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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, 1999
University of California, Irvine
Dissertation: *Rightist Parties in Europe: New Politics, New Right, New Party?* (as Alexandra Cole)

M.A. Political Science, 1992
San Diego State University
Thesis: *The German Election of 1990* (as Alexandra Cole)

B.A. Political Science, 1989
Minor: German Literature
University of California, San Diego

POSITIONS

Professor
Department of Political Science
California State University, Northridge
August 2012-present

Associate Professor
Department of Political Science
California State University, Northridge
August 2007-August 2012

Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science
California State University, Northridge
January 2003-August 2007

Assistant Professor
Departments of Political Science and Sociology
California State University, Northridge
August 2000-December 2002

Associate Director
Henley Social Sciences Research Laboratory
Chapman University
August 1999-July 2000

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (as Alexandra Macias)

"Best Practices and the Need for Research on MA Degree Programs in Political Science." (co-authored) PS: Political Science & Politics. 2024;57(4):545-551.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (as Alexandra Cole)

"Overlooked but not Unimportant: Changes in the University Landscape and Assessment Results." 2015. Journal of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness. Volume 5 (2): 131-147.

"What We Learned About Our Assessment Program that has Nothing to do with Student Learning Outcomes." (co-authored) 2009. Journal of Political Science Education. Volume 5 (4): 294-314.

"Small but Significant: Why Small Parties Benefit from a Presidentialised German Party System." 2008. German Politics. Volume 17 (1): 10-26.

"California—Contrarian Politics or the Emergence of a New Political Culture?" 2006. Journal of California Politics and Policy. Volume 10 (1): 43-61.

"Old Right or New Right? The Ideological Positioning of Parties of the Far Right." 2005. European Journal of Political Research. Volume 44(2) 203-228.
Reprinted in Roberto Franzosi, ed. 2008. Content Analysis. Sage Publications.

"To Survey or Not to Survey: The Use of Exit Polling as a Teaching Tool." 2003. PS: Political Science and Politics. April: 245-252.

"The German Election of 1998 and the Transformation of German Social Democracy" 2002. Review Article. German Politics and Society. Volume 20 (1): 131-139.

"Political talk radio: A stereotype reconsidered" (co-author). 1994. Political Research Quarterly 47: 467-480.

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS (as Alexandra Cole)

"Graduate Student Teacher Training Courses, Job Placement, and Teaching Awards." (co-authored). 2013. In Eszter Simon and Gabriela Pleschova, eds. Improving Teaching in Higher Education: The Challenges of Creating Effective Instructional Development Programs. London: Routlage.

"Comparative Political Parties: Systems and Organizations." 2011. In John T. Ishiyama and Marijke Breuning, eds., 21st Century Political Science: A Reference Handbook. California: Sage Publications.

"The Republikaner: A party at odds with itself." 1996. In R. Dalton, ed., Germans Divided: The 1994 Bundestagswahl and the Evolution of the German Party System. Oxford and Washington: Berg Publishers.

"The peaceful revolution and German electoral politics." (co-author). 1993. In R. Dalton, ed., The New Germany Votes. Oxford and New York: Berg Publishers.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (as Alexandra Macias)

(co-authored). 2024. "A Critical Review of the APSA Presidential Task Force on Rethinking Political Science Education." Political Science Educator. Volume 28, Issue 1 (Summer/Fall): 11-15.
Reprinted in Political Science Today. Volume 4, Number 3 (August): 15-16.

BOOK REVIEWS (as Alexandra Cole)

Turnout in Germany. Citizen Participation in State, Federal, and European Elections since 1979. Markus Steinbrecher, Sandra Huber and Hans Rattinger. Baden-Baden: Nomos. 2008. German Studies Review. Volume 31 (2): 19-20.

Die Bundestagswahl 2002. Eine Untersuchung im Zeichen hoher Politischer Dynamik. Manfred Güllner, Hermann Dülmer, Markus Klein, Dieter Ohr, Markus Quandt, Ulrich Rosar, Hans-Dieter Klingemann. Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften. 2006. German Politics. Volume 15 (no. 2): 230-231.

Governance in Contemporary Germany. Simon Green and William E. Patterson, eds. 2006. German Studies Review. Volume 29 (issue 2): 30-31.

'Conservative Revolutionaries.' Protestant and Catholic Churches in Germany After Radical Political Change in the 1990s. Barbara Thériault. 2006. German Studies Review. Volume 29 (issue 2): 29-30.

Behind media marginality: coverage of social groups and places in the Israeli Press. Eli Avraham. 2004. Cities. Volume 21 (5): 466-467.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Student Assessment of the Role of a Political Science Master's Degree." (co-authored) 2025. Paper prepared for presentation at the 2025 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition. Vancouver, BC, Canada. September 11-14.

Participant, "The State of the Field of Political Science Education." 2025 APSA Virtual Research Meeting . April 10-11.

