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Research Focus and Activities

Legislatures and representation
Elections and election administration
The mobilization and political attitudes of young people

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Lecturer in Public Policy, *since July 2004*
Associate Professor of Public Policy, *July 1996 - July 2004*
Assistant Professor of Public Policy, *July 1992 - July 1996*

The Institute of Politics

Faculty Chair: Newly Elected Members of the U.S. Congress, *since 1996*
Research Director, *2002- 2007*
Interim Associate Director, *2003 – 2006*

Government Department

Lecturer on Government, *since 2006*
Executive Committee: Center for American Political Studies, *since 2005*



Education

Ph.D. 1992, A.M. 1990, (Political Science), [The University of Michigan](#).
A.B. 1985, (Government), [Lawrence University](#).

Books

David C. King & Zachary Karabell. [*The Generation of Trust: How the U.S. Military has Regained the Public's Confidence since Vietnam*](#). (The American Enterprise Institute, 2003) ([Click here](#) for a review in *Foreign Affairs*)

David C. King. [*Turf Wars: How Congressional Committees Claim Jurisdiction*](#). (University of Chicago Press, 1997). ([Click here](#) for a review in the *American Political Science Review*)

Joseph S. Nye, Philip Zelikow & David C. King (eds.). [*Why People Don't Trust Government*](#). (Harvard University Press, 1997). Also published in Japanese (Tokyo: Eiji Shuppan, 2002)

Articles and Book Chapters

Alexander S. Belenky & David C. King. "A Mathematical Model for Estimating the Potential Margin of State Undecided Voters in a U.S. Federal Election." [Mathematical and Computer Modeling](#). 45:585-93: March 2007.

David C. King. "[The 2005 Presidential Election and Constitutional Reform in Bolivia](#)." [Revista](#). Spring/Summer 2006: 11-15.

- David W. Nickerson, Ryan D. Friedrich, David C. King. "[Partisan Mobilization Campaigns in the Field: Results from a Statewide Turnout Experiment in Michigan.](#)" *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2006, 59:85-98.
- David C. King & Miles Pomper. "Congress, Constituencies, and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Caspian," in Brenda Shaffer, ed., *The Limits of Culture: Islam, Foreign Policy & the Caspian*. Cambridge: MIT University Press, 2005
- David C. King & Miles Pomper. "[Congress and the Contingent Influence of Diaspora Lobbies: U.S. Foreign Policy toward Armenia.](#)" *Journal of Armenian Studies*, December 2004.
- David C. King & David Morehouse. "[Moving Voters in the 2000 Presidential Campaign: Local Visits and Local Media.](#)" In David Schultz, ed. *Lights, Camera, Campaign*. New York: Peter Lang, 2004.
- David C. King & Richard E. Matland. "[Sex and the Grand Old Party: An Experimental Investigation of the Effect of Candidate Sex on Support for a Republican Candidate.](#)" *American Politics Research*, November 2003.
- David C. King & Richard L. Zeckhauser. "[Congressional Vote Options.](#)" *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2003, 28:387-411.
- Jonathan C. Borck, David C. King, Richard J. Zeckhauser. "[Contribution Shares in Alliances.](#)" *Proceedings of the IASTED International Conference on Alliances, Mergers, and Acquisitions*. Banff, Canada. July 3, 2003.
- Richard E. Matland & David C. King. "[Women as Candidates in Congressional Elections.](#)" in Cindy Simon Rosenthal, ed., *Women Transforming Congress*. University of Oklahoma Press, 2002
- David C. King. "[Catching Voters in the Web.](#)" in Elaine C. Kamarck & Joseph S. Nye, Jr., eds., *Governance.com: Democracy in the Information Age*. Washington, DC: Brookings Press, 2002. Revised and updated from Kamarck & Nye, eds. *Democracy.com? Governance in a Networked World*. Hollis, New Hampshire: Hollis Publishing. 1999
- Contributor, in chapters 5 and 7: *To Assure Pride and Confidence in the Electoral Process*. The National Commission on Federal Election Reform. July 31, 2001
- Tim Groseclose & David C. King. "[Committee Theories Reconsidered.](#)" in Lawrence C. Dodd & Bruce I. Oppenheimer (eds.), *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th edition. Washington, DC: CQ Press. 2001
- David C. King & Richard J. Zeckhauser. "Legislators as Negotiators," in Robert H. Mnookin & Lawrence E. Susskind (eds.), *Negotiating on Behalf of Others*. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications. 1999
- Tim Groseclose & David C. King. "The Little Theatre: Committees in Congress," in Herbert Weisberg & Samuel Patterson (eds.), *Great Theatre: The American Congress in the 1990's*. Cambridge University Press, 1998. Reprinted in Kelly D. Patterson & Daniel Shea, ed., *Contemplating the People's Branch*, New York: Prentice Hall, 2000
- David C. King. "The Polarization of Political Parties and Mistrust of Government," in Joseph S. Nye, Philip Zelikow & David C. King eds., *Why People Don't Trust Government*. Harvard University Press, 1997

