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Education

Ph.D. at the University of Oklahoma; completed Fall 1998; Fields include American Government, Public Administration, Comparative Politics, and Statistical Research Methods.

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, The Ohio State University, 1997.

Bachelor of Arts, in Political Science, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK; minors in Math and Computer Science, 1986.

Dissertation Topic

Coping With Limits: Responding to Reform in Oklahoma. This is a case study of the Oklahoma Legislature's institutional response to term limitations. In the early 1990s many pundits and scholars offered speculation regarding the likely effects of legislative term limits. This project is one of the first to bring data to bear on the speculation. The research involves both quantitative and qualitative methods. It finds that term limits are neither the panacea that proponents suggest nor the Pandora's box that opponents predict.

Publications

Edited Books and Collections



[Legislating Without Experience: Case Studies in State Legislative Term Limits](#), edited with Christopher Z. Mooney, Richard J. Powell and John C. Green, Lexington Books (2007).



[The Elections of 2000: Politics, Culture and Economics in North America](#), third editor with Mary Kirtz, Mark Kassoff & John C. Green, University of Akron Press (2005).



[The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties, 4th ed.](#), second editor with John C. Green, Rowman and Littlefield (2003).



[The Test of Time: Coping with Legislative Term Limits](#), edited with John David Rausch and John C. Green, Lexington Books (2003).

"Behavior in Termed Legislatures," edited with John David Rausch, in *American Review of Politics*, Winter (2001).

State Legislatures and Term Limits

- "How to Influence Government Policy with Your Research: Tips from Practicing Political Scientists in Government" in *PS: Political Science and Policy*, 2010, 43:717-719.
- "Let Nothing Stand in Your Way: In Memory of Brian Rader" in *Oklahoma Politics*, 2010, 20:1-8.
- "Direct Democracy in Oklahoma: Exploring the Usage and Results of Initiative and Referendum" with Brian F. Rader in *Oklahoma Politics*, 2009, 19:71-91.
- "The 2004 Partisan Transition in the Oklahoma House and Term Limits" in *Oklahoma Politics* (2007), p19-45.
- "Oklahoma Legislature," in the *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, Oklahoma City OK: Oklahoma Historical Society (2007).
- "Legislative Power in the Buckeye State: The Revenge of Term Limits" with Thomas H. Little in *Legislating Without Experience: Case Studies in State Legislative Term Limits*, edited by Rick Farmer, Christopher Z. Mooney, Richard J. Powell and John C. Green, Lexington Books (2007), p43-54.
- "Introduction: Accelerating Change with Term Limits" with John C. Green in *Legislating Without Experience: Case Studies in State Legislative Term Limits*, edited by Rick Farmer, Christopher Z. Mooney, Richard J. Powell and John C. Green, Lexington Books (2007), p1-16.
- "Legislative Leadership," second author with Thomas H. Little in *Institutional Change in American Politics: The Case of Term Limits*, edited by Karl T. Kurtz, Bruce Cain and Richard G. Niemi, University of Michigan Press (2007), p55-72.
- "Back to the Future in the Ohio General Assembly: A Part-time Legislature in a Full-time World," second author with Thomas H. Little in *Government, Politics and Public Policy in Ohio, 2 ed*, edited by Carl Lieberman, Midwest Press (2006), p51-72.
- "Clues From Term Limits at Two" with John David Rausch and John C. Green in *The Test of Time: Coping with Legislative Term Limits*, edited by Rick Farmer, John David Rausch and John C. Green, Lexington Books (2003), p1-13.
- "Term Limits Implementation in the News: Superficial or Biased" with Nathan Bigelow in *The Test of Time: Coping with Legislative Term Limits*, edited by Rick Farmer, John David Rausch and John C. Green, Lexington Books (2003), p177-192.
- "The Future of Political Parties in Term Limited State Legislatures," in *Spectrum*, Fall 2002, p14-17.
- "Legislation 101: Understanding the Legislative Process," in *The Almanac of Oklahoma Politics*, 2000, p3-16 & 2002, p1-8.
- "Lemonade from Lemons: Responding to Term Limits Via Party Caucuses," in *Spectrum*, Fall 2001, p36-38.
- "Oklahoma Term Limits: Reflecting a National Movement," second author with John David Rausch, in *The Almanac of Oklahoma Politics*, 2000, p91-99 & 2002, p44-48.
- "Overview of the Oklahoma Legislature," in *The Almanac of Oklahoma Politics*, 1998, p3-6.
- "Term Limits in Oklahoma," second author with John David Rausch, in *The Almanac of Oklahoma Politics*, 1998, p37-41.
- "The Effect of Term Limits on Oklahoma Legislators," in *Oklahoma Politics*, 1995, 4:1-10.
- "Behavior in Termed Legislatures: An Introduction," with John David Rausch, in *The American Review of Politics*, 2001, 22:409-416.

