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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Kansas State University
2005 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of North Texas
2002 – 2005 Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of Illinois at Springfield
2002 – 2005 Research Fellow, Institute for Legislative Studies, Center for State Policy and Leadership

EDUCATION

2002 Ph.D. Department of Political Science, Florida State University.
1998 M.S. in Political Science from Florida State University.
1996 B.A. in Political Science from North Carolina State University.

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Public Policy (State and Urban Policy, Health Policy, Innovation, Evaluation)
Public Administration (Intergovernmental Relations, Management, Policy and Program Implementation, Organizational Dynamics)
Research Methods

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Initiation Grant. University of North Texas. 2006. \$3000.
Summer Competitive Scholarly Research Grant. University of Illinois-Springfield.
Summer 2005. \$5,000.

Graduate Fellowship. LeRoy Collins Center Graduate Fellowship. Department of Political Science, Florida State University, 2001.

National Science Foundation Dissertation Grant. The Politics of States Medicaid Managed Care: 1981-1998. January 2001- October 2001.

Dissertation Fellowship. DeVoe L. Moore Center for the Study of Critical Issues in Economic Policy and Government, Florida State University, 2000.

Departmental Scholarship to the Inter-University Consortium on Political and Social Research Methods Summer Program, University of Michigan, Summer 1999.

Best Undergraduate Research Paper Award. *Sigma XI*, North Carolina State University. Humanities and Social Sciences Division. "Is the Younger Generation Really as Apathetic as You are Led to Believe?" 1995.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 Population Diversity, Political Diversity, and Policy Variation: Explaining State Choices in Medicaid Managed Care. Forthcoming at the *Journal of Policy Practice*.
- 2011 The Intergovernmental Context of Alternative Service Delivery Choices (with Skip Krueger and Robert W. Walker). Forthcoming at *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.
- 2010 An Assessment of Journal Quality in Public Administration. *International Journal of Public Administration*. Vol. 33, No. 2: 98-106 (first author with Skip Krueger)
- 2010 State Rules and Local Governance Choices. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. Vol. 40. No. 4: 697-718. (with Skip Krueger)
- 2008 Treatment or Placebo: Are State Programs Decreasing the Number of Uninsured? *Policy Studies Journal*. Vol. 36, No 3: 367-384. (first author with Nathan Myers).
- 2008 Executive-Legislative Relations: Where You Sit Really Does Matter. *Social Science Quarterly*. Vol. 89, No. 4: 969-986 (first author with E. Lee Bernick).
- 2003 Deservingness, Discretion, and the State Politics of Welfare Spending, 1990-1996. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 2003. Vol. 3, No. 1: 1-22 (with Charles J. Barrilleaux).
- 2002 Political Events in a Model of Gubernatorial Popularity. *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. Vol. 2, No. 3: 283-297 (with Robert E. Crew Jr., Gregory Weiher, and David Branham).

2001 After the Veto: North Carolina Legislators Perceptions of Executive/Legislative Relations. *State and Local Government Review*. Vol. 33, No. 3: 166-172 (first author with E. Lee Bernick).

WORKING PROJECTS

Issue Saliency, Party Strength, and the Adoption of Health Care Expansion Efforts (first author with Nathan Myers). Revise and Resubmit at *Politics and Policy*.

Multiple Goals and Multiple Outcomes: Evaluating State Medicaid Managed Usage. Paper being revised for submission at *Evaluation Review*.

Relational Contract Theory and Alliance Formation (with Andrew Long). Paper being revised for submission at *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

The Experiences of Women and Men in Female-Dominated Elected Offices. (with Chardie L. Baird. Paper being revised for submission to a refereed journal.

NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Illinois E-Government Fact Book. Center for State Policy and Leadership, Institute for Legal, Administrative and Policy Studies. Illinois Department for Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant. summer 2004

INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The Intergovernmental Context of Alternative Service Delivery Choices (with Skip Krueger and Robert W. Walker). Invited presentation at the STATES AS FACILITATORS OR OBSTRUCTIONISTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS" Seminar, Feb. 25-27, 2010, Co-hosted by the DeVoe Moore Center and the LeRoy Collins Institute at Florida State University

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Relational Contract Theory and Alliance Formation (with Andrew Long). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Toronto, Canada. September 3-6, 2009.

