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Professional Profile

Ph.D. candidate with excellent research, organizational, and communication skills. Team worker with experience initiating, supervising and implementing large-scale, data-related and community-related projects. Well regarded as college instructor, with advanced interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively to disparate audiences, and strong motivational skills.

- **Research**—Impressive background in applied and academic research, with experience researching public policy, individual behavior, political campaigns, and legislation.
- **Organization**—Solid multi-tasking, prioritization, and time-management skills. Successfully engaged in consulting, teaching, independent research, and volunteer activities for the past ten years while maintaining high standards in all aspects of employment.
- **Communication**—Well developed interpersonal, oral, and written communications skills, with six publications in (refereed) national journals and ten presentations at national conferences. Additional experience with media relations, preparing reports for governmental agencies, community presentations, and television debate moderator.

Relevant Experience

Visiting Professor

2001-Present

Sam Houston State University, Department of Political Science

- Instructor of numerous courses, including American Government, Public Policy, Research and Writing, Statistics, the Media and Politics, Politics and Film, and several writing classes. I developed and was the first Political Science Professor to teach Politics and the Media, Politics and Film, and Statistics, the latter of which is now part of the department's core curriculum.
- Academic advisor for Journeys With Sam, Junior Fellows, and Delta Sigma. Coordinated, planned, and led more than fifty education field trips in the past year, spanning eight states and Washington, DC.
- Consistently high teaching evaluations, ranking among the highest in the department.
- Intern coordinator, increasing placements from 5-7 per year to more than 50. Interns have worked in three states, Washington, DC, for officials at the local, state, and federal level.
- Faculty Advisor, advising thousands of students each year.

Lecturer

Arizona State University, Department of Political Science

1995-2001

- Instructor of thirteen classes, including Research Methods, Field Research, Statistics, Congress, American Government, and Public Policy
- Excellent teaching evaluations, ranking among the highest at the University
- Conduct primary research, including data collection, sampling, survey construction, data analysis, and editing, on a broad range of political, legislative, and issues
- Train and supervise research assistants for large-scale research projects
- Supervise computer laboratory, including the formatting and acquisition of data
- Academic Advisor

- Methodologist** **1999-2001**
Auditor General, State of Arizona
- Perform analyses of performance, policy, and fiscal data for state agencies, with particular emphasis on family-support services.
 - Responsible for research design, data analysis, data interpretation, and assisting with the preparation of final results and policy recommendations
- Reviewer** **2000- Present**
American Review of Politics
- Serve as peer reviewer for articles submitted to *American Review of Politics*.
- Consulting**
- Arizona Legislative Research Council* **2000-2001**
- Formulated three-wave survey of Arizona foster parents, on behalf of AZ Representative Jennifer Green.
 - Performed all data analysis, involving more than 100 statistical analyses.
 - Wrote final report, summarizing findings and recommending policy directions.
- Arizona State University* **2000**
- Formulated and supervised sampling procedures for survey of students' political attitudes
 - Recruited, trained, and coordinated 15 person data-entry crew
 - Coordinated meetings with and facilitated cooperation of Arizona State University (ASU) Young Democrats, College Republicans, ASU Green Party, and the Political Education Coalition
- Astria Wong for City Council, Scottsdale* **2000**
- Methodological consultant for campaign, spearheading city-wide survey addressing issues and name recognition.

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science** **Expected 2007**
 Arizona State University
- Master of Arts, English/Political Science** **1994**
 Sam Houston State University
- Bachelor of Science, Political Science** **1992**
 Sam Houston State University

Publications and Awards

Refereed Articles:

- “The Causes and Consequences of Running Scared.” Summer 2007, *American Review of Politics*, with Richard Herrera.
- Partisanship and Support for Ballot Propositions: A Longitudinal Study of Arizona.” Summer, 2000 *Social Science Quarterly*. With David Berman.
- “Debate-Induced Opinion Change: What Matters?” *American Politics Quarterly*, January 2000. With Bob Beatty.
- “The Emergence of the Personal Vote.” *The Journal of Politics*, February 1999. With Richard Herrera.
- “How a Presidential Primary Debate Changed Attitudes of Audience Members.” *Political Behavior*, (June 1998). With Kevin Ellsworth, Bob Beatty, and Kim Kahn.
- “John Ford’s Vision of the Closing West: From Optimism to Cynicism.” (1996) *Film & History*, 26: 6-19. With Bob Beatty.

Papers Presented at Professional Conferences (only most recent included):

- “County Chairs and Perceptual Accuracy.” Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, TX. March 14th-17th, 2007. With James Cosman.
- “Presidential Primary Debates as a Party-Building Exercise.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 7th-9th, 2005. Currently being prepared for an academic journal.
- “Gender Effects on Political Representation.” Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 30th-April 2nd, 2002. With Richard Herrera. Currently being prepared for an academic journal.
- “Political Culture and Representation in the United States Senate.” Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association, Galveston, TX, March 15-17, 2000. With Richard Herrera. Currently being prepared for submission to an academic journal.
- “Political Culture and Public Policy.” Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, March 31-April 3, 1999. With Richard Herrera and David Berman. Currently being prepared for submission to an academic journal.
- “Debate-Induced Opinion Change: What Matters?” Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, March 31-April 3, 1999. With Bob Beatty. Published in *American Politics Quarterly*.

Book Reviews:

- “The Bill: How the Adventures of Clinton’s National Service Bill Reveal What is Corrupt, Comic, Cynical—and Noble—about Washington.” (Steven Waldman) *Texas Journal of Political Science*, 18 (1): 80-82.
- “Dead Right.” (David Frum) *Texas Journal of Political Science*, 17 (2): 76-77.

In Progress:

- “County Chairs and Perceptual Accuracy” is being prepared to send to *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Moreover, additional waves of the panel survey are being prepared to secure additional publications.
- “Political Culture and Representation” is being prepared to send to *Political Research Quarterly*.
- “Presidential Primary Debates and Parties” is being prepared for *The Journal of Politics*.
- Beginning research on ideological differences between state-wide offices representing the same constituencies.

Grants and Awards

- Veterans of Foreign Wars Congressional Award. 1998-1999.
ASASU Graduate Research Award. 1999-2000.

Service and Volunteer Work

- Member, YMCA Board of Directors, Huntsville 2007
- Member, Krista Cosman Foundation Board of Directors 2006-2007
- Main Street Huntsville 2004-2007
- Rita B. Huff Humane Society 2004-2007
- Various campaigns from local to presidential 2000-2007
- HEARTS Veterans Museum 2006-2007
- Occasional Contributor to *The Huntsville Item* 2004-2007
- SHSU mentor program 2003-2006
- SHSU Leadership Lecture Series 2003