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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Kansas, 2014 (G.P.A. 3.94)
M.A. in Political Science, Kansas State University, 2006 (G.P.A. 3.90)
B.A. in Political Science, University of Kansas, 1995
A.A. Kansas City, Kansas Community College, 1992

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2015-Present: University of North Georgia, Promoted to Senior Lecturer 08/2021

I teach introductory courses in American government, global politics, and comparative politics as well as upper-level courses in Comparative Politics, Politics of the European Union, and Western European Politics. I also created and teach three new upper-level online courses (please refer to the professional development section below). I have taught face-to-face on a variety of UNG campuses, as well as online but I have taught exclusively online since August 2019 due to post-cancer complications. All classes have utilized D2L for discussion boards, assignment drop boxes, exams, and posting course content including lectures or video links. In 2018, I won the Award for Excellence in Online Teaching. Outside of the classroom, I have attended professional development conferences and workshops, served on faculty committees, and directed or assisted with various department outreach efforts. My approach to teaching consists of encouraging development of student analytical and communication skills through completion of and my feedback to research papers, short assignments, discussion boards, and other assessment tools.

August 2015-Present: Adjunct Instructor, Gwinnett Technical College

I have taught American government every semester F2F or online (see personal note above). I utilize Blackboard for managing discussion boards and other class assignments including a two-part civic project in which students contact federal, then state or local elected officials on topics of their choice.

August 2013-July 2015: Lecturer, University of Wisconsin System

I taught a variety of introductory courses on the UW Marathon and Marshfield campuses (two-year colleges) as well as Religion & Politics and the Politics of Crime. As part of the collaborative degree program sponsored by UW Stevens Point (four-year University) I taught Politics of the European Union online and European Politics broadcasted live from UW-Marathon to the UW Marshfield and Fox Valley campuses. I was a consultant for the Wisconsin Institute of Public Policy (WIPPS) where I booked public speakers and taught the WIPPS internship course. Later, I was the instructor for a pilot statewide BAAS degree program course providing internship opportunities for students. I led a weekly live session via Blackboard Collaborate in which we discussed assigned readings and internship experiences. It featured guest speakers I recruited from local communities. In addition, I was responsible for coordinating the placement and monitoring the progress of internships in partnership with campus site coordinators.

Summer 2009-2011 and 2015-2016: Duke TIP Instructor (Talent Identification Program)

TIP consisted of two three-week terms with 16-18 academically gifted students from grades 7-10 in each term. I taught on the following campuses: Rice University (2016/2015), the University of Georgia (2016, 2010-2011) Austin College (2015), Texas A & M (2009 & 2010), and Duke University (2011). Courses were the Politics of Power (Social Movements/Citizenship) and

American Foreign Policy. Each consisted of selected readings and video clips supplemented by group projects including role-playing exercises where students took turns as key decision-makers or proposed civic outreach proposals. Among my other responsibilities were oversight of one teaching assistant per term and arranging visits to the George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter presidential museums, the Houston Holocaust Museum, and the Eisenhower birthplace. I also met with several parents at the end of each term to review student performance.

2011-2013: Adjunct Instructor for Johnson County Community College

I taught American Government courses at the KU Edwards campus and at De Soto high school. Instruction consisted of lecture and group discussion featuring projects ranging from amending the U.S. Constitution to proposing new legislation. Research papers required either a form of civic participation such as volunteering or an interview of someone relevant to the topic.

2010-2013: Adjunct Instructor for Maplewood Community College

I taught American Government and Introduction to Political Science. Class instruction consisted of lecture and group discussion featuring projects ranging from amending the U.S. Constitution to building a new democracy in other countries.

January-May 2012: Adjunct Instructor for Emporia State University

Introduction to Politics and Government course encompassed the fields of comparative and international politics, while also introducing how political scientists identify and address problems. In addition to group exercises, students also completed individual projects emphasizing civic participation at the local level or awareness at the global level.

January-April 2010: Instructor for EURS 302-European Culture and Society: 1945-Present, European Studies-Study Abroad, University of Kansas

In this program featuring 18 KU students based first in Florence, Italy and later in Paris, France, I was responsible for teaching a European Studies course, Europe since 1945, which focused on modern European history and politics. In addition to classroom responsibilities, my duties consisted of arranging field trips and coordinating various programs with my fellow instructors.

