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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Missouri, 1983
M.A., Political Science, Western Michigan University, 1977
B.A., Social Science Teaching, Michigan State University, 1974

Academic Experience

University of Wyoming, School of Politics, Public Affairs, & International Studies
Professor of Political Science, 2017-present
University of Wyoming, Department of Political Science
Professor, 1999-2017
Department Head, 2007-2013, 2001-2004
Associate Professor, 1994-1999
Assistant Professor, 1992-1994
University of Memphis, Department of Political Science
Associate Professor, 1986-1992
Department Chair, 1987-1990
Assistant Professor/Instructor, 1981-1986

Publications

King, James D. In press. "Explaining and Predicting Midterm Congressional Election Outcomes: Factoring in Opposition Party Strategy." *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*.

King, James D. In press. "Bill Clinton, Republican Strategy, and the 1994 Elections: How a Midterm Election Became a Referendum on the President." *American Review of Politics*.

- King, James D., Andrew Garner, Jason B. McConnell, and Robert A. Schuhmann. 2020. *The Equality State: Government and Politics in Wyoming* 9th ed. Plymouth, MI: Hayden-McNeil (earlier editions published in 2017, 2011, 2008, 2004, 2000, 1996).
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2018. "The Trump Transition: Beginning a Distinctive Presidency." *Social Science Quarterly* 99 (November): 1821-1836.
- King, James D. 2018. "Party Rules and Equitable Representation in U.S. Presidential Nominating Contests." *American Politics Research* 46 (September): 811-833.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2017. "The 2016-2017 Transition into the Donald J. Trump Administration." Pp. 161-184 in *The 2016 Presidential Election: The Causes and Consequences of a Political Earthquake*, edited by Amnon Cavari, Richard J. Powell, and Kenneth R. Mayer. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2016. "Richard Nixon and the Development of the Modern Federal Administration." *White House Studies* 13 (#3): 251-268.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2015. "Diversity and Presidential Cabinet Appointments." *Social Science Quarterly* 96 (March): 93-103.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2014. "The 2012-2013 Transition to the New Administration." Pp. 125-149 in *The 2012 Presidential Election: Forecasts, Outcomes, and Consequences*, edited by Amnon Cavari, Richard J. Powell, and Kenneth R. Mayer. New York: Rowman and Littlefield.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2013. "Senate Confirmation of Cabinet Appointments: Congress-centered, Presidency-centered, and Nominee-centered Explanations." *Social Science Journal* 50 (June): 177-188.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2012. "Making Changes in the Cabinet: Political Factors and Presidential Choices." *White House Studies* 12 (#4): 291-306.
- King, Jim. 2011. "Presidential Selection: The Electoral College v. Direct Election." *Wyoming Lawyer* 34 (February): 27-31.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2006. "Roll Call Votes on Cabinet Confirmations." *Congress & the Presidency* 33 (Autumn): 1-19.
- Cohen, Jeffrey E., and James D. King. 2006. "The State Economy, National Economy, and Gubernatorial Popularity." Pp. 102-120 in *Public Opinion in the States*, edited by Jeffrey E. Cohen. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- King, James D., and Jeffrey E. Cohen. 2005. "What Determines a Governor's Popularity?" *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 5 (Fall): 225-247.
- Cohen, Jeffrey E., and James D. King. 2004. "Relative Unemployment and Gubernatorial Popularity." *Journal of Politics* 66 (November): 1267-1282.
- King, James D., and Jason B. McConnell. 2003. "The Cumulative Effects of Negative Campaign Advertisements on Vote Choice: The Mediating Influence of Gender." *Social Science Quarterly* 84 (December): 843-857.

- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2003. "Getting Started in the White House: Transitions in the Modern Presidency." *White House Studies* 3 (#2): 115-131.
- King, James D. 2002. "Single-Member Districts and the Representation of Women in American State Legislatures: The Effects of Electoral System Change." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 2 (Summer): 161-175.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2002. "The Rejection of a Cabinet Nomination: The Senate and John Tower." Pp. 369-390 in *From Cold War to New World Order: The Foreign Policy of Gorge Bush*, edited by Mena Bose and Rosanna Perotti. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- King, James D. 2001. "The Travails of William Jefferson Clinton." Pp. 302-313 in *Historic U. S. Court Cases: An Encyclopedia*, ed. John W. Johnson. New York: Routledge.
- King, James D. 2001. "Incumbent Popularity and Vote Choice in Gubernatorial Elections." *Journal of Politics* 63 (May): 585-597.
- King, James D. 2000. "Changes in Professionalism in U.S. State Legislatures." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 25 (May): 327-343.
- King, James D. 1999. "Running On Their Own: The Electoral Success (and Failure) of Appointed U.S. Senators." *American Politics Quarterly* 27 (October): 434-449.
- Horan, Michael J., and James D. King. 1999. "The 1992 Reapportionment Law: The Demise of the Multi-Member Districts System and Its Effect upon the Representation of Women in the Wyoming Legislature." *Land and Water Law Review* 34 (#2): 407-425.
- King, James D. 1999. "Looking Back at Chief Executives: Retrospective Presidential Approval." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 29 (Winter): 166-174.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1996. "Presidential Management and Staffing: An Early Assessment of the Clinton Administration." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 26 (Spring): 496-510.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1996. "Senate Confirmation of Cabinet Appointments: Institutional Politics and Nominee Qualifications." *Social Science Journal* 33 (#3): 273-285.
- King, James D., and Rodney A. Wambeam. 1995/1996. "The Impact of Election Day Registration on Voter Turnout: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis." *Policy Studies Review* 14 (Autumn/Winter): 263-278.
- King, James D., and Helenan S. Robin. 1995. "Political Action Committees in State Elections." *American Review of Politics* 16 (Spring): 61-77.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1995. "Unscheduled Presidential Transitions: Lessons from the Truman, Johnson, and Ford Administrations." *Congress & the Presidency* 22 (Spring): 1-17.
- Endersby, James W., Gregory Casey, and James D. King. 1995. "Interest Groups in Missouri." Pp. 38-55 in *Missouri Government and Politics* 2d ed., edited by Richard J. Hardy, Richard R. Dohm, and David A. Leuthold. Columbia: University of Missouri Press.

- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1995. "Presidential Leadership Style and Civil Rights Legislation: The Civil Rights Act of 1957 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965." Pp. 45-58 in *Presidential Leadership and Civil Rights Policy*, edited by James W. Riddlesperger, Jr., and Donald W. Jackson. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- King, James D. 1994. "Political Culture, Registration Laws, and Voter Turnout among the American States." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 24 (Fall): 115-127.
- King, James D., and Helenan S. Robin. 1994. "Party Committees, Nonconnected PACs, and Affiliated PACs in State Elections: Same Species or Different Political Animals?" *Southeastern Political Review* 22 (September): 559-572.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 1994. "Political Constraints, Leadership Style, and Environmental Limits: Assessing the Administrative Presidency of Jimmy Carter." Pp. 353-373 in *The Presidency and Domestic Policies of Jimmy Carter*, edited by Herbert D. Rosenbaum and Alexej Ugrinsky. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1993. "Presidential Leadership of Congressional Civil Rights Voting: The Cases of Eisenhower and Johnson." *Policy Studies Journal* 21 (Autumn): 544-555.
- Casey, Gregory, and James D. King. 1993. "Missouri: From Establishment Elite to Classic Pluralism." Pp. 165-191 in *Interest Group Politics in the Midwestern States*, edited by Ronald E. Hrebendar and Clive S. Thomas. Ames: Iowa State University Press.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1991. "Senate Confirmation of Appointments to the Cabinet and Executive Office of the President." *Social Science Journal* 28 (#2): 189-202.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 1989. "Elitism and Presidential Appointments." *Social Science Quarterly* 70 (December): 902-910.
- King, James D. 1989. "Interparty Competition in the American States: An Examination of Index Components." *Western Political Quarterly* 42 (March): 83-92.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 1988. "Staffing the Administrative Presidency: The Carter Years." *Southeastern Political Review* 16 (Spring): 51-72.
- King, James D., and Dennis W. Gleiber. 1987. "Delegate Interactions at the 1984 National Party Conventions: The Tennessee Delegations." *Political Behavior* 9 (#2): 174-187.
- Gleiber, Dennis W., and James D. King. 1987. "Party Rules and Equitable Representation: The 1984 Democratic National Convention." *American Politics Quarterly* 15 (January): 107-121.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 1986. "Presidential Appointments to the Cabinet, Executive Office, and White House Staff." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 16 (Fall): 691-699.
- King, James D. 1985. "Interest Groups in Missouri Politics." Pp. 26-39 in *Missouri Government and Politics*, edited by Richard J. Hardy and Richard R. Dohm. Columbia: University of Missouri Press.

- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1984. "Presidential Cabinet Appointments: The Partisan Factor." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 14 (Spring): 231-237.
- Hardy, Richard J., James D. King, James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1982. "The Presidential Selection Process: Role-Playing in a Large American Government Class." *Simulation and Games* 13 (December): 451-467.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 1982. "Energy Votes in the U.S. Senate, 1973-1980." *Journal of Politics* 44 (August): 838-847.
- King, James D., Helenan S. Lewis, and Chester B. Rogers. 1981. "The Problem of Respondent Recall: A Note on the Consequences of Using Inaccurate Survey Data." *Political Methodology* 7 (#2): 1-11.
- King, James D. 1981. "Comparing Local and Presidential Elections." *American Politics Quarterly* 9 (July): 277-290.
- Francis, Wayne L., James D. King, and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 1980. "Problems in the Communication of Evaluation Research to Policy-Makers." *Policy Studies Journal* 8 (Special #3): 1184-1194. Reprinted in *Evaluating and Optimizing Public Policy*, edited by Dennis J. Palumbo, Stephen B. Faucett, and Paula Wright. Lexington, MA: D.C. Heath, 1981.

Papers presented at professional conferences (last five years)

- King, James D., and Jason B. McConnell. 2019. "Retrospective Presidential Approval: How Americans View Former Presidents." Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 18-20.
- King, James D., and Jason B. McConnell. 2019. "'It's the War, Stupid!': Determinants of Retrospective Evaluations of American Presidents." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-6.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2018. "Elitism in an Elitist's Administration: The Executive Appointments of President Donald Trump." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Orlando, FL.
- King, James D. 2018. "Elitism in the Executive Appointments of President Donald Trump." Presented at the 25th World Congress of the International Political Science Association and annual meeting of the Australian Political Science Association, Brisbane, Australia.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 2017. "The Trump Transition: Beginning a Distinctive Presidency." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- King, James D. 2017. "How Party Rules Influenced the 2016 Presidential Nominating Contests." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Austin, TX.

- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 2017. “‘Personnel is Policy’: The 2016-2017 Transition into the New Administration.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Austin, TX.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2017. “The 2016-2017 Transition to the Donald Trump Administration.” Presented at the Conference on the U.S. Presidential Election of 2016, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2016. “Looking Forward to the New Administration.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- King, James D. 2016. “Searching for Evidence of a Presidential Mandate in Representatives’ Support of the President.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- Riddlesperger, James W., Jr., and James D. King. 2016. “The Presidential Transitions of Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- King, James D. 2016. “Explaining and Predicting Midterm Congressional Election Outcomes: Factoring in Opposition Party Strategy.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR.
- Riddlesperger, James W. Jr., and James D. King. 2015. “Building Administrations: Staffing the Presidency and Processing the Agenda under Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt.” Presented at the “The Roosevelt Century: TR and FDR in the 20th Century,” the 10th Multidisciplinary Conference of Louisiana State University – Shreveport.
- King, James D., and James W. Riddlesperger, Jr. 2015. “Staffing the Obama Presidency: Second Term Appointments.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Denver, CO.
- King, James D. 2015. “The 2014 Midterm House Election: An Obama Referendum?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Denver, CO.

Courses taught

- University of Wyoming:*** American and Wyoming Government; Wyoming Government; U.S. Presidency; Presidential Elections; U.S. Congress; State and Local Government; Seminar in American Political Institutions: Presidential Leadership; Seminar in American Political Institutions: Congress and the Presidency; Seminar in Public Law: Elections and Law; Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis; Seminar in Research Methods for Political Science (graduate).
- University of Memphis:*** American Government; State and Local Government; Presidential Elections; Political Parties and Elections; Public Opinion; Urban Politics; Introduction to Public Policy; U.S. Congress; Political Inquiry; Seminar in Scope and Methods of Political Science (graduate); Seminar in American Politics: Congress and the Presidency (graduate); Seminar in American Politics: Political Parties (graduate).

