



ANES Announces a New Associate Principal Investigator

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The American National Election Studies is pleased to announce that Dr. Vincent Hutchings has been named Associate Principal Investigator. Dr. Hutchings has been a member of the ANES Board of Overseers since 2005. He will serve in this capacity for the rest of this year and throughout 2009. In this role, he will participate in all aspects of project planning.

Professor Hutchings' research interests include public opinion, elections, voting behavior, and African American politics. His book entitled "Public Opinion and Democratic Accountability: How Citizens Learn About Politics" focuses on how, and under what circumstances, citizens monitor (and consequently influence) their elected representative's voting behavior. Professor Hutchings also studies how the size of the African American constituency in congressional districts can influence legislative responsiveness to Black interests. The most recent product of this research has been published in the *Journal of Politics*.

Professor Hutchings is also interested in the ways that campaign communications can "prime" various group identities and subsequently affect candidate evaluations. This research examines how campaign communications can subtly---and not so subtly---prime voter's racial (and other group-based) attitudes and subsequently affect their political decisions. Research from this project has been published in the *American Political Science Review* and *Public Opinion Quarterly*. This project is currently being developed into a book-length manuscript.

ANES welcomes Professor Hutchings in his new role and is grateful for his ongoing contributions to the ANES.

Sincerely,

Jon A. Krosnick and Arthur Lupia
ANES Principal Investigators

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