

Caroline J. Tolbert
Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Political Science
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Education

Ph.D.	1996	Political Science	University of Colorado, Boulder
M.A.	1991	Public Policy	University of Colorado, Boulder
B.A.	1989	Political Science	University of California, Santa Barbara

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Political Science, Kent State University, 2004 -
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Kent State University, 1998-2004
Instructional Technology Specialist, Colorado College, 1996-1997

Honorary Appointments

Board of Scholars, Initiative and Referendum Institute, University of Southern California, 2004-2006
Research Fellow, Initiative and Referendum Institute, Washington DC, 2002-2004

Teach graduate level seminars in research methods, statistics, American politics, public policy and applied policy analysis (economic analysis) in the Ph.D. program in public policy and political science. Teach undergraduate courses in American government and public policy.

Research Interests

American politics and public policy; voting, elections and political behavior; public opinion; technology and electoral politics; sub-national politics; direct democracy; digital government; and race and ethnicity.

Publications

Refereed Books, Articles and Chapters by Three Subject Areas

I. Research on Political Behavior and Electoral Politics

Books:

D. Smith and C. Tolbert. 2004. *Educated by Initiative: The Effects of Direct Democracy on Citizens and Political Organizations in the American States*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press (equal authorship).

Articles and Chapters:

Tolbert, C. and D. Smith. 2005. "The Educative Effects of Ballot Initiatives on Voter Turnout." *American Political Research* 33 (2): 283-309.

Hero, R. and C. Tolbert. 2005. "Exploring Minority Political Efficacy: Considering the Impact of Social and Institutional Context." In G. M. Segura and S. Bowler (eds.) *Diversity in Democracy: Representation in the United States*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

Hero, R. and C. Tolbert. 2004. "Minority Voices and Citizen Attitudes about Government Responsiveness in the American States: Do Social and Institutional Context Matter?" *British Journal of Political Science* 34 (1): 109-121.

Tolbert, C. and R. McNeal. 2003. "Unraveling the Effects of the Internet on Political Participation." *Political Research Quarterly* 56 (2): 175-185.

Tolbert, C. and J. Grummel. 2003. "White Voter Support for California's Proposition 209: Revisiting the Racial Threat Hypothesis." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3 (2): 183-202.

Tolbert, C., R. McNeal and D. Smith. 2003. "Enhancing Civic Engagement: The Effects of Direct Democracy on Political Participation and Knowledge." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3 (1): 23-41.

Tolbert, C., J. Grummel and D. Smith. 2001. "The Effects of Ballot Initiatives on Voter Turnout in the American States." *American Politics Research* 29 (6): 625-648.

Smith, D. and C. Tolbert. 2001. "The Initiative to Party: Partisanship and Ballot Initiatives in California." *Party Politics* 7(6): 739-757.

Tolbert, C. and R. Hero. 1996. "Race/Ethnicity and Direct Democracy: An Analysis of California's Illegal Immigration Initiative." *Journal of Politics* 58: 806-818.

II. Research on American State Politics and Policy

Books:

Bowler, S., T. Donovan and **C. Tolbert** (eds.) 1998. *Citizens as Legislators: Direct Democracy in the United States*. Columbus: Ohio State University Press. Reprinted in 2000. Author of 3 of 12 chapters.

[Received "outstanding" (O) rating from the American Association of University Presses for exceptional content and subject matter. Just over 100 books are designated as outstanding each year across all disciplines.]

Articles and Chapters:

Tolbert, C. 2003. "Direct Democracy and Institutional Realignment in the American States." *Political Science Quarterly* 118 (3): 467-489.

Tolbert, C. and G. Steuernagel. 2003. "Race/Ethnicity and Referenda on Redistributive Health Care." In R. Fording, J. Soss, and S. Schram (eds.) *Race, Welfare, and the Politics of Reform*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Tolbert, C., G. Steuernagel and R. Bowman. 2003. "Direct Democracy, Race/Ethnicity and Health Care Policy." *Race, Gender and Class* 10 (2):147-170.

Tolbert, C. 2002. "Rethinking Lowi's Constituent Policy: Governance Policy and Direct Democracy." *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*. 20 (1): 75-93.

Tolbert, C. and R. Hero. 2001. "Dealing with Diversity: Racial/Ethnic Context and Social Policy Change." *Political Research Quarterly* 54: (3) 571-604.