- David C. King. "Reform and Deliberation in the United States Congress." *Proceedings of the International Seminar on Governmental Reform Policy*. Seoul: Korean Association for Policy Studies, 1995
- David C. King. "The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946," and "The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970," in Donald C. Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morton Keller (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, Simon & Schuster, 1995, pgs. 1279-81
- David C. King. "[The Nature of Congressional Committee Jurisdictions](#)," *The American Political Science Review*, March 1994, 88:48-62
- Gregory B. Markus, Jeffrey P. Howard, & David C. King. "[Integrating Community Service and Classroom Instruction Enhances Learning: Results from an Experiment](#)," *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, Winter 1993, 15:410-19
- David C. King & Jack L. Walker. "[The Provision of Benefits by Interest Groups in the United States](#)," *The Journal of Politics*, May 1992, 54:394-426
- David C. King & Jack L. Walker. "An Ecology of Interest Groups" (Chapter 4) and "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups" (Chapter 5) in Jack L. Walker, *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*, University of Michigan Press, 1991
- John E. Jackson & David C. King. "[Public Goods, Private Interests, and Representation](#)," *The American Political Science Review*, December 1989, 83:1143-64

Conference and Working Papers

- David C. King. "[A Blueprint for Transforming the Boston Election Department](#)." April 7, 2007.
- David C. King, Richard L. Zeckhauser & Mark T. Kim. "[The Management Performance of the U.S. States](#)." July 8, 2004.
- David C. King. "[Congress, Polarization, and Fidelity to the Median Voter](#)." March 10, 2003.
- David C. King & Richard L. Zeckhauser. "[Punching and Counter-Punching in the U.S. Congress: Why Party Leaders Tend to be Extremists](#)." December 9, 2002.
- David C. King. "[Selling International News](#)." December 9, 2002.
- David C. King. "[Party Competition and Fidelity to the Median Voter in the U.S. Congress](#)." February 15, 2001
- David C. King & Rebecca Hardiman. "The Constitutionality of Congressional Involvement in Federal Elections." January 25, 2001
- David C. King, Andrew Cooley, Julie Curtis. "Interesting News: The Attributes of Popular Stories in the Times Mirror Interest Index." January 11, 1999
- David C. King. "The New Political Machine" and "Political & Demographic Characteristics of Web Users in Late 1997", *Visions of Governance in the 21st Century* conference on the Information Revolution, July 1998
- David C. King. "Stability and Change in U.S. Politics." Aspen Strategy Group, U.S. - Russia Dialogue. Queenstown, Maryland. June 14, 1998
- Tim Groseclose & David C. King, "Committee Theories and Committee Institutions." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington. August 29, 1997
- David C. King, David Eddy-Spicer, Howard Husock, "Riding a Dark Horse: Exploring the Dynamics of a Presidential Campaign via Hyperspace." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington. August 29, 1997
- David C. King, Richard L. Zeckhauser, Sven E. Feldmann. "Winning by a Little and Losing by a Lot on Congressional Roll Call Votes." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 7, 1995

- David C. King. "Public Goods, Private Interests, and Participation in Congressional Committee Hearings." John F. Kennedy School of Government Working Paper R9313. June 21, 1993
- David C. King. "The 1981 White House Conference on Aging: Political Activities and Funding Sources of Included and Excluded Groups." May 5, 1992
- David C. King. "Congressional Committee Jurisdictions and the Consequences of Reform," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. April 19, 1991
- David C. King. "Congressional Committee Jurisdictions and Institutional Change: The 1946 Legislative Reorganization Act," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco. August 31, 1990
- David C. King. "The Strategic Timing of Campaign Contributions in the Michigan Legislature." April 15, 1989
- David C. King. "Representation Through Participation in Committee Hearings: Ways and Means Committee Members and the 1978 Revenue Reform Act." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 13, 1989
- David C. King. "Interest Groups and Pollution on the Rhine River: A Comparative Politics Approach. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 13, 1989

Institute of Politics Survey Reports

- ["The 12th Biannual Youth Survey on Politics and Public Service."](#) April 27, 2007.
- ["The 11th Biannual Youth Survey on Politics and Public Service."](#) November 1, 2006.
- ["Religion, Morality and Political Activism on College Campuses in the United States."](#) April 11, 2006.
- ["Redefining Political Attitudes and Activism."](#) November 16, 2005.
- ["The Global Generation."](#) April 19, 2005.
- ["Coming of Age: The Political Awakening of a Generation."](#) October 21, 2004.
- ["College and University Voter Mobilization Efforts."](#) September 13, 2004.
- ["Are You Taking To Me? A Guide to Reaching Young Voters."](#) August 14, 2004.