2007-2009: Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) for POLS 170-International Relations, and POLS 150-Comparative Politics, University of Kansas

As a teaching assistant at the University of Kansas, I was responsible for leading four discussion sections each semester while assigned to introductory courses in international relations and comparative politics. I often utilized small group exercises to reinforce course material. I was also responsible for grading exams and assignments for students in my discussion sections, assisting students with exam preparation, and delivered some lectures to the full class.

UNG AWARDS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023: I was the first UNG Instructor to be awarded the DETI (Distance Education & Technology Integration) Certificate upon completion of six self-paced online workshops located on the D2L (E-Learning) platform.
- 2020: Awarded a certificate of completion for attending and participating at multiple Teaching Conversations workshops held on the UNG Gainesville campus or virtually.
- 2018 Award for Excellence in Online Teaching (UNG)
- I created three new online Special Topics Courses: (1) Political Parties in Asia/Europe which examines political party systems in Southern/Eastern Europe and Northeast/Southeast Asia, (2) Political Parties in Advanced Democracies which examines political party systems in Canada, the UK, France, Germany, and Japan, and (3) Regional Organizations that compares ASEAN, Mercosur, and the African Union to the EU.

- I was the first UNG online instructor assigned to POLS 3201: Politics of the EU, POLS 4201: Comparative Politics, and POLS 4207: Politics of Western Europe
- 2015-Present: Over multiple semesters, I have served as a member of a committee selecting academic journal articles for the common analytical assignment required for students in all Intro to POLS 2401: Introduction to Global Politics sections.
- In the spring of 2022, I converted a section of Introduction to Comparative Politics to an honors course for a student upon their request. This consisted of a multimedia presentation of their research paper to aid preparation for presenting at an academic or professional conference.
- 2019-2020: Responsible for scheduling and coordinating presentations of the Great Decisions video series on the UNG Gainesville campus. I was also one of three faculty to present a video and lead discussions with attending students in each semester.
- Summer 2019: I wrote articles for the UNG PSIA department newsletter consisting of interviews with faculty, students, and PSIA alumni on their various achievements.
- Fall 2016: Small group facilitator for NAFTA section as part of Economic Security Symposium, held at UNG-Dahlonega. Moderated student development of a U.S. negotiation strategy proposal.

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS

- In 2023, I attended the following: (1) USG Teaching & Learning Conference at Athens, GA. The two days of discussions and presentations provided several ideas on how to better assess and deliver course content. (2) Panel on the Implications of the Use of AI in the Classroom offered at the UNG LEADS Conference via Zoom. (3) Training on the use of Examity as an online proctoring platform in D2L hosted by DETI via Zoom.
- In 2022, I attended the following: (1) Presentation by Estonian Ambassador at UNG-Dahlonega, (2) Virtual Conference on Teaching Asia Across the Curriculum, (3) Virtual Conference on Global Competitiveness: New Challenges and Strategies and the Future of International Relations/Trade, and (4) Two presentations on assisting students with their writing offered at the UNG LEADS Conference via Zoom.
- October 2020: Presented a paper, *Integration amid Crisis: The EU COVID-19 Economic Response*, via Zoom at the European Studies Conference hosted by the University of Nebraska-Omaha while attending other virtual panels.
- June 2020: "Virtual Workshop on Teaching About Africa in a Global Context," facilitated by Clayton State University
- March 2020: Teaching/professional development conference hosted by the SRFDIC (Southern Regional Faculty and Instructional Development Consortium) at the University of South Carolina in Spartanburg.
- 2019: European/EU Politics Workshop hosted by Clayton State University
- October 2014: Presented paper (see below) concerning European Parliament election results and participated on a panel reviewing recent and upcoming European elections at the annual European Studies Conference hosted by the University of Nebraska-Omaha
- October 2013: Dissertation Presentation entitled *Persuasion and Consensus: Managing Dissent in the European Parliament* at the European Studies Conference (UNO).
- April 2013: Dissertation Presentation entitled *Persuasion and Consensus: Managing Dissent in the European Parliament*, Midwest Political Science Association Conference.
- April 2009: Paper Presentation at Midwest Political Science Association Conference: *Chaos or Stability? An Examination of Political Party Systems in Eastern European Democracies*. (Paper later submitted to the Journal of Electoral Studies for publication and returned with comment)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- *Democratic Reversal and Transatlantic Security: Eroding Democratization and the Future of N.A.T.O.* presented at 2018 Transatlantic Studies Conference hosted by UNG-Dahlgren and at the 2018 European Studies Conference hosted by University of Nebraska-Omaha (UNO). Paper later accepted for publication in 2018 *European Studies Conference Selected Proceedings*
- *Democracy in Crisis: Examining the Breakdown in Public Support for European Democratic Institutions.* Presented at October 2016 UNO European Studies Conference and published in its Selected Proceedings in June 2017
- *Stability amid Change: Impact of the 2014 European Parliament elections at the European Level* Electoral Studies Journal (December 2014) Vol. 36, Pp. 204-209

