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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Claremont McKenna College Assistant Professor of Government	2018-present
New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Service	2014-2018
Claremont McKenna College Visiting Assistant Professor of Government	2013-2014
University of Southern California Research Associate	Spring 2014
California Institute of Technology Postdoctoral Scholar	Fall 2013

EDUCATION

California Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Social Science Diss.: "Of Primary Importance: American Primary Elections 1945-2012"	2013
M.S. in Social Science	2010
Claremont McKenna College B.A. in Mathematics and Government	2008

PUBLICATIONS

* Indicates a current or former student coauthor.

Book

Alvarez, R. Michael and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2015. *Nonpartisan Primary Election Reform: Mitigating Mischief*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Articles

Sinclair, J. Andrew, Ian O'Grady*, Brock McIntosh*, and Carrie Nordlund. 2018. "Crashing the party: advocacy coalitions and the nonpartisan primary." *Journal of Public Policy*, 38(3): 329-360.

Bertelli, Anthony M. and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2018. "Democratic Accountability and the Politics of Mass Administrative Reorganization." *British Journal of Political Science*, 48(3): 691-711.

Elcott, David M. and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2017. "Flexibility in American religious life: an exploration of loyalty and purity." *Policy Sciences*, 50(4): 649-673.

Levin, Ines, J. Andrew Sinclair, and R. Michael Alvarez. 2016. "Participation in the Wake of Adversity: Blame Attribution and Policy-Oriented Evaluations." *Political Behavior*, 38(1): 203-228.

Bertelli, Anthony M. and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2015. "Mass Administrative Reorganization, Media Attention, and the Paradox of Information." *Public Administration Review*, 75(6): 855-866. (Winner of the Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, Midwest Political Science Association.)

Bertelli, Anthony M., J. Andrew Sinclair, and Haram Lee. 2015. "Media Attention and the Demise of Agency Independence: Evidence from a Mass Administrative Reorganization in Britain." *Public Administration*, 93(4): 1168-1183. (Winner of the Haldane Prize for best paper published in the journal in 2015.)

Atkeson, Lonna Rae, R. Michael Alvarez, Thad E. Hall, and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2014. "Balancing Fraud Prevention and Electoral Participation: Attitudes Toward Voter Identification." *Social Science Quarterly*, 95(5): 1381-1398.

Alvarez, R. Michael and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2013. "Who Are California's 'Decline to State' Voters?" *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 5(1): 47-66.

Alvarez, R. Michael, Ines Levin, and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2012. "Making Voting Easier: Convenience Voting in the 2008 Presidential Election." *Political Research Quarterly*, 65(2): 248-262.

Invited Journal Articles

Sinclair, Betsy, and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2021. "Primaries and Populism: Voter Efficacy, Champions, and Election Rules." *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 2(3): 365-388.

Sinclair, J. Andrew, Maya Love*, and María Gutiérrez-Vera*. 2021. "Federalism, Defunding the Police, and Democratic Values: A Functional Accountability Framework for Analyzing Police Reform Proposals." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, 51(1): 484-511.

Sinclair, J. Andrew. 2017. "Democratic Accountability and Institutional Reform: Lessons from California's 2010 Angry Electorate." *California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 9(2): 1-27.

Sinclair, J. Andrew. 2015. "Winning from the Center: Frank Bigelow and California's Nonpartisan Primary." *California Journal of Politics & Policy*, 7(1): 1-33.

Book Chapters

Sinclair, J. Andrew. 2020. "Party Nominations and Electoral Persuasion." In *The Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion*, edited by Elizabeth Suhay, Bernard Grofman, and Alexander H. Trechsel, 863-884. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sinclair, J. Andrew and Ian O'Grady*. 2018. "Beyond Open and Closed: Complexity in American Primary Election Reform." In *Routledge Handbook of Primary Elections*, edited by Robert Boatright, 427-455. New York: Routledge.

