

# ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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### ***Education***

B.A. with honors (Political Science), University of Northern Iowa, 1977.

Law School (no degree) Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1978-79.

M.A. (Political Science)  
University of South Carolina, 1985.

Ph.D. (Political Science)  
University of Kentucky, 1992.

### ***Academic Honors***

Dean's List, University of Northern Iowa, 1973-77.

Graduate Student Teaching and Research Assistantship, University of South Carolina, 1983-85.

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantship, University of Kentucky, 1986-90.

Merchant Scholarship, University of Northern Iowa, 1986.

S. Sidney Ulmer Award, Best Paper by a Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 1989.

Ulmer Summer Fellowship Award, University of Kentucky, 1990.

### ***Dissertation***

"State Legislative Partisanship: The Case of Iowa, 1945-90," University of Kentucky, September, 1992.

### ***Related Experience***

Research Assistant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Laboratory, University of Northern Iowa, 1976.

Staff, Iowa House of Representatives, 1978.

Research Assistant, NSF Project Grant for the study of "Legislative Networks," directed by Dr. David Whiteman, University of South Carolina, 1984.

Participant, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program, University of Michigan, 1987.

### ***Teaching Experience***

University of South Carolina, Department of Government and International Studies, discussion sections and lectures in American Government, 1983-85.

University of Kentucky, Department of Political Science, Instructor, 1986-90.

Lexington Community College, Lexington, Kentucky, Instructor 1989-90.

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina  
Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor, 1990-93.

Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Missouri,  
Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology,  
Assistant Professor,  
1993-present.

### ***Courses Taught***

American Government  
State and Local Government  
Legislative Process/Congress  
The National Executive/Presidency  
Urban Politics  
Political Parties and Interest Groups  
Electoral Behavior  
Public Administration and Public Policy  
Judicial Politics and Process  
Constitutional Law  
Political Science Scope and Methods

## **Publications**

"A Survey of Teaching by Graduate Students," with Malcolm Jewell, *PS*, 22:1 (March, 1989).

Book Review: "State and Local Government Performance and Public Opinion," *The Journal of Politics*, August 1995.

"Expediting the Platform Process," *Party Developments*, Fall, 1997.

"Process over Substance?--Iowa Democrats Try New Ways to Write Their 1996 Party Platform," *Comparative State Politics*, February, 1998.

"Immigrants and the Shaping of Midwestern Politics," *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*, 2005.

"Electoral Rules and Procedures in the Midwest," *Encyclopedia of the Midwest*, 2005.

## **Other**

M.A. Thesis, University of South Carolina, 1985. "*The Amateur Democrat Revisited: The Iowa Democratic Conference--Amateur Political Activity in a State Setting*"

Manuscript referee:  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Legislative Studies Quarterly*  
*Western Politics Quarterly*

Text consultant:  
*Brown and Benchmark Publishing, Inc.* 1995-96.

Correspondent for *Party Developments*, Center for Party Development, Kirkland, WA, 1996-99.

Reviewer, University of Nebraska Press, 2000-06.

Frequent contributor, *St. Joseph News-Press* and KTVQ, Channel 2, St. Joseph, Missouri.

## *Conference Activities*

"Turnout in State Judicial Elections: Examining the Determinants," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14, 1989, Chicago, Illinois.

"State Budgeting Practices: The Impact of Congressional Reforms, the Decline of Classical Budgeting Norms," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November, 1989, Memphis, Tennessee.

"Partisanship in the Iowa Legislature: A Longitudinal Examination 1945-90" presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1990, Chicago, Illinois.

"Party Caucus Influence in the Iowa Legislature," with Malcolm Jewell, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August, 1990, San Francisco, California.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "State Legislative Decision-Making," at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November, 1990, Atlanta, Georgia.

Discussant, panel on "South Carolina Politics," at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association, April, 1991, Charleston, South Carolina.

"Comparing State Legislative Partisanship: Iowa and Ohio," with Sean B. Tipton, paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August, 1991, Washington, D.C.

"Attitudinal Dimensions of Legislative Partisanship," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 1992, Chicago, Illinois.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Legislative Parties and Roll-Call Voting," at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November, 1993, Savannah, Georgia.

Discussant, "Parties, Partisanship, and Presidential Campaigns," at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 1995, Chicago, Illinois.

Discussant, two different panels in the Legislative Politics section, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 1996, Chicago, Illinois.

Discussant and panel chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Student Research Conference, April, 1996, Avila College, Kansas City, MO.

Panel member and speaker, "A Class-based Approach to Affirmative Action," MWSC Symposium on Race and Gender, April, 1996, St. Joseph, MO.

Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference of Political Science, October, 1997, Luther College, Decorah, IA.

Panel Discussant, student advisor, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Student Research Conference, April, 1997, Avila College, Kansas City, MO.

Awards Committee Chair, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Student Research Conference, April, 1998, Creighton University, Omaha, NE.

"Party Recruitment of Legislative Candidates: Does it Make a Difference," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August, 1998.

Panel Chair: "Legislative Committees", the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, October, 1998.

