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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of Michigan**, Political Science (American politics, public law, organization theory), 1997
- M.P.A.** **Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government**, 1993
- J.D.** **University of Michigan Law School**, *cum laude*, 1976
- B.A.** **University of Notre Dame**, *magna cum laude*, Program of Liberal Studies, 1973

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor (2005; Assistant Professor, 2000-5), Department of Political Science, and Senior Faculty Associate, Institute for Law and Public Policy, University of Texas at San Antonio. Courses taught: Introduction to American Government (regular and honors), American Presidency, Legislative Process, Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties, Administrative Law, Law and Society, Legal and Philosophical Reasoning, Legal Studies (Tort Law), Judicial Politics, Special Topics in the Presidency Undergraduate Seminar, Graduate Survey Seminar in American Government and Politics.

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Michigan Political Science Department, 1998-9.

Lecturer, Eastern Michigan University Political Science Department, 1997-8.

Fulbright Scholar, University of Bucharest, Romania, 1990-91. Taught American law and government in Schools of Law, Journalism, Political Science, and Economic Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Presidents and the People: The Partisan Story of Going Public (Texas A&M University Press, 2002).

“The Presidential Newspaper as an Engine of Early American Political Development: The Case of Thomas Jefferson and the Election of 1800,” *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*, 11:1 (forthcoming, spring 2008)

“Partisan Affiliations and Presidential Communication Strategies,” *Critical Review, An Interdisciplinary Journal of Politics and Society*, vol. 21 (forthcoming, 2008).

“Talking without Speaking,” in Martin J. Medhurst, ed., *Before the Rhetorical Presidency* (Texas A&M University Press, scheduled publication date: November 1, 2008).

“The Theory and Practice of the Rhetorical Presidency,” with Phillip Abbot, David Henry, Davis Houck, Stephen Lucas, and Shawn Parry-Giles, in Martin J. Medhurst, ed., *The Prospect of Presidential Rhetoric* (Texas A&M University Press, scheduled publication date: January 30, 2008).

"The Presidential Newspaper: The Forgotten Way of Going Public" in *Speaking to the People: The Rhetorical Presidency in Historical Perspective* (University of Massachusetts Press, 1998), Richard E. Ellis, editor, Sidney M. Milkis, senior editor.

Guest commentary on the political controversy regarding the “Crossing the River” statue on the campus of UTSA published February 25, 2007 in the *San Antonio Express-News*.

PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS

“The Promotion of Republican Culture and Politics in the Jeffersonian Press,” paper presented September 1, 2007 (Panel 23-7: Rhetoric and Leadership in the American Presidency), at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago.

“Presidents, Parties, and Public Discourse: The Role of the Partisan Press in the Early Republic,” manuscript under review at *Perspectives on Politics*.

“Power Promoted: Thomas Jefferson and the First Presidential Newspaper, 1800-1801,” presented September 3, 2006, at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia.

“Webs of Political Communication in Nineteenth Century America,” presented April 14, 2006 at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association in San Antonio.

“Promoting Jeffersonian Democracy: Principles of Government from the First Presidential Newspaper, the *National Intelligencer*,” presented September 3, 2005, at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C.

“Who Listened? Political Media Communications by ‘Pre-Modern’ Presidents,” presented April 17, 2004 at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

“Just How Did the Threat Become ‘Imminent?’ The Role of Presidential Messengers in the Iraq Conflict,” presented March 18, 2004 at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association in Corpus Christi.

“Theory and Practice of the Rhetorical Presidency,” co-authored with Phillip Abbot, David Henry, Davis Houck, Stephen Lucas, and Shawn Parry-Giles, presented March 5,

2004, at the Tenth Annual Conference on Presidential Rhetoric sponsored by the Department of Communication and the Bush Presidential Library Foundation at Texas A&M University.

“Assessing the Impact of Presidential Communications in the Nineteenth Century: The Case of Martin Van Buren and the Washington *National Intelligencer*,” presented April 19, 2003 at the Southwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

"Presidents and Public Communication in the Late Nineteenth Century," presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Presidential Newspaper 1836-1860: The Rest of the Story," presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

"The Old Norm Against Going Public: Constitutional Fact or Partisan Fancy?" presented at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"The Presidential Newspaper: The Forgotten Way of Going Public," presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

"Popular Rhetoric in George Washington's Time: Proscription or Prescription?" presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

“The Office of the San Antonio City Attorney,” manuscript accepted for publication in *The Politics and Economics of San Antonio*, Richard Gambitta and Raquel Marquez, editors, McGraw-Hill, Inc.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Guest Lecturer and Researcher, Princeton University, March 2007, at the invitation of the Program in Leadership Studies and the Center for the Study of Democratic Politics.

