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EDUCATION

- August 2006 Ph.D. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON -- Political Science
Fields: American Politics, Public Policy, Political Methodology
Dissertation: “*The Policy Innovation and Diffusion of Charter School Legislation*”. Committee: Gregory R. Weiher (Chair), Ernesto Calvo, Harrell R. Rodgers & Jon Lorence (Sociology)
- December 2003 M.A. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON -- Political Science
- December 1995 M.A. SOKA UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA -- Second and Foreign Language Education with Concentration in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
- May 1994 B.A. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN -- Government and History (double major)

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

- “Meeting Local Needs with a Unique Revenue Source: A Case Study of Voluntary Property Taxes in Faulkner County, Arkansas” with Kim U. Hoffman. *The Midsouth Political Science Review*. Volume 23, 2024, pp. 91-116.
- “What Determines the Political Orientations of College Students: A Comparative Study of Two Universities?” with Gizachew Tirunch and T. Price Dooley. *The Midsouth Political Science Review*. Volume 21, 2021, pp. 23-55.
- “Raising Local Revenue: The Use of and Adequacy of Voluntary Property Taxes in Arkansas” with Kim U. Hoffman. *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting, Financial Management*. Volume 29, 2017, pp. 498-521.
- “Helping Students Become Civically Engaged Through Service-Learning Courses” with Keith Nitta. *The Midsouth Political Science Review*. Volume 13 (1), 2012, pp. 177-185.
- “No Child Left Behind: Perceptions and Challenges for Rural Arkansas Educators” with Sharon Wrobel. *The Midsouth Political Science Review*. Volume 12, 2011, pp. 1-20.
- “Implementing Change in an Urban School District: A Case Study of the Reorganization of the Little Rock School District” with Sharon Wrobel and Keith Nitta. *Public Administration Review*. Vol. 70 (6), November/December 2010, pp. 934-941.
- “Leading Change of a School District Reorganization” with Sharon Wrobel, Keith Nitta, and Ellen Eddings. *Public Performance and Management Review*. Vol. 32 (3), March 2009, pp. 463-488.

“The Little Rock School District: A Community and School Board Divided” with Keith Nitta. *Electronic Hallway*, Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington. 2008.

“Hispanic College Attendance and the State of Texas GEAR UP Program” with Gregory Weiher, Noah Kaplan, and Christina Hughes. *Review of Policy Research*, Vol. 23 (5), September 2006, pp. 1035-1051.

Under Review

“Beyond Broad Adoption: Exploring Gatekeeping Policy Innovation in State Charter School Legislation” with Tucker Staley. *The Midsouth Political Science Review*. Submitted 2025.

Book Chapters

“Political Parties, Civil Society, and American Federalism” with Gary D. Wekkin. In *Political Parties and Civil Society in Federal Countries*, eds. Klaus Detterbeck, Wolfgang Renzsch, and John Kincaid. Toronto, Canada: Oxford University Press Canada. 2015.

“Political Parties, Civil Society, and American Federalism” with Gary D. Wekkin. In *Dialogues on Political Parties and Civil Society in Federal Countries*, eds. Rupak Chattopadhyay and Karl Nerenberg. Ottawa, Canada: Forum of Federations. A Global Dialogue on Federalism Booklet Series, Volume 9, 2011, pp. 47-49.

Technical Reports

“Tobacco Settlement Medicaid Expansion Program” (report to the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission Evaluation) ATSC Evaluation with Rhonda McClellan (co-P.I.), Jacquie Rainey (co-P.I.), and other evaluators.

Quarterly and annual reports. November 2014 to present.

2025: February, June (annual), August, November
2024: February, June (biennial), August, November
2023: February, June (annual), August, November
2022: February, June (biennial), August, November
2021: February, June (annual), August, November
2020: February, June (biennial), August, November
2019: February, June (annual), August, November
2018: February, June (biennial), August, November.
2017: February, July (annual), August, November.
2016: February, July (biennial), August, November.
2015: February, May, June (annual), November.

“Little Rock School District Evaluation Report” (report to the Little Rock School District Board of Education), Little Rock, Arkansas, with Ellen Eddings, Keith Nitta, and Sharon Wrobel. February 2008.