Alliance Formation: A Multilevel Model (with Andrew Long). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, CA. March 27-30, 2008 and at the CISS Millenium Conference in Paris, France. June 13-15, 2008.

Overcoming Educational Inequity: The Success of Upward Bound as an Avenue for Educational Attainment. (with Amy Thompson). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Public Administration, Dallas, TX, March 7-11, 2008.

Modeling State-Level Constraints on Interlocal Cooperation (with Skip Krueger). Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.

Liberal or Conservative? State Approaches to Expand Health Insurance Coverage. With Nathan Myers. Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 21-24, 2006.

The Experiences of Women and Men in “Female” Elected Offices. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 13, 2006.

Glass Walls? The Prevalence of Women in Local Public Office. With Leslie Rossman. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings. April 7-10 2005. Chicago, Illinois.

The Problem With Uninsurance: Explaining the Differing Levels of Health Coverage in the American States. With Nathan Myers. Paper Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings. April 7-10, 2005. Chicago, Illinois.

Waiving Medicaid: Explaining Managed Care Innovation From Two Perspectives. With Jennifer Jensen. Presented at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, September 2-5, 2004. Chicago, Illinois.

Panel discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, Illinois.

Why States Choose (or Refuse) Medicaid Managed Care. With Jennifer Jensen. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 15-18, 2004, Chicago, Illinois.

Success or Failure of E-Government Initiatives in Local Government? With Patricia Byrnes and Beverly Bunch. Presented at the Annual National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration, March 27-30, 2004, Portland, Oregon.

Medicaid Managed Care for the Disabled and Elderly. With Charles J. Barrilleaux. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 2003, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Controlling Cost and Improving Access: The Impact of States' Changes in Medicaid Service Delivery Systems. Presenting at the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, April 3-6, 2003, Chicago, Illinois.

Informal Rules and Institutional Change: Behavioral Norms in New State Legislatures. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 21, 2002, Chicago, Illinois.

Diversity and Variation in Program Implementation: Developing an Index of State Level Diversity in the Medicaid Managed Care System. Presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 16, 2001, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Innovations in Cost Controls: Explaining States' Decisions to Use Medicaid Program Waivers. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31, 2000, Washington, DC.

The Role of Legislative Service on Legislative Career Orientations. With E. Lee Bernick. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 16, 1999, Chicago, Illinois.

Institutions and Representation: A Pluralism Index of the American States. With Joe Eyerman. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, October 29, 1998, Atlanta, Georgia.

Explaining the Self-Perceived Career Orientation of North Carolina Legislators. Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, October 29, 1998, Atlanta, Georgia.

Explaining States' Treatment of the Deserving Poor: A Model of Supplemental Security Income Supplements, 1990-1996. With Charles J. Barrilleaux. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 6, 1998, Boston, Massachusetts.

State Tobacco Litigation: An Analysis of Political Opportunism and Policy Making. Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 16, 1998, Chicago, Illinois.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

Public Organization Theory – MPA, Kansas State University

Public Administration and Society – MPA, University of North Texas

Administrative Research Method – MPA, University of North Texas

Intergovernmental Relations – MPA/PhD, University of North Texas

Public Policy Implementation – MPA/PhD, University of North Texas

Public Policy Analysis – PhD, University of North Texas

Organizational Dynamics – MPA, University of Illinois – Springfield
Advanced Seminar in Quantitative Methods – PhD, University of Illinois – Springfield
State Policy and Administration– PhD, University of Illinois – Springfield
Public Sector Policy and Organizational Innovation– PhD, University of Illinois – Springfield
MPA Capstone Seminar: Policy Implementation

Undergraduate

State and Local Government, Kansas State University
Public Policy Analysis, University of North Texas
Introduction to Public Administration, University of North Texas
Introduction to American Government, Florida State University
Introduction to Public Policy, Florida State University
Political Science Research Methods, Florida State University
Southern Politics, Florida State University

ADVISING AND OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Kansas State University

Undergraduate Students:

Advisor to 12 undergraduate political science majors

MPA Students:

Advisor to roughly 16 students

MPA Internship Paper Committee Chair

Tomi Schwandt (Finished 2010)
Brigitte Brecheisen (Finished 2010)

MPA Internship Paper Committee

Olivia Law-DelRosso
Seth Mettling

Graduate readings courses for Jacob Wood (an MPA student) in the Spring of 2009 and
Tanner Banion Fall 2010.

