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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position: Professor of Politics, Oberlin College

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Michigan State University, 1969
M.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, 1965
B.A. Political Science, Michigan State University, 1964

Academic Experience

1979 - present Professor of Politics, Oberlin College
1991 - present Professor of Government, The Junior Statesmen Summer School, Stanford University
1992 - 96 Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Cleveland State University
1991 - 1993 Visiting Professor of Political Science, Colorado College
1978 - 1981 Director, Public Service Studies Program, Oberlin College
1977 - 1981 Chair, Department of Government, Oberlin College
1973 Visiting Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison
1972 - 1979 Associate Professor of Government, Oberlin College
1968 - 1972 Assistant Professor of Government, Oberlin College
1975 - 1977 Director, Oberlin Social Science Statistical Laboratory
1968 - 1970 Participant, Oberlin Faculty Mathematics Program
1966 Inter-University Consortium for Political Research: Participant in Summer Training Program

Fellowships, Grants, Awards

2007 Professor "Props" (Selected by the Freshman Class as Mentor of the Year)

2005 Award for Excellence in Teaching from the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education

2005 Distinguished Teaching Award from Oberlin College

1994 Oberlin College (Cole) Electoral Studies Grant

1989 Oberlin College Research and Development Grant

1986 Sloan Foundation Fellowship

1985 Oberlin College Mellon Colloquium Award

1981 - 1982 Oberlin College Curriculum Development Fellowship

Summer 1979 RAND Corporation Research Grant (with Robert W. Tufts and James E. Zinser)

Summer 1979 Oberlin College Research Grant (with Robert W. Tufts and James E. Zinser)

1978 - 1980 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Grant for establishment of Public Service Studies Program (with Professors Kasper, Zinser, Tufts, et al)

1977 - 1979 National Science Foundation, Political Science Research Grant

1976 - 1977 Research Status Award, Oberlin College

1972 - 1973 The Brookings Institution, Guest Scholar

1972 - 1973 Ford Foundation, Travel and Study Award

Summer 1971 Oberlin College Research Grant

1968 - 1970 Oberlin College Research Grant

Summer 1968 Great Lakes Colleges Association (Carnegie) Grant

1966 - 1967 U.S. Office of Education Research Grant

1965 - 1966 National Defense Education Act Fellowship

Teaching Interests

- American National Government and Institutions
- Political Leadership
- Presidency
- Public Policy

Scholarly Interests

- The Strategic Management of Political Capital
- The Determinants of Policy Success and Failure

Publications

- "Review of Undergraduate Departments: An External Reviewer's Perspective," in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 22, No. 1, March 1989, pp. 63-66.
- American Government: Institutions, Policies, and Politics. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 630 pages, 1987.
- American Government: Institutions, Policies, and Politics, Instructor's Manual, with James C. Foster and Richard Balkema. Glenview, IL: Scott, Foresman, 306 pages, 1987.
- "Political and Organizational Analysis," with Arnold J. Meltsner, et. al., in John P. Crecine (ed.) The New Educational Programs in Public Policy: The First Decade, Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, pp. 51-77, 1982.

- "The Formation and Structure of Political Belief Systems," *Political Behavior*, Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 99-122, 1979.
- "Encouraging Voter Participation" with James E. Zinser, in Herbert Alexander (ed.), *Political Finance*, Sage Electoral Studies Yearbook, Vol. V, p. 221-243, Beverly Hills, CA: Sage Publications, 1979.
- "Political Finance and Participation in Congressional Elections" with James E. Zinser in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 425, 59-73, May 1976.
- "Characteristics of Campaign Resource Allocation in the 1972 Congressional Elections," with James E. Zinser, in Louis Maisel (ed.), *Changing Campaign Techniques: Elections and Values in Contemporary Democracies*, Sage Electoral Studies Yearbook, Vol. II., pp. 93-137, Beverly Hills, CA: Sage Publications, 1976.
- *Political Images and Realities: Essays and Readings on the Concepts and Substance of American Politics*, with Donald Reich, North Scituate, MA: Duxberry Press, 484 pp., 1972.
- "Broadcast Expenditures and Electoral Outcomes in the 1970 Congressional Elections," with James E. Zinser, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, Vol. 35, pp. 398-402, Fall 1971.
- "The Structural Nature of Attitudes: An Experimental Investigation of Attitudes Toward the War in Viet Nam," *Experimental Studies of Politics*, Vol. 1, pp. 61-86, February, 1971. Reprinted in Samuel A. Kirkpatrick and Lawrence K. Pettit (eds.), *The Social Psychology of Political Life*, North Scituate, MA: Duxbury Press, pp. 308-317, 1972.
- "A Study of High School Students' Sources of Authority Information and Their Resistance to These Sources." Final Report to the U.S. Office of Education, 1969.
- et al. "A Description of Apparatus for the Investigation of Human Choice Behavior," Technical Report No. 16, Human Learning Research Institute, East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University, 1967.

