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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### [Occidental College](#)

Assistant Professor of Politics

*Los Angeles, CA*

*August 2022-*

### [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

[8] 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.” Forthcoming at *American Politics Research*

[7] **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.

[6] 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.

[5] **Hale, Isaac** (2019). “[Candidate Extremism and Electoral Design in U.S. State Legislative Elections](#).” *Social Science Quarterly*, 101(2), 861-877.

[4] 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*.

- [3] **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.
- [2] **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.
- [1] 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**. “Resentment & Democratic Politics: The Role of Racial Resentment in Motivating Electoral Participation.”

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

**Hale, Isaac**. “The Effect of Racial Attitudes on Voting in the 2019 Canadian Election.”

**Hale, Isaac**. “Introducing New Datasets: US Legislator Partisan Value at the National and Sub-National Levels.”

**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 <i>Western Political Science Association</i> , UC Davis.
2017-2019	Department of Political Science Travel Grants to attend the annual meetings of the <i>American Political Science Association</i> , the <i>Western Political Science Association</i> , and the <i>Midwest Political Science Association</i> , 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America Decides: the 2020 Election (online)</li> <li>• Electoral Systems (online)</li> <li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics (online), Fall 2020 &amp; Spring 2021</li> <li>• The Legislative Process (online), Summer 2020 &amp; Winter 2021</li> <li>• The Presidency (online), Summer 2020 &amp; Winter 2021</li> </ul>
2017-2020	Associate Instructor at the University of California, Davis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2017 &amp; Winter 2018</li> <li>• Introduction to Comparative Politics, Summer 2017 &amp; Summer 2018</li> <li>• The Legislative Process</li> <li>• The Presidency (online)</li> </ul>
2015-2020	Teaching Assistant at the University of California, Davis:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The American Presidency (Professor Amber Boydstun)</li> <li>• British Politics (Professor James Adams)</li> <li>• California State Government &amp; Politics (Professor Scott MacKenzie)</li> <li>• Comparative Electoral Systems (Distinguished Professor Matthew Shugart)</li> <li>• Contemporary Problems of the American Political System (Professor Amber Boydstun)</li> <li>• Eastern European Democratization (Professor Josephine Andrews)</li> <li>• French Politics (Professor James Adams)</li> <li>• Introduction to American Politics (Professor Benjamin Highton)</li> <li>• Judicial Politics and Constitutional Interpretation (Lecturer Jeremy Fortier)</li> <li>• Russian Politics (Professor Josephine Andrews)</li> <li>• The Scientific Study of Politics (Professor Bradford Jones), Winter 2016 &amp; Fall 2018</li> </ul>

## 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 or 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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