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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### University of California, Santa Barbara

Equity Research Postdoctoral Scholar  
Blum Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Democracy

*Santa Barbara, CA  
June 2021-*

### University of California, Davis

Lecturer of Political Science

*Davis, CA  
June 2020-June 2021*

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2020

- With a focus on American and Comparative Politics
- Committee: [Matthew S. Shugart](#), [James F. Adams](#), and [Christopher D. Hare](#)
- Dissertation: “Strategic Candidates and Strategic Voters: Lessons from the US, the UK, and Chile”

B.A. Politics, *cum laude*, Occidental College, Los Angeles, 2011

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] [Hale, Isaac](#) (2021). “[Electoral Reform & Strategic Voting in Chilean Legislative Elections.](#)” *Representation*.
- Research featured in the London School of Economics’ *Latin America and Caribbean* blog.
- [2] [Algara, Carlos](#) and [Isaac Hale](#) (2020). “[White Racial Attitudes & Political Cross-Pressures in Nationalized Elections: The Case of the Republican Coalition in the Trump Era.](#)” *Electoral Studies*, 68(2020).
- Research featured in *The New York Times*, *The Texas Tribune*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *Roll Call*, *La Croix*, and APSA’s *RAISE the Vote* blog.
- [3] [Hale, Isaac](#) (2019). “[Candidate Extremism and Electoral Design in U.S. State Legislative Elections.](#)” *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(2), 861-877.
- [4] [Hale, Isaac](#) (2019). “[The Compound Effects of Candidate Race and Racial Resentment in US House Elections.](#)” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 5(2), 299-325.
- [5] [Algara, Carlos](#) and [Isaac Hale](#) (2019). “[The Distorting Effects of Racial Animus on Proximity Voting in the 2016 Elections.](#)” *Electoral Studies*, 58(2019), 58-69.
- Research featured in *The New York Times*, *Pacific Standard*, and *La Tercera*.
- [6] [Hale, Isaac](#) (2019). “[Abandon Ship? An Analysis of Tactical Voting Among Liberal Democrat Voters in the 2015 UK Election.](#)” *Parliamentary Affairs*, 73(3), 503-521.
- Research featured in the London School of Economics’ *Democratic Audit* blog.
- [7] [Highton, Benjamin](#), [Robert Huckfeldt](#), and [Isaac Hale](#) (2016). “[Some General Election Consequences of California’s Top-Two Primary System.](#)” *The California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 8(2).

## UNDER REVIEW

- [1] Algara, Carlos, **Isaac Hale**, and Cory Struthers. “Do Voters Balance Partisan Control of the Federal Government? Assessing the Case of the 2021 Georgia U.S. Senate Runoffs.” Invited to revise & resubmit at *American Politics Research*
- [2] Algara, Carlos and **Isaac Hale**. “Resentment & Democratic Politics: The Role of Racial Resentment in Motivating Electoral Participation.”

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

- [1] **Hale, Isaac**. “The Effect of Racial Attitudes on Voting in the 2019 Canadian Election.”
- [2] **Hale, Isaac**. “Introducing New Datasets: US Legislator Partisan Value at the National and Sub-National Levels.”
- [3] **Hale, Isaac**. “The Effect of Candidate Ideology on Down-Ticket Coattails in US Elections.”

## POLICY REPORTS

- 2021                      Central Coast Regional Equity Study: *Towards a Just and Equitable Central Coast*. A report by the [UCSB Blum Center](#), the [USC Equity Research Institute](#), and [The Fund for Santa Barbara](#).

## POLICY CONSULTING

- 2020-21                Expert Reference, human rights complaint against plurality voting in British Columbia w/ Fair Vote Vancouver.

## INVITED BLOG POSTS & OP-EDS

- 2021                      “[Chile could be a mirror to future political reforms in the world.](#)” *LSE Latin America and Caribbean Centre* blog.
- 2020                      “[Will Trump & Congressional Republicans Benefit from White Racial Attitudes in 2020?](#)” *RAISE the Vote* APSA blog post.
- 2019                      “[Strategic voting in the 2015 general election: why Liberal Democrats didn’t vote for their own party.](#)” *Democratic Audit*.
- 2011                      “[Torture and the Rule of Law.](#)” *The Huffington Post*.

## SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021                      APSA Accessibility Grant to attend the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*.
- 2019                      Marvin Zetterbaum Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Instruction, Department of Political Science, UC Davis.
- 2018                      Graduate Student Association Travel Award to attend the annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, UC Davis.
- 2017-2019              Department of Political Science Travel Grants to attend the annual meetings of the *American Political Science Association*, the *Western Political Science Association*, and the *Midwest Political Science Association*, UC Davis.
- 2014-2015              Provost’s Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, UC Davis.

## TEACHING

- 2020-2021      Lecturer at the University of California, Davis:
- America Decides: the 2020 Election (online)
  - Electoral Systems (online)
  - Introduction to Comparative Politics (online), Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
  - The Legislative Process (online), Summer 2020 & Winter 2021
  - The Presidency (online), Summer 2020 & Winter 2021
- 2017-2020      Associate Instructor at the University of California, Davis:
- Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2017 & Winter 2018
  - Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2017 & Summer 2018
  - The Legislative Process
  - The Presidency (online)
- 2015-2020      Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Davis::
- The American Presidency (Professor Amber Boydstun)
  - British Politics (Professor James Adams)
  - California State Government & Politics (Professor Scott MacKenzie)
  - Comparative Electoral Systems (Distinguished Professor Matthew Shugart)
  - Contemporary Problems of the American Political System (Professor Amber Boydstun)
  - Eastern European Democratization (Professor Josephine Andrews)
  - French Politics (Professor James Adams)
  - Introduction to American Politics (Professor Benjamin Highton)
  - Judicial Politics and Constitutional Interpretation (Lecturer Jeremy Fortier)
  - Russian Politics (Professor Josephine Andrews)
  - The Scientific Study of Politics (Professor Bradford Jones), Winter 2016 & Fall 2018

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022      WPSA annual meeting (upcoming) | panel
- 2021      APSA annual meeting | panel
- 2021      MPSA annual meeting | panel
- 2019      MPSA annual meeting | panel
- 2018      WPSA annual meeting | panel
- 2017      APSA annual meeting | panel
- 2017      WPSA annual meeting | panel
- 2015      APSA annual meeting | panel

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- 2019      Co-Investigator, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (Module 6 survey design) w/ Matthew Shugart.
- 2019      Co-Investigator, Canadian Election Study (survey design) w/ Matthew Shugart.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017-present Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Politics Research*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Psychology*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, and *Poverty & Public Policy*.
- 2021 Grant proposal referee for the National Science Centre (Poland).
- 2017-present Service as a professional conference panel chair & discussant:
- WPSA 2022 (upcoming) | panel discussant
  - APSA 2021 | panel chair & discussant
  - MPSA 2019 | panel chair & discussant
  - WPSA 2018 | panel chair & discussant
  - WPSA 2018 | roundtable discussant
  - WPSA 2017 | panel discussant
- 2014-2020 Service to the UC Davis Department of Political Science:
- Panelist, Department of Political Science Incoming Student Panel. 2020.
  - Treasurer, Graduate Association of Political Science Students. 2018-2019.
  - Graduate Student Union Representative. 2015-2018.
  - Graduate Student Peer Mentor. 2015-2019.
  - Representative to the Graduate Student Association. 2014-2015.

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Media coverage of my research:

- [Do Attitudes About Race Affect Vote Choice?](#) *UC Davis Magazine*.
- [Communicating about the Role of Race and Social Change in Politics.](#) *Communication Matters*, the National Communication Association podcast.
- [As its U.S. House members of color depart, Texas GOP grapples with its lack of diversity.](#) *The Texas Tribune*.
- [Au sein du parti républicain, des anti-Trump bien silencieux.](#) *La Croix*.
- [Duncan Hunter said person making 'OK' sign in photo was a 'stranger.' The man calls Hunter a friend.](#) *Roll Call*.
- [Trump's strategy of racial resentment won't work in California, researcher says.](#) *The Sacramento Bee*.
- [White racial resentment is a winning Republican strategy, this political scientist says.](#) *The Sacramento Bee*.
- [Trump's racist tweets are part of a coordinated 2020 strategy.](#) *Salon*.
- [Ataques racistas de Trump a congresistas definen tono de su campaña presidencial.](#) *La Tercera*.
- [Trump Sets the 2020 Tone: Like 2016, Only This Time 'the Squad' Is Here.](#) *The New York Times*.
- [Trump's Racist Remarks Helped Boost Down-Ballot Republicans in 2016.](#) *Pacific Standard*.
- [The Deepening 'Racialization' of American Politics.](#) *The New York Times*.