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014-2015: Advisor for 2 UW-Marathon students for senior thesis or capstone projects
- 2014-2015: Advisor for UW-Marathon ACLU Club and UW-Marshfield Young Republicans Club
- 2014-2015: Discussant on videos reviewing recent events in Brazil, Turkey, China, and India at UW-Marathon as part of the Continuing Education Department's Great Decisions Lecture Series.
- Fall 2014: Public lecture held over two evenings for UW-Marshfield Continuing Education Program: Rising Dragon-The Emergence of China and Explaining Putin
- Spring 2015: Guest lecturer for UW Marathon's Soap Box Series through the Continuing Education Department. Topic: It's all about the BRICs.
- Spring 2015: Coordinated event hosted by UW-Marshfield featuring Former Congressmen David Obey and Dan Petri stressing bipartisanship.
- Spring 2015: Co-Presented Causes of WWI with Jeff Leigh (Historian) as a first in a series of events commemorating WWI and its impact on Wisconsin.
- Spring 2015: Discussant on an Argentine film, "The Secret in their Eyes", for the UW-Marathon International Film Series
- Spring 2014: Discussant for a French film on the 1885 partition of Africa for the annual UW-Marathon French film festival series
- Spring 2014: Moderator for Marshfield school board candidates' debate
- Spring 2014: Coordinator/Moderator for higher education forum on how UW-Marshfield helps to prepare students featuring state legislators and chamber of commerce members.
- I provided information as a UW system political science instructor to local media outlets on topics ranging from the use of social media by political campaigns to previews of the state of the union address and conducted a live radio interview in Marshfield for WOSQ following the 2014 election.

OVERSEAS RESEARCH/STUDYABROAD EXPERIENCE

- For two months in the fall of 2011 and for six weeks in the summer of 2012 in Brussels, Belgium, and Strasbourg, France I conducted dissertation field research examining why some Party Groups in the European Parliament were more cohesive in voting on reports (legislation). than others. I conducted 84 interviews targeting MEPs and senior staff supported by multiple observations of political party group and working group meetings closed to the public. I found that levels of party group cohesion were a product of (1) an effective group "whip structure" with clear roles and communication pathways, and (2) the extent to which members shared a common concept of the group's identity and adopted norms facilitating and promoting cohesion in voting.

- During one week in October 2009, I met with staff from 5 of the 7 party groups in the European Parliament to secure future access to party group meetings and legislative activities including the plenary sessions, committee, and working group meetings.
- In July of 2007, I attended and received a graduating certificate from the Intensive EU Seminar at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. The three-week seminar consisted of lectures, workshops and group exercises supplemented by guest speakers and visits to EU facilities in Brussels geared toward encouraging a broad understanding of EU history, policy, and institutions.

EARLIER AWARDS/MEMBERSHIP

Thompson Scholarship for Research and Study Abroad, 2012, 2009 and 2007

Peter Gilles Springer Fellowship for Research in France (May 2011)

Kansas University Representation Initiative Award (Initial Recipient-May 2011)

Ernst Haas Fellowship Award for Dissertation Research (February 2011)

European Union Studies Association (October 2008)

Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society (April 2008)

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Kansas Department of Labor: 2009-2011

Housing Specialist, Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, 2003-2007

Political Director-Kansans for a Democratic House and Legislative Aide for Kansas House

Minority Leader, 1999-2003

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