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Education

California State University, Fullerton, B.A. 1967
University of California, Santa Barbara, M.A. 1969
University of North Carolina, Ph.D. 1973

Professional Employment

Florida Atlantic University, Department of Political Science
Assistant Professor, 1972-1976
Associate Professor, 1977-1980
Florida State University, Department of Government
Visiting Associate Professor, 1976-1977
National Science Foundation, Division of Social and Economic Sciences
Program Director for Political Science, 1978-1981.
Indiana University, Department of Political Science
Director of the Indiana Political Data Archive and Laboratory, 1980-94
Associate Professor, 1980-1987
Professor, 1987-
Director, Political Science Honors Program, 2007-2013
University of Essex, Colchester, England, Department of Government
Visiting Scholar, 1987-1988
Vanderbilt University, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions.
Visiting Senior Scholar, 2015-2016.

Books

Christine Barbour and Gerald C. Wright, *Keeping the Republic: Power and Citizenship in American Politics*. (8th edition, publication January 2017).

Robert S. Erikson, Gerald C. Wright, and John P. McIver. *Statehouse Democracy: Public Opinion, and Policy in the American States*. Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Gerald Wright, Leroy Reiselbach and Lawrence Dodd, (eds), *Congress and Policy Change*. New York: Agathon Press, 1983.

Gerald C. Wright, *Electoral Choice in America: Image, Party and Incumbency in State and National Elections*. Chapel Hill, N.C.: Institute for Research in Social Science, 1974.

Articles and Chapters

Gerald C. Wright and Elizabeth Rigby, "Income Inequality and State Parties: Who Gets Represented?" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (Forthcoming)

Robert S. Erikson and Gerald C. Wright, "Voters, Issues and Candidates in Congressional Elections," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, (eds.), *Congress Reconsidered*, 11th ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2017, Chap 4.

Elizabeth Rigby and Gerald C. Wright , "The Policy Consequences of Polarization: Evidence from the American States," in *American Gridlock: The Sources, Character, and Impact of Political Polarization*, James A Thurber and Antoine Yoshinaka (eds.). Cambridge University Press, 2015, Chap 11, 236-255.

Jennifer Hayes Clark and Gerald C. Wright, "Differences in Party Leadership and Control among the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and State Legislatures" *CQ Guide to Political Parties*, Marjorie Hershey, Barry Burden (eds). Chap 25, 2014.

Gerald C. Wright and Nathaniel Birkhead, "The Macro Sort of State Electorates" *Political Research Quarterly*, 2014. 426-439.

Elizabeth Rigby and Gerald C. Wright, "Political Parties and Representation of the Poor in the American States" *American Journal of Political Science* 57 (July 2013), 552-565.

Robert S. Erikson and Gerald C. Wright, "Voters, Issues and Candidates in Congressional Elections," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, (eds.), *Congress Reconsidered*, 10th ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2013, pp. 91-116.

Gerald C. Wright, Review of Kristina Miler, *Constituency Representation in Congress: The View from Capitol Hill* in *American Review of Politics* vol 33 (Fall & Winter 2012-2013), 355-358.

Seth Masket, Jonathan Winburn and Gerald C Wright, "The Gerrymanderers Are Coming! Legislative Redistricting Won't Affect Competition or Polarization Much, No Matter Who Does It," *P.S. Politics and Society*, (January, 2012), 39-43.

Elizabeth Rigby and Gerald C. Wright, "Whose Statehouse Democracy? Policy Responsiveness to Poor versus Rich Constituents in Poor versus Rich States," in Peter Enns & Christopher Wlezien (eds.), *Who Gets Represented?* New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2011.

Gerald C. Wright, Book Review: Stuart N. Soroka and Christopher Wlezien, *Degrees of Democracy: Politics, Public Opinion, and Policy*. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

Gerald C. Wright, "State Parties Research: The Quest for Strong, Competitive State Parties," in L. Sandy Maisel and Jeffrey Berry, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of American Political Parties and Interest Groups*, Oxford University Press, 2010.

Jennifer Hayes Clark, Tracy Osborn, Jon Winburn and Gerald C. Wright, "Representation in U.S. Legislatures: The Acquisition and Analysis of U.S. State Legislative Roll Call Data," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 9 (Fall 2009), pp. 356-370.

Gerald C. Wright, "Rules and the Ideological Character of Primary Electorates," in Steven S. Smith and Melanie J. Springer, eds., *Reforming the Presidential Nomination Process*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 2009, pp. 23-43.

