

Sierra Vane



EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

Ph.D., Political Science 2015

M.A., Political Science 2011

University of Redlands

B.A., Majors in Government and Philosophy, Minor in Economics 2009

Summa Cum Laude, Honors in Government, Phi Beta Kappa

BOARD SERVICE

Orange Unified School District

School Board Trustee Area 2 2024-Present

Orange City-Schools Committee 2026-Present

Legislative Coalition Committee 2025-2026

Junior League of Orange County

Board of Directors: Director of Strategy and Innovation 2026-Present

70th Anniversary Committee 2025-2026

Nominating Committee 2023-2025

Representative, Southwest Exchange Conference 2024

Finance Council Chair 2022-2023

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Mount San Antonio College

Political Science Professor 2016-Present

Faculty Coordinator, Humanities and Social Sciences Division 2022-2023

Chair, Department of Geography and Political Science 2020-2021

University of California, Irvine

Affiliated Faculty Member, Center for Neuropolitics 2021-2023

Political Science Instructor 2014

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Johnson, April A. and **Sierra Powell**. 2023. "Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities," *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 12(3): 559-580.

Fisher, Mark, Davin Phoenix, **Sierra Powell**, Myrna Mousa, Shawn Rosenberg, Dana Greenia, Maria Corrada, Claudia Kawas, and Annlia Paganini-Hill. 2021. "Cognition and Political Ideology in Aging." *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* 69(3): 762-766.

Johnson, April A. and **Sierra Powell**. 2020. "Disability and Election Administration in the United States: Barriers and Improvements." *Policy Studies* 41(2-3): 249-270.

Powell, Sierra and April A. Johnson. 2019. "Patterns and Mechanisms of Political Participation Among People with Disabilities." *Journal of Health, Politics, Policy, and Law* 44(3): 381-422.

Miller, Peter and **Sierra Powell**. 2016. "Overcoming Voting Obstacles: Convenience Voting by People with Disabilities." *American Politics Research* 44(1): 28-55.

Wattenberg, Martin. P. and **Sierra Powell**. 2015. "A Policy-Oriented Electorate: Evaluations of Candidates and Parties in the Obama Elections Compared to the 1952-1980 Period." *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 45(3): 540-557.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Mount San Antonio College

"Voting Access and Rights Across the States."	2024
"The U.S. Supreme Court: Background and Politics."	2023
"Voter Empowerment."	2022

"Political Advertising in the United States."	2023
School of Communication, Chapman University	

"Partisanship and Political Participation Among People with Disabilities"	2021
With April A. Johnson	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Conducted Virtually	

"Cognition and Political Ideology: A Study of Neuropolitics"	2021
With Mark Fisher and Davin Phoenix	
Works in Progress Series, Center for Medical Humanities, University of California, Irvine	

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Mount San Antonio College

Academic Calendar Workgroup Member	2025-Present
Faculty Evaluation Team Member, Department of Sign Language & Interpreting	2022-2025
Faculty Association Departmental Representative	2023-2024
Delegate, Community College Association Winter Conference	2023
Institutional Review Board Member	2017-2023
Accreditation Finishing Team Member	2022
Political Science Club Co-Founder	2017-2019
Academic Senator	2019

American Political Science Association

Community College Faculty Award Committee	2021
Panel Chair: Twitter, Mobilization, and Norms	2021