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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Davis (expected May 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

**Hale, Isaac** (2019). “[Candidate Extremism and Electoral Design in U.S. State Legislative Elections](#).” *Social Science Quarterly*, 1-17.

**Hale, Isaac** (2019). “[The Compound Effects of Candidate Race and Racial Resentment in US House Elections](#).” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*, 1-27.

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 *La Tercera* (Santiago, Chile Based Daily Newspaper): “[Ataques racistas de Trump a congresistas definen tono de su campaña presidencial](#).” (July 18, 2019)

★ Research featured in *The New York Times*: “[Trump Sets the 2020 Tone: Like 2016, Only This Time ‘the Squad’ Is Here](#).” (July 16, 2019)

★ Research featured in *Pacific Standard*: “[Trump’s Racist Remarks Helped Boost Down-Ballot Republicans in 2016](#).” (April 8, 2019)

★ Research featured in *The New York Times*: “[The Deepening ‘Racialization’ of American Politics](#).” (Feb 27, 2019)

**Hale, Isaac** (2019). “[Abandon Ship? An Analysis of Tactical Voting Among Liberal Democrat Voters in the 2015 UK Election](#).” *Parliamentary Affairs*.

★ Research featured in invited *Democratic Audit* blog post: “[Strategic voting in the 2015 general election: why Liberal Democrats didn’t vote for their own party](#).” (May 1, 2019)

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

Algara, Carlos and **Isaac Hale**. “White Racial Resentment & Political Cross-Pressures in Nationalized Elections: The Case of the Republican Coalition in the Trump Era.” *Invited to Revise & Resubmit at Electoral Studies*.

★ Research featured in *La Croix* (Paris, France Based Weekly Publication): “[Au sein du parti républicain, des anti-Trump bien silencieux.](#)” (August 27, 2019)

★ Research featured in *Roll Call*: “[Duncan Hunter said person making ‘OK’ sign in photo was a ‘stranger.’ The man calls Hunter a friend.](#)” (August 12, 2019)

★ Research featured in *The Sacramento Bee*: “[Trump’s strategy of racial resentment won’t work in California, researcher says.](#)” (July 24, 2019)

★ Research featured in *The Sacramento Bee*: “[White racial resentment is a winning Republican strategy, this political scientist says.](#)” (July 19, 2019)

★ Research featured in *Salon*: “[Trump’s racist tweets are part of a coordinated 2020 strategy.](#)” (July 18, 2019)

## WORKING PAPERS

Algara, Carlos and **Isaac Hale**. “Resentment & Democratic Politics: The Role of Racial Resentment in Motivating Electoral Participation”

**Hale, Isaac**. “The Impact of Electoral Reform on Chilean Voter Efficacy in National Legislative Elections.”

**Hale, Isaac**. “Coalitions, Bargaining, and Elections: Putting Executive-Legislative Relations in Post-dictatorship Chile in Context.”

**Hale, Isaac**. “Will the Polarization Stay Asymmetric? New Evidence For a More Ideological Democratic Party.”

## SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2019	Marvin Zetterbaum Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Instruction, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis.
2019	Department of Political Science Travel Grant to Attend the Annual Meeting of the <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i> , University of California, Davis.
2018	Graduate Student Association Travel Award to Attend the Annual Meeting of the <i>Western Political Science Association</i> , University of California, Davis.
2017	Department of Political Science Travel Grant to Attend the Annual Meeting of the <i>American Political Science Association</i> , University of California, Davis.
2017	Department of Political Science Travel Grant to Attend the Annual Meeting of the <i>Western Political Science Association</i> , University of California, Davis.
2014-2015	Provost’s Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, University of California, Davis.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: *Strategic Voting, Electoral Systems, Elite Polarization, Comparative Institutions, Subnational Elections*

American Politics: *Ideological Proximity Voting, Political Polarization, Race & Electoral Politics, Candidate Strategy, State Legislatures*

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Candidate Extremism and Electoral Design in US State Legislative Elections.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2019, Chicago.
- 2018 “The Distorting Effects of Racial Animus on Proximity Voting in the 2016 Elections.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, March 2018, San Francisco.
- 2017 “Post-Racial Politics? Racial Resentment and US House Elections, 2010-2016.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, September 2017, San Francisco.
- 2017 “Abandon Ship? An Analysis of Tactical Voting in the 2015 UK Election.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, April 2017, Vancouver.
- 2015 “Some General Election Consequences of California’s Top-Two Primary System.” Presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association* (with Benjamin Highton and Robert Huckfeldt), September 2015, San Francisco.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- 2019 *Co-Investigator*, Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (Module 6 Survey Design) w/ Matthew Shugart.
- 2019 *Co-Investigator*, Canadian Electoral Study (Survey Design) w/ Matthew Shugart.
- 2016 *Graduate Student Researcher*, “Partisan Asymmetry in US Senate Election Voting,” w/ Walter Stone and Benjamin Highton.
- 2015 *Graduate Student Researcher*, “Some General Election Consequences of California’s Top-Two Primary System,” w/ Benjamin Highton and Robert Huckfeldt.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017-2020 Associate Instructor, UC Davis:

- Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2017 & Winter 2018
- Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2017 & Summer 2018
- The Legislative Process
- The Presidency

2015-2020 Teaching Assistant, UC 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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020 Peer reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Political Behavior*, *Electoral Studies* and *American Politics Research*.

2019 Peer reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Electoral Studies*, *Political Psychology*, *American Politics Research*, and the *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*.

2019 Panel Chair & Discussant, “Election Ballots.” Annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2019, Chicago.

2018-2019 Treasurer, Graduate Association of Political Science Students, University of California, Davis.

2018 Peer reviewer for *American Politics Research*.

2018 Panel Chair, “Personality and Biopolitics.” Annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, March 2018, San Francisco.

- 2018 Panel Discussant, “Roundtable: Business Interests, Public Officials, and Racially Intolerant Symbols, Author Meets Reviewers.” Annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, March 2018, San Francisco.
- 2017 Peer reviewer for *American Politics Research*.
- 2017 Panel Discussant, “Committees and Careers in Comparative Perspective.” Annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, April 2017, Vancouver.
- 2015-2018 Political Science Department Graduate Student Union Representative, University of California, Davis.
- 2015-2019 Graduate Student Peer Mentor, University of California, Davis.
- 2014-2015 Political Science Department Representative to the Graduate Student Association, University of California, Davis.

## SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2012-2014 *Survey Researcher*, Tulchin Research, *San Francisco, CA*.
- 2012 *Senior Legislative Intern*, Councilmember Rebecca Kaplan, *Oakland, CA*.
- 2008-2011 *Resident Advisor*, Occidental College, *Los Angeles, CA*.

## COMPUTING SKILLS

- Statistical STATA (advanced, including data management, data visualization, frequentist & Bayesian modeling), R.
- Presentation L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X (advanced, including tables, figures, & Bibtex), PowerPoint, and RMarkdown (advanced, including typesetting & HTML web development).

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish (fluent)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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