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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ph.D., Political Science Vanderbilt University 1995

Dissertation: The Churches of Christ and the War Question: The Influence of Church Journals,
Vanderbilt University, December 1995

B.A., Political Science David Lipscomb College 1984

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Political Science	University of Central Arkansas Conway, Arkansas	August 2019-present
Adjunct Professor of Political Science	University of Central Arkansas Conway, Arkansas	August 2017- May 2019
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science	University of Central Arkansas Conway, Arkansas	August 2014- May 2017
Professor of Political Science	Harding University Searcy, Arkansas	August 1987-May 2014
Instructor and Area II Coordinator Arkansas Governor's School	Hendrix College Conway, Arkansas	1997-2018
Instructor, Harding University Honors Symposium	Harding University Searcy, Arkansas	1998-2013
Harding University International Studies Programs	Florence, Italy Brisbane, Australia Athens, Greece	Fall 1998 Spring 2002 Fall 2008
Intern Coordinator, The Washington Center	Democratic National Convention	August 2008
Coordinator, Arkansas Model UN International Court of Justice	Arkansas Model United Nations University of Central Arkansas	2011-2014
Co-coordinator	Arkansas Model United Nations University of Central Arkansas	2018-present
Advance Placement Grader	Educational Testing Services	2020-present

Instructor, The Washington Center "National Security Seminar"	Washington, DC	May 17-23, 2023
Instructor and Area II Coordinator Arkansas Governor's School	Arkansas Tech University Russellville, Arkansas	July 2023-present

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to International Relations PSCI 2330	Politics of Developing Countries PolS 410
Comparative Politics PolS 300	Western Political Thought PolS 426
International Law and Organizations PSCI 3315	American Foreign Policy PSCI 4388
Introduction to Political Science PSCI 1300	US Government and Politics PSCI 1330
International Conflict and Conflict Prevention PSCI 4395	World Regional Geography Geog 303
United Nations and International Politics PSCI 3305	International Terrorism PSCI 4340

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Arkansas Political Science Association (Past President and Member)
 Southern Political Science Association (Member)
 Midwest Model United Nations (Board of Trustees)

PUBLICATIONS

"NATO Burden-sharing and the Forces of Change," (Co-author) International Studies Quarterly, December 1989.

"Traditions of War and Peace," New Wineskins Magazine, January-February, 2002.

"Conventional Wisdom," Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and Harding Magazine, April, 2004

"Machiavellianism and the 2004 Election," Alpha Chi Recorder, Fall 2004.

"Generation 9/11: An Analysis of College Student Attitudes regarding U.S. Foreign Policy," (Co-author) Midsouth Political Science Review, March 2025.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Arkansas Political Science Association, Little Rock, Arkansas February 1999
 "David and Goliath and the Paradox of Unrealized Power"

American Studies Institution Honors Symposium Harding University October 2001
 "International Terrorism"

Arkansas Political Science Association, Little Rock, Arkansas February 2005
 "International Issues in 2005"

American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania November 2005
 "Pacifism in the Churches of Christ"

Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tennessee June 2010, "Social Media in the Classroom"

National Conference of Governor's Schools, Little Rock, Arkansas October 2012, "The Guiding Hand"

Arkansas Political Science Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas, February 2016, Section Chair, International Relations/Comparative Politics

Arkansas Political Science Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas, February 2016, "Hawks or Doves?: A Preliminary Analysis of College Student Attitudes Regarding U.S. Foreign Policy." (with Dr. Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas).

Arkansas Political Science Association, Russellville, Arkansas, March 2017, "Hawks or Doves?: A Preliminary Analysis of College Student Attitudes Regarding U.S. Foreign Policy." (with Dr. Mark Mullenbach, University of Central Arkansas)

UCA EDGE Residential College, "In God We Trust: State Sanctioned Religion or Patriotic American Faith?" Conway, Arkansas, January 20, 2020

Arkansas Political Science Association, Ft. Smith, Arkansas (remote), February 2021, Section Chair, International Relations/Comparative Politics

Arkansas Political Science Association, Ft. Smith, Arkansas (remote), February 2021, "Experiential Learning in Political Science: A Pandemic Roundtable"

UCA Vote Everywhere, "Arkansas Ballot Initiatives" Conway, Arkansas, April 7, 20

Conway Conversations, "Crisis in Ukraine" (remote) UCA Outreach & Community Engagement, June 9, 2022

Southern Political Science Association, St. Pete, Florida, January 2023, "Strategies for Teaching Model United Nations" (Roundtable)

Arkansas Political Science Association, Conway, Arkansas, March 2023, "The Geopolitical Orientations of Major Powers: China, Russia, and the United States" (Roundtable)

Arkansas Political Science Association, Monticello, Arkansas, March 2024, "Geopolitical Uncertainties: Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and the China Straits" (Roundtable)

First United Methodist Church, Conway, Arkansas, June 23, 2023, "Israel-Palestine: Then and Now"

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Pi Sigma Alpha (Nu Eta) Honor Society Sponsor 1987-2014

Harding Academic Team Sponsor 2004-2014

HUMANITY Sponsor 2007-2012

Roosevelt Institute Sponsor 2007-2014

Harding University Model Arab League Sponsor 2010-2104

Relief Work, Olancho State, Honduras Participant March 1995, 1996

Hurricane Katrina Relief Work Sponsor, Participant March 2006, 2007

Haitian Medical Missions Participant March 2010, 2012, 2013
Honorary Squadron Commander 17th TRS, 19th AMX August 2011-2014
Little Rock Air Force Base
Christian Urban Development Association Board member 2012-2014
Tornado Relief, Washington, Illinois Participant November-December 2013
Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission Member February 2014 -January 2020
Coordinator, UCA Constitution Day, September 2017 - present
Rector, Hughes (EDGE) Residential College, University of Central Arkansas, May 2020 -August 2023
Veteran Affairs Committee, University of Central Arkansas, 2020-21; 2023- present

AWARDS AND HONORS

“Burksy” Favorite Teacher Award, Harding University, April 2010

US Army War College Commandant’s Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, July 2013
National Security Briefing

EDGE Residential College Teacher of the Year, University of Central Arkansas, May 2018

Faculty Voluntary Service Award (Honorable Mention), University of Central Arkansas, August 2022

Arkansas Political Science Association Distinguished Scholar Award (2024)

MILITARY SERVICE

US Navy, Patrol Squadron 16. Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator (AW-2)
August 1976 - August 1980

CONTACT INFORMATION

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