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Since joining the Harvard faculty in 1992, Professor King's courses have focused on Legislatures, Political Parties, and Interest Groups. He is also a member of the core faculty within the [Carr Center for Human Rights Policy](#) and serves as the Board Chair for the pro-democracy group, [Initiatives for China](#).

In the wake of the 2000 presidential elections, Professor King directed the Task Force on Election Administration for the National Commission on Election Reform, chaired by former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. That effort culminated in landmark voting rights legislation signed by President Bush in late 2002. He later oversaw an evaluation and new management structure for the Boston Election Department.

Professor King is the author, co-author, and co-editor of three books, and he has published in a range of journals, including *The American Political Science Review*, and *The Journal of Politics*. Professor King's current research, with [James D'Angelo and Brent Ranalli](#), focuses on the history and consequences of "transparency" reforms in the U.S. Congress. His ResearchGate profile is linked [here](#).

Employment

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government
Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, since July 2012
Lecturer in Public Policy, July 2003 – June 2012
Associate Professor, July 1999 – June 2003
Assistant Professor, July 1992 – June 1999



Education

Ph.D. 1992, A.M. 1990, (Political Science), University of Michigan
A.B. 1985, (Government; Philosophy), Lawrence University

Books

David C. King & Zachary Karabell. [The Generation of Trust: How the U.S. Military has Regained the Public's Confidence since Vietnam](#). (The American Enterprise Institute, 2003)

Joseph S. Nye, Philip Zelikow & David C. King (eds.). [Why People Don't Trust Government](#). (Harvard University Press, 1997)

David C. King. [Turf Wars: How Congressional Committees Claim Jurisdiction](#). (University of Chicago Press, 1997)

- Richard F. Fenno Prize, "Best New Book on Legislatures," 1998

- E. E. Schattschneider Prize, "Best Dissertation in American Government," The American Political Science Association, 1993

Articles and Book Chapters

Alexander S. Belenky & David C. King. "[A Mathematical Model for Estimating the Potential Margin of State Undecided Voters in a U.S. Federal Election](#)." *Mathematical and Computer Modeling*. 45:585-93: March 2007.

- David C. King. "[The 2005 Presidential Election and Constitutional Reform in Bolivia.](#)" *Revista*, Spring/Summer 2006: 11-15.
- David W. Nickerson, Ryan D. Friedrich, David C. King. "[Partisan Mobilization Campaigns in the Field: Results from a Statewide Turnout Experiment in Michigan.](#)" *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2006, 59:85-98.
- David C. King & Miles Pomper. "Congress, Constituencies, and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Caspian," in Brenda Shaffer, ed., *The Limits of Culture: Islam, Foreign Policy & the Caspian*. Cambridge: MIT University Press, 2005. And an earlier, longer, version published as, "[Congress and the Contingent Influence of Diaspora Lobbies: U.S. Foreign Policy toward Armenia.](#)" *Journal of Armenian Studies*, December 2004.
- David C. King & David Morehouse. "[Moving Voters in the 2000 Presidential Campaign: Local Visits and Local Media.](#)" In David Schultz, ed. *Lights, Camera, Campaign*. New York: Peter Lang, 2004.
- David C. King & Richard E. Matland. "[Sex and the Grand Old Party: An Experimental Investigation of the Effect](#) of Candidate Sex on Support for a Republican Candidate." *American Politics Research*, November 2003.
- David C. King & Richard L. Zeckhauser. "[Congressional Vote Options](#)," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, August 2003, 28:387-411.
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- Richard E. Matland & David C. King. "[Women as Candidates in Congressional Elections.](#)" in Cindy Simon Rosenthal, ed., *Women Transforming Congress*. University of Oklahoma Press, 2002.
- David C. King. "[Catching Voters in the Web](#)," in Elaine C. Kamarck & Joseph S. Nye, Jr., eds., *Governance.com: Democracy in the Information Age*. Washington, DC: Brookings Press, 2002. Revised and updated from Kamarck & Nye, eds. *Democracy.com? Governance in a Networked World*. Hollis, New Hampshire: Hollis Publishing, 1999.
- Contributor, in chapters 5 and 7: *To Assure Pride and Confidence in the Electoral Process*. The National Commission on Federal Election Reform. July 31, 2001.
- Tim Groseclose & David C. King. "[Committee Theories Reconsidered](#)," in Lawrence C. Dodd & Bruce I. Oppenheimer (eds.), *Congress Reconsidered*, 7th edition. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2001.
- David C. King & Richard J. Zeckhauser. "Legislators as Negotiators," in Robert H. Mnookin & Lawrence E. Susskind (eds.), *Negotiating on Behalf of Others*. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications, 1999.
- Tim Groseclose & David C. King. "The Little Theatre: Committees in Congress," in Herbert Weisberg & Samuel Patterson (eds.), *Great Theatre: The American Congress in the 1990's*. Cambridge University Press, 1998. Reprinted in Kelly D. Patterson & Daniel Shea, ed., *Contemplating the People's Branch*, New York: Prentice Hall, 2000.
- David C. King. "The Polarization of Political Parties and Mistrust of Government," in Joseph S. Nye, Philip Zelickow & David C. King eds., *Why People Don't Trust Government*. Harvard University Press, 1997.
- David C. King. "Reform and Deliberation in the United States Congress." *Proceedings of the International Seminar on Governmental Reform Policy*. Seoul: Korean Association for Policy Studies, 1995.
- David C. King. "The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946," and "The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970," in Donald C. Bacon, Roger H. Davidson, and Morton Keller (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the United States Congress*, Simon & Schuster, 1995, pgs. 1279-81.

