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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1987 Washington University
A.B. 1980 Washington University

RECENT COURSES

Introduction to American Government (PLSC 001) Political Opinion (PLSC 427)
Analysis of Survey Data (PLSC 519) American Political Behavior (PLSC 542)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2005-present Professor of Political Science & Sociology, Penn State University
Academic Director, PSU Survey Research Center (Sept 2006 – present)

1994-2005 Associate Professor of Political Science & Sociology, Penn State University
1989-1994 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Iowa State University.
1987-1989 NIMH Post-Doctoral Fellow, Program in Measurement, Indiana University.

MAJOR GRANTS:

Spencer Foundation: “Evolution and Creationism in America’s Classrooms.” (\$39,745): 2008-2009

National Science Foundation: “Public Opinion and Policy Responsiveness in Small Electorates: Institutions and Spending in American School Districts” (SES-0350541, \$224,638): 2004 -- 2007.

Russell Sage Foundation: “Economic Hardship, Family Life and Voter Turnout in Developmental Perspective” (\$37,945): 2004 - 2006.

BOOK

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- Sandell, Julianna and Eric Plutzer. 2005. “Families, Divorce and Voter Turnout in the US.” Political Behavior 27 (June): 133-162.
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- Zipp, John F. and Eric Plutzer. 2000. "From Housework to Paid Work: The Implications of Women's Labor Force Experiences on Class Identity." Social Science Quarterly 81 (June): 538-54.
- Plutzer, Eric, Ardith Maney and Robert E. O'Connor. 1998. "Ideology and Elite's Perceptions of the Safety of New Technologies." American Journal of Political Science 42 (January): 190-209.
- Plutzer, Eric. 1998. "Family Structure and the Political Participation of African American Women." In The Development of Character and Competence Through Life. University of Chicago Press.
- Plutzer, Eric and John F. Zipp. 1996. "Identity Politics and Voting for Women Candidates." Public Opinion Quarterly 60 (Spring):30-57.
- Zipp, John F. and Eric Plutzer. 1996. "Wives and Husbands: Social Class, Gender, and Class Identification in the U.S." Sociology (May):235-252.
- Huckfeldt, Robert, Eric Plutzer, and John Sprague. 1993. "The Alternative Contexts of Political Behavior: Churches, Neighborhoods, and Individuals." Journal of Politics 55 (May):365-381.
- Banaszak, Lee Ann and Eric Plutzer. 1993. "Contextual Determinants of Feminist Attitudes: National and Subnational Influences in Western Europe." APSR 87 (March):147-57.
- Banaszak, Lee Ann and Eric Plutzer. 1993. "The Social Bases of Feminism in the European Community." Public Opinion Quarterly 57 (Spring):29-53.
- Plutzer, Eric. 1991. "Preferences in Family Politics: Women's Consciousness or Family Context?" Political Geography Quarterly 10 (April):162-173.
- Plutzer, Eric and Michael McBurnett. 1991. "Family Life and American Politics: The 'Marriage Gap' Reconsidered." Public Opinion Quarterly 55 (Spring):113-127.
- Plutzer, Eric. 1988. "Work Life, Family Life, and Women's Support of Feminism." American Sociological Review 53 (August):640-649.
- Zipp, John F. and Eric Plutzer. 1985. "Gender Differences in Voting for Female Candidates: Evidence From the 1982 Election." Public Opinion Quarterly 79 (Summer):179-197.