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EDUCATION

Ph.D. – May 1998: Columbia University, political science – dissertation awarded distinction: “Public Opinion and Welfare Policies in the American States”

M. Phil. – May 1995: Columbia University, political science – comprehensive exams taken in American politics (major) and political theory (minor). Spanish language proficiency.

M.A. – May 1993: Columbia University, political science.

B.A. – May 1988: Southwestern Oklahoma State University, political science major, history minor (summa cum laude).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Political Science, Illinois Wesleyan University – 2010 to present. Responsible for various courses on American politics, including introductory American government, public opinion, political-psychology, American social policy, American health policy, the American presidency, Congress, senior research seminar, and intellectual history in political science.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Illinois Wesleyan University – 2004 to 2010. Taught various courses on American politics.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Illinois Wesleyan University – 1998 to 2004. Taught various courses on American politics.

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University – Spring 1998. Theories and Practices of American Federalism.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Baruch College, City University of New York – Spring 1998. Public Opinion and Political Behavior.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Hunter College, City University of New York – Fall 1997. Two sections of Introduction to American Government and Politics.

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Social Science, LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York – Spring 1997. Political Leadership.

Instructor, Department of Political Science, Columbia University – Summer 1996. Introduction to American Government and Politics.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Columbia University – 1994-1997. Introduction to American Politics, and State and Local Government.

BOOKS

Medicare and Medicaid: A Reference Handbook, ABC-CLIO (under contract).

The Dysfunctional Politics of the Affordable Care Act, Praeger Publishers, 2017.

The Healthcare Debate, Greenwood Press/ABC-CLIO, 2010.

The Welfare Debate, Greenwood Press, 2007.

ARTICLES

“Do Project Pedagogies Make a Difference?” with co-author James Simeone, *Journal of Political Science Education*, vol. 13, no. 1, 2017.

“American Public Opinion on Inequality, Taxes, and Mobility: 1990-2011,” with co-author Laura Gaffey, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 76, no. 3, 2012.

“Changes in Public Opinion and the American Welfare State,” *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 4, no. 124, 2009/2010.

“Tolerance in the United States,” with co-author Chelsea Schafer, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 73, no. 2, 2009.

“Confidence in Law Enforcement,” with co-author Kathryn Brannan, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 73, no. 1, 2009.

“False Consensus: Public (Mis)Estimation of Public Opinion,” *Public Opinion Pros* (an on-line journal of public opinion research) March 2005.

“Living, Learning and Teaching Anti-Poverty Policies: Reflections on an Undergraduate Travel Course,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, vol. 37, no. 4, 2004.

“Social Security and Medicare,” with co-author Sarah Mysiewicz, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 68, no. 3, 2004.

“Abortion,” *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 67, no. 3, 2003.

“Teaching Anti-Poverty Policies through an Undergraduate Travel Course,” *Journal of Teaching in Marriage and Family*, vol. 3, no. 1, 2003.

“Poverty and Public Assistance,” with co-author Robert Shapiro, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 66, no. 1, 2002.

“Cooler Passions: Welfare Reform Five Years Later,” with co-author Robert Shapiro, *The Public Perspective*, vol. 13, no. 2, March/April 2002.

“Devolution and Confidence in Government,” with co-author Stephanie Reinhart, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 65, no. 3, 2001.

“Navigating Slanted Arguments: Framing, Political Knowledge and the Impact of Biased Messages” *Illinois Political Science Review*, vol. 7, no. 1, 2001.

“The Role of Public Input in State Welfare Policymaking,” *Policy Studies Journal*, vol. 28, no. 4, 2000.

“Political Reform,” with co-author Amy Ragland, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 64, no. 2, 2000.

“Looking Inward, Looking Outward: The Politics of State Welfare Innovation under Devolution,” with co-author Robert Lieberman, *Political Research Quarterly*, vol. 53, no. 2, 2000.

“Crime, Civil Liberties, and the Police,” with co-authors Robert Shapiro, Shmuel Lock, and Lawrence Jacobs, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 62, no. 3, 1998.

“Immigrants and Immigration,” with co-authors John Lapinski, Pia Peltola, and Alan Yang, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, vol. 61, no. 2, 1997.

“The Politics of Carrots and Sticks,” with co-author Robert Lieberman, *Metropolitics*, a publication of the Barnard-Columbia Center for Urban Policy, vol. I, no. 3, 1997.