Sinclair, J. Andrew, Jaclyn R. Kimble, and R. Michael Alvarez. 2013. "Why Did Proposition 19 Fail?" In *Something's in the Air: Race and the Legalization of Marijuana*, edited by Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer, 54-64. New York: Routledge.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

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Articles

Sinclair, J. Andrew and Nohl M. Patterson*. (Aug. 2020 Version). "The Measurement is Not Enough: Complex Government, Performance Failure, and Blame Assignment at the California Department of Motor Vehicles." Working paper.

Sinclair, J. Andrew. (Jan. 2020 Version). "Strange Bedfellows: Voting Behavior and the Top-Two Election Reform." Working paper.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

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"Agency Oversight and Public Opinion: Representation and Reality." With Nohl M. Patterson* and Kira Bloomenthal*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, October 2, 2021.

“The Measurement is Not Enough: Complex Government, Performance Failure, and Blame Assignment at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.” With Nohl M. Patterson*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (virtual), April 15, 2021.

“Defunding the Police: A Functional Accountability Framework.” With Maria Gutierrez-Vera*, and Maya Love*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual), September 10, 2020.

“Agency Oversight in an Age of Polarization.” With Nohl M. Patterson* and Kira Bloomenthal*. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (virtual), September 11, 2020.

“By the People: Electoral Reform, Public Administration, and the California 2018 Election.” Presented at the PIPE Workshop, Bedrosian Center on Governance, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC, January 14, 2020. Podcast post-presentation interview, here: <https://bedrosian.usc.edu/j-andrew-sinclair/>.

“The Politics of the Top-Two Primary: Ideology Against Accountability.” With R. Michael Alvarez. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2019.

“Participation without Party: Voting in California Same-Party Elections, 2012-2018.” With Ian O’Grady*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2019.

“The Unusual Suspects: Learning from Weird Elections.” With D. Roderick Kiewiet, Zenaida Huerta*, and Bryn Miller*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2019.

“The Policy Process for Public Managers: Rules for Everybody.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at ‘Frontiers in Public Administration and Policy Implementation’, New York University Wagner, May 5, 2017; and the Southern California Law & Social Science Forum (SoCLASS V), Claremont McKenna College, April 28, 2017.

“Democracy in Party Strongholds: Evidence for Tradeoffs in a Nonpartisan Primary.” With Ian O’Grady*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2017.

“Democracy in Party Strongholds: Evidence for Tradeoffs in a Nonpartisan Primary.” With Ian O’Grady*. Presented at the Southern California Law & Social Science Forum, University of California, San Diego, March 2016.

“Mass Administrative Reorganization, Media Attention, and the Paradox of Information.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015. Awarded “Best Comparative Policy Paper,” ICPA-Forum Scholarly Society

and Joint International Adjudication Committee of Midwest Political Science Association and the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis.

“Democratic Accountability and the Politics of Mass Administrative Reorganization.” With Anthony M. Bertelli. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2015.

“Should We Credit the ‘Top-Two’? Cross Party Agreement After Reform in California.” With Betsy Sinclair. Poster presented at the 31st Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Athens GA., July 23-26 2014.

“Do Electoral Institutions Matter? The Top-two Primary and Ideological Change in the California State Legislature.” With Christian Grose and Antoine Yoshinaka. Presented at Berkeley’s IGS “California’s Top-Two Primary: Will It Make a Difference” Conference, April 25 2014.

“The Top Blanket: Did the Constitutional Top-Two Primary Have the Same Effect on the California Legislature as the Unconstitutional Blanket Primary?” With Betsy Sinclair. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

“Between Person and Party: Voter Behavior in California’s Top-Two Primary.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2013.

“Welcome to the Jungle: Voter Behavior in California’s First Top-Two Primary.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2013.

“Primary Elections: Does Changing the Rules Change the Outcomes?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“The Politics of Health Care: California in 2010.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2012.

“Deciphering Declining: California’s Decline to State Voters.” With R. Michael Alvarez. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

“Defense Under Domestic Constraint: 1816-1913.” With Thomas Ruchti. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2011.

