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## **Education:**

Ph.D. University of Michigan, Political Science, 1989.  
M.A. University of Michigan, Political Science, 1985.  
B.A. University of Chicago, Political Science with Honors, 1983.

## **Honors and Awards:**

The 2023 Recipient of the American Political Science Association Legislative Studies Section's Barbara Sinclair Legacy Award. The Sinclair Award honors the work of a scholar or set of scholars who have contributed to a lifetime of significant scholarship to the study of legislative politics.

## **Research and Teaching Fields:**

African American politics, Race and gender in political science, American public opinion, government, and urban politics

## **Academic Positions:**

*Professor*, Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2013-date.

*Professor*, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine, 2001-2013.

*Affiliated Faculty Member*, UC Irvine's African American Studies Program, 2002-2013.

*Affiliated Faculty Member*, UC Irvine's Center for the Study of Democracy, 1997-2013.

*Chair*, Department of Political Science, University of California Irvine, 2002-2004.

*Associate Professor*, Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine, 1997-2001.

*Associate Professor*, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 1993-1997.

*Fellow*, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, California, 1995-1996.

*Associate Professor*, Department of Government, Harvard University, 1992-1993.

*Visiting Research Associate* (Chancellor's Distinguished Professorship), Survey Research Center, University of California at Berkeley, July 1991-June 1992.

*Assistant Professor*, Department of Government, Harvard University, 1989-1992 (On presidential leave 1991-1992).

*Research Associate*, The W.E.B. DuBois Institute, Harvard University, Fall 1988.

### **Books:**

Jennifer R. Garcia, Christopher T. Stout, and Katherine Tate. 2025. Black Voices in the Halls of Power: Race and Rhetorical Representation. New York: Cambridge University Press, in press.

Belinda Robnett and Katherine Tate. 2023. Gendered Pluralism. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press.

Katherine Tate. 2014. Concordance: Black Lawmaking in the U.S. Congress from Carter to Obama. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press. New afterword, paperback edition issued 2020.

Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer, Eds. 2014. Something's In the Air: Race and the Legalization of Marijuana. New York, NY: Routledge.

Katherine Tate. 2010. What's Going On? Political Incorporation and the Transformation of Black Public Opinion. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press. (NCOBPS roundtable organized for March 2012 on book.)

Katherine Tate. 2003. Black Faces in the Mirror, African Americans and Their Representatives in the U.S. Congress. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. (Winner of the 2004 Southern Political Science Association's V.O. Key Jr. book award; the 2004 APSA's Race, Ethnicity, and Politics book award; co-winner of the 2005 National Conference of Black Political Scientists' Outstanding Book award; named an "Outstanding Academic Title in 2003" by *Choice* magazine.)

Lucius J. Barker, Mack H. Jones, and Katherine Tate. 1999. African Americans and the American Political System, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Katherine Tate. From Protest to Politics: The New Black Voters in American Elections. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press and the Russell Sage Foundation, 1993, and enlarged edition, 1994. (Co-Winner of the 1994 Southern Political Science Association's V. O. Key, Jr. book award; enlarged paperback edition with new chapter, 1994; co-winner of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists' 1995 Outstanding Book Award.)

### **Journal Articles:**

- Karra McCray Gibson and Katherine Tate. 2025. "Black Legislators and the Politics of Squad Democrats in the U.S. Congress." National Review of Black Politics, in press.
- Jennifer R. Garcia, Maneesh Arora, Christopher T. Stout, and Katherine Tate. 2025. "Race, Age, and Support for the Congressional Black Caucus." Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, in press.
- Jennifer R. Garcia, Karra McCray Gibson, Amber Mackey, Christopher T. Stout, and Katherine Tate. 2025. "Does Descriptive Representation Matter More Than in the Past? A Reexamination of Black Faces in the Mirror in a Most-Racial Era." Politics, Groups, and Identities, in press.
- Tate, Katherine. 2023. "Reevaluating the Contingent 'Yes': Essays on "Should Blacks Represent Blacks and Women Represent Women?"" Politics & Gender, in press.
- Tate, Katherine and Mary Arend. 2022. "Critical Mass Claims and Ideological Divides Among Women in the U.S. House of Representatives." American Politics Research, 50 (4).
- Stout, Christopher, Katherine Tate, and Meghan Wilson. 2021. "Does Black Representation Matter? A Review of Descriptive Representation for African Americans in Legislative Offices." National Review of Black Politics, 2 (1): 2-21.
- Stefanie Chambers and Katherine Tate. 2013. "Value-Added Measures and the Collective Impact of Effective Teachers in LA Public Schools." Education and Urban Society. Vol 47, No. 6: 723-738.
- Christopher Stout and Katherine Tate. 2012. "Descriptive Representation in the U.S. and the Politics of Transformation." Politics, Groups, and Identities, Vol. 1, No. 21: 143-163.
- Katherine Tate. 2012. "Black Power in Black Presidential Bids From Jackson to Obama," National Political Science Review, Michael Mitchell and David Covin, Eds. Vol 13, pp. 3-22.
- Katherine Tate. 2004. "Political Incorporation and Critical Transformations of Black Public Opinion." Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race, Vol 1, No 2, pp. 345-359.
- Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, David C. Kimball, Scott R. Meinke, and Katherine Tate. 2003. "The Effects of Political Representation on the Electoral Advantages of House Incumbents." Political Research Quarterly, Vol. 56, No. 3 (September), pp. 259-270.
- Katherine Tate. 2003. "Black Opinion on the Legitimacy of Racial Redistricting and Minority-Majority Districts." American Political Science Review, Vol. 97, No 1 (March), pp.45-56.
- Katherine Tate. 2001. "African Americans and Their Representatives in Congress: Does Race Matter?" Legislative Studies Quarterly, XXVI, pp. 623-638
- Claudine Gay and Katherine Tate. 1998. "Doubly Bound: The Impact of Gender and Race on the Politics of Black Women," Political Psychology, Vol. 19, No. 1, 169-184.

Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier and Katherine Tate. 1995. "Data Accessibility in Political Science: Putting the Principle into Practice." PS: Political Science and Politics, Vol. 28, No. 3, September.

Jane Mansbridge and Katherine Tate. 1992. "Race Trumps Gender: Black Opinion on the Thomas Nomination." PS: Political Science and Politics, Vol. 25, No. 3.

Katherine Tate. 1992. "The Impact of Jesse Jackson's Presidential Bids on Blacks' Relationship with the Democratic Party." National Political Science Review, Vol. 3.

Katherine Tate. 1991. "Black Political Participation in the 1984 and 1988 Presidential Elections." American Political Science Review, Vol. 85, No. 4, pp. 1159-1176.

### **Book Chapters in Edited Volumes:**

Katherine Tate. 2013. "The Black Science in Political Science." In What Has This Got to Do With the Liberation of Black People?: The Impact and Influence of Ronald W. Walters on African American Thought and Leadership, Cedric Johnson, Robert Newby and Robert C. Smith, Eds. Albany, New York: SUNY Press.

Katherine Tate. 2013. "Winds of Change: Black Opinion on Legalizing Marijuana." In Something's In the Air: Race and the Legalization of Marijuana, Katherine Tate, James Lance Taylor, and Mark Q. Sawyer, Eds. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

Tate, Katherine, Kevin L. Lyles, and Lucius J. Barker. 2007. "A Critical Review of American Political Institutions: Reading Race into the Constitutional 'Silence' on Race." In African American Perspectives on Political Science, Wilbur C. Rich, Ed. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Bedolla, Lisa Garcia, Katherine Tate, and Janelle Wong. 2005. "Indelible Effects: The Impact of Women of Color in the U.S. Congress." In Women and Elective Office: Past, Present, and Future, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Sue Thomas and Clyde Wilcox, Eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

Miki Caul-Kittilson and Katherine Tate. 2004. "Political Parties, Minorities and Elected Office: Comparing Opportunities for Inclusion in the U.S. and Britain." In The Politics of Democratic Inclusion, Rodney Hero and Christina Wolbrecht, eds. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.

Katherine Tate and Sarah L. Harsh. 2004. "A Portrait of the People: Descriptive Representation and Its Impact on U.S. House Members' Ratings." In Diversity in Democracy: Minority Representation in the United States. Gary M. Segura and Shaun Bowlers, Eds. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

Lucius J. Barker and Katherine Tate. 2003. "The Dynamics of Race and Governance in American Politics: Problems in Search of Theory, Leadership, and Resolution." In Political Science and the Public Interest, Edward Mansfield and Richard Sisson, Eds. Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press.

