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Bio

BIO

Brandice Canes-Wrone is the Wayne and Jodi Cooperman Professor of Political Science and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford. She is also the director of the Center for Revitalizing American Institutions. Her current research focuses on representation and accountability, including projects on elections, campaign finance, and representation.

During the course of her career, Canes-Wrone has published numerous articles and books in the areas of political institutions, mass political behavior, and political economy. On political institutions, she has a longstanding interest in executive politics. Her book Who Leads Whom? Presidents, Policy, and Public (University of Chicago, 2006) was awarded the Richard E. Neustadt prize by the American Political Science Association for the best book on the US presidency that year. More recent scholarship involves comparative analysis of how institutional constraints on the executive are associated with economic performance.

Other current research focuses on accountability and representation in the US context. She coedited Accountability Reconsidered: Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking (Cambridge University Press, 2023) with Chuck Cameron, Sandy Gordon, and Greg Huber, and in this volume she and Michael Kistner examine how changes in the US local media are associated with developments in congressional electoral accountability. Additionally, she has a series of recent publications on campaign finance, including on the motivations of campaign donors (with Michael Barber and Sharece Thrower) congressional members' responsiveness to donors (with Kenneth Miller, and in separate work, Nathan Gibson), and comparing the attitudes of donors to other constituencies (with Michael Barber, Josh Clinton, and Greg Huber).

Canes-Wrone is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and has served on the editorial boards of numerous political science and political economy journals. She has also served on the boards of the American National Elections Studies, the Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, and the Presidents and Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, including as President of this section.

Prior to joining the Stanford faculty, Canes-Wrone was on the faculties of MIT, Northwestern, and Princeton. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Princeton and a PhD from Stanford.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Political Science
- Hoover Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution

- Professor (By courtesy), Political Economy

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University, (2016-2022)
- Vice Dean, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, (2015-2019)
- Acting Vice Dean, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, (2012-2013)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2016-)
- Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2013-14)
- Winner, Richard E. Neustadt Award, American Political Science Association (2007)
- Winner, Patrick Fett Award, Midwest Political Science Association (1997)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy (2020 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Congress and the Presidency (2008 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Public Choice (2004 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Presidential Studies Quarterly (2003 - present)
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Politics (2014 - 2018)
- Editorial Board Member, American Journal of Political Science (2006 - 2014)
- Member, Task Force on Electoral Reform (2021 - present)
- Scientific Council Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse (2017 - present)
- President, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2015 - 2016)
- Vice President, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2014 - 2015)
- Secretary/Treasurer, Presidency and Executive Politics Section, American Political Science Association (2013 - 2014)
- Council Member, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association (2008 - 2011)
- Board Member, American National Election Studies (2005 - 2014)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- PHD, Stanford University , Political Economics (1998)
- AB, Princeton University , Economics (1993)
- Certificate, Princeton University , Political Economy (1993)
- Certificate, Princeton University , Music Performance (1993)

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Jonathan T. Rothwell, and Christos Makridis. "Partisanship and Policy on an Emerging Issue: Mass and Elite Responses to COVID-19 as the Pandemic Evolved."

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Christian Ponce de Leon, and Sebastian Thieme. "Investment, Electoral Cycles, and Institutional Constraints in Developing Democracies."

Barber, Michael J., Brandice Canes-Wrone, Joshua Clinton, and Gregory Huber. "

“How Distinct are Campaign Donors’ Preferences? A Comparison of Donors to the Affluent and General US Populations.” (in progress)

Barber, Michael J., and Brandice Canes-Wrone. "Validity of Self-Reported Donating Behavior." (in progress)

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Christian Ponce de Leon, and Sebastian Thieme. "Institutional Constraints of the European Union and Opportunistic Business Cycles." (in progress)

Canes-Wrone, Brandice, Tom S. Clark, Amy Semet, and Sebastian Thieme. “Campaign Contributions and Judicial Independence in the US State Supreme Courts.” (in progress)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Current Debates in American Political Institutions: POLISCI 421A (Win, Spr)
- The Presidency: CIVIC 220R, POLISCI 220R, POLISCI 320R (Win, Spr)

2025-26

- The Presidency: POLISCI 220R, POLISCI 320R (Aut)

2024-25

- Current Debates in American Political Institutions: POLISCI 421A (Spr)

2023-24

- The Presidency: POLISCI 220R, POLISCI 320R (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Liam Bethlendy, Emerald Fikejs, Matthew Merrigan

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Nico Studen

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Sierra Davis

Doctoral (Program)

Dominic Bustillos, Morgan Gillespie, Nico Studen

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Donors and Dollars: Comparing the Policy Views of Donors and the Affluent** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
  Barber, M., Canes-Wrone, B., Clinton, J., Huber, G.
  2026
- **Executive Power, Issue Attention, Interest Groups, and Policy Change in the 21st Century: A Review Essay** *POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY*