Discussant. "Voting for the Radical Right." Midwest Political Science Association Conference. 2024. Hybrid session (in person and online). April 4-7.

"Best Practices and the Need for Research on MA Programs in Political Science." (co-authored) 2023. Paper Prepared for presentation at the 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition. Los Angeles, California. August 31-September 3.

"No Party Preference voters in an era of party polarization: registration trends and potential influences on party politics in the suburban electorate." 2021. Paper Prepared for Presentation at the 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 1-3.

"Mobilizing Non-Party Preference Voters: The Effects of Flyering in a Competitive Congressional Election Campaign." 2020. Paper Prepared for Presentation at the 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. May 21-23.

"Flipping the District: An Analysis of Voter Registration Trends and Public Opinion in a Clinton-Republican Congressional District." 2019. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Diego. April 18-20.

Chair and Discussant. "Financial Crisis in Comparative Perspective." Western Political Science Association Meeting. 2016. San Diego, California.

"The Moving Target of Assessment." (co-authored). Mihaylo College of Business and Economics Assessment Conference. Navigating Assessment Results: Riding the Waves of Change. 2015. California State University, Fullerton.

Chair and Discussant. "Social Movement Mobilization." Western Political Science Association Meeting. 2013. Hollywood, California.

Moderator. "Graduate Education and Professional Development." American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. 2008. San Jose, California.

"What We Learned About our Program that has Nothing to do with Student Learning Outcomes-An Argument." (co-authored). American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. 2008. San Jose, California.

"Who Produces the Great Teachers? Evaluating Graduate Political Science via Teaching Awards." (co-authored). American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference. 2008: San Jose: California.

Discussant, "Feminist Politics and Social Transformation in Germany Today." Thirty-First Annual Conference of the German Studies Association. 2007, San Diego, California.

"Small but Significant: The Increased Importance of Small(er) Parties in the German Party System." 2006. Paper prepared for presentation at the Thirtieth German Studies Association Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

"Changes in California Politics: Are Post-Materialist Values the Explanation?" 2005. Paper prepared for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Oakland, California.

"Public Opinion on Valley Secession: Results from a Longitudinal Study." 2003 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Denver, CO.

"The LAPD 10 Years After the Christopher Commission Report: What Does the 'Community' Think About Community Policing?" 2003. Working Paper, Center for Southern California Studies.

Discussant, "Party Change and Policy Implications." 2003. Judgment Day and Beyond: The 2002 Bundestagswahl. Center for the Study of Democracy Conference. University of California, Irvine.

Panelist, "Secession: The Last Word." 2002. University of California, Los Angeles.

"To Poll or Not to Poll: The Use of Exit Polling as a Teaching Tool." 2002 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Political Parties in American Politics," 2002 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA.

Panel Chair, "Women, Campaigns, and Elections," 2002 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA.

"To Survey or Not to Survey: The Use of Exit Polling as a Teaching Tool." Paper

presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

"A View of the *Perestroika* Debate from a Recent Ph.D." Roundtable presentation at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA.

"False Victory: Proposition 22 and the Future of Conservative Ballot Initiatives." Paper presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV.

"The Sleeping Giant Shifts: Latinos and Orange County Politics." Paper presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington D.C.

"Challenging the Status Quo: Rightist Parties in Europe." Paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Los Angeles, California.

"Political Power of Latinas: Culture vs. SES as Explanatory Factors." Paper presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Los Angeles, California.

"Latinas: The Overlooked Ethnic Group in Studies of Ethnic Group Political Participation." (co-author) Paper presented at the Hispanics: Cultural Locations Conference, University of San Francisco, California, October 10-12, 1997.

"The Media: Panacea for the Declining Influence of Political Parties?" Paper presented at the 1997 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Tucson, Arizona.

"Comparing the German Right to its European Neighbors: Challenging the Status Quo?" Paper presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.

"The Republikaner and the Future of German Politics." Paper presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. New York, New York.

"Political Talk Radio: A Stereotype Reconsidered." Paper presented at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Pasadena, California.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Reviewer. *Journal of Political Science Education* 2025

Manuscript Reviewer. *Journal of Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness.* 2023

Manuscript Reviewer. *Government and Opposition* 2016

Section Chair, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2014

Manuscript Reviewer. *Party Politics*	2013
Manuscript Reviewer. *PS: Political Science and Politics*	2007-2009, 2011
External Reviewer, California Polytechnic University Pomona, Department of Political Science 5-year Assessment Plan	2006
Proposal Evaluator. Israeli National Science Foundation.	2006.
Latino Scorecard Project, Public Safety Section (with Martin Saiz).	2006.
Outside Evaluator, North American Mobility Program (NAMP).	2003-05

