

# Graduate Studies in Political Science

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- The affordability and opportunities provided by Merced

# Program Funding

- All accepted students are offered a teaching assistantship for a lower division undergrad class
  - ▣ Requires teaching 2 sections each semester (approximately 60 students total)
  - ▣ Pays approximately \$17,000 per year
  - ▣ Tuition and healthcare is paid by University of California
  - ▣ Students must pay about \$600 in campus fees per year
- A variety of competitive internal grants and fellowships are also available

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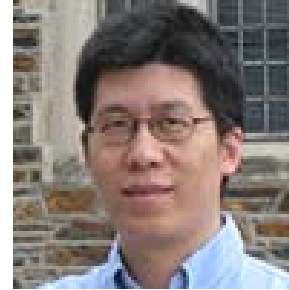
Hansford

Institutions & behavior:  
judicial politics,  
campaigns, elections,  
and voting behavior



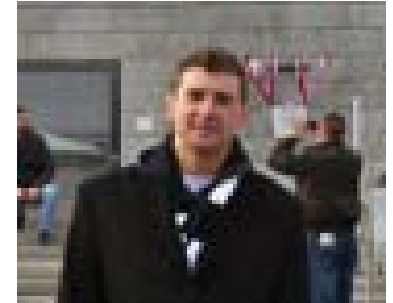
Hibbing

Cognition & Behavior:  
political behavior,  
political psychology,  
and influence of  
biology on politics



Huang

Institutions: formal theory,  
mass media,  
institutions, and  
institutional change,  
Chinese politics



Fortunato

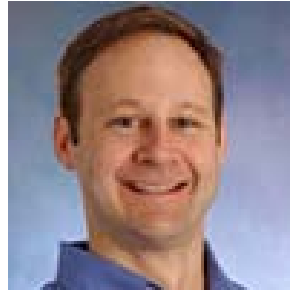
Institutions & behavior:  
parliamentary  
democracies, coalition  
government, voter  
behavior

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Monroe

Institutions: political  
economy, legislatures,  
U.S. Congress



Nicholson

Cognition & Behavior:  
Mass political  
behavior, political  
psychology, direct  
democracy



Theodoridis

Cognition & behavior :  
Political psychology,  
electoral institutions,  
political  
communication &  
participation



Trounstine

Institutions & behavior :  
Sub-national politics,  
political  
representation, city  
politics



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- Exams
- Dissertation prospectus, research, and defense

# Year 1 Coursework

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- Political Behavior
- Political Cognition
- Comparative Political Institutions
- Research Design
- Political Science Statistics I
- Political Science Statistics II

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- Questions??