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Education

Ph.D.: Political Science, University at Albany, SUNY, 2004
B.A.: Political Science and Newspaper Journalism (*Cum Laude*), Syracuse University, 1996

Employment

2015 – ff Professor, Department of Political Science and Philosophy,
Democratic Engagement Coordinator, Center for Community Engaged Learning
2010-2015 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Philosophy,
Faculty in Residence, Community Involvement Center
Weber State University, Ogden, Utah
2004-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Philosophy,
Weber State University, Ogden, Utah
2002-2004 Instructor, Department of Political Science and Philosophy, Weber
State University, Ogden, Utah
2001-2002 Adjunct Faculty, College of St. Rose, Albany, New York
2001 Visiting Instructor, Skidmore College, Saratoga, New York
1999-2001 Adjunct Faculty and Graduate Instructor, University at Albany, SUNY
1997-1999 Research Assistant, Rockefeller Institute, Albany, New York

Publications

Books

American National Government. San Diego: Cognella, 2011.
Politics and Popular Culture. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.

Book Chapters

“Effectively Using Facebook to Foster Civic Engagement.” In *Technology and Civic Engagement in the College Classroom: Engaging the Unengaged*, Suzanne Chod, Stephen Caliendo, and William Muck, eds. Hounmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan, 2015.
“Tea for Only Two: The Ousting of Utah Senator Robert Bennett.” In *Tea Party Effects on 2010 U.S. Senate Elections: Stuck in the Middle to Lose*, William J. Miller and

- Jeremy Walling, eds. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2011. (co-authors: Matthew D. Frei, J. Quin Monson, Kelly D. Patterson)
- “Democracy Indicted: The Case for Political Judgment Found in *Battlestar Galactica*.” In *Politics and Popular Culture*, Leah A. Murray, ed. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.
- “Hollywood Politics: The Popular Culture Factor in 21st Century Politics.” In *Politics and Popular Culture*, Leah A. Murray, ed. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.
- “Utah.” In the *Political Encyclopedia of States and Regions*, Donald P. Haider-Markel, Michael A. Card, Ronald Keith Gaddie, Gary Moncrief, and Kenneth T. Palmer, eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2009.
- “The Limitations of E-Democracy.” In *Communicating Politics: Engaging the Public in Democratic Life*, M.S. McKinney, L.L. Kaid, D.G. Bystrom, and D.B. Carlin, eds. New York: Peter Lang, 2005. (co-authors: Anne Hildreth and J.C. Strachan)

Journal Articles

- “Stewards of Place: The Role of Dialogue and Deliberation in Strengthening Our Universities and Colleges.” With Windy Y. Lawrence, Zach Justus and Barbara A. Brown. *eJournal of Public Affairs*, Volume 4, No. 3, 2015.

Additional Publications

- “A State-Centered Approach to Teaching Presidential Elections.” In Presidents and Executive Politics Section of the American Political Science Association Report Volume 35 Number 1 (December) 2012.
- Selected entries (7) in *Encyclopedia of American Government and Civics*, Lori Cox Han and Michael Genovese, eds. New York: Facts on File, 2008.
- Instructor’s Resource Manual with Test Items for The Democratic Debate: An Introduction to American Politics* by Bruce Miroff, Ray Seidelman, and Todd Swanstrom. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2006.
- “Interconnecting Tissue: A Quantitative Analysis of the Inter-Branch Policy Conversations.” In APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter Volume 25 Number 1 (January), *Extension of Remarks*, 2002.
- Instructor’s Resource Manual with Test Items for The Democratic Debate: An Introduction to American Politics* by Bruce Miroff, Ray Seidelman, and Todd Swanstrom. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 2001. (co-author: Paul S. Goggi III)
- “Dilemmas of Representation: The Home Styles of New York State Representatives in the 1990s.” In APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter Volume 22 Number 2 (July), *Extension of Remarks*, 1999.

Reviews

- Murray, Leah A. “Review of the *Consortium for Inter-Campus SoTL Research*.” *Journal of Political Science Education* Volume 12 Issue 3 15 April 2016, pp 369-370. Located online:
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15512169.2016.1153871>

- Barbara Jacoby and Associates, *Civic Engagement in Higher Education: Concepts and Practices. eJournal of Public Affairs*, Volume 3, No. 2, 2014.
- Steven A. Shull, *Policy by Other Means: Alternative Adoption by Presidents. Congress and the Presidency*, Volume 35, No. 1, Spring 2008.
- Roger T. Larocca, *The Presidential Agenda: Sources of Executive Influence in Congress. Congress and the Presidency*, Volume 34, No. 2, Autumn 2007.
- David Mark, *Going Dirty: The Art of Negative Campaigning. Political Science Quarterly* Volume 121, No. 3, Winter 2006.
- Michael Comiskey, *Seeking Justices: the Judging of Supreme Court Nominees. Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Volume 35, No. 4, December 2005.

