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Education

Ph. D. in Political Science, 1998

University of Kentucky

Fields: International Relations & Comparative Politics

Title of Dissertation: "The Role of Elite Activism in Changing Security Policy: The Cases of Ceausescu, Sadat, Nixon, and Gorbachev"

Bachelor of Arts, 1989

University of Nebraska

Majors: Political Science and International Affairs

Minors: History, Geography, and Economics

College Teaching Experience

Assistant and Associate Professor, Fall 1994-present

Political Science Department

Ouachita Baptist University

Courses: Contemporary World, World Politics, Comparative Politics, Model United Nations, Human Geography, International Relations Theory, American Diplomacy, Introduction to Politics, Third World Politics, European Politics, American Heritage, Liberal Arts, U.S. Foreign Policy Since 1945 (as Special Studies), Junior Readings, honors seminar on the Assassination of John F. Kennedy (team taught), served on multiple committees for honors students' theses

Exchange Professor, Spring 1999; Spring 2007

Peking University, Beijing, China--faculty exchange with Ouachita Baptist University

Courses: American Government, Composition, Conversational English

Foreign Instructor, Fall 1992-Spring 1993

Technical University of Timisoara & the University of Timisoara in Timisoara, Romania

Organized through the Civic Education Project

Courses: International Relations Theory, International Organizations

Teaching Assistant, Fall 1989-Summer 1992, Fall 1993-Spring 1994

Political Science Department

University of Kentucky

Courses: World Politics, American Government (both taught with full course responsibility, also served as discussion section leader for both courses on two occasions)

Primary Teaching Interests

World Politics, Comparative Politics, interdisciplinary courses (like Contemporary World at Ouachita), American Foreign Policy, courses in Comparative Foreign Policy, Third World Politics, European Politics, International Relations Theory

Primary Research Interests

Comparative Foreign Policy, Leadership Issues, Nationalism, Canadian Politics

Teaching Awards

- Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2005

Publications

"Constitution Act of 1982; Foreign Policy of Canada; Hockey; Rene Levesque; Van Halen," encyclopedia entries in *The Eighties in America*, Salem Press (forthcoming)

"Bowl Championship Series; Foreign Policy of Canada," encyclopedia entries in *The Nineties in America*, Salem Press (forthcoming)

Book Reviews

James Gow, *The Serbian Project and its Adversaries: A Strategy of War Crimes*, in *Nationalities Papers*, Vol. 32, No. 2, (June 2004).

Walter C. Clemens, *America and the World, 1898-2025: Achievements, Failures, Alternative Futures*, in *CHOICE*, Vol. 39, No. 1, (September 2001).

Harry Eckstein, et. al., *Can Democracy Take Root in Post-Soviet Russia: Explorations in State-Society Relations*, in *CHOICE*, Vol. 36, No. 3, (November 1998).

Ramesh Thakur, ed., *Past Imperfect, Future UNCertain: The United Nations at Fifty*, in *CHOICE*, Vol. 36, No. 2, (October 1998).

Ted Galen Carpenter, ed., *Delusions of Grandeur: The United Nations and Global Intervention*, in *CHOICE*, Vol. 35, No. 5, (January 1998).

Conference Papers

“You Talkin’ To Me? Foreign Expatriate Communities and the State-Owned Media” Presented at the International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, November 2-4, 2007, St. Louis, Missouri

“For Better or Worse: Conditions for Ethnic Minorities and EU Membership for Estonia” Presented at the International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, November 3-5, 2006, St. Louis, Missouri

“For Better or Worse: Conditions for Ethnic Minorities and EU Membership for Slovakia” Presented at the International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, October 21-21, 2005, St. Louis, Missouri

“Trouble for the EU: Poland and the CFSP” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association meeting, January 6-8, 2005, New Orleans, Louisiana

“Role Reversal: Nationalism and the 2003 Quebec Elections” Presented at the Southwest Social Science Association meeting, March 17-20, 2004, Corpus Christi, Texas

“The Role of Elite Activism: The Case of Kim Il-Sung” Presented at the Southwest Social Science Association meeting, April 16-19, 2003, San Antonio, Texas

“The Use of Nationalism by North Korean Leaders” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association meeting, November 8-10, 2001, Atlanta, Georgia

“Chinese-Americans: 1900-1945” Presented at a conference entitled China and America: 1900-1945, June 4-8, 2001, Beijing, China (part of the exchange program between Ouachita Baptist University and Peking University)