David C. King. "[The Nature of Congressional Committee Jurisdictions](#)," *The American Political Science Review*, March 1994, 88:48-62.

Gregory B. Markus, Jeffrey P. Howard, & David C. King. "[Integrating Community Service and Classroom Instruction Enhances Learning: Results from an Experiment](#)," *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*, Winter 1993, 15:410-19.

David C. King & Jack L. Walker. "[The Provision of Benefits by Interest Groups in the United States](#)," *The Journal of Politics*, May 1992, 54:394-426.

David C. King & Jack L. Walker. "An Ecology of Interest Groups" (Chapter 4) and "The Origins and Maintenance of Interest Groups" (Chapter 5) in Jack L. Walker, *Mobilizing Interest Groups in America*, University of Michigan Press, 1991.

John E. Jackson & David C. King. "[Public Goods, Private Interests, and Representation](#)," *The American Political Science Review*, December 1989, 83:1143-64.

John E. Jackson & David C. King. "Collective Interests and Representation: Efficient Survey Methods," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1988, 13:139-140.

Degree Program Teaching

- **Presently:** The U.S. Congress and Lawmaking (HKS: [DPI-120](#); HLS-48225A), since 1992. Politics and American Public Policy (HKS: [DPI-122](#)), since 2013.
- **Previously:** Interest Group Activism & Representation (1997-2003, 2009-12), U.S. Political Parties in Theory & Practice (1998-2003, 2010-12), Culture, Politics, and Power (2010), Election Reform (2007-11), Elective and Advocacy Politics (1993-99), Doctoral Research Seminar (1993-96).

Executive Program Teaching

- **Faculty Chair:**
 - o [Newly-Elected Members of the U.S. Congress](#), since 1992; Faculty Chair since 1996.
 - o [Senior Executives in State and Local Government](#), since 1998; Faculty Chair since 2010.
 - o Executive Program for Members of the Russian Duma and Federation Council. 1994-2003.
- **Faculty:** Senior Managers in Government (1995-97, 2015-present), Chinese Leaders in Development (since 1999), Wexner Senior Leaders (since 2015), Exercising Influence through Authentic Leadership, Persuasion, and Negotiation (since 2016), Vietnamese Political Leaders (2008, 2014-present), U.S./Russia National Security Program (1998-2010), Senior Executives in National Security (1996-2010), Black Sea Security Program (1999-2009), Taiwan Leaders Program (2001-09), Beijing Leadership and Development Program (2004-08), Meeting the Challenges of Mexico's Future (2010-12), Leaders in Transition (2012), Indonesian Local Leaders (2011-15).