"Texans Getting Academically Prepared: Sixth-Year Evaluation" (report to the Texas Education Agency and the U.S. Department of Education), Austin, Texas: Texas Center for Education Research. Principal author Gregory Weiher. With Christina Hughes. 2006.

"Texans Getting Academically Prepared: Fifth-Year Evaluation" (report to the Texas Education Agency and the U.S. Department of Education), Austin, Texas: Texas Center for Education Research. Principal author Gregory Weiher. With Christina Hughes. 2005.

"Texans Getting Academically Prepared: Fourth-Year Evaluation" (report to the Texas Education Agency and the U.S. Department of Education), Austin, Texas: Texas Center for Education Research. Principal author Gregory Weiher. With Christina Hughes. 2004.

Journal Editor

The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 20, (2019), pp. 1-123.
The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 19, (2018), pp. 1-110.
The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 18, (2017), pp. 1-80.
The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 17, (2016), pp. 1-113.
The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 16, (2015), pp. 1-106.
The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 15, no. 2 (2014), pp. 1-112.
The Midsouth Political Science Review, Volume 15, no. 1 (2014), pp. 1-123.

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Political Science Program, Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies, University of Central Arkansas
Fall 2025- present

Associate Director Next Generation Service Corps Program, University of Central Arkansas
Fall 2025- present

Associate Professor, Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies, University of Central Arkansas
Fall 2012-present – Undergraduate Courses: PSCI 3361/PADM 3320 Public Policy Analysis*, PSCI 4386/PADM 4360 Education Policy*, PSCI 4350/ PADM 4330 Public Policy and Program Evaluation*, PSCI 4340 Women and Politics*, PSCI 4199 Electoral Behavior, PSCI 1330 US Government and Politics*

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Central Arkansas
Fall 2006-Spring 2011 – Undergraduate Courses: PSCI 3361 Public Policy*, PSCI 4340 Education Policy*, PSCI 4340 Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation*, PSCI 4340 Women and Politics, PSCI 4399 Electoral Behavior, PSCI 1330 US Government and Politics*

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Houston
Fall 2005- Spring 2006 – Undergraduate Courses: Education Policy*, Introduction to Public Policy*, Introduction to American Government

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Houston
Fall 2001-Summer 2005 – US Dept of Education GEAR-UP Grant and Texas Education Agency (\$93,016). Six Year Evaluation of Texans Getting Academically Prepared (TGAP), Principal Investigator: Gregory R. Weiher.

Fall 2001- Summer 2002 – Harris County Dept. of Education (\$89,629). Evaluation of The Cooperative for After School Enrichment (CASE), Principal Investigator: Gregory R. Weiher.

Spring 2001- Summer 2001 – National Science Foundation Grant, 98-1371 (\$149,546). Collaborative Research on Election Campaigns and the Voter, Principal Investigator, Christopher Wlezien.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Houston (2000-2005)
Graduate courses: Seminar in Education Policy, Fundamentals of Policy Analysis, Research Design and Quantitative Methods II, Research Design Quantitative Methods I

* Course includes a service learning component

Undergraduate courses: State Government and Politics, The Presidency, U.S. Government: Congress, President and Courts, U.S. and Texas Constitution and Politics, Race, Gender, and Ethnic Politics

Professors: Gregory R. Weiher, Keith Poole, Harrell R. Rodgers, Christopher Wlezien, Christine LeVeaux, Bill Barnes

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Education Policy, Public Policy, Policy Implementation, and Service Learning

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission, (\$175,000) "Evaluation of Arkansas Tobacco Settlement" with Rhonda McClellan (co-P.I.), Jacquie Rainey (co-P.I.), and other evaluators. November 2014-present.

Little Rock School District Board, (\$65,000) "Evaluation of Little Rock School District Reorganization." with Keith Nitta, Sharon Wrobel, and Ellen Eddings. March 2007 – February 2008.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Coral Springs, FL, September 10-13, 2025.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Russellville, AR, March 7-8, 2025.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Memphis, TN, September 18-21, 2024.

Presenter, "Public Service as a Profession: Encouraging Undergraduates to Pursue Public Service Careers" with Kim U. Hoffman and Kisha Hardwick. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Monticello, AR, March 8-9, 2024.