Christopher Z. Mooney, Jason Wood, and Gerald C. Wright, "Out with the Old Heads and in with the Young Turks: The Effects of Term Limits in Semi-Professional State Legislatures," in Rick Farmer et al. (eds). *Legislating Without Experience: Case Studies in State Legislative Term Limits*. Lexington Books, 2008, pp. 121-141.

Gerald C. Wright, Book review: Andrew Karch *Democratic Laboratories: Policy Diffusion among the American States* Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press 2007 for *Perspectives on Politics* 6 (December 2008) pp 838-39.

Gerald C. Wright, "The Effect of Term Limits on Roll Call Voting: Representation, Polarization and Participation," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7 (fall 2007), pp. 256-280.

Robert S. Erikson, Gerald C. Wright and John P. McIver, "Measuring the Public's Ideological Preferences in the 50 States: Survey Responses versus Roll Call Data," *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7 (Summer 2007), pp.141-151.

Brian F. Schaffner, Matthew J. Streb, Gerald C. Wright, "A New Look at the Republican Bias in Nonpartisan Elections," *Political Research Quarterly* 60 (2), June 2007, pp. 240-249.

Bruce Cain and Gerald Wright, "Committees under Term Limits," in Karl T. Kurtz, Bruce Cain, and Richard G. Niemi, eds., *Institutional Change in American Politics: The Case of Term Limits*. University of Michigan Press, 2007, pp. 73-89.

Robert S. Erikson, Gerald C. Wright and John P. McIver, "Public Opinion in the States: A Quarter Century of Change and Stability" in Jeffrey Cohen, ed. *Public Opinion in State Politics*. Stanford University Press, 2006, pp 229-253.

Wright, Gerald C. "Are Exit Polls Bad for Democracy?" In *Polls and Politics: The Dilemmas of Democracy*, Michael A. Genovese and Matthew J. Streb (ed.). Albany: SUNY Press, 2004, pgs. 117-143.

Gerald C. Wright and Brian F. Schaffner, "The Influence of Party: Evidence from the State Legislatures," *American Political Science Review*, 96(June, 2002): 367-379.

Brian F. Schaffner, Matthew J. Streb and Gerald C. Wright, "Teams without Uniforms: The Nonpartisan Ballot in State and Local Elections," *Political Research Quarterly*, 54 (March 2001): 7-30.

Robert S. Erikson and Gerald C. Wright, "Voters, Issues and Candidates in Congressional Elections," in Lawrence Dodd and Bruce Oppenheimer, (eds.), *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th ed. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2001, pp 67-96.

Robert S. Erikson and Gerald C. Wright, "Representation of Constituency Ideology in Congress," in David Brady, John F. Cogan and Morris P. Fiorina (eds.), *Continuity and Change in U.S. House Elections*. Stanford University Press, 2000, pp. 148-177.

Robert Brown, Robert Jackson and Gerald Wright, "Registration, Turnout, and State Party Systems," *Political Research Quarterly* 52 (September 1999): 463-480.

Robert Jackson, Robert Brown and Gerald C. Wright, "Registration, Turnout, and the Electoral Representativeness of U.S. State Electorates," *American Politics Quarterly*, (July, 1998), pp.259-287.

Thomas M. Carsey and Gerald C. Wright, "State and National Factors in Gubernatorial and Senatorial Elections," *American Journal of Political Science*, 42 (July, 1998):944-1002 and "Rejoinder" same issue, pp. 1008-1011.

John P. McIver, Robert S. Erikson, and Gerald C. Wright, "Public Opinion and Public Policy: A View from the States," in Lawrence C. Dodd and Calvin Jillson, eds., *New Perspectives on American Politics*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 1994, pp. 249-266.

Gerald C. Wright, Robert S. Erikson, and John P. McIver, "The Impact of State Party Ideology," *The American Review of Politics*, 15 (Summer 1994) 315-27.

Gerald C. Wright, "Errors in Measuring Vote Choice in the National Election Studies, 1952-88," *American Journal of Political Science*, 37 (February, 1993) 291-316.

Wright, Gerald C. "Reported versus Actual Vote: There is a Difference and It Matters," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 17 (February 1992) 131-42..

Brown, Robert D. and Gerald C. Wright, "Elections and State Party Polarization," *American Politics Quarterly*, 20 (October 1992) 411-26.