“Searching Presidential Documents On-line: Advantages and Limitations,” with co-authors Robert Shapiro and Lawrence Jacobs, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, vol. 29, no. 3, 1996.

“On-Line Presidential Documents: User-Friendly but Still Incomplete,” with co-authors Robert Shapiro and Lawrence Jacobs, *PRG Report*, newsletter of the Presidency Research Group, American Political Science Association, 1995.

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, AND OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS

“Critiquing Consumer-Driven Healthcare” – entry in *Healthcare Reform in America: A Reference Handbook*, 2nd edition, Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld and Michael Kronenfeld, editors, ABC/CLIO, 2015.

“Social Security Act” – entry in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Economic,*

and Labor History, Melvyn Dubofsky, editor, Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Social Security” – entry in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Social History*, Lynn Dumenil, editor, Oxford University Press, 2012.

“Welfare Reform” – entry in *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Voices, and Viewpoints*, Roger Chapman, editor, M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 2010.

Review of Chad Goldberg’s *Citizens and Paupers: Relief, Rights, and Race from the Freedmen’s Bureau to Workfare*, University of Chicago Press, 2007; *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 124, no. 2, summer 2009.

Review of Samuel Eldersveld’s *Poor America: A Comparative Historical Study of Poverty in the United States and Western Europe*, Lexington Books, 2007; *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 122, no. 4, winter 2007/08.

“Social Policy Preferences, National Defense and Political Polarization in the United States,” with co-authors Benjamin Veghte and Robert Shapiro, book chapter in *Social Justice, Legitimacy and the Welfare State*, edited by Steffan Mau and Benjamin Veghte, Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2007.

Review of Julia Lynch’s *Age in the Welfare State: The Origins of Social Spending on Pensioners, Workers, and Children*, Cambridge University Press, 2006; *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 122, no. 1, spring 2007.

Review of Anne Schneider and Helen Ingram’s (eds.) *Deserving and Entitled: Social Constructions of Public Policy*, State University of New York Press, 2005; *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 3, no. 4, December 2005.

Review of George Lakoff’s *Don’t Think of an Elephant! Know Your Values and Frame the Debate*, Chelsea Green Publishing, 2004, *The Forum* (an on-line journal of applied research in contemporary politics), vol. 3, no. 3, fall 2005.

“Welfare” – with co-author Robert Shapiro, entry in *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, Samuel Best and Benjamin Radcliff, editors, Greenwood Press, 2005.

“Federalism and Social Welfare Policy (United States)” – entry in *the Encyclopedia of Social Welfare History in North America*, Sage Publications, 2005.

Review of Frank Newport’s *Polling Matters: Why Leaders Must Listen to the Wisdom of the People*, Time Warner Books 2004; *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 33, no. 4, fall 2004.

“Framing Questions” – entry in *Public Opinion and Polling around the World: A Historical Encyclopedia*, John Geer, editor, ABC-CLIO Publishers, 2004.

Review of Henry Aaron, James Lindsay and Pietro Nivola (eds.) *Agenda for the Nation*, Brookings Institution Press, 2003; *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 33, no. 1, winter

2004.

Review of Jeff Manza, Fay Lomax Cook, and Benjamin Page's (eds.) *Navigating Public Opinion: Polls, Policy, and the Future of American Democracy*, Oxford University Press, 2002; *Political Studies Review* vol. 2, no. 1, 2004.

Review of Carol Weissert's (ed.) *Learning from Leaders: Welfare Reform Politics and Policy in Five Midwestern States*, Rockefeller Institute Press, 2000; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, vol. 31, no. 2, 2002.

Review of Shmuel Lock's *Crime, Public Opinion, and Civil Liberties: The Tolerant Public*, Praeger, 1999; *Political Science Quarterly*, vol. 114, no. 4, winter 1999/2000.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

Learning
"Policy Knowledge, Partisanship, and the Affordable Care Act: Modest and Selective Learning from 2010-2017," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2017.

"Teaching Strategies and Public Opinion Research," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

"Assessing the Quality of Citizenship: Do Project Pedagogies Make a Difference?" with co-author Jim Simeone, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2014.