Presenter, "Public Service as a Profession: Encouraging Undergraduates to Pursue Public Service Careers" with Kim U. Hoffman and Kisha Hardwick. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Atlanta, GA, September 27-30, 2023.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Conway, AR, March 3-4, 2023.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Virtual through Southern Arkansas University, March 3-4, 2022.

Presenter, "Experiential Learning in Political Science: A Pandemic Roundtable". Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Virtual through University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, February 25-26, 2021.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Arkadelphia, AR, March 6-7, 2020.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Conference of Teaching and Learning, Albuquerque, NM, February 7-9, 2020.

Presenter, "Meeting Local Needs with a Unique Revenue Source: A Case Study of Voluntary Property Taxes in Faulkner County, Arkansas" with Kim U. Hoffman. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Baton Rouge, LA, September 5-7, 2019.

Presenter, "Generating New Local Revenue: A Case Study of Voluntary Property Taxes in Faulkner County, Arkansas" with Kim U. Hoffman. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 4-7, 2019.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Fayetteville, AR, March 8-9, 2019.

Presenter, "Charter School Gatekeepers: Determinants of Restrictive Policy Innovation in the American States" with Tucker Staley. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5-8, 2018.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Jonesboro, AR, March 2-3, 2018.

Presenter, "Education Marketplace Gatekeepers: Restrictive Policy Innovation in Charter School Legislation" with Tucker Staley. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 6-9, 2017.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Russellville, AR, March 3-4, 2017.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Monticello, AR, February 26-27, 2016.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Conference of Teaching and Learning, Portland, OR, February 12-14, 2016.

Presenter, "What Determines the Liberal-Conservatism of College Students? A Comparative Study of Two Universities" with Gizachew Tiruneh and T. Price Dooley. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, PR, January 7-9, 2016.

Presenter, "Raising Local Revenue Funds: The Use and Adequacy of Voluntary Property Taxes in Arkansas" with Kim U. Hoffman. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2015.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Conway, AR, February 27-28, 2015.

Presenter, "Raising Local Revenue Using Voluntary Property Taxes in Arkansas" with Kim U. Hoffman. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2014.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Harding, AR, February 28-March 1, 2014.

Presenter, "Raising the Funds: The Use of Voluntary Taxes by Local Governments" with Kim U. Hoffman. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration, New Orleans, LA, March 15-19, 2013.

Section Chair, Public Policy and Public Administration Section, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Arkadelphia, AR, March 1-2, 2013.

Participant, "Civic Engagement II: Experiential Learning Track." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Conference of Teaching and Learning, Washington, D.C., February 17-19, 2012.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Conway, AR, February 24-25, 2012.

Presenter, "A House Divided: The Role of Job Commitment and Satisfaction in Employee Support for a School District Reorganization" with Sharon Wrobel and Keith Nitta. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.

Presenter, "Helping Students Become Civically Engaged Through Service Learning Courses" with Keith Nitta. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Little Rock, AR, March 4-5, 2011.

Invited Presenter, "A Global Dialogue on Federalism Political Parties and Civil Society in Federal Countries." Sponsored by Forum of Federations and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Berlin, Germany, June 9-11, 2010.

Presenter, "No Child Left Behind? A Rural Perspective on the Legislation." with Sharon Wrobel. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 22-25, 2010.

Presenter, "No Child Left Behind: Perceptions and Challenges for Rural Arkansas Educators." with Sharon Wrobel. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, TX, March 31-April 3, 2010.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Jonesboro, AR, February 26-27, 2010.

Co-organizer, "Political Parties and Civil Society in Federal Countries" with Gary D. Wekkin. Forum of Federations' Global Dialogue on Federalism Theme IX, Conway, AR, November 6, 2009.

Presenter, "Implementing Change in a Urban School District: A Case Study of the Reorganization of the Little Rock School District." with Sharon Wrobel and Keith Nitta. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 19- 21, 2009.

Panel Chair, "Public Policy and Public Administration Panel 2" Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Russellville, AR, February 27-28, 2009.

Participant, Gulf South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education, Nashville, TN, March 13-15, 2008.

Presenter, "Leading Change in an Urban School District: An Application of Kotter's Eight Steps to Transforming an Organization to Schools." with Sharon Wrobel, Keith Nitta, and Ellen Eddings. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Public Administration, Dallas, TX, March 7-11, 2008.

Section Chair, Public Policy and Public Administration Section, Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Fayetteville, AR, February 22-23, 2008.

