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**Education:**  
PhD, Political Science, Rutgers University (1999)

**Background:**  
Bernard Tamas received his PhD from Rutgers University. He has held a Fulbright scholarship to the Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, where he conducted research on the political parties that emerged after the fall of the Berlin Wall. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard-MIT Data Center at Harvard University as well as a visiting scholar at Harvard's Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, (now the Institute for Quantitative Social Science.) Most recently, he was a visiting research scholar in the Department of Political Science at Columbia University, where he taught comparative politics. Dr. Tamas has also worked as a software developer and database programmer at Princeton University. He has taught American politics and research methods at institutions of higher education that include Illinois State University, Williams College, and Brandeis University.

**Research:**  
Dr. Tamas's research interests are primarily in political parties, electoral systems, and research methodology. He is currently writing a book on the decline of third-parties in United States over the twentieth century and a series of articles on the problems with the single-member plurality electoral system, or the "winner-take-all" system used in the United States, United Kingdom, India and Canada. Dr. Tamas also builds research software, including Windows applications that run computer simulations.

**Teaching:**  
Dr. Tamas teaches American politics and research methods courses, including

- American Government (POLS 1101)
- Elections and Voting Behavior (POLS 4820)
- Political Parties, Interest Groups, and the Mass Media (POLS 3230)
- Scope and Methods (POLS 3100)

**Selected Publications:**

Bernard Tamas and Matthew Hindman (2014), "Ballot Access Laws and the Decline of American Third-Parties", *Election Law Journal* 13(2): 260-276.

Bernard Ivan Tamas (2008), *From Dissident to Party Politics: The Struggle For Democracy in Post-Communist Hungary, 1989-1994*. East European Monographs, Columbia University Press.

Gardenia Harris, Bernard Ivan Tamas, and Nancy S. Lind (2007), *Dynamics of Social Welfare Policy: Right Versus Left*. Rowman and Littlefield.

Nancy S. Lind and Bernard Ivan Tamas (2006), *Bush Controversies: Pro & Con Primary Documents*. Greenwood Press.

Bernard Ivan Tamas (2006), "A Divided Political Elite: Why Congress Banned Multimember Districts in 1842." *New Political Science* 28: 23-44.