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### Education

University of California, Los Angeles  
Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, expected graduation Spring 2012  
Major Fields: American Politics and Political Methodology  
Minor Field: Race and Ethnic Politics  
M.A., Political Science, 2007

Stanford University  
M.A., International Policy Studies, 2001  
Major Field: Economic Development  
Graduate Certificate in Asia Area Studies, 2001

University of California, Santa Cruz  
B.A., Politics and Economics, 2000  
Highest Honors in Politics, Highest Honors in Economics

Meiji Gakuin University, Yokohama, Japan  
Global Security & Economic Development Program (UC study abroad), 1999

### Dissertation

*The Theory of Realigning Issues: Why the Issue Structure of Partisan Conflict Changes Over Time*,  
Committee: John Zaller (chair), Jeff Lewis, Lynn Vavreck, Keith Poole (University of Georgia)

### Publications

Atkinson, Matthew D., Ryan D. Enos, and Seth J. Hill. 2009. "Candidate Faces and Election Outcomes: Is the FaceVote Correlation Caused by Candidate Selection?" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 4(3): pp 229-249.

### Work Under Review

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Anthony Fowler. "The Effect of Social Capital on Voter Turnout: Evidence from Saint's Day Fiestas in Mexico." Under review.

### Working Papers

"How Partisan Conflict on National Defense Evolves"

"How Ideological Change in the 1970s Caused Congressional Polarization in the 1990s"

"Partisan Generational Effects: How the National Mood During a Cohort's Adolescent Years Shapes Its Lifelong Macropartisanship"

"Racial Attitudes and Partisan Change among Catholics"

### Current Projects

"Implications of Partisan Generational Effects for Political Behavior over the Lifespan"

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Seth J. Hill. "Does the Voting Age of Eligibility Affect Electoral Participation over the Life Course?: The Effects of the 26th Amendment"

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Anthony Fowler. "The Effect of Electoral Participation on State Transfers to Municipal Governments in Mexico: Evidence from a Natural Experiment"

Atkinson, Matthew D. and Anthony Fowler. "Does Civic Participation Beget or Compete with Political Participation? Evidence from Jury Summons"

"Does Partisanship Affect Neighborhood Selection?: A Discontinuity Analysis of the Influence on Residential Choice of Partisan Cohort Effects"

Atkinson, Matthew D., Ryan D. Enos, and Seth J. Hill. "Are Face-Based Evaluations of Professional Competence Correlated with Objective Competence?"

### **Conference and Workshop Presentations**

**Midwest Political Science Association**, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2011

"The Effect of Social Capital on Voter Turnout: Evidence from Saint's Day Fiestas in Mexico," with Anthony Fowler.

**Midwest Political Science Association**, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2008

"Race and Realignment: A Southern Story Goes North"

**UCLA Workshop on Political Methodology**, UCLA 2008

"Candidate Faces and Election Outcomes," with Ryan D. Enos and Seth J. Hill

**Midwest Political Science Association**, Annual Meeting, Chicago 2007

"Why Does Macropartisanship Vary Substantially from Cohort to Cohort?"

**UCLA Workshop on Political Methodology**, UCLA 2007

"Partisan Generational Effects"

**Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology Research Conference**, Washington DC 2003

"A Computational Routine for Disaggregating Industry Margin Data to Estimate Product Margin Rates"

### **Teaching and Research Experience**

Instructor, UCLA Undergraduate Education Initiatives

*Political Coalition Change in the 1960s* (Spring 2009)

Teaching Fellow, UCLA Undergraduate Education Initiatives

*America in the 1960s: Politics, Society, and Culture, 1954–1974* (Fall 2008, Winter 2009)

Research Assistant, Polimetrix (Summer 2007)

Teaching Assistant/Associate, UCLA Department of Political Science

Introduction to American Politics (Winter 2008)

The Presidency (Fall 2006, Winter 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

Congress (Winter 2006)

Mass Media and American Politics (Spring 2006)

Public Opinion and Voting Behavior (Fall 2005 and Spring 2007)

Research Assistant, Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society (Summer 2001)

## Honors and Awards

UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (tuition and stipend), 2011-12  
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (stipend and travel support), 2007  
UCLA Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship (tuition and stipend), 2004-05  
American Association for Public Opinion Research, Pacific Chapter, Runner-up for best paper, 2006  
Japanese Government Scholarship for study at Meiji Gakuin University, 1999  
Highest Honors in Politics  
Highest Honors in Economics  
College Honors  
Phi Beta Kappa, UC Santa Cruz

## Service

Reviewer, *American Politics Research*, 2010  
Reviewer, *American Politics Research*, 2009  
Panel organizer for UCLA Political Science Department's prospective students weekend, 2007 and 2008  
Editorial Assistant, *The Political Methodologist*, 2006

## Non-Academic Work Experience

Economist, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), Washington DC, 2001–2004

## References

Professor John Zaller, UCLA, zaller@ucla.edu  
Professor Jeff Lewis, UCLA, jblewis@ucla.edu  
Professor Lynn Vavreck, UCLA, lvavreck@ucla.edu  
Professor Scott James, UCLA, scjames@ucla.edu