“What College Students Know: A Comparison of Chinese and American Students” Presented at the Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 18-19, 2000 Little Rock, Arkansas

“The Role of Elite Activism in Changing Security Policy: The Case of Richard Nixon” Presented at a conference entitled Bridges and Walls: Arkansas and China, April 19-21, 1998, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

“The Role of Elite Activism in Changing Security Policy: The Case of Anwar Sadat” Presented at the Southwest Social Science Association meeting, March 26-29, 1997, New Orleans, Louisiana

“The Effects of Elite Activism on Changing Security Policy: The Case of Nicolae Ceausescu” Presented at the Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 16-17, 1996, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

“U. S. Foreign Policy After the Cold War: The Role of Human Rights” co-written with Victoria Williams, Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting, April 14-16, 1994, Chicago, Illinois

“The Advantages and Disadvantages of Multi-National Corporations” Presented at the University of Timisoara Economics Conference, October 22-23, 1992, Timisoara, Romania

University Committee Service

- Curriculum Committee, Fall 2007-present
- University Centers Committee, Fall 2006; Fall 2007-present
- Honors Council, Fall 2005-Spring 2006
- AAUP President of Ouachita Baptist University’s Chapter, August 2003-July 2005
- AAUP Vice-President of Ouachita Baptist University’s Chapter, August 2001-July 2003
- Faculty Development Committee, Fall 2001-Spring 2004
- Honors Council, Fall 2000-Spring 2003; Fall 2005-present
- Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee, Fall 2000-Spring 2002
- Research Committee, Fall 2000-Spring 2001
- Teacher Education Council, Fall 1996-Fall 1998
- Athletic Advisory Committee, Fall 1995-Spring 1998

Other University Service

- Academic Advisor
- Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor–Ouachita Baptist University’s Chapter–Chi Kappa
- Academic Associate of the Atlantic Council
- Faculty Sponsor of Young Democrats–Ouachita Baptist University, 1997-2006
- Coordinator of annual sessions about graduate school/law school/careers for Political Science and History majors

Faculty Study Seminars

“Challenges to German Identity in the European Context,” July 8-19, 2006, Brussels, Belgium and Berlin, Germany

“Atlantic Council Study Tour of NATO and European Union Institutions,” July 7-11, 2003, Brussels, Belgium

“Globalization,” Chautauqua Short Course, May 23-25, 2002, New York City, New York

“Nationalism,” Chautauqua Short Course, June 26-28, 2000, Boston, Massachusetts

“East European Revolutions & Their Aftermath, Chautauqua Short Course,” June 20-22, 1996, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“Russia through the Eyes of the Media: The New Social Landscape,” Council for International Educational Exchange study tour, June 1-9, 1996, St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia

Related Experience

Workshop Presentation on Model United Nations, co-organized with Carolyn Shaw, International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, November 2-4, 2007, St. Louis, Missouri

Discussant & Panel Chair, International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, November 2-4, 2007, St. Louis, Missouri

Discussant & Panel Chair, International Studies Association-Midwest meeting November 3-5, 2006, St. Louis, Missouri

Discussant & Panel Chair, Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 17-18, 2006

Judge for Best Student Paper Award, Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 17-18, 2006

Board Member of Midwest Model United Nations, February 2002-February 2005

Discussant & Panel Chair, two panels, Southwest Social Science Association meeting, March 17-20, 2004, Corpus Christi, Texas

Discussant & Panel Chair, International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, November 7-8, 2003, St. Louis, Missouri

Discussant & Panel Chair, International Studies Association-Midwest meeting, November 1-2, 2002, St. Louis, Missouri

Discussant, Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 22-23, 2002, Jonesboro, Arkansas

Judge for Best Student Paper Award, Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 22-23, 2002, Jonesboro, Arkansas

Discussant & Panel Chair, Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, February 23-24, 2001, Searcy, Arkansas

Board Member of the Arkansas Political Science Association, February 1999-February 2001

Section Coordinator/Chair, in charge of organizing panels in International Relations for Arkansas Political Science Association meeting, 1997

Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association meeting, April 18-20, 1996, Chicago, Illinois

Discussant & Panel Chair, Midwest Political Science Association meeting, April 6-8, 1995, Chicago, Illinois

International Observer of Romanian Parliamentary and Presidential Elections, September 27, 1992 and October 11, 1992

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