

BRIEF BIO

James C. Garand

James C. Garand (Ph.D., University of Kentucky, 1984) is the Emogene Pliner Distinguished Professor in Political Science. Professor Garand has teaching and research interests in the fields of legislative politics, electoral politics, public opinion, public policy, state politics, domestic political economy, and methodology and statistics. His research on a wide range of topics in American politics has been published in numerous journals, including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Western Political Quarterly*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *American Politics Research* (formerly *American Politics Quarterly*), *Public Choice*, *Electoral Studies*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. His coedited book, *Before the Vote: Forecasting American National Elections*, was published by Sage Publications in 2000.

Professor Garand was President of the Southern Political Science Association in 2004. He served as Vice-President and Program Chair in 2001 for the Southern Political Science Association, and he is also former president of the State Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. Professor Garand is former editor of the *American Politics Quarterly*, one of the leading subfield journals in American politics. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Politics*, *American Politics Research*, *State and Local Government Review*, and *Journal of Political Marketing*, and he is a former member of the editorial boards of the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *State Politics and Policy*, and *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. His current research agenda includes numerous projects relating to the study of American politics.

Professor Garand has received numerous faculty awards. In 1997 Professor Garand received the LSU Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of sustained excellence in teaching, research, and service. In 2001 he received the LSU Foundation Distinguished Faculty Award in recognition of his excellence in graduate teaching, and in 1990 he received the university-wide Student Government Association Teaching Excellence Award for undergraduate teaching. He is also a recipient of the Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society certificate of recognition for superior instruction of freshman students during the Fall 2000 semester.