Campaigns and Parties

- "The Battle for Ohio: The 2004 Presidential Campaign," fourth author with Stephen T. Mochabee, Michael Margolis, Stephen Brooks and John C. Green in *Dancing without Partners: How Candidates, Parties, and Interest Groups Interact in the Presidential*

- Campaign*, David B. Magleby, J. Quin Monson and Kelly D. Patterson, eds., Rowman and Littlefield (2007), p135-162.
- "Momentum vs. Delegates in the 2008 Presidential Primary" in *VOX POP Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties*, 26:2 (Fall 2007) 6-7.
- "Financing Ohio Supreme Court Elections 1992-2002: Campaign Finance and Judicial Selection" second author with Nancy Marion and Todd Moore in *Akron Law Review*, v38:3 (2005), p567-596.
- "e-Parties: Democratic and Republican State Parties in 2000," with Rich Fender in *Party Politics*, 2005, p47-58.
- "A Preliminary Examination of Presidential Anti-Crime Promises" second author with Nancy Marion in *Criminal Justice Review*, Spring 2004, p173-195.
- "Casting a Weak Net: Political Party Web Sites in 2000," with Rich Fender in *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, 4 ed., edited by John C. Green and Rick Farmer, Rowman and Littlefield (2003) p190-202.
- "The State of the Parties in an Evenly Divided Nation," second author with John C. Green in *The State of the Parties: The Changing Role of Contemporary American Parties*, 4 ed., edited by John C. Green and Rick Farmer, Rowman and Littlefield (2003) p1-18.
- "Crime Control in the 2000 Presidential Elections: A Symbolic Issue," second author with Nancy Marion in *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, Spring 2003, p129-144.
- "Judicial Impartiality: The Next Steps; Preliminary Report on Conference Proceedings: A Call to Action," second author with Nancy Marion, Melisa Zujkowski and Nathan Cemenska, April 2003.
- "A Contest of Surprises: The Election of 2000," with John C. Green in *The Elections of 2000: Politics, Culture and Economics in North America*, edited by Mary Kirtz, Mark Kassoﬀ, Rick Farmer & John C. Green, University of Akron Press (2005), p50-75.
- "Toward a Continental Perspective," third author with Mary Kirtz, Mark Kassoﬀ, & John C. Green in *The Elections of 2000: Politics, Culture and Economics in North America*, edited by Mary Kirtz, Mark Kassoﬀ, Rick Farmer & John C. Green, University of Akron Press (2005), p3-6.
- "Applying Behavioral Decision Theory to Television Political Advertising: a New Research Paradigm," second author with Jeffrey C. Fox in *Judgments, Decisions, and Public Policy*, edited by Rajeev Gowda and Jeffrey C. Fox, Cambridge University Press, 2002 p199-217.
- "Convergence and the Future of Political Media," in *Campaigns and Elections Magazine*, April 2000, p10-11.
- "Negative Advertisements in U.S. Senate Campaigns: The Influence of Campaign Context," third author with Jon F. Hale & Jeffrey C. Fox in *Social Science Quarterly* 77:329-343, 1996.
- "David and Goliath: Media Effects in the 1990 Oklahoma State Treasurer's Race," in *Oklahoma Politics* 3:31-44, 1994.
- "Super-duper Tuesday: End or Beginning?" in "VOX POP Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties," v.26:3, 2007.
- "Watts, J.C.," in *The Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, edited by Lynda Lee Kaid and Christina Holtz-Bacha, Sage (2007).
- "Harris, Fred," in *The Encyclopedia of Political Communication*, edited by Lynda Lee Kaid and Christina Holtz-Bacha, Sage (2007).
- "State Party Homepages in Election 2000," second author with Rich Fender, in "VOX POP Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties," v.20:3, 2002.
- Book Review of *Fountain of Youth: Strategies and Tactics for Mobilizing America's Young Voters*, Daniel M. Shea and John C. Green, eds., Rowman and Littlefield 2007 in "VOX POP Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties," v.25:3, 2007.