Honors and Awards

Awards

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| 2017 | College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Endowed Professor |
| 2015 | John A. Lindquist Award |
| 2015 | Hemingway Faculty Excellence Award for Four Freedoms |
| 2012 | Utah Campus Compact Service-Learning Engaged Scholar |
| 2011 | Weber State University Outstanding Partner to Student Affairs |
| 2007 | Hemingway Faculty Excellence Award for Constitution Week |
| 2007 | Utah System of Higher Education Exemplary Use of Technology Faculty Award |
| 2005 | Hemingway Faculty Collaboration Award for a Civically Engaged Department |

Additional Honors

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| 2012, 2013 2014, 2016, 2017 | Nominee for Crystal Crest Rodney H. Brady Master Teacher Award |
| 2014, 2016 | Nominee for Outstanding Undergraduate Research Mentor |
| 2011 | Weber State University Women of Weber Award |
| 2009 | Weber State University Phi Kappa Phi Initiation |
| 2006 | Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal |
| 2004 | University at Albany, SUNY Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award |
| 2004 | Nominated for Carl Albert Dissertation Award in the Field of Legislative Studies |
| 2000 | University at Albany, SUNY Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant |
| 1999 | University at Albany, SUNY Outstanding Graduate Student |
| 1996 | Syracuse University, Lower Division Honors, Upper Division Honors Medal |

Grants and Professional Development

2016 Seed Funding for Poverty and Inequality Grant

Teaching Activity

Courses

Introduction to American National Government; Political Behavior; Identity Politics; American Congress; American Presidency; Political Parties; Campaigns and Elections; Introduction to Political Science Research

Related Activities

2012 National Conference for Undergraduate Research Moderator
2012, 2014 Weber State University Day at the Capitol Mentor
2007, 2008 ERGO, Weber State University Undergraduate Research Journal
Faculty Advisor
2003-2006, National Conference for Undergraduate Research Faculty Advisor
2014
2014 Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor
2004, 2006, Undergraduate Research Symposium Faculty Mentor
2009
2003-2007 Utah Capitol Conference Research Faculty Mentor

Conference Participation

Paper Presentations

American Political Science Association

“Effectively Using Facebook to Foster Civic Engagement.” Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Teaching and Learning Conference, Long Beach, CA. (listed on the Social Science Research Network’s Top 10 Downloads for PSN Educator for the year 2013)
“Agenda Setting in Polarized Government: Bush Initiatives.” Paper presented at the 2006 annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
“Dominant Cue Givers and Voting on Ballot Propositions.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting, Washington, D.C. (co-authors: Quin Monson and Kelly Patterson)
“Do the Institutions Respond? Mass Movement Politics.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting, Chicago, IL. (co-author: Carrie Schneider)
“Declare Victory and Depart the Field.” Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting, Chicago, IL. (co-author: Frank Guliuzza)
“Raise or Call: Judicial Nominees as Ideological Legacy.” Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. (co-author: Frank Guliuzza)
“In Search of Effective Civic Education Messages.” Paper presented at the 2002 annual meeting, Boston, MA. (co-authors: J. Cherie Strachan and Anne Hildreth)
“Interconnecting Tissue: A Quantitative Analysis of the Inter-Branch Policy Conversation.” Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting, San Francisco,

CA.

“Striking the Balance: Local and National Representation in the Empire State.” Paper presented at the 1999 annual meeting, Atlanta, GA. (co-authors: Sally Friedman, Joe Cavazos, Paul S. Goggi III, Krista Ketterer, and Michael Rogers)

Midwestern Political Science Association

“Dilemmas of Representation.” Paper presented at the 1999 annual meeting, Chicago, IL. (co-authors: Sally Friedman, Joe Cavazos, Paul S. Goggi III, Krista Ketterer, and Michael Rogers)

Continuums of Service

“Community Engaged Learning in an Online Environment: It Can Be Done Well.” Paper presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Continuums of Service Conference, Honolulu, HI.

“Assessing Civic Engagement: Use of a Rubric to Measure Engagement in Online and Face to Face Courses.” Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting, Portland, OR. (co-author: Becky Jo Gesteland)

Western Political Science Association

“Letters to the Editor as Community Discourse.” Paper presented at the 2012 annual meeting, Portland, OR. (co-authors: Anne Hildreth and Shannon Scotece)

“Guns v Butter: Letters to the Editor on National Issues.” Paper presented at the 2010 annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. (co-author: Anne Hildreth)

“Editing the War at Home: Managing Public Voices on Iraq.” Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting, San Diego, CA. (co-authors: Anne Hildreth and Shannon Scotece)

“HAVA Heart: The Help Americans Vote Act and Unfunded Mandates in American Counties.” Paper presented at the 2008 annual meeting, San Diego, CA. (co-author: Gary Johnson)

“Utah Youth: Opinions on Bush’s State of the Union Address.” Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

“Dominant Cue Givers and Voting on Ballot Propositions.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting, Oakland, CA. (co-authors: Quin Monson and Kelly Patterson)

“Debate in a Red State: The Effect of Presidential Debate Deliberation in Bush Country.” Paper presented at the 2005 annual meeting, Oakland, CA.