- Miki Caul-Kittilson and Katherine Tate. 2002. "Thinner Ranks: Women Candidates and California's Blanket Primary." In Voting at the Political Fault Line, California's Experiment with the Blanket Primary, Bruce E. Cain and Elisabeth R. Gerber, Eds. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.
- Katherine Tate and Gloria J. Hampton. 2000. "Changing Hearts and Minds: Racial Attitudes and the 1964 Civil Rights Act." In Legacies of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Bernard Grofman, Ed., Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.
- Katherine Tate. 1997. "African American Female Senatorial Candidates: Twin Assets or Double Liabilities?" In African American Power and Politics, Hanes Walton, Jr., Ed. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.
- David Ian Lublin and Katherine Tate. 1995. "Racial Group Competition in U.S. Mayoral Elections." In Classifying by Race, Paul E. Peterson, Ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- David H. Metz and Katherine Tate. 1995. "The Color of the Campaign and the Political Strategy of Race." In Classifying by Race, Paul E. Peterson, Ed. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
- Katherine Tate. 1995. "Structural Dependence or Group Loyalty?: The Black Vote in 1992." In Democracy's Feast: The 1992 Elections, Herbert F. Weisberg, Ed. Chatham, NJ: Chatham House Press.
- Other Publications:**
- Review of Black Women in Politics: Demanding Citizenship, Challenging Power, and Seeking Justice, edited by Julia S. Jordan-Zachery and Nikol G. Alexander-Floyd. Perspectives on Politics, vol. 18, no. 2, 2020 pp 632-633.
- Review of Race Appeal: How Candidates Invoke Race in U.S. Political Campaigns by Charlton D. McIlwain and Stephen M. Caliendo. Perspectives on Politics, Vol 10, No. 3, 2012 pp. 825-827.
- Review of Still A House Divided: Race and Politics in Obama's America by Desmond S. King and Rogers Smith, Political Science Quarterly, 2012, Vol. 127 (3): 474-475.
- Christopher Stout and Katherine Tate. 2010. "Blacks in Electoral Politics," Encyclopedia of African American History, Volume 3, published by Facts on File.
- Katherine Tate. 2010. "Black Radical Voices and Policy Effectiveness in the U.S. Congress," The Forum (www.bepress.com/forum), Vol 8, Iss.2, Article 5.
- Katherine Tate. 2009. "Nationalist Missions and the Democratic Citizen," essay in The Future of Political Science: 100 Perspectives, Gary King, Kay Lehman Schlozman, and Norman H. Nie, Eds. New York: Routledge.

Review of Black Feminist Voices in Politics by Evelyn M. Simien, Political Science Quarterly, Volume 122, Number 4, Winter 2007 - 2008 , pp. 676-677

Katherine Tate. 2006. "Black Politics, the GOP Southern Strategy, and the Reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act." The Forum (www.bepress.com/forum), Vol. 4, No. 2, Article 1.

Katherine Tate. 2004. "Will America Ever Pay?" Racial Justice and Reparations." The Forum (www.bepress.com/forum), Vol. 2, No. 3, Article 6.

Katherine Tate. 2004. "Will America Ever Pay? Racial Justice and Reparations from the Perspective of a Black Soldier's Daughter." National Conference of Black Political Scientists Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 1, Fall., pp 14-18.

Katherine Tate. 2004. Blacks in American Electoral Politics," Africana: The Encyclopedia of the African and African American Experience, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Anthony Appiah and Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Eds, published by Oxford University Press and Microsoft.

Review of Mobilizing Public Opinion, Black Insurgency and Race in the Civil Rights Era by Taeku Lee, Perspectives on Politics, Vol. 1, No. 2 (June) 2003.

Book review essay with Stefanie Chambers of The Atlanta Paradox: A Multi City Study of Urban Inequality edited by David L. Sjoquist, Detroit Divided by Reynolds Farley, Sheldon Danziger, and Harry J. Holzer, The Boston Renaissance: Race, Space, and Economic Change in an American Metropolis by Barry Bluestone and Mary Huff Stevenson (with contributions from Michael Massagli, Philip Moss, and Chris Tilly), and Prismatic Metropolis, Inequality in Los Angeles edited by Lawrence D. Bobo, Melvin L. Oliver, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Vol. 20, Issue 3 (Summer) 2001.

Review of Voice, Trust, and Memory: Marginalized Groups and the Failings of Liberal Representation by Melissa S. Williams, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Vol. 571, 2000, pp. 207-208.

Review of Perception and Prejudice: Race and Politics in the United States by Jon Hurwitz and Mark Peffley, American Political Science Review, Vol. 94, No. 1, 2000, pp. 191-192.

Review of The Dual Agenda: The African-American Struggle for Civil and Economic Equality by Dona Cooper Hamilton and Charles V. Hamilton, Political Science Quarterly, Vol. 113, No. 2, 1998, pp. 327-328.

Review of Facing Up to the American Dream: Race, Class, and the Soul of the Nation by Jennifer L. Hochschild, Public Opinion Quarterly, Vol. 62, No. 2, 1996 pp. 332-334.

"The Politics of Race in American Cities." Lead article in the APSA's Urban Politics Section newsletter, March 1996.

Reviews of The Scar of Race by P.M. Sniderman and T. Piazza and Prejudice, Politics, and the American Dilemma, edited by P. M. Sniderman, P. E. Tetlock, and E. G. Carmines. Journal of Politics, Vol 57, No. 1, 1995 pp. 263-265.

