CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL DATA

Present Position: Professor , Department of Political Science and
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Areas of Specialization: International Relations; Public Policy
American Government; Simulations

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND AND DEGREES

B.A. Political Science Major/History Minor, Whitworth University, 5/78.
D.A.* Political Science Idaho State University, 5/88.

*The Doctor of Arts program in Political Science at Idaho State University required preparation in Sociology and Economics as well as extensive preparation in Political Science. Originally funded by the Carnegie Foundation as a Ph.D. equivalent designed to produce outstanding college teachers, the Doctor of Arts (D.A.) degree requires a breadth of course work, research, and supervised experience in college teaching.

Doctor of Arts Dissertation:

"Simulation Games and the Introductory Political Science Course"

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

"Priming Assad: Ethnic priming and attitudes toward military action in Syria," this co-authored paper is being presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Seattle, WA, April 2014. Co-authors are Dr. Rolfe Peterson and Dr. Carl Palmer.

"Learning From el lobo: Using "Wolf Politics" to cross physical, pedagogical, professional, and policy borders," this paper was presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in San Antonio, TX, April 2011.

"Fat Chance? Obesity as a Public Problem in the United States: Politics, Parental Narratives, and Science," this co-authored paper was presented by co-author Elizabeth Kusko at the Western Social Science Association Conference in Salt Lake City, UT, April 2011.

"Reassessing American Foreign Policy Amidst the Maelstrom," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in San Francisco, CA, April 2010. I also organized and chaired this roundtable.

"Citizenship and the Nation-State: Boundaries, Borders, and Belonging," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in San Diego, CA, March 2008.

"Foreign Policy Making: Art or Science," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, March 2007. I organized and chaired this roundtable, and also served as chair and discussant on another panel as well.

"Speaking Truth to Power: What if they don't listen," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Oakland, CA, March 2005. I also organized and chaired this roundtable.

"Narrative Analysis & Foreign Policy," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Portland, OR, March 2004 (Co-authored / Foster). Also served as a discussant on another IR panel.

"Letting the Ephraimites In," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Denver, CO, March 2003

"Mixed Methodologies – Beyond the Dominant Paradigm: Turning Postpositivist Critiques into Classroom Lessons and Pragmatic Skills," presented at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in Savannah, GA, November 2002

"Lessons Learned: Realism and the Bush Administration," presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting in Boston, MA, August-Sept. 2002

"The Adequacy of Realism – Year One of the Bush Administration" presented at the Western Political Science Association in Long Beach, CA, March 2002.

"Peering Through Domestic Windows: The Relevance of Public Policy Models for the Teaching of American Foreign Policy," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, in March 2001. I organized this panel and served as chair. In addition, I chaired and served as a discussant for another panel on American Foreign Policy.

"The International System: A New Model for the Millennium?," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in San Jose, CA, March 2000.

"India, Pakistan, and Proliferation: Rethinking N+1 and Deterrence," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in Seattle, WA, March 1999.

"Changes in Space: Federalism, Devolution and the End of the Cold War," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in Los Angeles, CA, March 1998. Roundtable Chair.

"National Security and Plagues: Is the Hot Zone a Centrifugal or a Centripetal Force?," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in Tucson, AZ, March 1997. (Co-authored / Foster).

"The Irrelevance of Nuclear Proliferation in an Interdependent World," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in San Francisco, CA, March 1996.

"The Clinton Administration: A Global Good Neighbor?," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in Portland, OR, March 1995. Panel Chair.

"American Foreign Policy 234 - Grading President Clinton," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, in Albuquerque, NM, March 1994.

"International Law and American Foreign Policy: Cui Bono?," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March 1993.

"Teaching National Security Policy after the Cold War" presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 1992.

"A New Model For The International System: Some Implications For National Security Policy," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 1991.

"Simulation Games: Pedagogical Validity," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Newport Beach, CA, March 1990.

"Leadership and Community Revitalization," presented, by my co-authors, (Chambers & Foster) at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Meeting, Boise, ID, October 1989.

"'Just War' Standards and U.S. Containment Doctrine: Should The Paradigm Be Changed?," presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Salt Lake, UT, March 1989.

"Political Foreign Policy," presented at the Northwest Political Science Association Meeting, Portland, OR, November 1988.

"A Life of Their Own: Weapons Innovations, Arms Race, and Arms Control," (co-authored / Foster), presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 1987.

"Politics and Technology: The Myth of Decision,", co-authored, presented at the Northwest Political Science Association Meeting, Spokane, WA, October 1987.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Article – "The Social Construction of a Crisis: Policy Narratives and Contemporary U.S. Obesity Policy," (co-authored, McBeth, Husmann, Kusko, and Gaarden) in Risks, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy, forthcoming.

