

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Current Position:** Associate Professor, with tenure.  
Sam Houston State University,  
Political Science Department  
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**Education:** Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, May 1999  
The Claremont Graduate University  
Major: Foreign & Defense Policy  
Minors: Political Philosophy, Public Policy.

Master of Public Administration, December 1988  
California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Bachelor of Science, Public Administration, July 1984  
California State University, Dominguez Hills.  
Major: Public Administration.

## Research

### Areas of Specialization:

- Public Administration: Complexity Theory, Institutional Environments and Organizational Theory and Behavior.
- Political Philosophy: Religion, Ideology, and Ethics.
- U.S. National Security/Defense Policy.

### On-Going Research:

- Complexity Theory and Political Philosophy in Public Administration.
- Theology and Political Ends.

### Publications - Peer Reviewed:

- "Aspects of Complexity Theory in Liberal Political Thought." *Emergence: Complexity and Organization*, vol. 12, no. 1, March 2010.
- "Social Equity, Property Rights, and Public Administrators: A Theoretical Linkage." *Public Integrity*, Spring 2009.
- "The Democratic Peace Phenomenon, Institutional Credibility and Path Dependency." Symposium issue: "Complexity of Public Policy and Administration." *Public Administration Quarterly*, vol. 32, no. 3, Fall 2008.
- "Institutional Credibility: Public Administrators and Costs of Transacting Business." *Review of Business Research*, Vol. 4, No. 1, Fall 2004.

- “Institutional Credibility: Connecting Ethical Public Administration with a Nation’s Institutional Environment.” *International Business Trends: Contemporary Readings, Academy of Business Administration*, 2004 edition, edited by Dr Sam Fullerton and Dr. David Moore. Fall 2004.
- “Social Equity and Property Rights: Bringing Locke Back Into The Debate.” *International Business Trends: Contemporary Readings, Academy of Business Administration*, 2004 edition, edited by Dr Sam Fullerton and Dr. David Moore. Fall 2004.
- “The Squeaky Wheel Approach to Teaching Ethics: The Unethical Complaint Letter as a Pedagogical Tool.” Co-authored with Carole L. Jurkiewicz, Ph.D. and Robert A. Giacalone, Ph.D. *Public Integrity*, Vol. 6, No. 3, Summer 2004.

#### **Articles in process:**

- “C S Lewis & Government Ethics: Unintended Mingling of Ethical Schools of Thought.” Examines Lewis’ work *The Abolition of Man* concerning government ethics, science, and totalitarian regimes. Status: revisions needed from paper presented at the *Southern Political Science Association*.

#### **Conference Papers:**

- September 2011. “Religious Rights, Theology, and the Intersection of Religion and Politics in the Ideas of Thomas Helwys and John Locke.” American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. Paper accepted for presentation.
- March 2011. “Public Administrators in the Collapse and Rebuilding of Societies: Institutions and Path Dependencies.” American Society for Public Administration’s 72<sup>nd</sup> National Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. Paper accepted for presentation.
- March 2010. “Public Administrators as “Missionaries” for Civil Societies? Wars, Nation-Building, and Emerging Civil Societies.” American Society for Public Administration’s 71<sup>st</sup> National Conference, San Jose, California. Presented Paper & Moderated Panel.
- 24 March 2009. “Aspects of Complexity Thinking in Liberal Political Philosophy.” American Society for Public Administration’s 70<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Miami, Florida. Presented Paper & Moderated Panel.
- 09 March 2008. “The Critical Role of Public Administration in Nation-Building: Complexity and the New Institutional School of Economics.” American Society for Public Administration’s 69<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Dallas, TX, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Presented Paper.
- 23 March 2007. "Complexity, Public Administration, and The Democratic Peace Phenomenon." American Society for Public Administration’s 68<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Washington, DC, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – March 27<sup>th</sup>. Panel:

Advancing a Complex Collaborative Thinking and Practice for Public Administration. Presented Paper.

- 05 January 2007. "C S Lewis & Government Ethics: Unintended Mingling of Ethical Schools of Thought." Southern Political Science Association's 2007 Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 03-07. Session: Religion and Politics. Presented Paper.
- 04 April 2006. "Institutional Credibility, Public Administration, and Social Equity." American Society of Public Administration's 67<sup>th</sup> National Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>. Panel: Global Credibility. Presented Paper & Panel Moderator.
- 20 October 2004. "Institutional Credibility: Public Administrators and Costs of Transacting Business." International Academy of Business and Economics' Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. Presented Paper.
- 22 July 2004. "Institutional Credibility: Connecting Ethical Public Administration with a Nation's Institutional Environment," International Academy of Business and Economics' Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. Presented Paper and Panel Chair.
- 22 July 2004. "Social Equity and Property Rights: Bringing Locke Back Into the Debate." Academy of Business Administration's 2004 International Conference, London, England. Presented Paper.
- 08 June 2001. "Realism, Liberalism, And Christian Stewardship: John Locke and International Relations Theory." Christians in Political Science. Third National Conference, Point Loma Nazarene University, Point Loma, CA. Presented Paper.
- 12 March 2001. "Institutional Credibility: An International and Comparative Indicator of Public Ethics," American Society for Public Administration's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Conference, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ. Presented Paper.
- 22 February 2001. "Property Rights, Not Elections: Institutional Credibility and the Democratic Peace." International Studies Association's 42nd National Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Presented Paper.
- October 28, 2000. "The Peace of Civil Societies: How Institutional Credibility Affects the Relations Between Nations." International Studies Association's Western Regional Conference, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Presented Paper and Organized Panel.
- October 28, 2000. "Blood & Money: Understanding Realism and Liberalism by Extending John Locke's Philosophy into the International Realm." International Studies Association's Western Regional Conference, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Presented Paper.
- July 22-23, 1999. "Locke, Public Institutions, and Global Peace: An Explanation of the Role of Domestic Public Institutions in bringing about a