Moderator, "Education Policy Roundtable." Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Fayetteville, AR, February 22-23, 2008.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Undergraduate Student Research I." Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association, Conway, AR, February 16-17, 2007.

Participant, "Civic Engagement and Education Track I." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association Conference of Teaching and Learning, Charlotte, NC, February 9-11, 2007.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-10, 2005.

Presenter, "Strategic Repositioning? Member Response to Constituency Change." with Craig Goodman. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 8-10, 2004.

Presenter, "The Gender Gap in Texas Voting." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA, November 6-9, 2002.

Presenter, "Strategic Behavior of House members: Post-Census, Pre-Redistricting." with Jeffrey May. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 25-28, 2002.

Presenter, "Congressional Adaptation to Minority Population Changes." with Jeffrey May. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 27-30, 2002.

Participant, Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Ft. Worth, TX, March 15-18, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor: *The Midsouth Political Science Review*, 2020-present

Editor: *The Midsouth Political Science Review*, 2014-2020

Interim Editor: *The Midsouth Political Science Review*, 2013-2014

Associate Editor: *The Midsouth Political Science Review*, 2013

Journal and Textbook Reviewer: *The Midsouth Political Science Review*; W.W. Norton; Cengage Learning

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Evaluation Contract (\$175,000), Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission, 2014-2015.

Faculty Development Grant (\$626), Instructional Development Center, University of Central Arkansas, 2012.

Faculty Development Grant, Instructional Development Center, University of Central Arkansas, 2008.

Evaluation Contract (\$65,000), Little Rock School District, 2007-2008.

Faculty Development Grant (\$675), Instructional Development Center, University of Central Arkansas, 2006.

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Houston 2000-2005.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Student Activities

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, 2007-2017, 2025-present

Faculty Advisor, Public Administration Club, 2017-present

Co-coordinator, Internships, Department of Political Science, 2009-2013

Committee Chair, Departmental Honors Thesis, Danielle Casey, 2016-2017, Blake Brizzolara 2013-2014; Hallie Templeton, 2007-2008

Member, Departmental Honors Thesis, Sara Bayles, 2012; Chanley Painter, 2007

Chair, Honors College Thesis, Jennifer Cale 2020, Louisa Utley 2018-2019, Blake Brizzolara, 2012-2014; Naruhiko Tsukuda, 2011-2012; Josh C. Bramlett, 2009-2010; Coleton Stirman, 2008-2009

Member, Honors College Thesis, Dusin Ward, 2011; Robert Bowman, 2009-2010; Sara Mullally, 2008-2009

Co-coordinator, *Careers in Public Service Day*, with Kim Hoffman, September 19, 2007

Co-coordinator, *Public Service Day*, with Kim Hoffman, March 21, 2007

Committees

Member, Faculty Grievance Committee, University 2019-present
Member, Sabbatical Leave Review Committee, University, 2008-2010, 2013-2015, 2022-2024
Member, Service-learning Advisory Committee, University, 2013- 2018
Member, University Calendar Committee, 2015-2018
Member, UCA Foundation Scholarship Committee, 2015-2016
Member, Faculty Development Committee, University, 2010-2013
Member, Health and Wellness Committee, University, 2010-2012
Member, Admissions Committee, PhD in Leadership Studies, 2011
Member, University Search Committee for Director of Leadership Studies, 2011
Member, Research Committee, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2022-present
Member, Committee on Committees, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 2021-2023
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2015-2019
Member, EDucating for Global Engagement (EDGE), College of Liberal Arts, 2011-2015
Member, Grants and Fundraising Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 2007-2015
Member, Departmental Curriculum Committee, 2006-present
Member, SELF Fund, 2025-present
Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department, 2025, 2020
Chair, Department Search Committee for Assistant Professor, 2025
Chair, Department Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, 2020
Member, Department Search Committee for Assistant Professor, 2025, 2023, 2015, 2014; 2013; 2011; 2010
Member, Department Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor, 2025, 2017, 2015, 2013; 2012; 2011; 2008

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

April 1997 – March 2000 Full-time Lecturer, Department of English, Soka University of Japan.
April 1998 – March 2000 Lecturer, Department of English, Tokyo University of Pharmacy

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Southeastern Conference for Public Administration
Arkansas Political Science Association
American Association of University Professors