Book Foreword and Book Chapter – in **Conflicts in Health Policy: Regulation, Rhetoric, Theory, and Practice,** edited by Bonnie Stabile, Westphalia Press, Nov. 2013. The invited foreword was co-authored with Dr. Mark McBeth. The chapter, *"Understanding the Role of Policy Narratives and the Public Policy Arena: Obesity as a Lesson in Public Policy Development"* was co-authored with Mark McBeth and Elizabeth Kusko.

Journal article – "Understanding the Role of Policy Narratives and the Public Policy Arena: Obesity as a Lesson in Public Policy Development," in World Medical & Health Policy. (Co-authored, Mark McBeth and Elizabeth Kusko), Volume 4, Issue 3, 2012.

Electronic Publication – Wolf Politics, published on the peer-reviewed website, The Electronic Hallway, hosted by the Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, June 2011.

Book Chapter – "Is the Fake News the Real News? The Significance of Stewart and Colbert on Democratic Discourse, Politics, and Policy" in a peer-reviewed book: **The Stewart/Colbert Effect: Essays on the Real Impacts of Fake News**, edited by Amarnath Amarasingam, (Co-authored / McBeth), May 2011, McFarland, Inc.

Journal article – "Public Policy Pedagogy: Mixing Methodologies Using Cases," in Journal of Public Affairs Education (JPAE), (Fall, 2010). (Co-authored / McBeth and Foster).

Book - **Public Policy Praxis: A Case Approach for Understanding Policy and Analysis**. (Co-authored / McBeth). 2nd Edition, 2009, Longman-Pearson; 1st Edition, 2001, Prentice Hall.

Journal article - "Postmodern Policy Analysis in the Premodern West: Problem Definition in the Yellowstone Bison Case." in Administrative Theory & Praxis, Volume 21, Number 2, 1999. (Co-authored / McBeth).

Book chapter - "Bureaucracy" - Chapter 14 in the book **Political Concepts**, 2nd Edition, Edited by David Freeman, published by Kendall-Hunt, 1997.

Journal article - "Leadership and Community Revitalization," Economic Development Review, Volume 8, Number 3, Summer 1990. (Co-authored / Chambers & Foster).

Book review - "Stalinist Science," Nikolai Krementsov, Perspectives On Political Science, Fall 1998, Volume 27, Number 4.

Book review - "American Diplomacy and the End of the Cold War: An Insider's Account of U.S. Policy in Europe, 1989-1992," Robert L. Hutchings. Perspectives On Political Science, Volume 27, Number 1, Winter 1998.

Book review - "American Foreign Policy Since the Vietnam War: The Search for Consensus from Nixon to Clinton," Perspectives On Political Science, Volume 26, Number 1, Winter 1997.

Book review - "The War Within: America's Battle Over Vietnam," Tom Wells. Perspectives On Political Science, Volume 24, Number 3, Summer 1995.

Book review - "Cambodia 1975-1978: Rendezvous with Death," Karl D. Jackson, ed. Perspectives On Political Science, Volume 19, Number 3, Summer 1990.

Book review - "Soviet Military Doctrine: Continuity, Formulation, and Dissemination," Harriet Fast Scott and William F. Scott. Perspectives On Political Science, Volume 18, Number 2, Spring 1989.

Additionally, I have reviewed book for publishers, including Wadsworth, West, Prentice Hall, Brooks-Cole, and Roxbury; and regularly review journal articles for publications such as the *Journal for Public Administration Education* (JPAE) and *Perspectives on Politics*.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:

Consultant – 2007-08 – Was hired by Erie Community Foundation to work with Erie County on health care problems and disparities in the community (and the communities within the community). This work included facilitating and framing a health care disparities summit, and analyzing and presenting the information gathered. However, I turned down any remuneration and volunteered all of my time to this worthy cause.

Consultant – 2004-05 – Was hired by the Civic Institute as a consultant to work with the Erie County Criminal Justice Coalition. Worked with them in the Spring and then in the Fall planned and directed a Strategic Planning Exercise for the Coalition. In late August of 2005 I worked with them again on a follow-up session to consider progress resulting from the previous fall's work. I have a continuing contract with them, but am not currently working on a project for them.

Consultant - 2000-01. Hired by Erie County to work with the Office of Children and Youth on a project to deal with the issue of diversity. This project involved: research into best practices, analysis of what they had done in the past several years of working on this issue, designing a ballot that captured the various solutions one of their committees had discussed in the past year, and then conducting a futuring session. The results from that session were then analyzed, organized, and presented to the participants as well as to a leadership group which included the Director, John Petulla.