Professional Activities (selected)

Southwestern Political Science Association

- President, 2013-2014
- Executive Council member, 2012-2015
- Nominations Committee, 2016
- Program Committee, 2013 and 1987
- Jewel L. Prestage Award Committee for the best paper on the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, Gender and Political Behavior (chair), 2009
- SWPSA Representative, Membership Committee of the Southwestern Social Science Association, 2015-2017

American Political Science Association

- Executive Committee, State Politics and Policy Section, 2009-2011
- William Anderson Dissertation Award Committee, 2001
- CQ Press Award Committee, Legislative Studies Section, 1998

Southern Political Science Association

- Program Committee, 2018.
- V.O. Key, Jr. Book Award Committee, 1992.
- Annual meeting Local Arrangements Committee (chair), Memphis, 1989.

Western Political Science Association

- Program Committee, 2010.

Faculty consultant for Advanced Placement exams in U.S. Government and Politics, Educational Testing Service, 1999-2006, 2009-2010, 2012-2015.

Editorial board member, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*; *American Review of Politics*.

Manuscripts/proposals reviewed for academic journals and granting agencies.

Consultant/commentator on political affairs and elections for national media, including: *New York Times*; *Washington Post*; *USA Today*; *Wall Street Journal*; *Reuters News Service*; National Public Radio; The News Hour on PBS; Associated Press; Gannett News Service; *The Hill* newspaper; CNN Radio; *Congressional Quarterly*; Mainichi Newspapers of Japan.

Consultant/commentator on political affairs and elections for Wyoming and Rocky Mountain region media, including: KUWR (Wyoming public radio); Wyoming Public Television; *Casper Star-Tribune*; *Wyoming Tribune-Eagle*; *Laramie Boomerang*; *Jackson Hole News and Guide*; *Planet Jackson Hole*; *Buffalo Bulletin*; *Uinta County Herald*; *WyoFile.com*; K2 Television (Casper); Channel 5 News (Cheyenne); *High Country News*.

Invited essay: “In the 2016 Presidential Primaries, Party Nomination Rules Benefited Donald Trump and Hurt Bernie Sanders,” the United States Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science. (URL: <http://bit.ly/2w8zafm>).

Invited essay: “Wyoming’s Political Culture: Our Own but Not Unique,” *WyoFile*, an online news site of Wyoming government, politics, and policy (February 28, 2014).

Invited essay: “Gov Dave’s Long Goodbye Poses Problems for Wyoming Democrats,” *WyoFile*, an online news site of Wyoming government, politics, and policy (March 16, 2010).

Contributor to “The Lost Election of 2002,” a series of essays on the 2002 elections in the states for *The Hotline*, an Internet newsletter published by *The National Journal*.

Contributor to “Election 2000,” a series of essays on the 2000 elections in the states for the website of “The Newshour” of the Public Broadcasting System.

Forum participant, “Hot Spots, Wedge Issues, and Front Runners: New Presidential Politics,” sponsored by the Center for the New West, Colorado Springs, September 29-30, 1999.

University and Departmental Service (selected)

University of Wyoming

Director, Wyoming Election Year Survey: 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018.

Survey Research Center Advisory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences: 1998-2004.

Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center director search committee, College of Arts and Sciences: 2014 (chair) and 2012 (chair).

Academic Planning Committee, Faculty Senate: 2005-2007 (chair 2006-2007).

Student Success Committee of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs: 2004-2005.

Central Committee, College of Arts and Sciences: 1999-2000.

Director, Master of Arts in Political Science program: 1995-2003.

Milward Simpson Fund Committee, Department of Political Science: 1997-2001, 2004-2007.

Program Review Committee, Department of Political Science: 1994-1995.

Faculty recruitment committees, the School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies, and the Department of Political Science (numerous).

University of Memphis

Coordinator of Graduate Studies (Master of Arts), Department of Political Science: 1983-1990, 1991-1992.

Council for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Arts and Sciences: 1983-1987.

Official Representative for the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research: 1982-1985, 1987-1992.

Academic Computer Users Advisory Committee: 1982-1985.

Awards

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in American-Australian Alliance Studies, 2020.

George Duke Humphrey Distinguished Faculty Award, University of Wyoming, 2019.

Exemplary Faculty Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wyoming, 2014.

Promoting Intellectual Excellence (PIE) Award, University of Wyoming, 2013.

Mortar Board “Top Prof” Award, University, 2010.

Extraordinary Merit in Research, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Wyoming,
1996.