

A man in a black jacket is shown from the chest up, holding a video camera with a microphone. He is pointing his right hand upwards with his index finger. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, and the background shows a city street with buildings. The image has a blue tint.

Don't just change the policy, change the system.

# POLITICS



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# OUR MISSION

Citizens who think critically and are engaged in governance are necessary for a viable and functioning democracy. Simply voting is not enough. At UC Santa Cruz, we focus on how to enable a more just, more inclusive, and more equitable society. We focus on how and why policies are created and sustained. We equip students to ask the big questions, examine the bases of complex and entrenched policy structures, and take action towards tangible change.

## OUR WORK

We pursue research and teaching that addresses large-scale social problems. Our work both explains and exposes the origins of unjust policies and issues such as social inequity, poverty, or corruption and identifies paths to improve them. Our conception of “political” is much broader than traditional political science departments. Our work encompasses:

- Subnational, local, and urban politics
- Social movements
- Global security issues, including defense and migration
- Environmental politics
- Public policy, including social policy and defense policy
- Politics of economic development
- Politics and history



## POLITICS BY THE NUMBERS

3,929 students enrolled in politics classes

391 undergraduate majors

44% of majors are first-generation college students

31 Ph.D. students

13 faculty

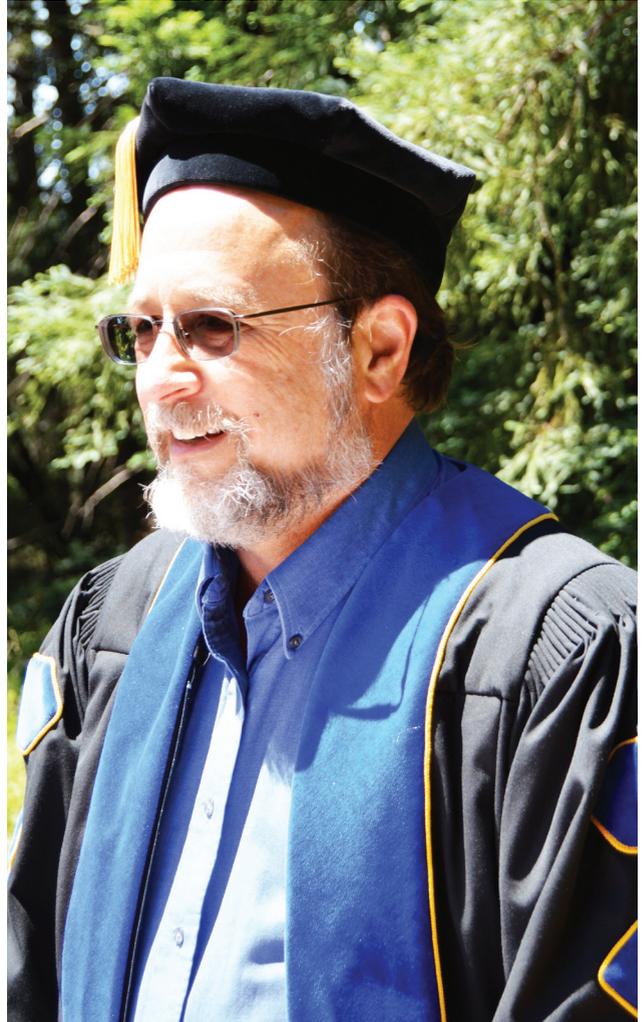
10 teaching awards since 2000

25 students sent to Washington, D.C. as interns annually

# OUR GOALS

In order to increase our visibility, recognition, and impact, we are focused on these specific goals:

- **Support student fieldwork**  
To fully understand how politics is conducted, students need to be exposed to political venues such as University of California's program in Washington D.C. and other field-based internships.
- **Create an endowment to fund faculty and graduate student research**  
In a time of decreasing funding, it is essential that both faculty and students have the opportunity and the necessary time to conduct their research.
- **Enhance the Ph.D. program**  
Greater financial support for students will attract highly qualified applicants and enable students to progress more quickly through the program.
- **Attract funding for the proposed John H. Schaar Endowed Chair in Politics**  
The appointment of a nationally known scholar to this chair, or another endowed chair in politics, will enhance the reputation and visibility of the department.



"All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."

—Aristotle

How can we explain behavioral regularity in



## YOU CAN HELP

Politics makes the world go 'round—but not without an educated and engaged citizenry. A gift to fund the activities and needs of the UC Santa Cruz Politics Department will help ensure the future of our department, our university, and our country.

Your gift makes all the difference.

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