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Education

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, Political Science – December 2004
M.A. University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, Political Science – May 1993
B.A. University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, Political Science/History – June 1989

Employment

Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Buffalo State – SUNY, Fall 2013 – Present
Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Buffalo State – SUNY, Fall 2006 – Spring 2013
Assistant Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona, Fall 2000 – Spring 2006
Research Assistant, Evaluation Group for the Analysis of Data, Department of Psychology, University of Arizona, Fall 1995 – Spring 2006
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona, Fall 1995 - Spring 2000
Instructor, Department of Political Science/School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Arizona, Spring 1995 – Spring 2000
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department, University of Montana Spring 1993

Fields of Concentration and Teaching Interests - *Political Theory*:

History of Political Thought and Science, Comparative Democracy, International Relations Theory

Work/Creative Activities

Publications

“A Postmodern Present and President: Postmodernity, Political Science and the Trump Presidency,” *Journal of Political Science Education* (2021). (With Peter Yacobucci)
“Democracy, *Res Publica*, and Reforming 21st Century Classrooms,” *Journal of Political Science Education* (2019). (With Peter Yacobucci)
“The Practical Import of Political Inquiry” Book Review, *Learning and Teaching* 11:2:92–99 (Summer 2018).
“The Missed Revolution: How Twombly and Iqbal Tilted the Legal Playing Field While Political Science Remained Silent,” *Politics, Bureaucracy and Justice*. 4:1 (Fall 2014). (With Peter Yacobucci)

- “Autonomy,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Wiley-Blackwell (Fall 2014). [By Editor Invitation]
- “Hyper-Sullenness: The Public Mood, Wealth Defense, and Political Science as Kitsch,” *Philosophy Studies*, 3:3 (March 2013). [By Editor Invitation]
- “Perestroika in Political Science: Past, Present, and Future,” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43:4 (October 2010).
- "The Rebels' Yell: Mr. Perestroika and the Causes of This Rebellion in Context." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43:4 (October 2010). (With Tim Luke)
- “The Pitfalls of a Tool-based Science and the Promise of a Problem-focused Science.” *Journal of Methods and Measurement in the Social Sciences*, 1(2), 1-14 (2010). (With Patrick McKnight, Johns, M., & Najab, J.)
- “American Democratic Practice, France, and Russia: Institutions, Values, and Democratic Experiences,” *New Political Science* 29:2 (June 2007). (With John P. Willerton)
- "The Trial of Scopes: *Perestroika*, Epic Political Theory and the Dominance of Method," *New Political Science* 27:2 (June 2005).
- "A Closed Community: Fredric Jameson and the Commodification of Political Science," *New Political Science*. 22:2 (June 2000).
- "The Twentieth Century: Progressivism, Prosperity, and Crisis," in *The Environmental Presidency*. Dennis L. Soden, ed. Albany, NY: State University Press of New York, 1999. (With Andrea Gerlak)

Conference Participation and Invited Lectures

Conference Panel Organization

- Political Theory Section Chair, Annual Meetings of the New York State Political Science Association, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 16-7, 2010; Niagara Falls, NY, April 8-9, 2011; Wagner College, Staten Island, April 20-21, 2012; Syracuse, NY April 19-20, 2013; St. John’s University, New York, April 25-6, 2014
- Public Policy Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1-3, 2010.

Conference Presentations and Participation

- “Citizen, Know Thyself: Intro American Government and Misinformation,” Delivered at the Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 31-Sep 2, 2023.
- Active Learning Strategies to Combat Misinformation Among Undergraduates – Discussant, Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 31-Sep 2, 2023.
- Critical Encounters with Habermas' Legal Theory Conference – Pineda/Specter Panel Moderator, SUNY-University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, May 26-7, 2023.
- “Plato and the Postmodern Present,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 10-2, 2022.
- Pandemic Learning: Access to Internships & Political Understanding in the time of Covid-19 – Panel Chair/Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Virtual Presentation, April 1-3, 2021.

