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Political Science

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BIO

Douglas Rivers is the Ward C. Krebs Family Professor of political science at Stanford University and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution. He is the president and CEO of YouGov/Polimetrix.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Executive of the Year, Research Business Report (2000)
- Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (1992-1993)
- Innovator's Award, American Association for Public Opinion Research (2001)
- Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (2015)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Director, Roper Center for Public Opinion Research (2010 - present)
- Director, YouGov PLC (2013 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Harvard University (1981)
- B.A., Columbia University in the City of New York , Political Science (1977)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Political Methodology III: Model-Based Inference: POLISCI 450C (Spr)

2025-26

- Political Methodology III: Model-Based Inference: POLISCI 450C (Spr)
- The Science of Politics: Foundational Concepts for Political Science Graduate Students: POLISCI 480 (Aut)

2023-24

- Political Methodology IV: Advanced Topics: POLISCI 450D (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral (Program)

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Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **The statistical analysis of roll call data** *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*
  Clinton, J., Jackman, S., Rivers, D.
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- **Model Selection Tests for Nonlinear Dynamic Models** *The Econometrics Journal*
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- **The roofs of careerism in the US House of Representatives** *LEGISLATIVE STUDIES QUARTERLY*

Brady, D., Buckley, K., Rivers, D.
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- **Party identification, retrospective voting, and moderating elections in a federal system - West Germany, 1961-1989** *COMPARATIVE POLITICAL STUDIES*
  Lohmann, S., Brady, D. W., Rivers, D.
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- **EXPERIMENTAL ESTIMATES OF THE IMPACT OF WAGE SUBSIDIES** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMETRICS*
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- **SOPHISTICATED VOTING IN CONGRESS - A RECONSIDERATION** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
  Krehbiel, K., Rivers, D.
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- **SELECTION BIAS IN LINEAR-REGRESSION, LOGIT AND PROBIT MODELS** *SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS & RESEARCH*
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