

Dr. Daniel A. Smith is University of Florida Research Foundation (2010-2012) Professor of Political Science. Professor Smith received his PhD in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994, and dual BAs (*Phi Beta Kappa*) in Political Science (Foreign Affairs) and History from Penn State University in 1988.

Professor Smith's research is motivated by understanding how political institutions affect political behavior across the American states. He has published more than forty scholarly articles on the politics and process of direct democracy in the American states in the leading political science journals, including discipline's most esteemed outlet, *The American Political Science Review*. His co-authored book, *Educated by Initiative: The Effects of Direct Democracy on Citizens and Political Organizations in the American States* (University of Michigan Press, 2004), examines the "educative effects" of the initiative process on voter turnout, citizen engagement, and political efficacy, as well as the indirect impact citizen lawmaking has on interest groups and political parties. Smith's first book, *Tax Crusaders and the Politics of Direct Democracy* (Routledge, 1998), investigated the financial backing and the populist-sounding rhetoric of three anti-tax ballot initiatives, including Proposition 13 in California. He is also the coauthor of a widely-used textbook, *State and Local Politics: Institutions and Reform* (Cengage, 2010), now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition.

Among many other topics, Professor Smith has written extensively on the history of the adoption of direct democracy in the American states, the campaign financing of ballot measure campaigns, initiatives and referendums that have attempted to reform ethics and elections in the American states, the popular support and fate of redistricting initiatives, the impact of anti-gay marriage measures on candidate elections (including the 2004 and 2008 elections), the priming effects of initiatives raising the minimum wage, and the campaign financing and the electoral process in Colorado and Florida. He has also written on redistricting and voting rights in the U.S. and in Africa.

Professor Smith also has extensive international experience. In addition to giving invited talks in Switzerland and China, he served as a Senior Fulbright Scholar at the University of Ghana in 2000-01 and a Research Associate at the Center for Democratic Development–Ghana in 2011. He has written widely on contemporary Ghanaian politics and democratic consolidation, focusing on issues of electoral irregularities and legislative apportionment and redistricting. He is currently co-PI of a major US State Department Cultural Affairs grant bringing Francophone West Africans and American elected officials and voting rights experts together to better understand voting and the electoral process in Trans-Sahara Africa and the US.

A seasoned observer of state politics and political campaigns, Professor Smith's commentary on the initiative process more generally has appeared in or has been heard on numerous news media, including *The New York Times*, the *Economist*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *BBC*, *National Public Radio*, *Voice of America*, and *ABC* and *NBC* News.

Professor Smith has provided testimony to the state legislatures of Colorado and Florida as well as the British House of Lords. He has advised numerous groups, including the Chamber of Commerce and delegations in several American embassies, on voting and electoral practices in the American states. He has served as an expert witness in numerous legal cases dealing with ballot measures and campaign finance laws, and was lead author of the "Direct Democracy Scholars" *amicus brief* in *Doe v. Reed*, which was successfully argued by the Attorney General of the state of Washington before the US Supreme Court in 2010. He is currently conducting research with Professor Michael Herron (Dartmouth College) on early voting in Florida during the 2008 General Election.