University of North Texas

MPA Students:

Advisor to 50 MPA Students

PhD. Students:

Ph.D. Degree Major Professor:

Huseyin Akdogan
Sebahattin Gultekin
Amy Thompson
Sinan Ulkemen

Ph.D. Degree Plan Committee Member

Siddik Ekici
Filadelfo Leon Cazarej
Khandaker Islam
Alican Kapti
Heriberto Urby, Jr.

Ph.D. Directed Research Advisor

Huseyin Akdogan, Fall 2007
Sebahattin Gultekin, Spring 2007, Summer 2007
Amy Thompson, Summer 2007, Fall 2007*

* Amy Thompson also completed an independent study in the Summer of 2007.

University of Illinois – Springfield

Doctoral Student Independent Studies:

Norm Sims, Spring 2004

Master's Student Committees:

Stephanie Standish , Individual Options Masters Program
Ann Frescura, MPA Thesis Committee
Nathan Meyers, MPA Thesis Advisor
Leslie Rossman, MA in Political Studies, Thesis Committee
Ben Fischer, Master Public Reporting, Deans Representative
Jermain Griffin, Master Public Reporting, Deans Representative
Isis Randolph, MA in Political Studies, Deans Representative
Laura Brown, MPA with a Concentration in Arts Management
Erika Balgord, MPA with a Concentration in Arts Management

Master's Student Independent Studies:

Nathan Meyers, Fall 2004
Holley Copeland-Lasley, Summer 2003

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY/ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Kansas State University

Department/College:

Member of the Departmental Faculty Evaluation Committee. 2008 – 2009.

Member of the Departmental Head Search Committee. 2008 – 2009.

University of North Texas

Department:

Member of the Departmental Executive Committee. 2006 – present.

MPA Comprehensive Exam Coordinator. Spring 2006.

Member of the Department's Curriculum and Degree Programs Committee. 2005-2006.

Member of the Departments Research Method's Working Group. 2005-2006.

College:

Member of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Diversity
Committee. 2006 – present.

Member of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service Awards
Committee. 2005-2006

Univerity of Illinois – Springfield

Department:

Member, MPA Re-accreditation Committee, Spring 2003.

Member, Search Committee for MPA Graduate Assistant, Fall 2003.

Member, Search Committee for department chair, Spring 2003.

Coordinator, MPA Program Assessment, 2003-2004. Duties: developed guidelines and
instruments for assessment of MPA program.

Member, DPA Program Committee, 2003-2004.

Coordinator, Public Administration Honor Society Pi Alpha Alpha, 2004.

Center for State Policy and Leadership/ University:

Member, Faculty Executive Committee, Center for State Policy and Leadership, 2004-2005.

Member, College of Public Affairs Personnel Committee, 2004-2005.

Presenter, Money Out: State Dollars at Work. Illinois State Budget: Tax and Spend 101 Workshop. Institute for Legislative Studies, Center for State Policy and Leadership, 2004.

Member, Strategic Planning Committee for the Institute for Legislative Studies Center for State Policy and Leadership, 2003.

Member, Planning Committee for Lobbying Workshop. Institute for Legislative Studies Center for State Policy and Leadership, 2003.

Member, Planning Committee for the Politics and Policy Series. Institute for Legislative Studies Center for State Policy and Leadership, 2002.

Member, Planning Committee for Lobbying Workshop. Institute for Legislative Studies Center for State Policy and Leadership, 2002.

Consultant and Facilitator, Facilitator for Teambuilding Workshop. Department of Student Life, 2002.

Consultant, Public Policy High School. Center for State Policy and Leadership. Duties: developed the curriculum for the section on lobbying and interest group activity, 2002.

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science
American Politics Research
Political Research Quarterly
Publius
State Politics and Policy Quarterly
Policy Studies Journal
Politics and Policy

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society for Public Administration
American Political Science Association
Southwestern Social Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NASPAA Accreditation Site Visitor Training, Spring 2004.

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Florida State University,
1996 – 2002.

Graduate Research Assistant. Claude Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy,
Florida State University, 1997-2001.

President, Florida State University Political Science Graduate Student Association, 1999- 2000.