"Toward an Improved Theory of Preference Reversal under Diverse Scenarios," with co-author Mike Dancs, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

"Public Estimates of Public Opinion: Accuracy and False Consensus as a Function of Self-Placement and Issue Type," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2005.

"Living, Learning and Teaching Anti-Poverty Policies: Reflections on an Undergraduate Travel Course," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003.

"Trends in Public Opinion on Welfare and Poverty," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2003.

"Patterns of State Policy Diffusion: Convoys, Packs and Clusters," with co-author Tari Renner, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2002.

“What Did Welfare Reform Mean for States and Citizens? Findings from a Survey of State Policymakers,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2002.

“Framing, Political Knowledge and the Impact of Biased Messages,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2001.

“The Impact of Federalism on Employment Assistance Programs,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1999.

“Consensus and Dissensus on Healthcare in Public Opinion and the Media,” with co-author Lawrence Jacobs, paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1999.

“Linking Lower-Class Mobilization and State Welfare Policies: The Role of Issue Engagement by State Parties,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 1998.

“Along the Road to Devolution: State Welfare Policymaking and the Role of Public Input,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 1997.

“Does Public Opinion Get What It Wants? Tracking State Opinions and Policies toward the Poor,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1997.

“Was There A Welfare Reform Mandate? Findings from a Survey of Social Policy Makers in the States,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, November 1996.

“State Welfare Policies and the Shifting Ground of American Federalism,” with co-author Robert Lieberman, paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 1996.

“Public Opinion, Newspaper Reporting, and State AFDC Policies: Which Follows Which?” paper presented at annual meeting of Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1996.

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, AND GRANTS

Curriculum development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, spring 2019, to support the development of a new team-taught course on democracy. \$2,000.

Instructional development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, spring 2018, to purchase materials in support of a health policy course. \$500.

Inducted into the national honor society of Phi Kappa Phi, April 2009.

Elected the Student Senate Professor of the Year, Illinois Wesleyan University, 2006/2007, and 2011/2012.

Course revision grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 2012, to revise The American Presidency (PS 230) to develop a stronger focus on writing and information literacy. \$2,000.

Instructional development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, spring 2008, to purchase books in support of an intellectual history course. \$500.

Instructional development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 2005, to pay for a computer software program used to conduct telephone surveys. \$500.

Artistic/Scholarly development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 2005, to study preference ranking stability and instability across economic and political questions. \$3,500.

Curriculum development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 2004, to develop a political-psychology course. \$2,000.

Instructional development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 2003, to purchase materials related to course development and improvement. \$500.

Instructional development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 2002, to purchase materials related to course development and improvement. \$500.

Artistic/Scholarly development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, spring 2001, to conduct a survey of state welfare policymakers. \$2,000.

Curriculum development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, fall 1999, for a course presidential campaigns. \$2,000.

Curriculum development grant, Illinois Wesleyan University, spring 1999, for a course on poverty and social policy. \$2,000.

Anderson Award for best dissertation on state politics, federalism, and intergovernmental relations, American Political Science Association, September 1999.

President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1994-1998 (tuition waiver plus stipend).

Best Paper Award, American Political Science Association section on federalism and intergovernmental relations for "State Welfare Policies and the Shifting Ground of American Federalism," with co-author Robert Lieberman, August 1996.

Goldsmith Research Award, from The Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, January 1996. \$2,000.

Who's Who Among American College and University Students, 1987/88.

Inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society for political science undergraduates, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Served as chair of the Political Science Department, Illinois Wesleyan University, January 2014 – August 2017, and August 2018 – present.

Section editor at *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 2008 – 2016 (poll trends section).

Member, American Political Science Association, and Midwest Political Science Association, 1996 to present.

Referee for numerous article manuscripts under consideration by political science journals, and book prospectuses and chapters under review by book publishers.

Panel chair and discussant at numerous meetings of the American Political Science Association and the Midwest Political Science Association, 1996 to present.

Member of board of directors, West Bloomington Revitalization Project, 2011– 2014 (Chair of the Housing Committee). The WBRP facilitates neighborhood revitalization on the west side of Bloomington, Illinois, through community partnerships, volunteer projects, and liaison with city government.

Member of Bloomington (Illinois) Planning Commission, 2005 – 2011. The Commission hears requests from local residents and real estate developers regarding annexations and zoning changes. The Commission also helps develop Bloomington's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.