[Awarded Best Paper presented at the 1999 Western Political Science Association on Latino/a Politics]

Tolbert, C. and G. Steuernagel. 2001. "Women Lawmakers, State Mandates and Women's Health" *Women and Politics* 22 (2): 1-39.

Tolbert, C. 2001. "Direct Democracy and Public Policy in the Twentieth Century: The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same." In M. Dane Waters (ed.) *The Battle over Citizen Lawmaking*. North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press.

Tolbert, C. 1998. "Changing the Rules for State Legislatures: Direct Democracy and Governance Policy." In *Citizens as Legislators: Direct Democracy in the United States*. Columbus: Ohio State University Press.

Tolbert, C. and R. Hero. 1998. "Race/Ethnicity and Direct Democracy: The Contextual Basis of Support for Anti-Immigrant and Official English Measures." In *Citizens as Legislators: Direct Democracy in the United States*. Columbus: Ohio State University Press.

Tolbert, C., D. Lowenstein and T. Donovan. 1998. "Election Law and Rules for Using Initiatives." In *Citizens as Legislators: Direct Democracy in the United States*. Columbus: Ohio State University Press.

Hero, R. and C. Tolbert. 1996. "A Racial/Ethnic Interpretation of Politics and Policy in the States of the U.S." *American Journal of Political Science* 40: 851-71.

III. Research on Digital Government and Information Technology

Books:

Tolbert, C., K. Mossberger and M. Gilbert. Under Contract. *Digital Citizenship: The Internet, Society and Participation*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Mossberger, K., **C. Tolbert** and M. Stansbury. 2003. *Virtual Inequality: Beyond the Digital Divide*. Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press. (equal authorship)

[Favorable review in the American Political Science Association's *Perspective on Politics* in December 2004. Research supported by a Smith Richardson Foundation Grant and an Ohio Board of Regents Challenge Grant.]

Articles and Chapters:

Mossberger, K. and C. Tolbert. Forthcoming 2005. "The Effects of E-Government on Trust and Confidence in Government." *Public Administration Review*: in press.

Mossberger, K., C. Tolbert and M. Gilbert. Forthcoming 2005. "Race, Place and Information Technology." *Urban Affairs Review*.

[Awarded Best Paper delivered at the 2004 APSA Annual Meeting from the Public Policy organized section (third largest section)]

Tolbert, C. and K. Mossberger. Forthcoming 2005. "Inequality in Broadband Internet Access." Economic Policy Institute. Available Online [<http://www.epinet.org/>].

McNeal, R. and C. Tolbert. 2004. "Support for Internet Voting in the United States." In N. Kersting and H. Baldersheim (eds.) *Electronic Voting and Democracy: A Comparative Analysis*. Palgrave.

McNeal, R., C. Tolbert, K. Mossberger and L. Dotterweich. 2003. "Innovating in Digital Government in the American States." *Social Science Quarterly* 84 (1): 52-70.

IV. Other Published Articles:

Steinmo, S. and C. Tolbert. 1998. "Do Institutions Matter? Taxation in Industrialized Democracies." *Comparative Political Studies* 31: (2) 165-187.

Hero, R. and C. Tolbert. 1997. "Latinos and Substantive Representative in the US House of Representatives: Direct, Indirect, or Non-existent?" In F. Chris Garcia (ed.) *Pursuing Power: Latinos and the Political System*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press. Pg. 265-278.

Hero, R. and C. Tolbert. 1995. "Latinos and Substantive Representative in the US House of Representatives: Direct, Indirect, or Non-existent?" *American Journal of Political Science* 39: 640-652.

Book Reviews

John A. Allswang's *The Initiative and Referendum in California, 1898-1998*. 2002. *Journal of Politics*. 64 (1): 283-285.

Lydia Chavez's *The Color Bind: California's Battle to End Affirmative Action*. 1998. *American Political Science Review*. 93(4): 969-970.

Other Periodicals and Monographs

Smith, D. and C. Tolbert. 2003. "Educated by Initiative." *Campaigns and Elections* magazine, August.

"State Tax and Expenditure Limitations on the 1994 Ballot: Changing the Rules of the Tax Game." 1994. *The Fiscal Newsletter*. Denver: National Conference of State Legislatures.