Professional Activities

- Faculty Affiliate:** Harvard University, Center for Public Leadership
- Faculty Affiliate:** Harvard University, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences
- Faculty Moderator:** Political Institutions Seminar, Wexner-Israel Fellows, 1993 - 2006
- Director,** Task Force on Election Administration, Carter-Ford National Commission on Federal Election Reform, *January 2001 to October 2002*
- Faculty Director:** Executive Program for Russian Federal Assembly, *April 1994 to December 2003*
- Faculty Sponsor:** Youth Engagement Initiative, Harvard University, Institute of Politics, 2001
- Associate Director:** Harvard University, Visions of Governance for the 21st Century. 1995 – 1997
- Section Head:** Political Parties and Interest Groups. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 1995

Courses: Election Reform, *since 2007*; [Politics of the U.S. Congress](#) (Government Department: GOV1300), *since 2006*; [The U.S. Congress and Lawmaking](#), *since 1992*; Interest Group Activism & Representation, 1997-2003; U.S. Political Parties in Theory & Practice, 1998-2003; Public Policy Prescription and Action, 1999; Elective and Advocacy Politics, 1993-1997; Doctoral Research Seminar, 1993-1996.

Invited Talks and Public Testimony (selective list): Harvard Latino Law, Business & Public Policy Conference (2008). [The Columbia Political Union](#) (2007); [The University of Rochester](#) (2007); ["Early Voting,"](#) Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws (2007); The Cal-

Tech/MIT Voting Technologies Project (2007), [The Institute for Social Planning](#), Moscow (2007), The American Red Cross (2006), "[Perspectives on Constitutional Reform in Bolivia](#)," Catholic University of Bolivia (2005), [Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics](#) (2005), West Point Military Academy (2005), [Mojmir Povolny Lecture](#), Lawrence University (2005), Groupe d'étude et de recherche sur la sécurité internationale, Montreal, Canada (2004), "The Power of One: Youth Vote Summit" (2004), "The 2004 U.S. Presidential Elections in Perspective," [U.S. Mission to the United Nations](#) (2004), [Break Away](#) (2004), [Voting, Vote Capture, and Vote Counting Symposium](#) (2004), U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Command (2004), [U.S. House Select Committee on Homeland Security](#) (2003), Foreign Ministry and Trade Representatives, Government of Panama, Panama City (2002), Young President's Organization of Guatemala, La Antigua (2002), Moderator: Massachusetts Republican Lt. Governor's [Debate](#) (2002) Princeton University Conference on Trust in Government (2001), Society for Social Studies of Science (2001), National Institute for Government Innovation (2001), Moderator: Massachusetts 9th Congressional District Democratic Primary Debate (2001), [Voting Rights Institute](#) (2001), [The Congressional Black Caucus](#) (2001), The Johnson Foundation, (2001), Harvard Law School, Electoral Reform Project (2001), House Democratic Caucus Issues Conference (2001), "[Dimples, Chads, Butterflies](#)," Institute of Politics (2000), American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation (2000), John C. Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows (2000), Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies (2000), Harvard Conference on Internet and Politics (2000), The Center for the Study of the American Presidency (2000), The General Accounting Office (2000), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1999), Defense Science Board Task Force on Human Resources Strategy (1999), Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference (1999), Duke University (1999), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1999), Columbia University, (1998), National Association of Schools of Public Administration, Washington (1998), State Duma of the Russian Federation, Moscow (1997), Laura B. Moore Memorial Lecture, League of Women Voters (1997), Universidad Catolica de Nicaragua, Managua (1996), Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago (1995, 1996); Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa (1995); University of Stockholm, Sweden (1995, 1996); Korean Association for Policy Studies, Seoul (1995); Main Hall Forum Lecture Series, Lawrence University (1993, 1995, 1998); Phillips Lecture Series, The University of Michigan (1992)