Discussant: "Divided Government Legislative Processes," the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, October, 1998.

Discussant: Panel on "Legislative Processes," the Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference of Political Science, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, November, 1999.

Conference Organizer and Host, Midwest Student Research Conference Annual Meeting, Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph, Missouri April, 2000.

Discussant, Panel Chair, Midwest Student Research Conference Annual Meeting, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March, 2001.

Discussant: Legislative Studies section, at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November, 2001.

Discussant, Panel Chair, Midwest Student Research Conference Annual Meeting, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, April, 2002.

“Cooperative Federalism: Interstate Compacts Today  
Patterns, Explanations, and Questions”  
paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2002.

Discussant: panel on “Legislative Political Party Campaign Committees” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2002.

Discussant, Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, March 2004.

Discussant: panel on “State Legislatures,” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2004.

Discussant, Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Minnesota @ Morris, Morris, MN, March, 2005.

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN, March, 2006

Conference Coordinator and Sponsor, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Missouri Western State University, March, 2007.

Panel Chair and Discussant,  
Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Missouri Western State University, March, 2007.

Discussant, State and Intergovernmental Politics Section: Panel on "The Politics of Policy Diffusion," at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2007.

Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Wartburg College, Iowa, March, 2008.

Faculty Sponsor, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Wartburg College, Iowa, March, 2008. MWSU student Andrew Crippen.

Discussant: panel on "Political Parties in the Legislative Process" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2009.

"Making College Challenging, Yet Rewarding," paper presented to Social Studies students at Lafayette High School, St. Joseph, MO (September 23, 2009).

Panel Chair and Discussant, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Gustavus Adolphus College, Saint Peter, MN, (March 19, 2010).

Discussant: panel on "Parties and Partisanship in the States," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 22, 2010.

Poster Session Participant: "State Constitutional Change," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 23, 2010.

Faculty Sponsor, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, paper presented by MWSU student Nicholas Brothers, "Organized Labor in the Democratic Party 2008-2010," Coe College, Iowa, March, 11, 2011.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "American Politics," Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Coe College, Iowa, March 12, 2011.

"Informal Constitutional Change: An Exploration of Patterns and Explanations," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3, 2011.

Faculty Sponsor, Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, paper presented by MWSU student Jake Baber, "The Supreme Court and the Establishment Clause," Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, March, 2012.

"Graduate Student Teaching Practices Revisited: A New Look 25 Years Later," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3, 2014.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "American Politics," Midwest Political Science Undergraduate Research Conference, Park University, Missouri, April 11, 2014.

### ***Research Interests***

Legislative Politics and Processes  
American National Government and Processes  
Constitutional Law  
Midwestern State and Local Politics  
Political Science Curriculum Development & Trends

### ***Institutional Service and Other Extra-Curricular Activities***

Organizer, "A Day in Frankfort," seminar for undergraduate students in the capital city of Kentucky, featuring speakers from state government, the media, and interest groups, March, 1988.

Search Committee, State Politics/Public Administration position, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 1988.

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky, 1988-89.

Advisor, Office for Experiential Education, University of Kentucky, 1989.

Academic Council, University of Kentucky, 1989-90.

Honor's Program, Winthrop University, 1990-93.

Advisor, Winthrop Young Democrats, 1992-93.

Executive Board, Winthrop Chapter of the AAUP 1992-93.



Founder/Advisor, Political Awareness Club, Missouri Western State College, 1993-98.

Organizer, chief sponsor, "Decision 92 Week," four days of panel presentations, debates, academic lectures, and mock student election, Winthrop University, October, 1992.

Speaker, York County Democratic Club, "Interpreting the 1992 Election," Rock Hill, South Carolina, November, 1992.

Faculty, Danner Youth Institute, leadership program for promising high school students, Northwest Community College, St. Joseph, Missouri, December, 1993.

Instructor, Honor's Program, Missouri Western State College, 1993-94, 1999-2000.

Curriculum Revision Committee  
Department of Social Sciences, Missouri Western State College, 1993-94.

*MWSC Faculty Senate* Grievance Committee  
Missouri Western State College, 1994-99.

Technology Committee  
Missouri Western State College, 1994-98.

Faculty, The Washington Center program on "Media and Politics," Washington, D.C., January, 1994.

Coordinator, sponsor, student internship in the Missouri House of Representatives, Spring, 1994.

Co-sponsor, field trip and program at Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City, April, 1994.

Coordinator, sponsor, series of legislative and city candidate forums, Missouri Western State College, 1994.

Speaker, Platte City Chamber of Commerce breakfast, "Amendment Seven, What does it mean?", Platte City, Missouri, October, 1994.

Faculty, Danner Youth Institute, St. Joseph, Missouri, October, 1994.

Coordinator and sponsor, City of St. Joseph Council forum, Missouri Western State College, April, 1995.

Coordinator, Slater and Gorman Legislative Internships,  
Missouri House of Representatives, 1995-2006.

Member, Selection Committee for the Slater Legislative  
Internships, and MWSU Public Service Award, 1995-2010.

Colloquium Committee  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Missouri Western State  
College, 1995.

