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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Davis. December 2023

Fields: American, Comparative

Dissertation: Independents & Identity: Affective Polarization for Partisan and Nonpartisan Groups

Committee: Dr. Amber Boydston (chair), Dr. Chris Hare, Dr. James Adams, Dr. Brad Jones

Additional Training: ICPSR Spatial & Geographic Data and Causal Inference, Summer 2019

B.A. Psychology, Carleton College, MN. June 2019

Coursework for Political Science major (no senior thesis)

Additional Training: Stanford Summer Institute for Political Psychology (SIPP), Summer 2018

Description: 90 hours completed in academic training in political psychology.

RESEARCH SPECIALITIES

American Politics: Public opinion, political behavior, elections, political psychology, media and politics, state/local politics, public policy, research methods/survey data.

EMPLOYMENT

Senior Fellow and Research Analyst at Expand Democracy, September 2024 - present

Strategic communication and research related to election administration and election reform laws to expand voting opportunities and improve representation. Work includes conducting original research and data analysis, reviewing scholarly research, publishing media reports, and providing writing support. Helped build nonprofit 501(c)(3) Expand Democracy (i.e. website development, board of directors, media dissemination, etc.). Organize and manage all communication for Expand Democracy including website development, social media channels, email administration and listservs, etc.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Clark University, Fall 2024

Introduction to Research Methods and R Software (25 undergraduate students). Course covered descriptive through inferential statistics, the basics of the computer program R, and how to work with data from large surveys.

Research Analyst at Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center (RCVRC), September – December 2023

Conducted original quantitative analysis of local election management before and after the adoption of ranked-choice voting election systems using county-level measure of election administration (CEA).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Dowling, E., C. Tolbert, N. Micatka and T. Donovan. 2024. Does Ranked Choice Voting Increase Turnout and Mobilization? *Electoral Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.electstud.2024.102816>

Dowling E. Belief in Election Fraud in the 2020 Election: An Analysis of Partisans, Leaners, and Independents. Forthcoming. In M. Ritter, ed. *Rising Above Conspiracy: Understanding Elections, Election Administration, and Democracy in America and Abroad in the 2020s*. De Gruyter Press.

PUBLISHED POLICY REPORTS

Dowling, E. and C. Tolbert. 2025. What We Know About Ranked Choice Voting, Updated for 2025. *American Bar Association Task Force for American Democracy*.
https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_interest/election_law/american-democracy/our-work/what-we-know-about-ranked-choice-voting-2025/

Dowling, E. and C. Tolbert. 2025. Why Not Just Call RCV Runoff Elections? *The Fulcrum*.

Dowling, E. 2025. Ranked Choice Voting May Be a Stepping Stone to Proportional Representation. *The Fulcrum*. <https://thefulcrum.us/electoral-reforms/ranked-choice-voting-reforms>

Dowling, E. Ranked Choice Voting and Election Management. Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center (RCVRC). <https://www.rcvresources.org/>

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS UNDER REVIEW

Dowling, E. Independents: Expressive Nonpartisans.

Dowling, E. Confidence in Elections and Ballot Counting: Comparing Partisans and Nonpartisans (special issue of *Politics and Governance*)

Dowling, E., N. Micakta and C. Tolbert. Who Are Independents and How Do People Perceive of Independents?

Dowling, E., C. Tolbert, N. Micakta and T. Donovan. Is Ranked Choice Voting associated with Turnout across race and ethnic groups?

Dowling, E., Tolbert, C., Micatka, N.K. & Donovan, T. (n.d.) Does ranked-choice voting increase turnout for low and high SES groups? In Carmen, E., Wendland, J. & Schultz, D., eds, *Ranked Choice Voting and Democracy*.

Harper, S., Dowling, E., and C. Tolbert. Public Support for Raising Taxes on Businesses vs Exempting Businesses from Providing Benefits: California's Proposition 15 and 22.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2024 Collaborative Midterm Survey Data Innovation Award (Cornell University): *Independents, Leaners, and Identity - Affective Polarization for Partisans and Nonpartisan Groups*

Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Davis, 2019-2023

Walter G. Andrews and Louise Seeger Andrews Scholarship, 2016-2019 Carleton College

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (including forthcoming)

Dowling, E. RCV: What can we learn from Maine? Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2025.

Dowling, E. The Long Tail of the Big Lie: The Persistence of Election Denial in the Far-Right Podcast Ecosystem. Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2025.

Dowling, E. Independents, Leaners, and Identity: Affective Polarization for Partisans and Nonpartisan Groups, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2023.

Dowling, E. Partisan Analysis of the "Big Steal": Conspiracy Theories and Election Fraud in 2020, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2022 and MPSA April 2022.

Dowling, E. Conspiracy Theories and Election Fraud in 2020, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2022.

Dowling, E. Political Independents: How Do They Reason About Parties & Are They Capable of Being Emotionally Provoked? Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 21, 2021.

Harper, S., E. Dowling, E., and C. Tolbert Public Support for Raising Taxes on Businesses or Exempting Businesses from Providing Benefits: California's Proposition 15 and 22, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 14, 2021.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Survey Research Experience: designed survey research questions and experiments for the following national surveys on independents and affective polarization:

YouGov administered the 2020, 2022, and 2024 Cooperative Election Survey (CES), Harvard University; 2022 Collaborative Midterm Survey (CMS), Cornell University.

University of California, Davis, September 2019 – December 2023, Ph.D. Student

Designed survey questions and experiments to study how political independents feel about other non-partisans and partisans and why this matters. Research on political polarization omits independents.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant and instructor for multiple undergraduate classes. Duties included developing curriculum, and lectures, conducting discussion sections, mentoring students, and grading assignments.

Clark University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Introduction to Research Methods, Fall 2024

University of California Davis, 2020 - 2023

Teaching Assistant (2 sections with 35 students per section)

Introduction to American Government, Dr. Scott Mackenzie, (Spring 2023)

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Dr. Jo Andrews, (Fall 2022)

Scientific Study of Politics (Statistics and Research Design), Dr. Brad Jones, (Spring 2022)

Introduction to American Politics and Government, (Winter 2022)

Teaching Assistant

American Political Parties, Dr. Joel Landis, (Fall 2021)

The Politics of France, Dr. James Adams, (Spring 2021)

American Political Development, Dr. Joel Landis, (Winter 2021)

The Electoral Game in U.S. Politics, Dr. Ben Highton, (Fall 2020)

Ethnicity and Civil Conflict, Dr. Jaime Jackson, (Spring 2020)

Quantitative Analysis of Political Data, Dr. Benjamin Highton, (Winter 2020)

Carleton College, 2017- 2019

Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology

Principles of Psychology, Dr. Julie Neiworth, (Winter 2019)

Principles of Psychology, Dr. Lawrence Wichlinski, (Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP

Fair Vote Academic Working Group (2025 - present)

Unite America Primaries Election Reform Community (2024 - present)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Women's Roundtable Coordinator, UC Davis (2021 – 2023)
American Politics Reading Group Coordinator; UC Davis (2021 – 2023)
Graduate Association of Political Science Students; UC Davis (2021 – 2022)
Political Science Mentorship Program, UC Davis (2020 – 2022)

TECHNICAL SKILLS/LANGUAGE

R (advanced, including data management, data visualization), STATA (advanced, w/ data management, data visualization, predictive modeling), Qualtrics (experimental design), Survey research and data management, SQL (proficient), Tableau, Excel, MS Word, Spanish language proficient