Consultant - 1998-1999. Hired by Erie County as a consultant on The Visitation Project. The purpose of this project was to improve the outcomes for children placed in foster care in Erie County. This involved assisting them in the design of extensive survey instruments, cover letters, and processes. I then compiled and analyzed the data, and presented these results to all of the groups involved: Management, Direct Service staff, and Foster Parents. Significant time was donated to the County.

Consultant - 1997. Was hired as a consultant and facilitator by Erie County Department of Human Services / Mercyhurst Institute for Child and Family Policy to help with the 1997 Consolidated Application for U.S. HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance monies. This involved conducting a futuring session, review and analysis of data collected, working on the development of an RFP, and assistance with the narrative. Significant time was also volunteered to this endeavor. Later, I was one of seven members on the Selection Committee reading and grading proposals for inclusion in the Erie County Consolidated Application for funds available under the HUD 1997 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance.

Research Contract - Participated in a Rural Revitalization Project at Idaho State University as part of a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation. This involved training community leaders from Lava Hot Springs and Teton County, Idaho. The training facilitated goal-setting, decision making, and conflict resolution.

SELECTED AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, & SERVICE

Teaching Excellence Award – 2006-2007 (Campus-wide).
Core Faculty Member for the Arizona Honors Academy, Summer 1992.
Dean, School of Social Sciences, 2009-current.
Dean's Council, Fall 2009-current.
Co-Chair, Committee to Revise the Core Curriculum (2009-2011)
Political Science Department Director, 1990-2009.
Elected President of the Faculty Senate, 2005-2007.
Presentation "Lessons from 9/11 for American Foreign Policy" @ presidential inauguration, 2007
Middle States Steering Committee and one Subcommittee (2010-current).
Elected to three-year term on Rank and Tenure, for 2001-04, chaired and served on numerous peer committees, most recently as Chair, 2007-08, and Chaired Ad Hoc Rank and Tenure Committee that garnered peer and student evaluations on all ten 3rd year review candidates for academic year 2008-09.
Elected to Faculty Senate Executive Committee, for 2008-09 and 2002-03; also served on it as President, 2005-07.
Chair, ad hoc committee that revised the college's department chair selection process (creating an election process) 2007-08.
Presidential Calendar Task Force, 2003-04.
Administrative Evaluation Committee, 2004-05.
Faculty Policies Committee - 1991-93, 1995-97, 1999-2001. (Prior to creation of Faculty Senate.)
Chair, Faculty Policies Committee, 1999-2000.
Chair, Faculty Affairs 1999-2000
Faculty Contract Committee, 1999-2000, 2004-05. 2006-07, 2010-11
Presidential Task Force on Governance, resulting in creation of Faculty Senate, 1999-2000.
Member, Music Commission, 1999-2000.
Board of Trustees, Mercyhurst College, 2005-07, 1999-2000 and 1995-97.

College Senate - President 1995-97, At-large Representative Term, 1994-96, Divisional Representative, Academic Year 1992-93 (Prior to creation of Faculty Senate).
Budget and Finance Committee, Board of Trustees, 1995-97, 2005-07.
Governance Subcommittee, Board of Trustees, 2005-07
Mission Committee, Board of Trustees, 2005-07
Academic Affairs Committee, Board of Trustees, 2005-07
Calendar Task Force, Board of Trustees, 2005-07
College Council, 2005-2007
Directed a one-credit international studies simulation course at Idaho State University in October 1991-98, 2000, and March 2001-07.
Departmental Representative on Assessment Pilot Project, 2006-07.
Political Science Assoc., Advisor, 1990-97. Co-Advisor PSA and Pi Sigma Alpha, 1998-2010.
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Member
Pi Sigma Alpha, Member.
Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society in Economics, Member.
Western Political Science Association, Member since 1987.

CURRENT TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

IDST 103 – Exploring Law: Ideas with teeth
Political Science 100 - American Government
Political Science 195 - Environmental Politics
Political Science 210 - Seminar: Contemporary Issues in Politics
Political Science 232 - The Vietnam War (X-List History 232)
Political Science 250 - Leadership
Political Science 303 – Geopolitics
Political Science 437 – Senior Capstone Course

When hired I was the only full-time political science professor (we are now a seven-person department). As a consequence, over the years I have also taught an embarrassment of courses, including American Foreign Policy, Congress, Presidency, Introduction to Public Administration, Administrative Law, American Legal Process, International Relations, World Politics, Comparative Politics, and graduate seminars on Public Policy Analysis for both the AOJ and OL graduate programs. Also, I have repeatedly taught independent studies on topics such as Feminist Politics, Public Policy, and the Middle East, as well as been the principal advisor on a large number of Senior and Honor Theses (and several Master's Theses for Organizational Leadership).