“Presidential Effects on the Congressional Agenda: Congress as Agenda Setter.” Paper presented at the 2003 annual meeting, Denver, CO.

Southern Political Science Association

“Influencing Home Style: The Effect of Background on Representation in New York State.” Paper presented at the 1999 annual meeting, Savannah, GA. (co-author: Paul S. Goggi III)

Northeastern Political Science Association

"The West Wing: How Fiction Speaks to Reality." Paper presented at the 2000 annual meeting, Albany, New York. (co-author: Paul S. Goggi III)

International Communication Association

"Civic Education Messages: Do High School Texts Promote Collective Political Participation?" Paper presented at the 2004 annual meeting, New Orleans, LA. (co-authors: J. Cherie Strachan and Anne Hildreth)

"Can Internet Voter Simulation Projects Promote Youth Voting?" Paper presented at the 2001 annual meeting, Washington, D.C. (co-authors: J. Cherie Strachan and Anne Hildreth)

National Communication Association

"Deliberative Democracy Day." Paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting, Las Vegas, NV, November 19 – 22. (co-author Susan Hafen)

"How can we have Dot.Gov Without Dot.Org?" Paper presented at the 2000 summer conference, Washington, D.C. (co-authors: J. Cherie Strachan and Anne Hildreth)

International Association for Research on Service-Learning

"Multiple Outcomes of Students' Engagement: Community Engagement Student Designation Programs: A Historical, Demographic, and Learning Outcomes Analysis." Paper presented at the 2014 annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, September 29 – October 1.

American Democracy Project

"Deliberation on State College Campuses." Paper presented to the 2014 annual meeting, Louisville, KY, June 5 – 7.

Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association

"Post-Apocalyptic Government." Paper presented at the 2007 annual meeting, Albuquerque, NM.

Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

"Debate in a Red State: The Effect of Presidential Debate Deliberation in Bush Country." Paper presented at the annual conference, Ogden, UT.

"Rousseau, Pity and the Social Contract." Paper presented at the 2003 annual conference, Ogden, UT.

New York State Political Science Association

"Fenno Revisited." Paper presented at the 1998 annual meeting, Albany, New York. (co-authors: Sally Friedman, Joe Cavazos, David Filbert, Paul S. Goggi III, Krista Ketterer, and Michael Rogers)

"Consensus on the Creed." Paper presented at the 1998 annual meeting, Albany, New York.

Professional

- 2016 Civic Learning and Democratic Engagement National Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 2015 American Democracy Project National Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 American Democracy Project National Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 2013 American Democracy Project National Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2012 American Democracy Project National Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 American Democracy Project National Meeting, Providence, RI (co-presenter: Brenda Martsteller-Kowalewski)
- 2009 Utah Campus Compact June Professional Development and Networking Meeting, Ogden, UT
- 2008 American Association of State Colleges and Universities Greater Expectations Institute, Campus Leadership for Student Engagement, Inclusion and Achievement, Snowbird UT
- 2006 Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy, Park City, UT
- 2004 National American Democracy Project Meeting, Albuquerque, NM
- 2003 American Political Science Association Presidency Research Group, Researching the Presidency, Chicago, IL.

Professional Service

American Democracy Project

- 2016 ff Past Chair of National Steering Committee
- 2015 - 2016 Chair of National Steering Committee
- 2014 ff Citizen Alum Intergenerational Learning for College Students Task Force
- present

American Association of State Colleges and Universities

- 2013 American Democracy Project Advisory Committee

American Political Science Association – Presidency Research Group

- 2013 Best Undergraduate Paper Award Committee
- 2008 Organized Short Course on Teaching the Presidency
- 2006, 2007, American Political Science Association Presidency Research Group

Western Political Science Association

- 2015 Charles Redd Center Award Committee, Chair

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Southern Political Science Association
Center for the Study of the Presidency
Phi Kappa Phi
Academy of Political Science

Book Proposal Reviewer

- 2015 Norton
- 2009 Wadsworth Cengage Learning
- 2009 Lynne Rienner Publishers
- 2007 Prentice Hall