Book Reviews

- Showdown at Gucci Gulch: Lawmakers, Lobbyists, and the Unlikely Triumph of Tax Reform, by Jeffrey H. Birnbaum and Alan S. Murray. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 83, No. 1, March 1989, pp. 284-285.
- Steering the Elephant: How Washington Works, by Robert Rector and Michael Sanera. (eds.), *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 82, No. 3, September 1988, pp. 995-996.
- Lobbying for the People, by Jeffrey M. Berry. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 73, March 1979, pp. 228-229.
- Explaining the Vote: Presidential Choices in the Nation and the States, 1968, by David M. Kovenock, James W. Prothro, et al., *Journal of Politics*, Vols. I and II, No. 37, May 1975, pp. 593-595.
- The Design of Discord: Studies of Anomie-Suicide, Urban Society, War, By Elwin H. Powell. *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 61, June 1972, pp. 608-609.

Papers Presented

- A Political Strategy For Managing Municipal Service Reform: The Cleveland Story. Paper presented at the Public-Private Partnerships: Redefining Government for the 21st Century Seminar, Sponsored by The National Council on Public-Private Partnerships, Atlanta Hilton Towers, Atlanta, Georgia, June 6, 1995.
- "The Policy Implications of Alternative Models of Voter Registration and Turnout." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, April, 1980 (with James E. Zinser).
- "The Economics of Time-Off to Vote Laws," Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, April, 1978 (with James E. Zinser and Kurt F. Hausafus).
- "Public Policy and the Private Costs of Electoral Participation: Time-Off to Vote," Paper presented at the Public Choice Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 1978 (with James E. Zinser and Kurt F. Hausafus).
- "The Rationality of Indigenous Campaign Contributions," Paper presented at the Public Choice Society Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, March, 1977 (with James E. Zinser).
- "Voter Participation: Turnout or Turnoff?," Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, April 1976, (with James E. Zinser and Kurt F. Hausafus).
- "On Making Public Policy More Public: The Role of Public Interest Groups," Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, Fall, 1973.
- "The Structure of Political Belief Systems," Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, Fall, 1971.
- "The Structure of Viet Nam War Attitudes: An Experimental Investigation," Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Spring 1969.

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Professional Activities

Member

- Executive Council, Midwest Political Science Association, 1980-81
- Editorial Board, Political Behavior, 1978-81
- Program Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 1977-78
- Nominations Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 1974-75

- Oberlin Representative Inter-University Consortium for Political Research 1968-72; 1975-77

Panel Chair

- "The Representation of Diffuse Interests," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, Spring, 1974

Panel Discussant

- "Implementation," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Ninth Annual Research Conference, Bethesda, MD, October 29-31, 1987
- "Party vs. Non-Party Activity in Election Campaigns," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, Spring, 1981
- "The Political Activities of University Students," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, Spring 1971

Referee

- American Journal of Political Science; Political Behavior (various articles)

Secretary

- American Political Science Association, 1986-87

Management Consultant

- Mayor Michael R. White's Office of Competitiveness on the formation and implementation of privatization policies in the City of Cleveland, 1995-1997
- Lazard Freres on the development of a financial management plan for the United States Postal Service, 1991

Curricular Program Review: Membership on Visiting Committees

- Political Economy Program, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, Spring, 1994
- Department of Political Science, Denison University, Granville, OH, 1990
- Department of Political Science, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA, 1988
- Hesburgh Program in Public Service, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 1987
- Department of Political Science, Slippery Rock State University, Slippery Rock, PA, 1987

- Department of Political Science, Hamlin University, St. Paul, MN, 1986
- Department of Political Science, Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, 1979

Community Service

- “The Impeachment of President Clinton: A pseudo-event”, presentation at the Department of Politics Impeachment Forum, February 11, 1999
- Participant, National Elections Forum, October, 1996, Oberlin College
- “Bill Clinton’s Election: A short honeymoon in the heartbreak motel”, talk delivered at a post-election forum, November 1992, Cleveland State University
- Participant, National Elections Forum, October 1992, Oberlin College
- "Mudwrestling 101: Betty Friedan vs. Fred Starr, or `How to Avoid Liberal Burnout'", an all-campus assembly delivered upon invitation of the 1988 Senior Class, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, May 1988
- Member, Board of Directors, Allen Memorial Hospital, 1987-88
- Successfully lobbied the U. S. Congress for an amendment to the Tax Reform Act of 1985; the amendment restored the tax-exempt status of the tuition-remission program of Oberlin (and Carleton) College.

References

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