‘Democratic Peace,’” *The Public Administration Theory Network’s Inaugural Regional Symposium*, Sydney, Australia. Presented Paper.

- Awards:**
- March 2004. **Best Newsletter Award - Section**, as Editor of *Ethics Today* for the American Society for Public Administration’s Section on Ethics.
- March 2003. Inaugural **Best PA Times Article Award**, "Disposable Public Servants" (June 2002), American Society for Public Administration.
- March 2003. **Best Newsletter Award - Section**, as Editor of *Ethics Today* for the American Society for Public Administration’s Section on Ethics.

**Other Publications:**

- “Heterogeneous and Homogenous Views of Religious Toleration in ASPA.” *Ethics Today*, The Section on Ethics, *American Society for Public Administration*, vol. 2, No. 3, Spring 2006, pages 19-20.
- “Is America in the midst of a moral breakdown?” *Inside Dominguez Hills*, Opinion & Commentary Viewpoint, Vol. XXV, Issue 1, August/September 2003, page 4.
- “Disposable Public Servants: Looking at Post-War Ethical Evaluations of Personnel Fighting the War Against Terrorism,” *PA Times, Special Section on Domestic Terrorism/Homeland Security*, vol. 25, no. 6, June 2002, page 6. Received inaugural **Best PA Times Article Award**, ASPA, March 2003
- “Pull of Politics/Anchor of Beliefs,” in *PATimes*- the monthly newspaper for the *American Society for Public Administration, Special Section on Political Ethics*, vol. 23, No. 9, September 2000, page 2.
- “The Last Word,” *Ethics Today, American Society for Public Administration*, vol. 2, No. 3, Spring 2000.
- “To Team or not to team...that is the question!” *Astro News*, U. S. Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base. Vol. 36, no. 45, October 22, 1993.

- Panels:**
- “American Foreign Policy: What is it Today?” California State University, Dominguez Hills, Panelist. 29 October 2003
- Symposium “The War In Iraq and War on Terrorism.” California State University, Dominguez Hills. Organizer and Panelist. 26 March 2003
- “The Homeland Attack: One Year After” California State University Dominguez Hills. Panelist. 11 September 2002
- National Conference: Terrorism and the Global Society. California State University, Dominguez Hills. Panel: Philosophy of Terrorism: Ideas, Concepts, and Forms: Discussant. 15 March 2002

“Attack on America: Why It Happened, What We Can Expect.” Dominguez Public Administration Association, California State University, Dominguez Hills. Organizer and panelist. 18 September 2001.

**Membership in**

**Professional Organizations:**

American Society for Public Administration

- Section on Complexity & Network Studies, Chair Elect, 2009 – 2011.
- Los Angeles Metro. Chapter Executive Committee, 2003-2005.

American Political Science Association

Christians in Political Science

International Society for Ethical Governance – Steering Committee member.

Pi Alpha Alpha – Honor Society for Public Administration

**Editorial Boards:**

*Ethics Today*: Editor, March 2002 – March 2004;

- Member, Editorial Board, 2000-2002.

*Public Administration Quarterly*. Symposium on Complexity Theory and Public Administration. Spring 2008.

Newsletter, American Society for Public Administration, Complexity and Systems Studies Network section: March 2008 – present.

**Volunteer Work:**

YMCA Youth Flag Football Coach – South Montgomery County YMCA: Summer 2008 & Winter/Spring 2009.

**Prior Employment:**

Assistant Professor, August 1998 to June 2005

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Department of Public Administration.

- MPA Program Coordinator, June 2001 to January 2002.

Consultant, April 2000 to August 2004

*Sense and Intuition*, consulting firm on team building and leadership to public service organizations using the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*® & other instruments.

Adjunct Lecturer, September 1996 to May 1999

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Department of Public Administration.

Management Analyst, GS-0343-12, May 1994 to January 1995.

Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-12, January 1992 to May 1994.

Contract Negotiator, GS-1102-11/12, December 1988 to January 1992. U. S. Air Force Space & Missile Systems Center, El Segundo, California.

Contract Administrator, GS-1102-05/07/09/11, August 1984 to December 1988.  
U. S. Air Force Plant Representative Office  
El Segundo, California.

**Training:** Qualification Course - the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*. June 1994.  
*Defense Acquisition & Procurement*: completed seven (7) Department of  
Defense courses, 1985-1989.

**References:** Available upon request.