- Book Review of *The Government Machine: A Revolutionary History of the Computer*, Jon Agar, in *Political Science Quarterly*, v.119:3 p558-559.
- Book Review of *Political Consultants in US Congressional Elections*, Stephen K. Medvic, in *Journal of Politics*, 64:684-686, 2002.
- Book Review of *Campaigns & Elections: Contemporary Case Studies*, Michael A. Bailey, et al., eds. *Congressional Quarterly* 2000, in "VOX POP Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties," v.18:3, 2000.
- Book Review of *Partisan Approach to Postwar American Politics*, Byron E. Shafer, ed. Chatham House 1998, in "VOX POP Newsletter of Political Organizations and Parties," v.18:1, 1999.

Conference Papers

- "Direct Democracy in Oklahoma: Exploring the Usage and Results of Initiative and Referendum" with Brian F. Rader presented at the Oklahoma Political Science Association meeting, Ada OK, November 5-6, 2009.
- "Return of the Brokered Convention? Democratic Party Rules and Presidential Nominations" presented at the State of the Parties: 2008 and Beyond, Akron OH October 15-16, 2009.
- "Do Preconceptions Drive Voter Perceptions of Campaign Negativity?" second with Stephen C. Brooks Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Toronto, Canada, September 3 - 6, 2009.
- "Professionalism and Practice in Winning Local Elections" second with Stephen C. Brooks Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 1 – 5, 2009.
- "Impeachment Investigations of Oklahoma Elected Officials: An Historic Overview" with Dusty Darr, at the Oklahoma Political Science Association meeting, Lawton OK., November 6-7, 2008.
- "Knock-Knock Is No Joke To Local Candidates" with Stephen C. Brooks Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, MA, August 28 – 31, 2008.
- "'Negative' in Negative Advertising: Definitions, Research and Implications," second author with Stephen C. Brooks and Joshua J. Peterson, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2007.
- "Campaign Best Practices: Do They Work?" third author with Stephen Brooks and Nancy Marion, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31, 2006.
- "Special Sessions of the Oklahoma Legislature: Past and Present," with Michael Hirlinger and Tina Miller, Oklahoma Political Science Association, Oklahoma City, OK, November 16-17, 2006.
- "Oklahoma Speakers: A Colorful History," Oklahoma Political Science Association, Claremore, OK, November 3-4, 2005.
- "State Party Websites in 2004," State of the Parties 2004 & Beyond, Akron, OH, October 5-7, 2005.
- "Legislative Lobbying, Essentials for County Government," The International Association of Clerks, Records Election Officials and Treasurers, New York NY, July 1, 2005.
- "The Perfect Campaign," The International Association of Clerks, Records Election Officials and Treasurers, New York NY, July 1, 2005.
- "Term Limits," Oklahoma City Economic Roundtable, Oklahoma City, OK, January 5, 2005.
- "Unity and Diversity: The Political Culture of Ohio" with Eric W. Rademacher, New Member Orientation, 125th Ohio Legislature, Columbus, OH, November 15-18, 2004.
- "Searching for the Meaning of Negative: Fairness and Believability in Political Advertising," second with Stephen C. Brooks, 2004 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago IL, September 2-5, 2004.