Journal Reviewer

- 2015 *eJournal of Public Affairs*
- 2007 *American Politics Review*

University Service

Presentations

- 2014 General Studies Convocation Remarks
- 2013 “Effectively Using Facebook to Foster Civic Engagement” for the Teaching With Technology Cohort.
- 2012 “Evaluating Reflection Journals in English and Political Science CBL Classes” with Becky McShane for the Teaching and Learning Symposium
- 2011 “Presidential Leadership” for the Academy of Leadership
- 2010 “*New York Times* Pedagogy” for to Faculty Forum
- 2010 “Voting Rights” for the Center for Unity and Diversity
- 2009 “Using the *New York Times* in the Classroom” for the Teaching and Learning Forum
- 2008 “Anglo Saxon Women” for Weber Reads
- 2007 “Rape of Europa” for Holocaust Commemoration
- 2007 “Technology in the Classroom” for Adjunct Faculty Retreat
- 2006 “Faculty Peer Support Groups: The Nuts and Bolts of Getting Started in Academe” for New Faculty Retreat
- 2005 “Constitutional Debate” for Constitution Week
- 2005 “Women in Ancient Greece” for Greek Festival
- 2005 “Engaging Students and Faculty” for Academic Affairs Leadership Team Retreat
- 2005 “From the Parlor to the Floor of Congress: Women in Politics” for Women’s History Month
- 2005 “The European and American Romantic Revolution: More than Just Words” for *A Grasmere Festival*
- 2004 “Religion in Politics” for the Diversity Conference
- 2004 “American Democracy Project” for the Civic Engagement Faculty Retreat II
- 2004 “How to Conduct a Survey” for Weber State University Student Senators
- 2003 “Wizard of Oz: What was it Really About?” for student Film Forum
- 2003 “How to Take the GRE” for students
- 2003 “How to Get Into Graduate School” for students

Committees

- 2016 Arts and Humanities Rank, Promotion and Tenure Committee
- 2015, 2016 Social and Behavioral Sciences Rank, Promotion and Tenure

- Committee
- 2015 Member of James Zagrodnik Peer Review Committee
 - 2014 Member of Joanne Lawrence Peer Review Committee
 - 2009 - 2014 Washington D.C. Internship
 - 2006-2014 Academic Resources and Computing
 - 2006-2008 Affirmative Action Advisory Committee
 - 2006 Crystal Crest Woman of the Year Award Selection Committee
 - 2005-2006 Admissions Standards and Student Affairs Committee
 - 2002-2010 Social and Behavioral Sciences Computer Committee
 - 2002-2003 Social and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship Committee
- University Initiatives*
- 2008-2016 Coordinate *Civitas* a curricular civic engagement
 - 2006-2017 Coordinate *New York Times* Campus-wide Readership Program
 - 2003 ff. Coordinate American Democracy Project

Department Service

- 2002 ff. College Democrats Faculty Advisor
- 2002-2012 Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor
- 2002 -2014 Coordinate Congressional and State Legislative Internship Program
- 2004 Awarded two multimedia classroom grants by the Academic Research and Computing Committee

Community Service

Community Initiatives

- 2016 Roy City Survey, conducted and analyzed with the Community Research Extension
- 2002 ff. Utah Colleges Exit Poll
- 2010 Created Weber County League of Women Voters' Voters' Guide
- 2004,2008 Organized Debate Watch
- 2004 Guided survey of the Peterson Master Plan Committee under Morgan County General Plan

Community Presentations

- 2016 James Madison and the Bill of Rights to Brigham City Library
- 2015 Lincoln and the Executive Branch Vesting Clause to Brigham City Library
- 2014, 2015 "Utah's Caucus System" to Girls' State
- 2012 "Making the Connection" to the 2nd Annual Symposium on Social Studies and Civic Education in Utah Schools sponsored by the Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education and the Utah State Board of Education
- 2012 "2012 Election Predictions" to Merrill Lynch Investment Dinner
- 2012 ff. Tooele Teaching American History
- 2009 ff. Davis Teaching American History

2003 ff. History Alliance
2006 Ute Teaching American History Project
2004,2005 Weber County School District
2005 History Underscores Belief

Media Commentary

Television

2008 Talking Points, KSL-5
2007 Utah Now, KUED
2006 State of the State panelist, Davis County Cable Access
2004,2006 KBYU Congressional Debate Panelist

Newspaper

2006 Blogged for *Standard-Examiner*
2003-2004 Polling for *Standard Examiner*

Radio

2016 Radioactive, KRCL <http://www.krcl.org/blog/radioactive-july-4-2016/>
2010 Thinking Aloud, KBYU
2006 Tim Axelrod Show, WKLO
2006 Access Utah, Utah Public Radio

Blogs

2010 *The Hill's* Congress Blog

Civic Organizations

2003 ff. Weber County League of Women Voters
2015 ff. Golden Spike Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution
2012 ff. Girl Scouts of Utah