Gerald C. Wright, "Ideology," in L. Sandy Maisel, *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties and Elections*, New York: Garland, 1991, pp. 501-3.

Gerald C. Wright, "Misreports of the Vote in the 1988 NES Senate Election Study," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 15 (November, 1990).

Gerald C. Wright, "Policy Voting in the U.S. Senate: Who is Represented?" *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 14 (November, 1989), 465-86. Reprinted in John Hibbing, ed. *The Changing World of the U.S. Senate*. Berkeley: IGS Press, 1990. pp. 221-42.

Gerald C. Wright, "Level-of-Analysis Effects on Explanations of Voting: The Case of U.S. Senate Elections," *British Journal of Political Science*, 18 (July, 1989), 381-98.

Robert S. Erikson, Gerald C. Wright and John P. McIver. "Political Parties, Public Opinion and State Policy in the United States," *American Political Science Review*, 83 (September, 1989), 729-50.

Gerald C. Wright and Michael Berkman, "Issue Strategy and Senate Elections Outcomes," [for the "Controversy" section] *American Political Science Review*, 82 (March, 1988), 241-45.

Robert S. Erikson, John P. McIver and Gerald C. Wright, "State Culture and Political Attitudes," *American Political Science Review*. 81 (September, 1987), 797-813. (Reprinted in Steven B. Wolintz, ed. *Political Parties*, Hampshire, UK: Dartmouth Publishing Co. Ltd, 1996).

Gerald C. Wright, Robert S. Erikson and John P. McIver, "Public Opinion and Policy Liberalism in the American States," *American Journal of Political Science*. 31 (November, 1987), 980-1001.

Gerald C. Wright, and Michael B. Berkman, "Candidates and Policy in U.S. Senatorial Elections," *American Political Science Review*, 80 (June, 1986), 576-90.

Gerald C. Wright, "Elections and the Potential for Policy Change in Congress," in Gerald C. Wright, Leroy Reiselbach and Lawrence Dodd (eds), *Congress and Policy Change*. (New York: Agathon Press, 1986), 94-119.

Gerald C. Wright, Robert S. Erikson and John P. McIver, "Measuring State Partisanship and Ideology with Survey Data," *Journal of Politics*, 47 (May 1985), 469-89.

Micheal W. Giles, Gerald Wright, and Marilyn Dantico, "Social Status and Political Behavior," *Social Science Quarterly*, (September, 1981), 453-460.

Gerald Wright, "Trends in NSF Political Science Program Activities," *PS*, 8 (Fall, 1980), 420-427.

Robert S. Erikson and Gerald C. Wright, "Policy Representation of Constituency Interests," *Political Behavior*, 2 (Summer 1980), 91-106.

Gerald Wright, "Support for Political Science Research at NSF," *PS*, 13 (Summer, 1979)

Gerald Wright, "Candidates' Policy Positions and Voting in Congressional Elections," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 3 (August, 1978), 445-457. Partially reprinted in Samuel J. Eldersfeld, (ed.), *Political Parties in American Society*, (New York: Basic Books, 1982).

Gerald C. Wright, and Dorothy Stetson, "The Impact of No-Fault Divorce Reforms on Divorce in the United States," *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 40 (August, 1978), 575-580. Partially reprinted in Jim L. Wilson, (ed.), *Year Book of Family Practice*, (Chicago: Year Book Medical Publications, 1980).

Gerald C. Wright, "Racism and the Availability of Family Planning Services in the United States," *Social Forces*, (June, 1977), 1087-1098.

Gerald C. Wright, "Constituency Response to Congressional Behavior," *Western Political Quarterly*, 30 (September, 1977), 401-410.

Gerald C. Wright, "Contextual Models of Electoral Behavior: The Southern Wallace Vote," *American Political Science Review*, 71 (June, 1977), 497-508.

Gerald C. Wright, "Racism and Welfare Policy in America," *Social Science Quarterly*, 57 (March 1977), 718-730.

Gerald C. Wright, "Community Structure and Voter Decision Making in the South," *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 40 (Summer, 1976), 201-215.

Gerald C. Wright, "Linear Models for Evaluating Conditional Relationships," *American Journal of Political Science*, 20 (May, 1976), 349-373. Reprinted in Herbert Weisberg and Herbert Asher, (eds.), *Theory Building and Data Analysis in the Social Sciences*, (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1984).

