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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 2	2013 1945-2012"
M.S. in Social Science	2010
Claremont McKenna College B.A. in Mathematics and Government	2008
Publications	

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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.

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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.

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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 Under Review (January, 2024)

Sinclair, J. Andrew, R. Michael Alvarez, Betsy Sinclair, and Christian R. Grose (Jan. 2023 Version). "Electoral Innovation and the Alaska Electoral System: Partisanship and Populism Are Associated with Support for the Top-4/Ranked-Choice Voting."

Sinclair, J. Andrew, Ian O'Grady,* Bryn Miller,* and Catherine Murphy.* (Dec. 2023 Version). "Participation and Competition in Top-Two Elections: Tradeoffs in Election Reform."

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"The Substitutability of Political Reform: Evidence from U.S. States." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2023.

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"Evaluating Alaska's New Electoral Institutions: Electoral Innovation and the 2022 Election." With Betsy Sinclair, R. Michael Alvarez, and Christian R. Grose. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14, 2023.

"Public Opinion and Policy Process Reform: Faith in the 'Old-Time Religion' in Electoral and Administrative Reform." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14, 2023.

"Theories of the Policy Process and American Political Reform: New Approaches for Evaluating Changes in Electoral and Administrative Institutions." Presented at the Conference on Policy Process Research (COPPR), Denver, CO, Jan. 13, 2023.

"The Conflicted Voter: Representation and the Debate on the Death Penalty." With Joseph M. Bessette. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 9, 2022.

"Gubernatorial Accountability and Performance: The Contrasting Fates of the Democratic Governors of California and New York in 2021." With Nohl M. Patterson* and Daniela Corona*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2022.

"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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Sinclair, J. Andrew and Kenneth P. Miller. 2022. "Battleground Pennsylvania: The 2022 Midterm Election." Report of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, Claremont McKenna College, Nov. 2. Available online: http://roseinstitute.org/2022-pa/

"Secession for San Bernardino County – Helping Voters Choose." 2022. Invited panelist at the request of CMC Student James Brown. Claremont McKenna College, Sept. 23.

"Security and Technology in Elections." 2022. Invited panelist, United States Election Assistance Commission, "HAVA at 20: Building Trust in Elections" conference, Pepperdine School of Public Policy, Sept. 1.

"California's Top-Two Primary System Is Working As Intended. Right?" 2022. Invited guest, AirTalk with Larry Mantle, 89.3 KPCC, June 14. Available online: https://tinyurl.com/d7xf9j33.

Sinclair, J. Andrew. 2022. "Rose Institute Q&A: California's Top-Two Election System." Report of the Rose Institute of State and Local Government, Claremont McKenna College, June 1. Available online: https://tinyurl.com/bdhntk56.

Alvarez, R. Michael and J. Andrew Sinclair. 2022. "The Promises and Perils of Polling." Lunch Program, Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College, April 21.

"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,
	F22, S23, F23
Govt 50, Introduction to Public Administration	S19, S20, S21
Govt 65, Public Opinion: Theory and Practice for Public Poli	cy S19, S20, S21, S23, F23
Govt 116, Public Policy Process	F19, F20
Govt 121, Political Reform	F22
Govt 127, Washington Research Project/Independent Study	F19 (x4), S20 (x2), S21, F23
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

Faculty Affiliate, Rose Institute of State and Local Government, 2018-present

Summer Research Program Supervisor (2019: 1; 2020: 3; 2021: 3; 2022: 2; 2023, 3)

College Conduct Board, 2023-2024

ChatGPT Working Group, 2023

Committee on Academic Computing, 2022-2023

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, 2022-2023

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: Publius, PS: Political Science and Politics, 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.

External Reviewer, PhD Thesis, Carlotta Varriale, Bocconi University, Spring 2023.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association Midwest Political Science Association