Service

- **Board Chair**, [Initiatives for China](#), (since 2016)
- **Boards**, [Revels](#) (since 2017), [Better for America](#) (since 2016), [The Candidate](#) (2015-17), [New Majority Community Labs](#) (2015-17), Americans Elect (2011-12), Unity08, *Rules Committee* (2007-09), '18 in '08 (2007-09), Take Your Kids 2 Vote (2008-10), aPebble (2008-09), Kids Voting USA (2006-07), Youth Voter Corps (2001-04), Common Cause (1988-96), Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (1983-84).
- **Director**, Task Force on Election Administration, Carter-Ford National Commission on Federal Election Reform, January 2001 to October 2002
- **Overseer**, [Boston Election Department](#), November 2006 to March 2007
- **Faculty Coordinator**, U.S. State Department, I-VOTE program for Future Leaders of Emerging Nations, 2008

Talks

Governments

Testimony. Massachusetts Joint Committee on Education, Boston (2015), Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws, Boston (2007), [The Institute for Social Planning](#), Moscow (2007), [U.S. House Select Committee on Homeland Security](#), Washington DC (2003), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Panama (2002), [The Congressional Black Caucus](#), Washington DC (2001), Committee on Defense, State Duma of the Russian Federation, Moscow (1997).

Presentations. “[Re: Petition for Rulemaking](#) from Level the Playing Field to Revise and Amend 11 C.F.R. § 110.13(c),” with Larry Diamond (2014), “[Attitudes and the Formation of Attitudes Toward the U.S. Military](#),” U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Command (2008), “The 2004 U.S. Presidential Elections in Perspective,” [U.S. Mission to the United Nations](#) (2004), “Generational Trends in Support of the U.S. Military,” U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Command (2004), Moderator: Massachusetts Republican Lt. Governor's Debate (2002), “The Constitutional Basis for Federal Regulation of Elections,” House Democratic Caucus Issues Conference (2001), Moderator: Massachusetts 9th Congressional District Democratic Debate (2001), The General Accounting Office (2000), Defense Science Board Task Force on Human Resources Strategy (1999).

Non-Profits

“Immigration Policy and Politics,” [Enroot](#) (2017), “The New Political Realities in Washington,” [American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico](#) (2017), [Model G20 Summit](#) (2017), “[Congressional Careers Remembered](#),” Robert Byrd Congressional Institute (2016). Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (2016). [The Executive Forum](#) (2016). The [Stennis Center](#) for Public Sector Leadership (2016). [Mongolian Development Forum](#) (2016). The Commonwealth Fund [Mongan Fellowship Program](#) (since 2015). “[Hack4Congress](#),” OpenGovFoundation (2015), The [Victory Fund Leadership Institute](#) (2012–2015), “Conducting Arts Advocacy,” ArtSpeaks-Naperville (2012), “The Power of Incredible Teachable Moments,” David Bohnett Foundation (2011), “Politics, Culture, and Power,” Mentés Independientes, Bogota, Colombia (2011), Boston International (2009-11), “The Promise of Politics,” Public Conversations Project (2009), The American Red Cross (2006), Groupe d'étude et de recherche sur la sécurité internationale, Montreal (2004), The Power of One: Youth Vote Summit (2004), Break Away (2004), Young Presidents Organization of Guatemala, La Antigua (2002), Society for Social Studies of Science (2001), National Institute for Government Innovation (2001), Political Institutions Seminar, Wexner-Israel Fellows (since 1993), Voting Rights Institute (2001), The Johnson Foundation, (2001), American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation (2000), John C. Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows (2000), Center for the Study of the American Presidency (2000), Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference (1999), National Association of Schools of Public Administration, (1998), Ditchley Foundation (1998), Laura B. Moore Memorial Lecture, League of Women Voters (1997), Korean Association for Policy Studies, Seoul (1995), Section Head: Political Parties and Interest Groups, Midwest Political Science Association (1995).