Research Grants

2005. Graduate Research Council, Kent State University. *Did Gay Marriage Elect George W. Bush? Ballot Propositions and Candidate Elections*. \$2400.

2004. US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) H-21439RG. *Race, Place and Information Technology*. \$39,995 (with K. Mossberger).

2004. Economic Policy Institute (EPI), Washington, DC. *Inequality in Broadband Internet Access*. \$5000 (with K. Mossberger).

2003. Summer Research and Creativity Grant, Kent State University. *The Effects of E-Government on Political Trust*. \$13,000 (with K. Mossberger).

2002. Democracy Foundation. *Minority Rights, Representative Government and a National Initiative Process in the United States*. \$1000.00.

2001-2002. Research Challenge Grant, Ohio Board of Regents. *Defining the Digital Divide*. \$43,000 (with K. Mossberger and M. Stansbury).

2001-2002. Smith Richardson Foundation, Public Policy Junior Faculty Research Grant. *Defining the Digital Divide*. \$60,000 (with K. Mossberger and M. Stansbury).

Awards

2005. Best Paper delivered at the 2004 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting from the Public Policy organized section (third largest section). *Race, Place and Information Technology* (with K. Mossberger and M. Gilbert).

2000. Best Paper delivered at the 1999 Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Meeting from the Latino/a Politics organized section. *Dealing with Diversity: Racial/Ethnic Context and Policy Change* (with R. Hero).

2000. Teaching Development Award, Kent State University (one of six awards given annually across eight regional campuses). *Evaluating Web-Based Distance Education, Teaching Strategies, and Student Learning*. \$6500.

1999. Faculty Teaching Development Award, Kent State University, *Distance Learning and the Web: A New Approach to Teaching American Politics*. \$4200.

1998. Teaching Development Award, Kent State University. "A Multi-Course Website: Hands on Quantitative and Qualitative Data Analysis in the Social Sciences." \$6500 (www.personal.kent.edu/~ctolber1).

Examples of Work in Progress

"Something Rich and Strange: Civic Engagement and the Tempest of Online Politics" (with J. MacDonald and R. McNeal).

"The Media and Support for the Iraq War" (with S. Hook and R. McNeal).

"Community, Race, and Political Participation in America: Social Capital and Social Diversity" (with R. Hero).

Editorial Service

Editorial Board, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* (2001-present) Founding Member

Manuscript Referee (activity since January 2000)

National Science Foundation (NSF), American Political Science Review (APSR), American Journal of Political Science (AJPS), Journal of Politics (JOP), Political Research Quarterly (PRQ), American Political Research (APR), Social Science Quarterly (SSQ), Party Politics, State Politics and Policy Quarterly (SPPQ), Women and Politics, European Journal of Communication Research (EJCR), Western Political Quarterly, Social Problems, Policy Studies Journal.

Professional Service

Executive Council, American Political Science Association, State Politics Section, 2004-2006

Conference Organizer, *Fourth Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy*. The official conference of the State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, Akron, Ohio, 2004 (with K. Mossberger).

Section Organizer:

Public Policy, Midwest Political Science Association Program Committee 2006

State and Intergovernmental Politics, Midwest Political Science Association Program Committee 2004

Public Policy, Western Political Science Association Program Committee 2001

Committee Member:

Chair, *Best Paper Awards Committee*, 2005. Voting, Elections and Public Opinion Sections, American Political Science Association.

Best Paper Awards Committee, 2005. State Politics and Policy Section, American Political Science Association, Kevin Smith Chair.

Committee on Short Courses and Workshops, 2004. Midwest Political Science Association, Charles Franklin Chair.

State Politics and Policy Quarterly Best Paper Committee, 2003. State politics paper presented at a national conference in 2002, Paul Brace Chair.

Chair, *Dissertation Awards Committee*, 2002. Western Political Science Association.

Dissertation Awards Committee, 2000. Western Political Science Association, Daniel Smith Chair.

