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Pracademic (n)

*a political scientist who actively engages
in practical politics*

*My work has always been at the
nexus of the theoretical and applied
worlds. Theory guides application.
Application informs theory.*

Professional Profile

Creative, energetic and capable. Eager to apply political science to real world problems. Excited to take real world experience back to the classroom. The combination has been termed Pracademics.

- Earned tenure teaching Applied Politics at the University of Akron.
- Seven years administrative and research experience in Oklahoma government.
- Active in political science research, writing, teaching and service.

Education and Training

Ph.D. in Political Science
University of Oklahoma

B.A. in Political Science
Northeastern State University

Professional Seminars

Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Ohio State University

Employment

Oklahoma Insurance Department, Assistant Commissioner of Government Affairs, Public Policy and Communications

- Legislative liaison, research, policy analysis, internship coordinator

Oklahoma House of Representatives, Director of Committee Staff

- Staff supervisor, systems & operations, research, training, conference coordination, internship coordinator

University of Akron, Associate Professor, Fellow in the Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics

- Research & writing, teaching, service, conference coordination

Books



Journals and Periodicals

Party Politics, Social Science Quarterly, Criminal Justice Review, Akron Law Review, Oklahoma Politics, Spectrum, Campaigns & Elections, Vox Pop, PS: Political Science and Policy

*"Hope they didn't pay you for that
opinion."*

Peter Jennings

Courses Taught

Legislative Process, American Political Parties, Political Influence and Organizations, Campaign Management, Basic Analytic Research, Presidential Elections, Theories of Electoral Politics, Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature, Internship, American Government and Politics

Media Appearances



Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
State Politics and Policy
Parties, Interest Groups and Organizations
Practicing Politics Working Group
Oklahoma Political Science Association
American Association of Political Consultants

Conference Organizing Committees

State Legislative Leaders Foundation
Council of State Governments
Southern Legislative Conference
Oklahoma House of Representatives
American Association of Political Consultants
Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics
Oklahoma Political Science Association
Southwest Social Science Association

Awards

Oklahoma Political Science Association President
Rick Farmer Day, City of Akron, December 9, 2004
Who's Who Among American Teachers
Chairs Outstanding Achievement Award
General Motors Volunteer Spirit Award

Community Activities

Oklahoma Presidential Elector
Oklahoma ABLE Commissioner
Friends of the Library
Church of the Nazarene