Universities

“[Foundational Presence](#),” HKS Executive Education Webcast Seminar (2017), “[After the Elections – US and Mexico](#)” IPADE Business School (2016), “[The Problem with Sunshine: How Transparency & Accountability Overwhelmingly Favor Special Interests](#),” with James D’Angelo & Brent Ranalli (2016), “[Preventing Gun Violence: Public Health Perspectives](#)” (2016), “The U.S. Presidential Election: Road to the Conventions,” HKS Executive Programs Webcast Seminar, (2016). “[Too Many Checks, No Balance](#),” (2014), “Tensions in Transparency,” IDEASpHERE (2014), [Gordon Wood Lecture](#) Panel, University of Massachusetts, Boston (2014), “[Two Sudans: the Paths Forward](#),” Harvard University (2014), “[Government Shutdown](#),” Harvard University (2013), Headmaster Installation, Blair Academy (2013), “[Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis](#),” Harvard University (2013), [Nepal Election Panel](#), Harvard University (2013), “Fiscal Cliff: Observations from Leaders Looking over the Edge,” Harvard University (2012), Conference on the [Future of the Sudan Region](#) (2012), “The Public Value

of Art: Who Wins, Who Loses, and Who Picks up the Check?" Harvard University (2012), Social Entrepreneurship and Leadership in Israel (2011), Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (2010, 2012), "Median Voters, Sequencing, and the 2012 Republican Primaries," Ohio Wesleyan University (2011), "U.S. Senate Rules & Procedures," University of Michigan (2010), "Constitutional Design and Threats to Congressional Power," Tufts University (2009), "The Future of the Electoral College," Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2008), "The Internet and Politics," Harvard Law School (2008), The Grand Old Party: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (2008), Harvard Real Estate Academic Initiative (2004, 2006, 2008), "Youth Movements in U.S. Elections: Past and Present," Harvard Law School (2008), Harvard Latino Law, Business & Public Policy Conference (2008), "Youth Voting and Participation in the 2006 Elections," The Columbia Political Union (2007), The University of Rochester (2007); Symposium on the 125th Anniversary of the Birth of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Moscow (2007), The Cal-Tech/MIT Voting Technologies Project (2007), "[Perspectives on Constitutional Reform in Bolivia](#)," Catholic University of Bolivia (2005), Plekhanov Russian Academy of Economics (2005), West Point Military Academy (2005), Mojmir Povolny Lecture, Lawrence University (2005), Voting, Vote Capture, and Vote Counting Symposium (2004), Princeton University Conference on Trust in Government (2001), Harvard Law School, Electoral Reform Project (2001), Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies (2000), Harvard Conference on Internet and Politics (2000), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1999), Duke University (1999), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1999), Columbia University, (1998), "Dimples, Chads, Butterflies," Institute of Politics (2000), Faculty Sponsor: Youth Engagement Initiative, Harvard University, Institute of Politics (2001), Universidad Catolica de Nicaragua, Managua (1996), Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago (1995, 1996); Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa (1995); University of Stockholm, Sweden (1995, 1996); Main Hall Forum Lecture Series, Lawrence University (1993, 1995, 1998); Phillips Lecture Series, The University of Michigan (1992)

