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Teaching Experience

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

Tulane University, Department of Political Science; August-December 2010

Courses: The American Presidency
 The Politics of Public Policy

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

University of New Orleans, Department of Political Science; 2006-2008

Courses: Introduction to American Government (Classroom, Online)
 The Politics of Public Policy
 The American Presidency
 Politics and the Cinema
 Graduate Seminar in Urban Political Systems

VISITING INSTRUCTOR

Augusta State University (Georgia), Department of Political Science; 2004-2006

Courses: Introduction to American Government
 Introduction to Political Science Research Methods

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

University of Alabama, Department of Political Science, 1999-2003

Courses: Introduction to American Government and Politics
 Introduction to State and Local Government
 Introduction to American Public Policy

Research Experience, Interests

Current projects: Reworking of article for (unnamed public affairs journal) "New Orleans Recovery Case Study" Available at:
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/10594745/New-Orleans-Recovery-Case-Study>

- Interest areas:* Urban and community politics and policy/State and local government
Public administration and policy
Politics of communications, media/film
- Methods:* Survey administration
Social network analysis
Qualitative interviews
- Previous Projects:* Dissertation : The Nexus of Government and Social Capital: Community Development in Trinity Gardens; Chair: Dr. John Bolland, University of Alabama Institute for Social Science Research.
- (Listed in "Recent Scholarship" recommendations of The Journal of American History , March 2007.)
- Master's Thesis: Cure for the Delta Blues? A Case Study of the Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone, Including an Overview of Regional History and the Evolution of Federal Development Programs; Director: Dr. David Breaux, Chairman, Mississippi State Department of Political Science.

Education

DOCTORATE

University of Alabama, Political Science; 2005

MASTER OF ARTS

Mississippi State University, Political Science; 1999

BACHELOR OF ARTS

University of Mississippi, Journalism; 1988

Additional Training

Harvard Networks in Political Science Pre-Conference Workshops
Summer Institute in Political Psychology; The Ohio State University, 2001

Presentations, Selected

"New grass roots order? Civic networks in post-Katrina New Orleans" (Poster). Harvard Networks in Political Science Conference. Cambridge MA; June 13, 2008.

"Survival of the fittest, or a new grass-roots order? Cooperation among neighborhood organizations in post-Katrina New Orleans." The Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2008. New Orleans, Louisiana; Jan. 10, 2008.

"A Unified New Orleans? Neighborhood organizations and the post-Katrina planning process in the Crescent City." Urban Affairs Association 37th Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington: April 28, 2007. Highlights: Government and social capital in Trinity Gardens (dissertation)." Presented at the Third Annual Hawaii International Conference on the Social Sciences; Honolulu, Hawaii; June 17, 2004.

"Cure for the Delta blues? An examination of the Mid-Delta Empowerment Zone (updated)." Presented at the annual conference of the Southwestern Social Science Association; New Orleans, Louisiana; March 30, 2002.

"Smoke rings: State tobacco lawsuits and cooperative national policymaking in an era of devolution." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association; Talladega, Alabama; April 6, 2001.

Presentation on the roots of the study of public administration and civic engagement; International Institute of Municipal Clerks; New Orleans, Louisiana; May 25, 2007.

Service, Affiliations:

UNO: Faculty Adviser, Pi Sigma Alpha
Member, Undergraduate Committee
Presenter, Graduate Research Forum
Graduate comprehensive exam committees

Affiliations: Urban Affairs Association
American Political Science Association
American Society for Public Administration
Southern Political Science Association

Related Experience:

Freelancer: *City Magazine* of Tuscaloosa AL (local public affairs columnist, 2002-2005)
Planet Weekly of Tupelo, Jackson MS (state public affairs columnist, 1997-2000)
Mississippi Business Journal of Jackson MS (general assignment, 1994-1997)

Reporter: *Delta Democrat Times*, Greenville Ms

Covered: Local politics and administration
Economic and industrial development
Land use and city planning
State government
Criminal justice

References:

Available upon request