Opinion Pieces (selective list): "New Orleans Vote Raises Fairness Issue," *Boston Globe*, April 18, 2006. "[Bolivian Constitutional Reform](#)," *Pulso*, November 25, 2005; "Youth Came Through with Big Turnout," *Boston Globe*, November 5, 2004 (reprinted in *Opposing Viewpoints: America's Youth*, 2007), "Electoral Reform 2004," November 1, 2004. "[Engage Children in Elections](#)," *The Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel*, October 17, 2004. "[The Politics of DisIntegration](#)," *Spectacle.org*, August 18, 2004. "The Boomers' Babies," *Wall Street Journal*, March 31, 2003; Book Review of Eric Schickler's *Disjointed Pluralism* in the *American Political Science Review*, September 2002. [Election Reform as an Unfunded Mandate](#), *Boston Review*, October/November 2001; There is Hope for Election Reform, KSG Q&A July 31, 2001, Federal Government's Role in Election Reform, KSG Q&A March 13, 2001, "Youth Doubt Government, Trust Military," USA Today.com, August 25, 2000. "Who Votes?" USA Today.com, August 18, 2000. "Real Term Limits," USA Today.com, August 11, 2000. "Who's Partying?" USA Today.com, August 4, 2000. "Those Pesky Third Parties," *DemocracyToday.com*, August 1, 2000. [E-Mobilizing Your Supporters](#)," *The Boston Globe*, May 21, 2000. "[The Trouble with \(Republican\) Women](#)," *JFK Bulletin*, Summer 1999. "[Clinton Erred Using Line Item Veto](#)," *Newsday*, August 13, 1997. "Campaign Reform is the Public's Duty," *Newsday*, March 6, 1997. "A Concrete Example of Politics in Action," in *Teaching and Learning at Harvard University*, 1997. "Primaries are a Noble Idea Gone Sour," *Newsday*, March 21, 1996. "How Did Pundits Get it So Wrong? Ask a Statistician," (with Richard Zeckhauser), *Roll Call*, November 14, 1994. "Sorry, Clinton, Congress is Number One," *Newsday*, November 11, 1994; "Saving the Clinton Presidency," *The Washington Times*, September 22, 1994. "Vote Against Term Limits," *Boston Sunday Herald*, April 10, 1994. "The New Congress and Prospects for Reform," *JFK Bulletin*, Fall/Winter 1993

Faculty Sponsor, Kennedy School Teaching Cases: "Debt Relief for Poor Nations: The Battle in Congress" (2001), "Congressional Oversight and Presidential Prerogative: The 1991 Intelligence Authorization Act" (2001), "Third Party Time?" (1995), "Catastrophic Health Insurance for the Elderly" (1995), "Emily's List and Campaign Finance Reform" (1994), "Public Conversations and Legislative Deliberations" (1994), "Epilogue: The Regulation of Mudflaps" (1994).

Community Activities

Elected Town Meeting Member, Belmont, MA, *April 2002*

Boards: ['18 in '08](#), 2008 – present. Kids Voting USA, 2006 to 2007; Youth Voter Corps, 2001 to 2004; Common Cause, *National Governing Board*, 1993 to 1996; *Chair, Public Service Achievement Awards Committee*, 1996; *Board of Directors and Treasurer, Common Cause in Michigan*, 1988 to 1992; Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board, 1983 to 1984.

Transition Team, Policy Planning Committee: Massachusetts State Treasury, Secretary Tim Cahill, 2002-2003

Honors

[Richard F. Fenno Prize](#) for the "Best New Book on Legislatures," *Turf Wars*, 1998
Current Outstanding Academic Book Award, [Why People Don't Trust Government](#), 1998

E. E. Schattschneider Prize for the best dissertation in American Government, awarded by the American Political Science Association, 1993

Things that Might not Belong on an Academic Vita: Born 1963; Senior Common Room Fellow, [Eliot House](#), Harvard University; "[Airplanes and Little Kids](#)," *The Boston Parents Paper*; December 1995; "[Notes on the Uniform Distribution](#)," *The National Pastime: A Review of Baseball History*, 1995; "[Bye-Bye Bottle](#)," *The Boston Parents Paper*, September, 1994; "John Kingdon as an Agenda Item," *Policy Currents*, August 1994. Worked at Arthur Andersen & Company as a Management Consultant, 1985-1986. [Appleton \(Wisconsin\) East High School](#), *Speech Team Coach*, 1983-1985. Played "Civilian at Hospital Nurses' Station" on ABC's *All My Children*, October 20, 1997; Rank of Corporal in the [Heritage Military Music Foundation](#).

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