Opinion Pieces

"[Let's Have an Honest Debate about the Debates](#)," (with Larry Diamond), *The Hill*, June 17, 2015. "[Groundhog Day at the Presidential Debates](#)," *Boston Herald*, May 10, 2015. "[Petition for Rulemaking from Level the Playing Field to Revise and Amend 11 C.F.R. § 110.13\(c\)](#)," (with Larry Diamond), December 12, 2014. "[Power Shift](#)," *Harvard Gazette*, November 7, 2014. "[Aftermath of the 2012 Elections](#)," HKS PolicyCast, November 7, 2012. "[What's at Stake for Education in the Fall Elections?](#)" HighEdJobs.com; August 31, 2012. "[Preparing your College for the Fall Elections](#)," HigherEdJobs.com, July 17, 2012. "[The 112th Congress](#)," HKS Insights, November 5, 2010. "[Conversations with Great Teachers](#)," 2010. "[Obama and Higher Education](#)," HigherEdJobs.com, April 2009. "New Orleans Vote Raises Fairness Issue," *Boston Globe*, April 18, 2006. "[Bolivian Constitutional Reform](#)," *Pulso*, November 25, 2005; "Youth Came Through with Big Turnout," *Boston Globe*, November 5, 2004 (reprinted in *Opposing Viewpoints: America's Youth*, 2007), "Electoral Reform 2004," November 1, 2004. "[Engage Children in Elections](#)," *The Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel*, October 17, 2004. "The Politics of DisIntegration," *Spectacle.org*, August 18, 2004. "The Boomers' Babies," *Wall Street Journal*, March 31, 2003; Book Review of Eric Schickler's *Disjointed Pluralism in the American Political Science Review*, September 2002. Election Reform as an Unfunded Mandate, *Boston Review*, October/November 2001; There is Hope for Election Reform, KSG Q&A July 31, 2001, Federal Government's Role in Election Reform, KSG Q&A March 13, 2001, "Youth Doubt Government, Trust Military," *USAToday*, August 25, 2000. "Who Votes?" *USAToday*, August 18, 2000. "Real Term Limits," *USAToday*, August 11, 2000. "Who's Partying?" *USAToday.com*, August 4, 2000. "Those Pesky Third Parties," *DemocracyToday.com*, August 1, 2000. E-Mobilizing Your Supporters," *The Boston Globe*, May 21, 2000. "The Trouble with (Republican) Women," *JFK Bulletin*, Summer 1999. "Clinton Erred Using Line Item Veto," *Newsday*, August 13, 1997. "Campaign Reform is the Public's Duty," *Newsday*, March 6, 1997. "A Concrete Example of Politics in Action," in *Teaching and Learning at Harvard University*, 1997. "Primaries are a Noble Idea Gone Sour," *Newsday*, March 21, 1996. [Airplanes and Little Kids](#), *The Boston Parents Paper*; December 1995; "[Notes on the Uniform Distribution](#)," *The National Pastime: A Review of Baseball History*, 1995. "[Bye-Bye Bottle](#)," *The Boston Parents Paper*, September, 1994. "John Kingdon as an Agenda Item,"

Policy Currents, August 1994. "How Did Pundits Get it So Wrong? Ask a Statistician," (with Richard Zeckhauser), *Roll Call*, November 14, 1994. "Sorry, Clinton, Congress is Number One," *Newsday*, November 11, 1994; "Saving the Clinton Presidency," *The Washington Times*, September 22, 1994. "Vote Against Term Limits," *Boston Sunday Herald*, April 10, 1994. "The New Congress and Prospects for Reform," *JFK Bulletin*, Fall/Winter 1993

