrew Povtak). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2009.

“Information Effects and Campaign Effects: Maximum Effects for Minimum Citizens?” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2008.

“Voter Confidence and the Election-Day Voting Experience.” (with David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson). Annual Meeting of the American Statistical Association, Joint Statistical Meeting. 2008.

“‘At Your Service’: Voter Evaluations of Poll Worker Performance.” (with David B. Magleby, Quin Monson, and Kelly D. Patterson). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2007.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS (continued)

“Floating Activists: What Causes Moving and Shaking Among the Movers and Shakers?” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2007.

“The ‘Choice Context’ and the Political Significance of Political Awareness.” (with Benjamin Highton). Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2006.

“Ideology and Evaluation in an Experimental Setting: Comparing the Proximity and the Directional Models.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2006.

“Political Change and Information: Who Decides Which Party Occupies the White House?” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2005.

“Information, Public Discourse, and the Evolution of Public Opinion.” (with Benjamin Highton). Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2004.

“Campaign Activism and the Spatial Model.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2004.

“Citizen Participation in Presidential Campaigns: Responsiveness to Changes in the Political Environment.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Doctoral-Level: Methods I, Methods II (required, quantitative, research methods courses), American Politics Proseminar.

Undergraduate: Research Methods, American Politics, and Public Opinion and Political Behavior. (I also have interest in-- and training for-- teaching Parties and Voting, Interest Groups, Racial and Ethnic Politics, Political Participation, and upper division courses covering each of the American institutions.)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Summer Research and Creative Activity Appointment, Kent State University. (Summer 2008).

5,000 Respondent-Question Experiment. TESS. (2006).

Summer Research and Creative Activity Appointment, Kent State University. (Summer 2006).

UC Davis Washington Center Graduate Fellowship, Washington, D.C. (a teaching and research fellowship providing full support for the 2004-2005 academic year).

APSA Travel Grant (for travel to the 2003 APSA annual meeting).

UC Davis Fellowships (Fall 1999, Winter 2000, Spring 2000, Winter 2001, Spring 2001, Spring 2002, Summer 2002, Summer 2003).

UC Davis Institute for Governmental Affairs Grant (for ICPSR tuition, 2001).

HONORS AND AWARDS (continued)

UC Davis Travel Awards (for travel to 2001 APSA meeting, 2001 SSSA meeting, 2002 WPSA meeting, 2003 MPSA, 2004 MPSA meeting).

UC Davis Field Exams (awarded “Superior” on American Politics and Methods exams).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Service: American Politics Search Committee (fall 2005, successful hire), American Politics Search Committee (new line, fall 2006), American Politics Search Committee (fall 2007, two successful hires), American Politics Search Committee (fall 2008, successful hire), Qualifying Exam Committee (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009), American Politics and Policy Exam Committee (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009), Faculty Evaluation Committee (2006-2007), Selection Committee for Summer and Academic Year Research and Creative Activity Appointments (fall 2006), Advisor to KSU Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter (spring 2007), Technology Coordinator (2008-2009), Graduate Studies Committee (2008-2009), MPA Committee (2005-2009), and Faculty Advisory Committee (2007-2008).

Dissertation Committees: Co-chair (with Mark Colvin), Serhat Demir, Spring 2009. Member: Behzat Yucedal (Spring 2010), Bridgett King (in progress), Dongjin Chen (in progress), Askat Dukenbaev (in progress), Andrew Povtak (in progress), James McQuiston (in progress).

M.A. Committees: Member, William Franko, completed summer 2007. Member, David Wilburn, completed summer 2009. Member, Aejung Kim (in progress). Advisor, Kyle Callahan (in progress).

Panel Chair and/or Discussant: MPSA 2005, MPSA 2006, MPSA 2007, APSA 2007, APSA 2008, MPSA 2009, MPSA 2010.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *National Science Foundation*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly* and *Political Research Quarterly*.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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David Magelby, Professor, Department of Political Science, Brigham Young University
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