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS

Sabbatical Leave (Semester) California State University Northridge.	2020
Delta Zeta Professor of the Month	2016 2017
Sabbatical Leave (Semester) California State University Northridge	2008
Field Poll Question Credit Program Social Science Research and Instructional Council California State University	2007
Research Grant Competition (Reassigned Time) College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	2007
"Spatial Analysis in the Social Science Curriculum: Enhancing Undergraduate Learning." Scholarship Support. Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science (CSISS), UC Santa Barbara	2006
"Excellence in Research and Exploration in the Social Science Academia" Award. CSUN Political Science Student Association	2005
Field Faculty Fellow Social Science Research and Instructional Council California State University	2004
Polished Apple Award California State University Northridge	2002
Dean's Dissertation Research Award School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine	1998
Regents Dissertation Fellowship University of California	1998

SSRC/Berlin Fellowship for Advanced Graduate Study (*declined*)	1994
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Graduate Fellowship	1994
Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Center for German Studies University of California	1994
Dubrovnik Seminar Travel Award Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies University of California	1989
Revelle Provost Honors List University of California, San Diego	1987-88

FOREIGN EXPERIENCE

Ecuador	Faculty Advisor, CSUN Model UN National Model UN Conference Quito, Ecuador	2010
China	Faculty Advisor, CSUN Model UN National Model UN Conference Xi'an, China	2008
Germany	Faculty Representative, International Faculty Partnership Conference California State University	2001
France, Germany, Italy	Dean's Dissertation Research Award School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine	1998
Germany, Austria	Department of Politics and Society Fellowship, UC Irvine	1997
Berlin, Germany	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung/Center for German and European Studies Fellowship	1994
Goettingen, Germany	University of California, EAP Program	1988-89

LANGUAGES SPOKEN German, Spanish, English

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<u>California State University Northridge</u>
Political Science 155: American Political Institutions
Political Science 372: Principles and Methods of Political Science
Political Science 410: Advanced Comparative Politics
Political Science 436A: Government and Politics of Europe
Political Science 444: Elections and Voting Behavior

Political Science 445: Political Behavior
Political Science 447A: Media and Politics
Political Science 471B: Proseminar Comparative Government
Political Science 499C: Independent Study
Political Science 530D: Seminar in Western Europe
Political Science 530J: Selected Topics in Comparative Politics
Political Science 571: Seminar in Methodology
Sociology 497/L: Methods of Social Research

Long Beach City College
American Government (Fully Online)
Fall 2023

Saddleback College
American Government (Hybrid and Fully Online)
Fall 2019-present

Irvine Valley College
American Government (Hybrid and Fully Online)
Fall 2016-present

Orange Coast College
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Chapman University:
Introduction to American Politics, Democratic Theory, Media, and Politics
Fall 1997-Winter 1999

University of California, Irvine
Introduction to Comparative Politics
University of California, Irvine
Summer 1997, Summer 1998, Fall 1999

Teaching Assistant, 1993-1999
University of California, Irvine
courses included: Introduction to Political Science: Macropolitics
Introduction to Political Science: Micropolitics
Political Participation
Approaches to International Relations
Introduction to Law
Law and Society
Constitutional Law
The American Congress

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

A. Department Service (Political Science)

Personnel Committee	2014-2016, 2016-2018, 2021-2023
Facilitator for Tri-Valley Alliance Disciplines Meeting	2009
Department Self-Study Author	2005
Curriculum Committee	2006-2007
Graduate Coordinator	
Graduate Committee	
Awards Committee	

Pi Sigma Alpha advisor
Assessment Committee
Search and Screen Committee
Computer Committee

B. Department Service (Sociology)

Quantitative Committee
Invited presentation, Department Retreat, "Doing Research in a Research Methods Course: Pros and Cons of Class Projects," April 2001

C. College Service

College Personnel Committee 2012-2014, 2019-2021, 2025-2026
Academic Planning Committee
Research Fellows Selection Committee
Open House, Spring 2001, Spring 2004
Member of Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Southern California Studies
Marshall, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduation Ceremony
Majors Fair, Spring 2002

D. University Service

Research and Grants Committee
Academic Grievance and Grade Appeals Board,
Assessment Liaison
Screening Committee, California State University Pre-Doctoral Program
Faculty representative, Truman Scholarship
CSUN representative, Faculty Partnership Conference
Club Advisor, Mustard Seed Project, CSUN Young Democratic Socialists of America

E. Other

Delta Gamma National Alumnae Advisory Board, 2023-2025
Presentation on Plagiarism, Villa Intermediate School, Santa Ana California, 2021-2022
Faculty Mentor, Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program, 2015-2016
Social Science Research and Instructional Council Field Committee, California State University, 2008-2016
Invited Lecture, "Voting," for Applied Social Psychology. Spring 2011.
Editorial, "At school and on sports practice fields, it's become the No. 1 topic of conversation among kids" *Los Angeles Times*. November 1, 2008.