Panel Discussant:

2005 American Political Science Association
2005 State Politics and Policy Conference
2005 Midwest Political Science Association (two panels)
2004 American Political Science Association
2003 American Political Science Association
2003 Midwest Political Science Association (two panels)
2001 Midwest Political Science Association
2000 Midwest Political Science Association
1998 American Political Science Association

Panel Chair:

2004 Midwest Political Science Association
2003 American Political Science Association
1999 American Political Science Association

Invited Participant: Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, 1998-2000

Academic Conference Presentations (Since 2000)

- Mossberger, K. and C. Tolbert. 2005. "The Effects of E-Government on Trust and Confidence in Government." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- Tolbert, C., T. Donovan and D. Smith. 2005. "Do State-Level Ballot Measures affect Presidential Elections? Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- Tolbert, C., K. Mossberger and R. McNeal. 2005. "Innovation and Learning: Developing E-Government in the Fifty States." State Politics and Policy Conference, East Lansing, MI.
- Donovan, T., C. Tolbert, D. Smith and J. Parry. 2005. "Did Gay Marriage Elect George W. Bush." State Politics and Policy Conference, East Lansing, MI.
- Tolbert, C. 2005. Presenter at the Conference--Direct Democracy in the West: Historical Roots and Political Realities. Bill Lane Center for the Study of the American West, Stanford University.
- C. Tolbert, K. Mossberger and R. McNeal. 2005. "Developing E-Government in the Fifty States: 2000-2004. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Smith, D. C. Tolbert and T. Donovan. 2005. "Partisanship, Direct Democracy and Candidate Choice." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Donovan, T., C. Tolbert, D. Smith and J. Parry. 2005. "Did Gay Marriage Elect George W. Bush." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland.
- Tolbert, C. 2005. "The Ballot Measure/Citizen Interest Link: Information, Engagement and Participation." The Impact of Direct Democracy Conference, University of California, Irvine.
- Tolbert, C. 2004. "Mobilizing Voters: Shaping the Electorate with Direct Democracy." Prisms Methodology Speakers Series, Ohio State University, Columbus.
- Tolbert, C. and D. Smith. 2004. "The Educative Effects of Direct Democracy on Voter Turnout." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Mossberger, K., C. Tolbert and M. Gilbert. 2004. "Race, Place and Information Technology." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Tolbert, C. and K. Mossberger. 2004. "The Effects of E-Government on Trust and Confidence in Government." Invited presentation at the E-Government and Citizen Communication Conference, Ohio State University, Columbus.
- Tolbert, C. and R. McNeal. 2004. "Mass Media, the Internet and Public Opinion (Iraq War)." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- R. Hero and C. Tolbert. 2004. "Community, Race, and Political Participation in America: Examining Social Capital and Social Diversity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Tolbert, C. and K. Mossberger. 2003. "The Impact of the Digital Divide (Access and Skill) on Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.
- Tolbert, C. and K. Mossberger. 2003. "The Effects of E-Government on Trust and Confidence in Government." Invited presentation at the National Conference on Digital Government Research (dg.o) sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Boston.
- Tolbert, C. and D. Smith. 2003. "Educated by Initiative: Direct Democracy and Civic Engagement in the American States." Presented at the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Tucson.
- McNeal, R. and C. Tolbert. 2003. "The Internet and Civic Engagement: Political Interest, Discussion and Knowledge." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