- "Avoiding Common Mistakes in Political Campaigns," The International Association of Clerks, Records Election Officials and Treasurers, San Antonio TX, July 20, 2004.
- "Effects in Ohio" with Thomas Little, Life With Term Limits Conference, Akron OH, April 29-30, 2004.
- "Discover Who Donated to the Howard Dean Campaign," with John Green, Politics Online Conference 2004, Washington DC, March 19, 2004.
- "What is Negative? Exploring Academic and Public Perceptions," second with Stephen C. Brooks, 2003 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA, August 27-31, 2003.
- "Moving On, But Not Moving Out: Comparing Career Paths of Term Limited Legislators," with Richard J. Powell, 2003 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA, August 27-31, 2003.
- "The Changing Career Paths of State Legislators in an Era of Term Limits," second author with Richard J. Powell, 2003 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago IL, April 3-6, 2003.
- "Political Continuity and Change in 2002" with Eric W. Rademacher, New Member Orientation, 125th Ohio Legislature, Deer Creek, OH, November 17-21, 2002.
- "The Effects of Grassroots Campaigning on Political Participation," third author with Kyriakos Pagonis and Stephen C. Brooks, Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta GA, November 7-10, 2001.
- "The Electoral Value of Sophisticated Party Services" with Matt Borgner, State of the Parties, Akron, Oh., October 17-19, 2001.
- "State Party Usage of the World Wide Web in the 2000 Election" with Julia Spiker and Rich Fender, State of the Parties, Akron, Oh., October 17-19, 2001.
- "How Wired Are They? State Parties Online in 2000," with Julia Spiker and Rich Fender, American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, Ca., August 30-September 2, 2001.
- "The Power of Negative Messages: An Experimental Study of Word of Mouth and Print Campaign Communication" with Stephen C. Brooks and Deborah Owens. Poster presented at the 2001 meeting of American Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA., August 30- September 2, 2001.
- "Speaking to Voters: An Experimental Study of Word of Mouth vs. Print Campaign Communication" with Stephen C. Brooks and Deborah Owens. Presented at the 2001 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL., April 18-22, 2001.
- "WOM Communication Versus Negative Political Advertising: A Study of Comparative Effects: Has the Miracle of WOM finally met its match?" with Deborah L. Owens, and Stephen C. Brooks, Consumer Satisfaction and Dissatisfaction Conference, Jackson Hole Wyoming, June 2001.
- "The Effects of Grassroots Campaigning on Political Participation," with Steve Brooks and Kyriakos Pagonis, Southwestern Political Science Meeting, Fort Worth, Tx., March 14-18, 2001.
- "The Issue of Crime in the 2000 Presidential Elections," Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting, April 3-7, 2001.
- "Motivation of Members in the 1997-1998 Oklahoma Legislature, Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Corpus Christi, Tx., March 18-21, 1998.
- "Term Limits Effect on Legislative Power," Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, New Orleans, La., March 26-29, 1997.
- "Members' Assessments of the Oklahoma Legislative Process," Oklahoma Political Science Association Meeting, Tulsa, Ok., November 14-15, 1996.
- "Alienation and Term Limits," Southwestern Political Science Meeting, New Orleans, La., March 17-20, 1993.