- “Utilizing Current Political Affairs as a Vehicle to Advanced Understanding,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Virtual Presentation, April 1-3, 2021. (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci)
- “Crossing the Postmodern Divide: Trump, Truth, and Undergraduate Political Education,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 18-20, 2019.
- “The Troubles with Trittyes: Cleisthenes, Interest Groups and Democratic Engagement,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Aug 30 – Sept 1, 2018.
- “Democracy, *Res Publica*, and Legitimacy in 21st Century Classrooms,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept Aug 31 – Sept 2, 2017. (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci)
- “Taking Advantage of Diversity: Opportunities of Difference,” Panel Discussant at Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept Aug 31 – Sept 1, 2017.
- “The Cracked Mirror: The Crisis of Political Science's Empty Aesthetics,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 22-4, 2012.
- “Russia in Search of a National Idea: Crisis, State Consolidation and “Democratization” in the Putin-Medvedev Era,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 22-4, 2012. (co-authored with John P. Willerton)
- Asian Politics, Comparative Politics Panel – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 22-4, 2012.
- “Teaching Res Publica and Individual Rights in the First-Year Political Science Course,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-3, 2011. (co-authored with Laurie Buonanno)
- “The Missed Revolution: How Twombly and Iqbal Tilted the Legal Playing Field while Political Science Remained Silent,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 21-3, 2011. (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci)
- Political Theory Roundtable (PT-4) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Niagara Falls, NY, April 8-9, 2011
- “Tour De Force: Making Study Abroad Count,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary, November 14-6, 2010.
- Morality, Ethics, and Political Motivation (PT-4) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 16-7, 2010.
- U. S. Public Policy; Comparative Public Policy II; New Approaches to 18th Century Thought Panels – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1-3, 2010.
- Citizens and Society (PT-7) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Albany, NY, April 24-5, 2009.
- “Democracy Building Russian Style: Sovereignty, Justice, and Post-Soviet Institutional Design,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C., March 19-21, 2009 (co-authored with J. Pat Willerton).
- “The New Stoicism: Political Theory, Politics, and The Market As God,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Albany, NY, April 25-6, 2008.
- Platonic Dialogue (PT-1) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Albany, NY, April April 25-26, 2008

- “The Irrationality of School Levy Initiatives and the Implications for Participatory Democracy,”
Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA,
March 2008 (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci).
- Reconstructing Citizenship and Nationalism – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of
the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 2008.
- Panelist – response to Dr. Norman Kurland’s presentation “The Just Third Way,” at the 6th annual
Peace Conference hosted by Buffalo State College, SUNY, October 24, 2007.
- Landscapes of Capital Section, Ethnographic Dreamworlds 2007 – Presider/Organizer, 8th Annual
Sociology Conference at Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY, April 27, 2007.
- “With a Rebel Yell: Perestroika's Raucous Public Purview and Method,” Delivered at the
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.
- Institutional Design and Democratic Performance – Discussant at the Annual
Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.
- Linking Methods to the Public and to Politics – Chairperson at the Annual Meeting of the Western
Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.
- “American Democratic Practice and the Russian and French Cases: Dilemmas of U.S.
Triumphalism in Contemporary Political Thinking,” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the
Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006 (co-authored with J. Pat
Willerton).
- “An Epic Light: Sheldon Wolin’s Social Thought and Our Democratic Canon,” Delivered at the
Annual Meeting of the Social Theory, Politics, and Arts Conference, University of Oregon,
Eugene, OR, October 2005.
- "*Perestroika* or *Glasnost*: Pluralism, Peer-Review and the Restructuring of Political Science,"
Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR,
March 2004.
- Methodological Pluralism in Political Science Panel - Chairperson, at the Annual Meeting of
the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.
- "Post-positivism and Policy Change: An Alternative Approach," Delivered at the Annual Meeting
of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, March 1999 (Co-authored with
Peter Yacobucci).
- "The New Depthlessness: Fredric Jameson and the Effects of Commodification upon Political
Science as a Community," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science
Association, Boston, MA, September 1998.
- "Isolation: The State of Political Science," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of Political Theory,
University of Arizona/Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 1998.
- "IAD or DEA: Elinor Ostrom's Institutional Framework in Light of Arne Naess's Deep Ecology,"
Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles,
CA, March 1998.
- "Mission Impossible: Susan Moller Okin and Rawls's Theory of Justice Reconsidered,"
Delivered at the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 1998.
- "Home Sweet Home: Home Ownership and Political Participation," Delivered at the Annual
Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Tucson, AZ, March 1997.
- "War and Peace: The Democratic Peace Reconsidered," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the
Western Political Science Association, Tucson, AZ, March, 1997.-