- Mossberger, K. and C. Tolbert. 2003. "Race, Place and Information Technology." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Cleveland.
- Mossberger, K. and C. Tolbert. 2003. "Race, Place and Information Technology." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Tolbert, C. and K. Mossberger. 2003. "Beyond the Digital Divide." Invited presentation at the Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- Tolbert, C., K. Mossberger and R. McNeal. 2002. "Beyond the Digital Divide: Exploring Attitudes about Information Technology, Political Participation, and Electronic Government." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston.
- Hero, R., C. Tolbert and R. McNeal. 2002. "Social Diversity and Social Capital: Exploring State Contextual Determinants of Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston.
- Tolbert, C. and R. McNeal. 2002. "Internet Voting and Registration: Exploring Citizens' Attitudes about Online Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- Tolbert, C. and R. McNeal. 2002. "The Democratic Divide: Exploring Citizen Attitudes about the Internet and Political Participation." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA.
- Tolbert, C. 2002. "Minority Rights, Representative Government and a National Initiative Process in the United States." Invited presentation at the Democracy Foundation, Williamsburg, VA.
- Tolbert, C. 2002. "Unraveling the Effects of the Internet on Political Participation." Invited presentation at the Center for American Democracy Colloquium Series, University of Notre Dame.
- Tolbert, C. and R. McNeal. 2001. "Does the Internet Increase Voter Participation in Elections?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.
- Tolbert, C. and G. Steuernagel. 2001. "State Ballot Initiatives and Universal Health Care: The Case of Massachusetts." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago.
- Steuernagel, G. and C. Tolbert. 2001. "Shaping the Agenda through Citizen Referenda: A Comparison of Women's Suffrage and Health Care Reform." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Tolbert, C. 2001. "Cycles of Democracy: Direct Democracy as a Catalyst for Institutional Realignment in the American States." Presented at the Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy, Texas A&M University.
- Hero, R. and C. Tolbert. 2001. "Minority Voices and Citizen Attitudes about Government Responsiveness in the American States: Do Social and Institutional Context Matter?" Invited presentation at the Minority Representation: Institutions, Behavior and Identity Conference, Claremont Graduate University.
- Tolbert, C., J. Grummel and D. Smith. 2000. "The Effects of Ballot Initiatives on Voter Turnout in the American States." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- Tolbert, C. and J. Grummel. 2000. "Ballot Initiatives and Citizen Participation: Examining Voter Turnout in the American States." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, University of California, Los Angeles.
- Tolbert, C. 2000. "Direct Democracy as a Catalyst for 21st Century Political Reform." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.
- Tolbert, C. and G. Steuernagel. 2000. "Health Care Reform and the Promise of Direct Democracy." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

- Tolbert, C. 1999. Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Association of Physician Specialists. "Women's Health and Managed Care: Policy Making through State Mandates." San Diego, CA, June 11-13. \$1000

Service

Community:

Newspaper and radio commentary on ballot propositions and candidate elections, voting and turnout for the Associated Press (Reporter Andrew Welsh-Huggins and others), New York Times, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Akron Beacon Journal, Columbus Dispatch, Houston Chronicle and others.

Television appearances on PBS's *State of Ohio*—weekly half hour news program—on elections and ballot measures.

University:

University Council on Teaching, Committee on Learning Technology Services (LTS) 1999-2001. Graduate faculty representative, Ph.D. dissertation psychology, spring 2002.

Moulton Hall presentations on teaching with technology or web design, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003

Department:

American Politics Search Committee, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005-2006

International/Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2004-2005

Faculty Advisory Committee, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005-2006

Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2002-2003

Information Technology Coordinator (webmaster), 1998-2000, 2002-2005

Graduate Studies Committee, 2005

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1998-2002

Ad Hoc Committee, Graduate Program Review, 2001

Ad Hoc Committee, Merit System Restructure, 2000-2001

Comprehensive Exams Committee, 1998-2001, 2003-2004, 2005

Ad Hoc Committee on Research and Grants 1998-1999

Library Committee, 1998-1999

Thesis Supervision

John Grummel. Ph.D. Political Science (2001), Chair. Assistant Professor, West Virginia State University. Dissertation Title: *The Economy, Voting and Direct Democracy*

Mary Schmeida. Ph.D. Political Science (2005), Chair. Senior Health Policy Analyst, Cleveland Clinic, Ohio. Dissertation Title: *Innovating in Telehealth in the American States*

Ramona McNeal. Ph.D. Political Science (2005), Chair. Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Springfield. Dissertation Title: *The Internet and Political Participation*.

[Awarded David B. Smith Fellowship in 2004 for Outstanding Accomplishment in Scholarship. Two given annually to graduating Ph.D. students across disciplines at Kent State.]

Kathleen Hale. Ph.D. Political Science (2005), Committee Member. Dissertation Title: *Policydiffusion and State Policy Implementation: The Impact of Intersectoral Information Networks on Drug Court Policy*.

Tuncay Durna. Ph.D. Political Science (Expected Aug. 2005), Co-Chair

Michele Gilbert. Ph.D. Political Science (Expected Aug. 2005), Committee Member.

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Giles Falinski. Ph.D. Political Science (Expected 2006), Co-Chair

Eric Matthews. Ph.D. Political Science (Expected 2005/06), Co-Chair

Carolyn Hribar (2003) M.A. Political Science, Chair

Claire Hollywood (2000) M.A. Political Science. Chair

Elgin Rogers (2001) B.A. Political Science Honors Thesis. Chair

Professional Membership

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association.