Donald Searing, Gerald Wright, and George Rabinowitz, "The Primacy Principle: Attitude Change and Political Socialization," *British Journal of Political Science*, 6 (January, 1976), 83-113. Reprinted in Anna Oppa. (ed.), *La Socializzazione Politica*, (Bologna: Il Mulino, 1980), 293-338.

Micheal W. Giles and Gerald Wright, "American Political Scientists' Evaluations of 63 Journals," *PS*, 8 (Summer, 1975), 254-256.

Dorothy Stetson and Gerald C. Wright, "The Effects of Law on Divorce in the American States," *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 37 (August, 1975), 537-547.

Gerald C. Wright, "Interparty Competition and State Social Welfare Policy: When a Difference Makes a Difference" *Journal of Politics*, 37 (August, 1976), 796-803. Partially reprinted in R.J. Johnston, ed. *Political Electoral and Spatial Systems*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1979).

Gerald C. Wright, "Black Voting Turnout and Education in the 1968 Presidential Elections," *Journal of Politics*, 37 (May, 1975), 563-568.

Gerald C. Wright, "Population Attitudes of the Poor: Implications for Family Planning Programs in the South." in R. Clinton and R. K. Godwin, (eds), *Research in the Politics of Population*, (Lexington Mass.: D.C. Heath, 1973)

Gerald C. Wright, "Reapportionment: An Urban Victory?" *Reason: A Review of Politics*, 2 (Fall 1966), 12-14. Reprinted in W. Leiter, (ed), *California Government: Issues and Institutions*, (Pacific Palisades, Ca.: Goodyear, 1971).

Awards

State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association. Received the Career Achievement Award for 2011.

The Philip Converse Award for an Outstanding Book Published at least five years ago. That was for *Statehouse Democracy*, Cambridge, 1993. Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Section of APSA, 2010.

Malcolm Jewell Enduring Contribution Book Award for *Statehouse Democracy*. State Politics and Policy Section of APSA, 2008.

Award for the Best Paper on State Politics presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, For Elizabeth Rigby and Gerald C. Wright, "State Parties, Polarization and Representation of the Poor" State Politics and Policy Section of APSA.

Award for the Best Paper on the U.S. states presented at any political science conference during the calendar year 2001. For , "The Influence of Party: Evidence from the State Legislatures," which was presented at the Midwest Political Science meetings. It was co-authored with Brian Schaffner was subsequently published in the *American Political Science Review*.

Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper of the Convention, Western Political Science Association Meeting, 1985. This paper with Michael Berkman was subsequently published in the *American Political Science Review*.

External Grants

"Representing the Poor: Where, When, and How are the Interests of the Poor Represented in State Legislatures?" Russell Sage Foundation, 2007-2010 [with Elizabeth Rigby] (\$140,000)

“Policy Positions and Policy Choice in U.S. Legislatures” National Science Foundation, 2005-2008. [with Evan Ringquist] (\$284,000.)

“Archive of Roll Call Collection” National Science Foundation, 2006-2009. (\$50,000)

“Representation in the American States II” National Science Foundation, 2003-2006. (\$275,000)

“Representation in the American States,” National Science Foundation, 2001-2003. (\$173,000).

"Electoral Coalitions and Representation in the U.S. Senate," National Science Foundation, 1990-1993. (\$80,000)

"Collaborative Research on Public Opinion and Public Policy in State and National Contexts," National Science Foundation, 1986-1988. [with Robert Erikson] (\$63,000)

"Collaborative Research on Measurement and Analysis of State Partisanship and Ideology," National Science Foundation, 1983-1985. [with Robert Erikson] (\$53,000)

"Contextual Models of Political Behavior" National Institute of Mental Health, 1975. (\$7,000)

Recent Invited Talks

Notre Dame, (Spring 2011)

University of Iowa (Spring 2011)

Russell Sage Foundation, Visiting Fellow & Presentation, July 4-31, 2010.

Stanford University & Hoover Institution, Jan 29-Feb 7, 2010.

Columbia University, December, 2009.

NCSL West. State Legislators meetings, Presentation, Santa Fe, N.M., Oct. 7, 2009.

CY-FAIR Community College, Houston, TX, Aug 20, 2009.

Conference Papers Presented, Roundtables:

American Political Science Assoc. 1975, 1976, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2016.

Midwest Political Science Assoc. 1978, 1979, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2016.

Southern Political Science Assoc. 1979, 1993, 1996, 1999.

Southwest Social Science Assoc., 1998.

Western Political Science Assoc. 1973, 1979, 1985, 1986, 2001, 2004.