Review of Prejudice, Politics, and the American Dilemma, edited by P. M. Sniderman, P. E. Tetlock, and E. G. Carmines. Contemporary Sociology, Vol. 23, No.3, 1994., pp. 352-353

Review of Minority Representation and the Quest for Voting Equality by B. Grofman, L. Handley, and R. G. Niemi. Political Science Quarterly, Vol 108, No. 3, 1993, pp. 579-580.

Review of The Social and Political Implications of the 1984 Jesse Jackson Presidential Campaign, Lorenzo Morris, ed. National Political Science Review, Vol. 4, 1993.

"Invisible Woman (Black Opinion on the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill Controversy)," The American Prospect, Winter 1992.

The 1984 National Black Election Study Sourcebook, with Ronald E. Brown, Shirley J. Hatchett, and James S. Jackson. Ann Arbor, MI: The Institute for Social Research, 1987.

#### **Grants and Fellowships:**

Awarded \$11,000 for Black Legislators and the Rise of Squad Democrats" project sponsored by American University (with Karra McCray Gibson).

Awarded \$28,090 grant from the University of California-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Initiative (UC-HBCU) for December 2012-November 2013 with Dr. Belinda Robnett, co-PI. This grant will provide two HBCU undergraduates with a funded research opportunity at UCI Summer 2013. The HBCU partners are Dr. Byron Orey (Jackson State University) and Dr. Desiree Pedescleaux (Spelman College).

Awarded National Science Foundation (Political Science and Sociology Divisions) Grant #SBR-1155404 (\$260,000), "Outlook on Life and Political Engagement Study," co-PI with Belinda Robnett, UC Irvine, April 2012-March 2013.

Awarded \$1,500 from UCI's Center for the Study of Democracy for new charter school debate study, June 2011.

Awarded \$1,250 UCI Academic Senate Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries (CORCL) for new book project on minorities and the charter school debate, April 2011.

Awarded UCI Center for the Study of Democracy grant (\$2,000), "Black Legislative Policy Makers: Winners or Losers?" June 2010.

Awarded \$3,500 from the Dirksen Congressional Foundation for a book project on the Congressional Black Caucus April 2010.

Co-PI, National Science Foundation Grant, #SBR-0331509, "SGER: Black Public Opinion, the Supreme Court, and the University of Michigan Affirmative Action Decision," Rosalee Clawson and Eric Waltenburg, PIs, 2003-2005.

Awarded National Science Foundation (Political Science Division) Grant #SBR-9796212, (\$185,000), "The 1996 National Black Election Study," 1996-1997

Grant from the President's Office at Ohio State University for the 1996 National Black Election Study, October 1993.

Ford Foundation Minority Post-Doctoral Fellow, 1995-1996

Award National Science Foundation (Political Science Division) Grant #SBR-9307924, "A Study of Racial Group Mobilization and Bloc Voting in Mayoral Elections, 1969-1994," (\$69,996), 1993-1996.

Grant from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the President's Office, Harvard University, "Black Empowerment, Politics and Race in American Society," January 1991-December 1993.

Awarded grant from The Russell Sage Foundation, New York, New York, "From Protest to Politics: The New Black Voters in American Elections," June-December 1990.

Awarded National Science Foundation's Minority Research Initiation Planning Grant RII 8912870 (\$11,945), "The Impact of the Jackson Candidacy on Black Party Support," June-August 1989.

Co-principal investigator of the 1988 National Black Election Study Re-Interview, with James S. Jackson, Ronald E. Brown, and Michael C. Dawson, The Institute for Social Research. This study was funded by the Carnegie Foundation, June 1988-May 1989.

### **Recent Service and Professional Activities**

2021, Member of APSA's Hanes Walton Service Award Committee.

2010-11, Chair of APSA's Charles E. Merriam Service Award Committee

2005-2007, served on committee for the APSA's Race, Ethnicity, and Politics' Best Dissertation Award.

2003 Committee Member for APSA's Richard Fenno book award for best book in legislative politics in 2002.



School of Social Sciences Representative on the Council on Academic Personnel, 2001-2002.

American Political Science Association Council Member, 2000-2002.

Political Science Department's Graduate Director, UC Irvine, 1999-2001.

Committee Member, APSA selection committee for the *American Political Science Review* editorship, 2000.

Committee Member for APSA's Gladys M. Kammerer Award for best political science publication on the field of U.S. National Policy, 2000.

Section Organizer, American Political Science Association Meeting, Elections and Electoral Behavior Section, 2000.

**Recent Professional Memberships:**

Co-editor since 2002 of a University of Michigan Press series on "The Politics of Race and Ethnicity."

Editorial Board Member 2012-2014, *American Political Science Review*

Editorial Board Member since 2012, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

Editorial Board Member 2009-2011, *Journal of Politics*

**Recent Invited Talks and Presentations:**

University of Colorado, Boulder March 2021

University of Calgary, November 2020