

## **Project Co-Directors**

### **Dr. James Thomas Tucker (Chandler, Arizona)**

Dr. Tucker is an Adjunct Professor at the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, and co-director of the study of minority language assistance practices in public elections. Dr. Tucker is a Shareholder with the Phoenix law firm of Ogletree Deakins, P.C. He formerly served as a senior trial attorney with the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. He has authored several articles on the Voting Rights Act, including a forthcoming piece on the language assistance provisions of the VRA. Dr. Tucker received his S.J.D. and LL.M. from the University of Pennsylvania, his J.D. from the University of Florida, his M.P.A. from the University of Oklahoma, and his B.A. in History from Arizona State University's Barrett Honors College.

### **Dr. Rodolfo Espino (Phoenix, Arizona)**

Dr. Rodolfo Espino is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Arizona State University, and is co-director of the study of minority language assistance practices in public elections. Dr. Espino received his B.A from Luther College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Espino's primary research and teaching interests are in the fields of American politics and political methodology. Dr. Espino is presently engaged in a number of research projects, including an examination of the effects of residency patterns on public policy attitudes, the determinants of instability in congressional roll call voting, translation effects in surveys of Latinos in the United States, and midpoint inflation bias in public opinion surveys.

## **Student Researchers at the Barrett Honors College**

### **Rebecca Amrani (Wichita, Kansas)**

Ms. Amrani is a Senior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, majoring in Media Management with a minor in Business. Ms. Amrani is a National Merit Scholar, and recipient of the Grady Gammage Memorial and Sun Devil Scholarships. After graduation, Ms. Amrani plans to pursue an MBA and work in the television industry.

### **Elizabeth Andrews (Tempe, Arizona)**

Ms. Andrews is a Junior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, with a double major in Political Science and History. Ms. Andrews is a National Merit Scholar and is a recipient of the Leadership Scholarship, Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, and ASU President's Scholarship. Ms. Andrews presently is a Junior Fellow in the Department of Political Science and an Undergraduate Research Fellow in the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. After graduation, Ms. Andrews plans to pursue a graduate degree in public policy and attend to law school.

### **Linley Barney (Farmington, New Mexico)**

Ms. Barney is a Senior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, with a double major in Political Science and Italian. Ms. Barney is a recipient of the Sun Devil Scholarship. After graduation, Ms. Barney plans to attend law school.

### **Jessica Becker (Anoka, Minnesota)**

Ms. Becker is a Junior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, with a double major in Political Science and Economics. Ms. Becker is a National Merit Scholar. After graduation, Ms. Becker plans to pursue a graduate degree in Economics or attend law school.

### **Nicole Finch (Peoria, Arizona)**

Ms. Finch is a Senior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, majoring in Psychology. Ms. Finch is a recipient of the President's Scholarship. After graduation, Ms. Finch plans to attend graduate school.

**Heather Hinderland (Glendale, Arizona)**

Ms. Hinderland is a Senior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, majoring in Political Science. Ms. Hinderland is one of just five undergraduate students enrolled in the inaugural class of the combined B.A./M.A program in the Department of Political Science. Ms. Hinderland is a recipient of the President's Scholarship. She will be awarded her masters degree in 2007.

**Karissa Kater (Phoenix, Arizona)**

Ms. Kater is a Senior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, majoring in Psychology with a minor in Women's Studies. Ms. Kater is a recipient of the ASU Provost Scholarship, and is an active member of the Phi Eta Sigma First-Year Honors Society and Omega Phi Alpha Community Service Sorority. Ms. Kater is planning on pursuing a graduate degree in Clinical Psychology.

**Kristine Kelley (Scottsdale, Arizona)**

Ms. Kelley is a May 2005 graduate of the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication with a concentration in Media Management. Ms. Kelleet is a recipient of the ASU Medallion of Merit Scholarship, Rotary Scholarship for Performing Arts, ASU University Scholarship, Phoenix Press Club Scholarship, and Arizona Merit Scholarship. Ms. Kelley was an International Radio & Television Society (IRTS) Summer Fellow in 2004. Ms. Kelley is employed in media planning by Zenith Optimedia in New York City.

**Lauron Lovato (Albuquerque, New Mexico)**

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**Laura Thorson (Mesa, Arizona)**

Ms. Thorson is a Junior in the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, with a double major in Political Science and History and a certificate in Philosophy, Politics, and Law. Ms. Thorson is a receipt of the ASU President's Scholarship, Medallian of Merit Scholarship, TruWest Credit Union Scholarship, and Student Development and Memorial Union Pepsi Scholarship. After graduation, Ms. Thorson plans to attend to law school.