Canes-Wrone, B.
2026

- **When can individual partisanship be tempered? Mass behavior and attitudes across the COVID-19 pandemic** *POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND METHODS*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Rothwell, J. T., Makridis, C.
  2026
- **Congressional Fundraising Dynamics and Their Implications for Problem-Solving** *FORUM-A JOURNAL OF APPLIED RESEARCH IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICS*
  Canes-Wrone, B.
  2025
- **Which Republican Constituencies Support Restrictive Abortion Laws? Comparisons Among Donors, Wealthy, and Mass Publics** *PUBLIC OPINION QUARTERLY*
  Barber, M., Canes-Wrone, B., Clinton, J., Huber, G.
  2025
- **Mass Versus Donor Attitudes on the Importance of Supreme Court Nominations** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Canes-wrone, B., Kastellec, J., Studen, N.
  2025
- **Institutional constraints on the executive, investment, and elections** *PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES QUARTERLY*
  Canes-Wrone, B., de Leon, C., Thieme, S.
  2023
- **Accountability and Representation? Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking**
  edited by Cameron, C. C., Canes-Wrone, B., Gordon , S., Huber, G. A.
  Cambridge University Press.2023
- **Accountability Reconsidered Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking Introduction** *ACCOUNTABILITY RECONSIDERED*
  Cameron, C. M., Canes-Wrone, B., Gordon, S. C., Huber, G. A.
  edited by Cameron, C. M., Canes-Wrone, B., Gordon, S. C., Huber, G. A.
  2023: 1-+
- **Local Newspapers and Ideological Accountability in US House Elections** *ACCOUNTABILITY RECONSIDERED*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Kistner, M. R.
  edited by Cameron, C. M., Canes-Wrone, B., Gordon, S. C., Huber, G. A.
  2023: 129-149
- **Conclusion: Assessing Contemporary Accountability** *ACCOUNTABILITY RECONSIDERED*
  Cameron, C. M., Canes-Wrone, B., Gordon, S. C., Huber, G.
  edited by Cameron, C. M., Canes-Wrone, B., Gordon, S. C., Huber, G. A.
  2023: 334-341
- **Local Newspapers and Ideological Accountability in US House Elections** *Accountability and Representation? Voters, Interests, and Information in US Policymaking*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Kistner, M. R.
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  Cambridge University Press.2023
- **Out of Step and Still in Office? Electoral Consequences of Incumbent and Challenger Positioning Across Time** *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Kistner, M. R.
  2022; 17 (3): 389-420
- **Out-of-District Donors and Representation in the US House** *LEGISLATIVE STUDIES QUARTERLY*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Miller, K. M.
  2022; 47 (2): 361-395

- **Foreign direct investment screening and congressional backlash politics in the United States** *BRITISH JOURNAL OF POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Mattioli, L., Meunier, S.
  2020; 22 (4): 666-678
- **Campaign Contributions and Donors' Policy Agreement with Presidential Candidates** *PRESIDENTIAL STUDIES QUARTERLY*
  Barber, M., Canes-Wrone, B., Thrower, S.
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- **Developments in Congressional Responsiveness to Donor OpinionY**
  Canes-Wrone, B., Gibson, N.
  edited by Lee, F. E., McCarty, N.
  CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS.2019: 69-92
- **Does Money Buy Congressional Love?** *Congress and the Presidency*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Gibson, N.
  2019; 46 (1): 1-27
- **Judicial Elections, Public Opinion, and Decisions on Lower-Salience Issues**
  Canes-Wrone, B., Clark, T. S., Semet, A.
  WILEY.2018: 672-707
- **Ideologically Sophisticated Donors: Which Candidates Do Individual Contributors Finance?** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*
  Barber, M. J., Canes-Wrone, B., Thrower, S.
  2017; 61 (2): 271-288
- **MEASURING THE CHILLING EFFECT** *NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Dorf, M. C.
  2015; 90 (4): 1095-1114
- **From Mass Preferences to Policy** *Annual Review of Political Science*
  Canes-Wrone, B.
  2015; 18: 147-65
- **Why Has US Policy Uncertainty Risen Since 1960?** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW*
  Baker, S. R., Bloom, N., Canes-Wrone, B., Davis, S. J., Rodden, J.
  2014; 104 (5): 56-60
- **Judicial Selection and Death Penalty Decisions** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Canes-Wrone, B., Clark, T. S., Kelly, J. P.
  2014; 108 (1): 23-39
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  2014; 44 (1): 83-106
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  2013; 45 (1): 85-104
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- **OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS** *PRESIDENCY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY*
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- **JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS** *WISCONSIN LAW REVIEW*
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  Canes-Wrone, B.
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- **The Influence of Congress and the Courts over the Bureaucracy: An Analysis of Wetlands Policy** *The Macropolitics of Congress*
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- **The Public Presidency, Personal Approval Ratings, and Policy Making** *Presidential Studies Quarterly*
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- **Presidential approval and legislative success** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
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- **Out of step, out of office: Electoral accountability and house members' voting** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
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- **Differences in Legislative Voting Behavior between Winning and Losing House Incumbents** *Continuity and Change in House Elections*
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