Interviews on US national politics:

- UC Davis professors discuss the future of Republican politics. *The Aggie*.
- Election Debate: Is The Electoral College The Best Way To Pick A President? *CBS 13*, Sacramento.
- First 2020 Presidential Debate: Locals React. *The News Cycle* podcast.
- What the President's health could mean for the campaign, election, and misinformation. *ABC 10 News*, Sacramento.
- Is Betomania Real of Phony?. *The New York Times*.

Interviews on the 2021 recall election of California Governor Gavin Newsom:

- How was the recall election called by news organizations, with millions of ballots left to count? *KCRA 3*, Sacramento.
- Statewide Election Special: The 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall. *Forum* (KQED), San Francisco.
- Political analyst discusses recall election as Sept. 14 approaches. *FOX 40*, Sacramento.
- California Recall Report, August 31st 2021. *93.1 KFBK*, Sacramento.
- Guess whose face is all over Gavin Newsom's anti-recall mailer. *SFGATE*.
- Newsom Recall Team Attempting to Nationalize Campaign and Blame Trump. *California Globe*.
- Gavin Newsom's anti-recall ads are everywhere, but don't seem to be helping. *SFGATE*.
- The biggest aspect of the Gavin Newsom recall no one's talking about. *SFGATE*.
- Recall ballots will be mailed to voters starting mid-August. *KCBS AM*, San Francisco.
- California's official recall list is posted. Here's what to expect. *ABC 10*, Sacramento.
- Political science lecturer discusses impact of recall election ballot case. *FOX 40*, Sacramento.
- Is It Worth It? Taxpayers, Officials Weigh In On Cost Of Recall Election. *CBS 13 News*, Sacramento.
- Gov. Newsom won't lift COVID-19 state of emergency order, here's what that means. *ABC 10 News*, Sacramento.
- California Recall Report, May 25th 2021. *93.1 KFBK*, Sacramento.
- How heavily did recall politics weigh on Gavin Newsom's mask decision? *SFGATE*.
- The Gavin Newsom recall could cost \$400 million. Who's paying for that? *SFGATE*.
- Here's who's leaving California and who's moving in. *KCRA 3*, Sacramento.
- This is how much it may cost to recall Governor Newsom. *ABC 10 News*, Sacramento.
- California losing congressional seat for first time. *FOX 40*, Sacramento.
- UC Davis lecturer discusses Newsom recall efforts. *FOX 40*, Sacramento.
- What's next in Newsom recall effort. *FOX 40*, Sacramento.
- What's next for Newsom recall efforts as signatures increase. *KCRA 3*, Sacramento.
- Interview: UC Davis lecturer discusses effort to recall Gov. Newsom. *FOX 40*, Sacramento.
- Polls show Gov. Gavin Newsom's approval rating is slipping. *KCRA 3*, Sacramento.
- Will Newsom face recall election? It's a "coin flip." *CBS 8*, San Diego.

Other interviews on California politics:

- California Democrats eager for policy changes amid COVID-19. *The Sacramento Bee*.
- Biden Is Not Out of the Woods. *The New York Times*.
- As election season heats up, campaign-related theft, vandalism seen across Northern California. *ABC 10 News*, Sacramento.
- Voting center locations announced in Yolo County, following safety guidelines. *The Aggie*.
- Why is the California primary so important this year?" *ABC 10 News*, Sacramento.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association | Midwest Political Science Association |  
Western Political Science Association

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish (fluent)

## COMPUTING SKILLS

Statistical      R (advanced, including data management, data visualization, frequentist & Bayesian modeling), STATA.

Presentation    L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (advanced, including tables, figures, & Bibtex), RMarkdown (advanced, including typesetting & HTML web development), and PowerPoint.

## SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2012-2014      *Survey Researcher*, Tulchin Research, *San Francisco, CA*.

2012            *Senior Legislative Intern*, Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan, *Oakland, CA*.

2008-2010      *Resident Advisor*, Occidental College, *Los Angeles, CA*.

## REFERENCES

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