OTHER WRITING AND APPEARANCES

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“The Politics of California and New York and How Voters in Both States View Their Political Institutions.” 2021. Invited guest, AirTalk with Larry Mantle, 89.3 KPCC, Sept. 21. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/sccpswye>.

Miller, Kenneth P. and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2021. "CMC-Rose Institute Poll: Political Attitudes in California and New York in a Time of Crisis for their Governors." Report of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, Claremont McKenna College, Sept. 21. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/mrtetee5>.

Bessette, Joseph M., and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2021. "New Evidence Confirms Widespread Support for the Death Penalty." *Real Clear Policy*, August 16. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/zkv9d276>.

Bessette, Joseph M., and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2021. "How Many Americans Support the Death Penalty? Results of National Surveys in 2019 and 2020." Report of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, Claremont McKenna College, June. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/2c7hd7wt>.

Sinclair, Andrew. 2020. "Guest Blog by Andrew Sinclair: California's Top-Two Primary." Election Updates (Voting Technology Project Blog), March 3. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/y4r2w3r5>.

Sinclair, J. Andrew and Nohl M. Patterson*. 2020. "From the President to the Local DMV: Who's to Blame?" 3Streams, Nov. 19. Available online: <https://tinyurl.com/y6n4h7wb>.

COURSES TAUGHT

Claremont McKenna College

Govt 20, Introduction to American Politics	F13, S14, F18(x2), F19, F20
Govt 50, Introduction to Public Administration	S19, S20, S21
Govt 65, Public Opinion: Theory and Practice for Public Policy	S19, S20, S21
Govt 116, Public Policy Process	F19, F20
Govt 127, Washington Research Project/Independent Study	F19 (x4), S20 (x2), S21
Govt 999, Honors Seminar	F19-S20

NYU Wagner (Undergraduate Courses)

UPADM-GP 111, Quantitative Analysis for Public Policy	F15, F16, S17, F17
UPADM-GP 101, The Politics of Public Policy	F16, S18

NYU Wagner (Graduate Courses)

CORE-GP 1011, Statistical Methods for Public, Nonprofit, and Health Management	F14(x2)
PADM-GP 2902, Multiple Regression and Introduction to Econometrics.	S15
Workshop in Advanced Survey Methods	S15

PADM-GP 4501, Advanced Quantitative Analysis I: Survey Methods	S18
PADM-GP 4502: Advanced Quantitative Analysis II: Categorical Dependent Variables	S18
CORE-GP 1022, Introduction to Public Policy	S15, F15, F16(x2), S17, F17, S18
NONCR-GP 990, History, Democracy, and the Public Policy Process	S18

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Claremont McKenna College

Summer Research Program Supervisor (2019: 1; 2020: 3; 2021: 3).
 Summer Research Program Committee, Spring 2020
 Faculty Curricular Innovation Group, Summer 2020
 Computer Science / Data Science Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2021.
 Student Recruitment Committee 2019-2020
 Board of Trustees Campus Planning & Facilities Committee 2019-2020

New York University

NYU Teaching Technology Committee, 2014-2017
 NYU Future of Technology-Enhanced Education at NYU, 2014-2018
 NYU Wagner: Director of Undergraduate Program, 2017-2018
 NYU Wagner: Chair, Undergraduate Coordinating Committee, 2017-2018
 NYU Wagner: Program and Specialization Coordinating Committee, 2017-2018
 NYU Wagner: Quantitative Methods Curriculum Coordinator, 2015-2018
 NYU Wagner: Doctoral Board, 2015-2016
 NYU Wagner: Faculty Budget Committee 2016-2017

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Midwest Political Science Association
 2019 Section 32 Head, Legislative Campaigns & Elections

Journal Reviews: *Administration and Society*, *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*,
Political Research Quarterly, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of Politics*,
Electoral Studies, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *Public Policy
 & Administration*, *Election Law Journal*, *Political Psychology*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
 Midwest Political Science Association