UTSA Faculty Development Fellowship, spring 2006 semester.

President’s Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2003.

Keynote Speaker, Conference on Presidential Rhetoric and Communications, sponsored by the Texas A&M Program in Presidential Rhetoric and the George Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University, February 28, 2002.

College of Liberal and Fine Arts Research Grant Recipient, University of Texas at San Antonio, summer 2001.

Dissertation, "Constitutionally Speaking: The Evolution of Going Public," nominated for 1998 Best Dissertation on the Presidency, Center for Presidential Studies, George Bush School of Government and Public Policy, Texas A & M University.

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) Research Fellowship, 1996.

University Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1992.

Fulbright Scholar, University of Bucharest, Romania, 1990-1991.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Member, Neustadt Award Committee (to select the best book on the U.S. Presidency published in 2007), APSA Presidency Research Group, 2007-08.

Member of Presidency Research, Politics and History, Law and Courts, and Political Communication Sections, American Political Science Association

2006, reviewed manuscripts for *Presidential Studies Quarterly* entitled, "Policy Speech in the Nineteenth Century Rhetorical Presidency: The Case of Zachary Taylor's 1849 Tour," and for *Political Research Quarterly* entitled, "We the People: The 'Modern' Rhetorical Popular Address of the Presidents during the Founding Period."

Chair, 2006-7 African American Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Geography, UTSA.

Panel moderator, "Interpreting the Election: Perspective from the Texas Press," Campaign 2006 Presidential Election Debriefing, November 18, 2006, San Antonio, Texas, sponsored by The New Politics Forum and The Annette Strauss Institute.

Panel Discussant and Panel Chair, 2006 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association.

Panel Discussant and Panel Chair, 2006 Annual Meeting, Southwestern Political Science Association.

Moderator, "Creation vs. Evolution Debate," March 30, 2006, UTSA.

Chair, 2006 and 2005, College of Public Policy Faculty Tenure Review Advisory Committees, UTSA.

Presenter at July 21, 2005 Leadership Retreat for the City of San Antonio Mayor and City Council, hosted by President Ricardo Romo of the University of Texas at San Antonio,

2005, reviewed manuscript for *Presidential Studies Quarterly* entitled "The Rhetorical Presidency of Thomas Jefferson," and preliminary manuscript of textbook on the Globalization of American Politics for Prentice Hall Publishing.

Panel moderator, "America as a Red/Blue Nation? Campaign 2004 Presidential Election Debriefing, November 19-20, 2004, Austin, Texas. Sponsored by The New Politics

Forum, The Hatton Sumners Foundation, The Annette Strauss Institute, and University of Texas at Austin.

Panel discussant and panel chair, 2004 Annual Meeting, Southwestern Political Science Association.

Panel discussant and panel chair, 2004 Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association.

Invited guest attendee, Conference on Researching the Public Presidency, February 27-28, 2004, sponsored by the Bush Presidential Library, Texas A&M University.

Chair, Public Law Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Geography, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2003.

Faculty Senate Representative for Department of Political Science and Geography, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2001-3.

2002 and 2004, new edition reviewer for *America at Odds*, by Beth Henschen and Edward Sidlow (Wadsworth Publishing)

2002, reviewed manuscripts: *Constitutional Law*, by Malcolm Feeley and Samuel Krislov, for Chatham House Publishers; the "Evolution of the Modern Rhetorical Presidency: Presidential Presentation and Development of the State of the Union Address," for *Presidential Studies Quarterly*; and "George W. Bush and the Unrhetorical Rhetorical Presidency," for *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*.

2001, reviewed manuscripts: *You, the People*, by Vanessa Beasley, for Texas A&M Press; and "Five Trends in Presidential Rhetoric: Inaugural Addresses and Annual Messages from George Washington to Bill Clinton," for *Presidential Studies Quarterly*.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Deputy Treasurer, Washtenaw County, Michigan, 1995-9.

Candidate for State Representative in the Michigan Legislature, 1992.

City Treasurer, City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1992.

City Attorney, City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1991; Assistant City Attorney, 1980-1990.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2004-present, Board Member, Mitchell Lake Audubon Society Center, San Antonio, Texas.

2005-2007, Board Member, King William Neighborhood Association, San Antonio.