Political Methodology Meetings 1997.
NES Conference on Congressional Elections, Rochester, 1977; Chicago, 1996.
Indiana University Conference on Congress and Policy Change, 1982.
Comparative State Data Conferences, Duke University, 1983; Stanford University, and the University of Kentucky, 1984.
European Consortium for Political Research, Rimini, Italy, 1988.
Hendricks Symposium on the U.S. Senate, Lincoln, Nebraska, October, 1988.
Electing the Senate Conference, Houston, December, 1989.
Korean Political Science Association, Seoul, S. Korea, October, 1996.
Hoover Conference on Congressional Elections, 1997.
State Politics and Policy Conferences, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

Conference Panels: Chair or Discussant

American Political Science Assoc. 1974, 1977, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2005.
Midwest Political Science Assoc. 1979, 1980, 1986, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2003, 2006.
Southern Political Science Assoc. 1977, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1996, 2000.
Southwest Social Science Assoc. 1985.
William & Mary Conference on Convention Activists, 1981.
National Elections Studies Conference on Congressional Elections, Berkeley, 1995.
Conference on East European Elections, Warsaw, 1991; Princeton, 1992.
Senate Elections Conference, Stanford, 1991.
Political Economy Research Center Conference, Bozeman, MT. July, 1997.

Professional Service

National Elections Studies: Chair, Subcommittee on Contextual Data, Standing Committee on Congressional Elections Research, Center for Political Studies, 1977-1978.

American Political Science Association:

Council Member, 1983-85; Rules Committee, 1984-85.
Chair, E.E. Schattschneider Award Committee for the Best Dissertation in American Politics, 1989-90.
Short Courses on "Writing a Research Proposal for the National Science Foundation," 1979, 1980.
Best Convention Paper Award Committee, State Politics Section, 1994.
President, State Politics and Policy Section of the APSA 1995-1997.

Chair, Best Paper Award Committee for the State Politics and Policy Section, 2003.
Chair, Lifetime Award Committee, State Politics and Policy Section, 2007
Chair, Best Paper on State Politics Award Committee, 2015
Member, Future of the State Politics and Policy Section, 2015-2016.
Nominating Committee Member for new Editor (State and Local articles) of *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 2015.

Midwest Political Science Association:

Program Co-chair, Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, 1982.
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 1982-1985, 2001-2004

Southern Political Science Association:

Nominating Committee, 1977, 1986.
Section Chair, "Public Opinion and Electoral Behavior," 1981.
Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 1985-1992, 1997-2001

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research:

Official Representative, 1972-1978, 1981-1994.
Acquisition Advisory Committee on Political Behavior, 1982-83.
Nominating Committee for ICPSR Council, 1987.

Legislative Studies Association

Editorial Board, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1991-1994
Member, selection committee for the Jewell-Loewenberg Award for best article published in *Legislative Studies Quarterly* in 2002.

Member, State University of New York, Stony Brook, Site Visit Committee for Evaluation of their Ph.D. Program, 1982.

Chair, University of Nebraska Site Visit Committee for Evaluation of an M.S. Program in Survey Research, 1996.

Member, Political Science Departmental External Review Committee, University of Nebraska, 1999.

State Politics and Policy Quarterly. Organizing Committee Member and editorial board, 1999-2005; Committee on Selection of New Ownership for *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 2008-2009.

Project Vote Smart, State Legislative NPAT consultant, 1996-present; “The Future of Project Vote Smart,” Planning Conference, The Great Divide Ranch, Philipsburg, MT., Nov. 17-19, 2000. Consultant on candidate questionnaires, 1996-present.

Reviewer for:

American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Quarterly, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Quarterly, Congress and the Presidency, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Marriage and Family, Journal of Health Politics, Party Politics, Policy and Law, The National Science Foundation, Policy Studies Journal, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Communications, Political Methodology, Political Research Quarterly, Public Opinion Quarterly, Review of Politics, Social Forces, Social Science Journal, Social Science Quarterly, State and Local Government Review, Urban Affairs Review, Western Political Quarterly, Agathon Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Illinois Press, Indiana University Press, University of Michigan Press, University of Tennessee Press, Houghton-Mifflin, McGraw-Hill, Prentice-Hall.

Current Research Activities

My current sabbatical work is on a book on changes in state political parties. I examine the shifting correlates of state partisanship and ideology, and the impact of differential but growing polarization in the states for state policy and national elections.