- "Alienation and Term Limits," Research Symposium for Students in the Social Sciences, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok., March 1, 1993.
- "Word of Mouth: Myth or Miracle? A Study of Comparative Effects: WOM vs. Print Advertising within a Political Campaign Context," with Deborah L. Owens and Stephen C. Brooks, International Academy of Business Disciplines, Las Vegas NV, April 5, 2000.
- "The Personal Touch," Poster with Steve Brooks, APSA, Washington DC, August 31-September 3, 2000.
- "Candidate Evaluation at Various Levels of Information: An Experimental Design," poster presentation, with Heather Pearce, American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Ga., September 2-5, 1999.
- "Behavioral Decision Theory in Political Advertising: A new Research Paradigm," poster presentation, second author with Jeffrey C. Fox, American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, Ma., Sept. 3-6, 1998.
- "Party Spending and Campaign Finance Reform: Evidence from the Buckeye State," second author with John Green, American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Ga., September 2-5, 1999.
- "Promises Made, Promises Kept: Do Presidents Keep Their Anti-crime Promises?" second author with Nancy Marion, Academy of Criminal Justice Science, Orlando, FL., March 9-13, 1999,
- "A Deeper Look at Policy Issue Content in U. S. Senate Ads: 1984-1994," poster presentation, second author with Jeffrey C. & Fox Jon F. Hale, American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, Ca., August 29-Sept. 1, 1996.
- "Judging the Negativity of Political Advertising: A Test of Behavioral Decision Theory," second author with Jeffrey C. Fox, American Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Sept. 2-5, 1999.
- "The Power of Negative Thinking: Political Constraints on Policy," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C., November 6-8, 1997.
- "Distinguishing the Candidates Through Advertising in U.S. Senate Races, 1984-1994," with Jeffrey C. Fox & Jon F. Hale, Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Houston, Tx., March 20-23, 1996.
- "Presentation of Self in U.S. Senate Ads, 1984-1994," second author with Jon F. Hale & Jeffrey C. Fox, American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Il., August 31-Sept. 3, 1995.
- "The Content of Senate Spot Ads, 1984-1994," third author with Jon F. Hale & Jeffrey C. Fox, Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Dallas, Tx., March 22-25, 1995.
- "The Political Earthquake in Oklahoma's Second Congressional District: An Explanation," Oklahoma Political Science Association Meeting, Tulsa, Ok., November 12-13, 1994.
- "Alienation and Term Limits," poster presentation, Graduate Student Research Session, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Ok., April 1994.
- "On Election Day, Is It Casework at the Bat?" third author with Stephen Kean & Rajeev Gowda, Southern Political Science Meeting, Savannah, Ga., November 3-6, 1993.

Conference Participation

Organization

- "Doing the Right Thing: Restoring Institutional Integrity and Regaining Public Trust" planning committee for the State Legislative Leaders Foundation meeting, Southern Nazarene University, Bethany OK, September 17-20, 2009.
- "New Member Orientation," principal organizer, Oklahoma House of Representatives, Oklahoma City OK, November, 2008.

- “Southern Legislative Conference Annual Meeting” planning committee in Oklahoma City OK, July 11-15, 2008.
- “Oklahoma Political Science Association,” program chair, Oklahoma City OK, November 8-9, 2007.
- “2007 Annual State Trends & Leadership Forum,” host state organizing committee, Council of State Governments, Oklahoma City OK, November 11-14, 2007.
- “New Member Orientation,” principal organizer, Oklahoma House of Representatives, Oklahoma City OK, November 29-30, 2006.
- “Committee Chairman Training,” principal organizer, Oklahoma House of Representatives, Oklahoma City OK, 2005, 2007.
- “Campaigns, Elections and Mass Behavior,” section chair, Southwest Social Science Meeting, New Orleans LA, March 23-26, 2005.
- “Life With Term Limits,” principal organizer and co-host of national scholarly conference, Akron OH, April 29-30, 2004.
- “Democracy Appreciation,” Principal organizer for the 125th Ohio General Assembly Legislative Service Commission Task Force on Civic Education project, February 3 & April 20, 2004.
- “American Association of Political Consultants Academic Outreach Conference,” co-organized program for national practitioner and academic conference, October 2-4, 2003.
- “Judicial Impartiality: The Next Steps,” Member of Organizing Committee, Columbus OH, March 6, 2003.
- “The Political, Economic, and Cultural Impacts of the Recent Elections in Canada, Mexico, and the United States: Perspectives from Three Nations,” teleconference moderator and technical advisor, Akron OH, April 12, 2002.
- “The State of the Parties: 2000 and Beyond,” co-organizer and co-host of national scholarly conference, Akron OH, October 17-19, 2001.
- “Coping With Term Limits: Ohio and the Nation,” principal organizer and co-host of national scholarly conference, Columbus OH, April 12-13, 2000.

