

**CURRICULUM VITA**  
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I. Basic Data

Name: David Paul Branham

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II. Fields of Specialization

American Public Policy, Public Administration, Political Methodology, Education Policy, Representation (Redistricting), Public Opinion

III. Education

University of Houston

Ph.D., Political Science, 2000  
Dissertation: "The Dynamics of Legislative Professionalism, Partisanship, and Revenue Policy in the American States"

Committee

Chair: Gregory Weiher, Department of Political Science at the University of Houston

Outside Reader: Robert S. Erikson, Department of Political Science at Columbia University

Richard Murray, Director of Center for Public Policy at the University of Houston

Harrell Rodgers, Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of Houston

University of Houston

M.A., Political Science, 2000

University of Houston

B.S., Political Science and Psychology (Double Major), 1995

Honors Thesis: "One Man, One Vote: The Litigation that Ended Malapportionment and its Effect on Congressional Representation",

#### IV. Teaching Experience

Visiting Asst. Professor: Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi, 2000

Lecturer: University of Houston, 2000-2005

Have taught the following classes:

##### Graduate Level

Public Policy in Public Administration

##### Undergraduate Level

The Presidency

Introduction to Public Policy

Introduction to Political Science (Both sections)

Quantitative Methods

Education Policy

Teaching Assistant: University of Houston, Department of Political Science, 1996-2000

#### V. Publications in Refereed Journals

"The Wise Man Builds His House Upon a Rock: The Influence of School Infrastructure on Education Performance." in *Social Science Quarterly*. 85: December 2004.

"Political Events in a Model of Gubernatorial Popularity." in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol 2, #3 Fall, 2002. Co-authored with Robert E. Crew, Jr., Gregory Weiher and Ethan Bernick

**"Discrimination That Travels: How Ethnicity Affects Party Identification For Immigrants", Currently under review at *Political Behavior*. Co-authored with See Lim and Colleen Barry**

## VI. Book Chapters

**“Politics, Policy and Education in the US and Texas”. Coauthored with Greg Weiher and Robert Lineberry.**

“Texas Politics and Elections from 1990 to 2000: The Consolidation of Republican Power and the Ascendancy of George W. Bush”, Chapter 20 in *U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics* (ed by Kent Tedin), August 2001. Also appeared as Chapter 22 in *The People and American Government* (ed by Richard Murray) in August, 2003. Coauthored with Richard Murray.

## VII. Other Publications

“Teknowledgey: An Evaluation TIFB grant number RFP#:367-02-DI5”. TIF Discovery Grant Evaluation for “Teknowledgey: Power Tools for the 21st Century”. Grant Director: Tim Murphy, University of St Thomas. Completed Fall 2004.

Houston CMSA Growth 1990-2000, 2000-2015. Published by University of Houston Center for Public Policy. Fall 2004.

Texas Public Policy Survey. Published by the University of Houston Center for Public Policy. Vol 3, Summer 2003.

Texas Public Policy Survey. Published by the University of Houston Center for Public Policy. Vol 2, Fall 2002.

Texas Public Policy Survey. Published by the University of Houston Center for Public Policy. Vol 1, Summer 2002.

Texas Open-Enrollment Charter Schools: Third Year Evaluation. December 1999. Co-authored.

Texas Open-Enrollment Charter Schools: Second Year Evaluation. December 1998. Co-authored.

## VIII. Conference Papers

“Partisan Bias in the 1990s United States Congressional Redistricting”, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, La, March, 1997.

“One Man, .57 Vote: The Under-Representation of Hispanics in the United States Senate”, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, Tx, March, 1999. Co-Authored with Bretten Klietz.

“ The Effect of Malapportionment on U.S. Senate Representation” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill, April, 1999. Co-authored with Bretten Klietz

“Adding Political Events to a Model of Gubernatorial Popularity” Presented at The State of the States: State Politics and Policy Conference, Texas A&M University, March 2001. Co-authored with three others

“Counting Governments”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2001. Co-authored with Greg Weiher

“The Instructor Agrees with Me: Student’s Projection of Personal Views Upon Their Teachers”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 2002.

“Discrimination That Travels: How Ethnicity Affects Party Identification For Immigrants”, presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 2002. Co-authored with See Lim

#### IX. Other Works in Progress

“I Need Health Care Coverage! The Importance of Political Knowledge for Individuals from Groups With Language Barriers”

“Legislative Professionalism, Partisanship and its Effect on Tax Progressivity in the American States”

“Short Term Revenue Stability and Long Run Revenue Growth in Professional State Legislatures”

#### X. Service Activity at UH Downtown

**Member of the Events Committee, Fall 2005**

#### XI. Previous Work Experience

University of Houston Center for Public Policy, 2000-Present. Senior Research Associate

Visiting Asst. Professor: Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi, 2000

Teaching Assistant: University of Houston Department of Political Science, 1996-2000

City of Houston, Department of Public Works, Water Production 1979-1998  
Position at Retirement: Public Works Supervisor

#### Outside Projects

TIF Discovery Grant Evaluation “*Teknowledgey: Power Tools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*”. Grant Director: Tim Murphy, University of St Thomas.

Redistricting and Demographic Consultant for 2000 Census. Experienced with Autobound Redistricting Software (Arcview compatible software for mapping and redistricting). Included redistricting work with:

Harris County Commissioners Court (Made Justice Department redistricting submission)

Houston Independent School District Board (Made Justice Department redistricting submission)

Houston Community College System Board (Made Justice Department redistricting submission)

Also worked with Richard Murray as Consultant for the Democratic Party of Texas during redistricting challenges in state house, state senate, and U.S. House trials.

University of Houston System (Demographic Report and Projections of Population Growth in the Houston CMSA 1990-2000, 2000-2015.)

**Election Consultant for HCCS elections for November 2005. Job entailed identifying which residents in each precinct belonged to each HCCS trustee district and submitting the results to John German and Renny Glover at Harris County.**

#### XI. Article Referee

Social Science Quarterly

#### XII. Media Appearances

North District Business/School Partnerships Television Talk Show (Featured Guest), Chinese/American Political Relations Promotion. Houston Independent School District Channel. Aired June 2003

KHOU Channel 11 News. Houston Independent School District Bond Initiative Expert (Up Close Report), November 2002.

North District Business/School Partnerships Television Talk Show (Featured Guest), School Bond Initiative Expert. Houston Independent School District Channel. Aired October 2002

### XIII. Community Activity

Youth Baseball Coach in Humble Baseball Association from 1994-2001.

Volunteer for HISD North District Fall Festival, Halloween Parade, Thanksgiving Dinner for Underprivileged Families and Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament (2000 to 2003).

Member of Mission Bend United Methodist Church