

RYAN L. CLAASSEN

Kent State University
Department of Political Science
P.O. Box 5190
Kent, Ohio 44242-0001

Fax: (330) 672-3362
Office: (330) 672-2060

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. Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Event History Analysis, and Mathematics for Social Scientists II.

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Kent State University. Fall 2005 – present.

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

Instructor, UC Davis. Summer, 2004.

Teaching Assistant, UC Davis. 2000-2004.

Research Assistant, UC Davis: 2000-2004.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Quantitative research methods, political behavior (including public opinion, elections, participation, and political psychology), racial and ethnic politics, basic survey courses on American politics, and courses on American political institutions (congress, the presidency, courts, and interest groups).

PUBLICATIONS

2004. “Political Opinion and Distinctiveness: The Case of Hispanic Ethnicity.” *Political Research Quarterly*. 37: 4. 609-620.

2005. “Hispanic Public Opinion.” In *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Benjamin Radcliff and Samuel Best, eds. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Information, Public Discourse, and the Evolution of Public Opinion: Assessing the ‘Health’ of Health Care Opinion.” (with Benjamin Highton). Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Politics*.

“Proximity Model Versus Directional Model: New Approach, New Evidence, and the Winner Is” Under Review at *Journal of Politics*.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Political Change and Information: Who Decides Which Party Occupies the White House and How Closely Do They Follow Politics?” 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.

“Hispanic Political Opinion: An Explanatory Model of Distinctiveness.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. 2003.

“Predicting Gridlock: A Multivariate Analysis of Roll Call Voting, 1789-1998.” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. 2002.

“The Effect of Electoral Rules on Tax Policy Stability.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. 2001.

HONORS AND AWARDS

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).

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).