Invited Lectures

- “Politics, Postmodernity & Democratic Backsliding in the 21st Century,” Delivered to SUNY Buffalo State College Honors Program, Buffalo, NY, April 28, 2022.
- “Language, COVID, and the Politics of Postmodernity,” Delivered at the SE Asia Week Panel Discussion, Buffalo, NY, March 22, 2022.
- “Crossing the Postmodern Divide: Trump and Truth” Delivered at Conversations in and Out of the Discipline Series, Buffalo State College – SUNY, Buffalo, NY, May 3, 2019.
- “Democracy: Process and Goal,” Delivered at the SE Asia Week Panel Discussion on Democracy, Buffalo, NY, March 13, 2019.
- “Big Con[servative] Game: Leo Strauss, Neo-Conservatism, and *The Power of Nightmares*,” Student Political Society, Buffalo State College, SUNY, October 24th, 2006.
- "Blue, Red, or Dead? Ideologies and the American Electorate," Havurah Jewish Studies Group, Rancho Vistoso, AZ, January 17, 2005.

Awards

U.S. State Department – Fulbright

Alternate – Fulbright Teaching Exchange – Hungary – 2014/15

Buffalo State – SUNY

Recipient - Faculty Appreciation Award – Campus Life; May 2013, May 2010

Recipient – University at Buffalo, SUNY – Service Award – Graduate School Awareness Program, October 2009

Recipient – American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha – Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, Fall 2007

Recipient – Student Political Society - Instructor of the Year Award, 2006-7

Finalist – Western Political Science Association – Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Conference Paper, Spring 2007

University of Arizona - College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Recipient - Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Fall 2004 - Spring 2005

Finalist - Outstanding Instructor Award, Pre-Session Summer 2004

Recipient – Department Tuition Waiver, Fall 1996 - Spring 1997

Finalist – Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Fall 1995 - Spring 1996

Research Fellowships and Grants – Buffalo State

Bringing Theory To Practice Grant – Spring 2014

UUP Research Development Grant – Spring 2009, 2011, 2012, 2022

Integration of Undergraduate Research in the Curriculum Grant, Summer 2008 – Spring 2009

Volunteer and Service-Learning Community [VSLC] Service Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2007

Professional and Academic Association Memberships

American Political Science Association, 1998 – 2016

Western Political Science Association, 2000 – Present; Public Policy Panel Coordinator, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

New York State Political Science Association, 2008 – 2016; Political Theory Panel Coordinator

Professional Assignments and Activities – Buffalo State

Pre-Law Coordinator (Summer 2021-Present)
Political Science Combined Pathway (BA/JD), Program Coordinator (Fall 2018-Present)
Faculty Fellow and Advisory Board Member, Honors Program (Summer 2018-present)
Pi Sigma Alpha, Xi Theta Chapter Advisor – Department (Fall 2006 – present)
Assessment Committee Chair, Undergraduate (Spring 2021-2022)
Curriculum and Assessment Committee Chair, Political Science (Fall 2018-Spring 2021; Fall 2022
- Present)
Political Science Personnel Committee Search Chair (Fall 2022)
President’s Committee on Marketing and Communication (Fall 2017 – Fall 2019)
Assistant Director, Honors Program (Summer 2017-Summer 2018 – 1 Year Appointment)
American History IF Assessment Committee, SNSS (Fall 2017/Spring 2018)
External Evaluator, SUNY Brockport Political Science/IR Program Review (Spring 2017)
Director, American Democracy Project (Summer 2012 – 2016)
Personnel Committee Chairman, Political Science Department (Fall 2012 – Summer 2015)
School of Natural and Social Sciences Representative to College Senate (Fall 2010 – Spring 2016)
SNSS Faculty Senate Representative to Graduate Advisory Committee (Fall 2013 – Present)
McNair Undergraduate Research Project Reviewer (Summer 2008 – Spring 2018)
Student Political Association Advisor (USG recognized group) (Fall 2007 – Spring 2017)
Curriculum and Assessment Committee Member, Political Science Department (Fall 2006 – Spring
2016)

References – Available Upon Request