Conference and Working Papers

- James D'Angelo, David C. King, Brent Ranalli. "Legislative Transparency Benefits the Powerful," Chicago, Illinois. Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7, 2017.
- David C. King & Richard L. Zeckhauser. "Congressional Leaders as Negotiation Anchors." February 16, 2009.
- Richard G. Neimi, Kent Portney, David C. King. "Sampling Young Adults: The Effects of Survey Mode and Sampling Method on Inferences about the Political Behavior of College Students." Boston, MA: Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 28, 2008.
- David C. King. "[A Blueprint for Transforming the Boston Election Department](#)." April 7, 2007.
- David C. King, Richard L. Zeckhauser & Mark T. Kim. "The Management Performance of the U.S. States." July 8, 2004.
- [College and University Voter Mobilization Efforts](#). September 13, 2004, as published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Are You Talking To Me? A Guide to Reaching Young Voters. *The Institute of Politics*. August 2004.
- David C. King. "[Congress, Polarization, and Fidelity to the Median Voter](#)." March 10, 2003.
- David C. King & Richard L. Zeckhauser. "[Punching and Counter-Punching in the U.S. Congress: Why Party Leaders Tend to be Extremists](#)." December 9, 2002.
- David C. King. "[Selling International News](#)." December 9, 2002.
- David C. King. "[Party Competition and Fidelity to the Median Voter in the U.S. Congress](#)." February 15, 2001.
- David C. King & Rebecca Hardiman. "The Constitutionality of Congressional Involvement in Federal Elections." January 25, 2001.
- David C. King, Andrew Cooley, Julie Curtis. "Interesting News: The Attributes of Popular Stories in the Times Mirror Interest Index." January 11, 1999.
- David C. King. "The New Political Machine" and "Political & Demographic Characteristics of Web Users in Late 1997," *Visions of Governance in the 21st Century* conference on the Information Revolution. July 1998.
- David C. King. "Stability and Change in U.S. Politics." Aspen Strategy Group, U.S. - Russia Dialogue. Queenstown, Maryland. June 14, 1998.
- Tim Groseclose & David C. King, "Committee Theories and Committee Institutions." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington. August 29, 1997.
- David C. King, David Eddy-Spicer, Howard Husock, "Riding a Dark Horse: Exploring the Dynamics of a Presidential Campaign via Hyperspace." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington. August 29, 1997.
- David C. King, Richard L. Zeckhauser, Sven E. Feldmann. "Winning by a Little and Losing by a Lot on Congressional Roll Call Votes." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago. April 7, 1995.
- David C. King. "Public Goods, Private Interests, and Participation in Congressional Committee Hearings." John F. Kennedy School of Government Working Paper R9313. June 21, 1993.
- David C. King. "The 1981 White House Conference on Aging: Political Activities and Funding Sources of Included and Excluded Groups." May 5, 1992.
- David C. King. "Congressional Committee Jurisdictions and the Consequences of Reform," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago. April 19, 1991.
- David C. King. "Congressional Committee Jurisdictions and Institutional Change: The 1946 Legislative Reorganization Act," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco. August 31, 1990.

David C. King. "The Strategic Timing of Campaign Contributions in the Michigan Legislature." April 15, 1989.

David C. King. "Representation through Participation in Committee Hearings: Ways and Means Committee Members and the 1978 Revenue Reform Act." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 13, 1989.

Institute of Politics Survey Reports: [April 2007](#), [November 2006](#), [April 2006](#), [November 2005](#), [April 2005](#), [October 2004](#).

Harvard Kennedy School Teaching Cases

["Lucinda Creighton and the Irish Abortion Bill Vote"](#) (2016), ["In the Crossfire: Guns, Legislative Leadership and Recall Politics in Colorado"](#) (2014), ["Cutting Costs in Financial Hard Times: Two Massachusetts Towns Consider a Police Merger"](#) (2013), ["Achieving Mental Health Parity"](#) (2010), "Debt Relief for Poor Nations: The Battle in Congress" (2001), "Congressional Oversight and Presidential Prerogative: The 1991 Intelligence Authorization Act" (2001), "Third Party Time?" (1995), "Catastrophic Health Insurance for the Elderly" (1995), "Emily's List and Campaign Finance Reform" (1994), "Public Conversations and Legislative Deliberations" (1994), "Epilogue: The Regulation of Mudflaps" (1994).

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