Member, Funding for Results, "Interdisciplinary Ethics  
Project," 1997-99.

Organizer, Funding for Results program on Affirmative  
Action, 1997-98.

Chair, *MWSC Faculty Senate* Grievance Committee  
Missouri Western State College, 1998-2000.

Coordinator, Government Internships & Practicums  
Department of Government, Social Work & Sociology  
Missouri Western State University, 2000-present.

Tenure and Promotion Subcommittee  
Department of Government, Social Work,  
and Sociology, Missouri Western State College, 2000-2001.

*MWSC Faculty Senate* Promotion and Tenure Committee  
Missouri Western State College, 2000- 2003.  
Chair, 2002-2003.

Recruitment Committee  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
Missouri Western State College, 2001-06

Institutional Internship Committee  
Missouri Western State College, 2001-07.

Member, Advisory Committee, Midwest Political Science  
Undergraduate Research Conference, 1996-present.

Speaker, Annual Meeting for Inter/Serv of St. Joseph, MO,  
May 20, 1996.

Member, Warren County, Iowa Democratic Central  
Committee, 1996-2002.

Chair, Critical Issues Committee, Warren County Democrats, 1997-98.

Delegate, county, district, and state conventions, Iowa Democratic Party, 1996, 1998, 2000.

Organizer, Iowa Democratic Gubernatorial Candidates Debate, Warren County Democrats, Indianola, IA, April, 1998.

Organizer, Buchanan County Candidate's Forum, Missouri Western State College, October, 1998.

Moderator, League of Women Voter's Candidate's Forum, Missouri Western State College, October, 2000.

Commentator, numerous appearances on KTVQ, St. Joseph, Missouri (elections, impeachment, budget battles, state politics). 1993-2004.

Sponsor, MWSU field trip to Truman Presidential Library, November, 2002

Organizer and Chair, MWSC GSWS Department, St Joseph Municipal Elections, Candidate Forums, Spring, 2002.

Sponsor, MWSU field trip to Clinton Presidential Library, March, 2005.

Sponsor and Chair, MWSU- GSWS Department St. Joseph Municipal Candidate Forums, February-March, 2006.

Gorman Public Service Internship Selection Committee, Missouri Western State College, 2004-05

Chair. *MWSU Faculty Senate* Scholarship Committee 2005-2009.

Sponsor, GSWS Department field trip to Chicago, IL, March, 2006.

Sponsor, GSWS Department field trip to Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Springfield, Illinois, February, 2007.

Participant, "Critical Thinking and Professional Development Workshop," Missouri Western State University November 1-2, 2007

Chair, *MWSC Faculty Senate* Grievance Committee  
Missouri Western State College, 2008-10.

Chair, Department Search Committee for faculty position in  
International Relations and Comparative Politics, 2009.

Author and Presenter, MWSU Constitution Day Program,  
“A Stronger National Government Under the New  
Constitution,” September 17, 2009.

Member, GSSW Department Scholarship Committee, 2008-  
09.

ETS Political Science Exit Exam Coordinator, 2009-11.

Participant, MWSU Library Faculty Advisory Work Group,  
November 3, 2010.

Member, Department Search Committee for one-year  
position in American Politics and Political Theory,  
February-April, 2012.

Member, *MWSU* Department of History, Philosophy and  
Geography Search Committee for tenure track position in  
Geography. February 1-April 15, 2012.

Participant, *MWSU* Faculty Senate Seminar on “Revising  
General Education in the Undergraduate Curriculum,  
February 17, 2012.

Chair, Department Search Committee for tenure-track  
position in American Politics and Political Theory,  
September 15, 2012-May 1, 2013.

Program Organizer, student watch parties for 2012  
Presidential Debates, co-sponsored with *MWSU* Student  
Life and Center for Student Engagement, September  
15–November 5, 2012.

Member, *MWSU* Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee,  
August 19, 2013-present.

Participant, *MWSU* General Studies Working Group, August  
15, 2012-March 30, 2013.

Program Organizer, *MWSU* Political Science Fall Candidate Forums, September 15-November 5, 2012. Candidate forums were held for local county candidates and state legislative candidates.

Sponsor and Chair, *MWSU*- GSWS Department St. Joseph Municipal Candidate Forums, February 18-March 25, 2010.

Participant, *MWSU* Constitution Day Program, September 16, 2011.

Discussant, *MWSU* Democrats program on "The U.S. Economy Going Forward," November 17, 2011

Participant, *MWSU* Constitution Day Program, September 13, 2013.

Presenter, "Same Sex Marriage: The Train Has Left the Station," program at Missouri Western State University, sponsored by Political Science, *MWSU* University Democrats and Republicans, November 5, 2013.

Moderator, "Gun Rights," program at Missouri Western State University, sponsored by Political Science, *MWSU* University Democrats and Republicans, April 10, 2014.

Author and Presenter, *MWSU* Constitution Day Program, "The Equal Protection Clause and Affirmative Action," September 17, 2014.

Co-Organizer and sponsor, *MWSU* campus program on "The Hobby Lobby Decision," *MWSU* Politics Club and Political Science, November 18, 2014.

**References:**

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