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Dr. David A. Bositis (BA, Northwestern, MA, PhD, Southern Illinois University), who has been at the Joint Center since 1990, is the author, co-author or editor of six books, thirteen monographs, and numerous scholarly articles, analyses, and reports, most recently 'Blacks and the 2008 Democratic National Convention', 'Blacks and 2008 Republican National Convention', 'The Impact of the Core Voting Rights Act on Voting and Officeholding' in *The Voting Rights Act* (CQ Press), edited by Richard Valelly, and 'Black Political Power in the New Century' in *The Black Metropolis in the Twenty-First Century* (Rowman and Littlefield), edited by Robert Bullard. Prior to working at the Joint Center, he taught political science and sociology at the George Washington University and at SUNY-Potsdam.

Since 1992, Dr. Bositis has designed and managed 26 national surveys for the Joint Center, which have included over 29,000 respondents. These surveys include studies done for the U.S. Army, HBO, Pfizer, Fortune, AARP, and other U.S. corporations. These surveys have included national surveys of the African American and Hispanic populations and the general population, as well as specialized national surveys of black elected officials, young adults, black churches, minority owned businesses, black professionals, and social workers. The most recent publications from these surveys are the Joint Center National Survey of African Americans on Global Warming, The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies 2007 National Survey of Likely Black Presidential Primary Voters, and Black Churches and the Faith-Based Initiative.

Dr. Bositis is a voting rights and redistricting expert, who has published widely in this area, and has appeared as an expert witness in both state and federal court. Dr. Bositis worked with the late Judge A. Leon Higgenbotham, Jr. in defending majority-minority districts following the U.S. Supreme Court's *Shaw v. Reno* decision. Dr. Bositis' research was cited by Justice Stevens in the *Bush v. Vera* case.

Dr. Bositis is also a scholar of political parties and representation and has written extensively on those topics, including the Congressional Black Caucus. Since 1992, he has written the popular monograph series, *Blacks and the Democratic and Republican National Conventions*. In 2000, the U.S. State

Department sent Dr. Bositis to Tanzania, Zanzibar, Zambia, and South Africa to speak on issues of representation. Dr. Bositis traveled to Benin several times in the mid-1990s to provide training and to work with NGOs that were conducting presidential election studies.

Among the groups before which Dr. Bositis has spoken are the National Governors' Association, Harvard Law School, the NAACP, the NAACP LDF, the DNC and RNC, the National School Boards Association, the National Education Association, the CATO Institute, the Heritage Foundation, the CBC, the National Commission on Civic Renewal, American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, Black Leadership Forum, Operation Push, and many others. Dr. Bositis has written many OP-Ed pieces for the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, and other leading newspapers.

Dr. Bositis is also a scholar of black politics and voting, and the Joint Center has published his election analyses following each national election since 1992. Since 1997, Dr. Bositis has also been the author of the Joint Center series on black elected officials entitled 'Black Elected Officials: A Statistical Analysis'.