Presentations

- “Party and Interest Group Response to Campaign Finance Reform” chair at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle WA, September 1-4, 2011.
- “Pracademics: Bridging Theory and Practice in Political Science” chair at the Oklahoma Political Science Association meeting, Midwest City OK, November 10-11, 2011.
- “Talking Political Science to Policymakers and Politicians: Roundtable on Bridging the Professional Divide” panelist at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2-5, 2010.
- “Political Parties and Interest Groups in State Politics” discussant at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2-5, 2010.
- “Redistricting the Sooner State” chair at the Oklahoma Political Science Association meeting, Claremore OK, November 4-5, 2010.
- “Good Campaigns: Ethical Speaking and Spending” roundtable panelist at the American Association of Political Consultants Academic Outreach Conference, Akron OH, November 18-19, 2010.
- “Practitioners’ Roundtable: Lobbyists and Consultants” roundtable chair at the Oklahoma Political Science Association meeting, Ada OK, November 5-6, 2009.
- “Connecticut’s New Public Financing System: A First Look” Chair at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Toronto, Canada, September 3 - 6, 2009.
- “Working Group on Practicing Politics: Political Scientists in Government” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Toronto, Canada, September 3 - 6, 2009.

- “How to Manage the 21st Century Workplace” roundtable chair at Fall joint meeting of the Council of State Governments: West and the Southern Legislative Council Legislative Service Directors meeting in La Quinta, CA, November 11-13, 2009.
- “State Budget in Crisis: Impacts and Implications for Legislative Service Agencies” roundtable chair at Spring meeting of the Southern Legislative Council Legislative Service Directors meeting in Miami FL, May 8-10, 2009.
- “A Close-up View of the 2008 Election” roundtable chair at the Oklahoma Political Science Association meeting, Lawton OK., November 6-7, 2008.
- “Advertising a Candidate” Chair at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, MA, August 28 – 31, 2008.
- “Oklahoma Legislative Staffing” presentation at the Southern Legislative Conference Legislative Service Agencies meeting in Oklahoma City OK, July 11, 2008.
- “Roundtable on Legislative Internships,” panel chair, Oklahoma Political Science Association, Oklahoma City OK, November 8-9, 2007.
- “Winning Ethically: The Challenge of Modern Campaigning,” roundtable panelist, Making Democracy Happen: American Association of Political Consultants Academic Outreach Conference, Akron OH, October 11-12, 2007.
- “Citizen Orientations Toward Science and Technology,” discussant, American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2, 2007.
- “Legislative Politics Panel” discussant, Oklahoma Political Science Association, Claremore OK, November 3-4, 2005.
- “State Legislatures and Policy Making,” panel chair, American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 1-4, 2005.
- “Running for Office,” panel chair, Southwest Social Science Meeting, New Orleans LA, March 23-26, 2005.
- “Anticipating Term Limits in Oklahoma” panel chair, Oklahoma Political Science Association, Tahlequah OK, November 4-5, 2004.
- “A Wired Nation: The Internet and the Voters of the Future,” Panel Chair, American Association of Political Consultants Academic Outreach Conference, Akron OH, October 2-4, 2003.
- “Scholars v. Consultants: Who Should Teach Campaigns and Elections Courses?” roundtable panelist, Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists, Tiffin, OH, October 17-18, 2003.
- “The Politics of Term Limits,” discussant, American Political Science Association, Chicago IL, September 2-5, 2004
- “Teaching Campaigns and Elections: Translating Theory into Practice,” roundtable panelist, Pennsylvania Political Science Association, Villanova PA, April 4-5, 2003.
- “Panel on Term Limits,” panelist, Oklahoma Political Science Association, Lawton, OK, November 14-15, 2002.
- “Election 2000: Media Effects, Populism, and Infotainment,” discussant, American Political Science Association, Boston, MA. August 29-September 1, 2002
- “Going Negative: Why, When & How,” panel chair, Campaigns and Elections: National Campaign Training Seminar and Trade Show, Washington, DC, April 5-7, 2002.
- “Practitioners Meet Academics II: The Changing Face of America and Its Impact on Elections,” Panel Chair, Southwestern Political Science Meeting, New Orleans LA, March 27-30, 2002.
- “A Look at the Bush Administration's First Year - Where Have We Been & Where Might We Be Headed,” roundtable panelist, Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists, Berea, OH, October 19-20, 2001.
- “Legislative Composition Under Term Limits,” Panel Chair, Term Limits in Ohio, Columbus, OH, February 21, 2002.

- "Lessons and Recommendations from the 2000 Election," roundtable panelist, Message and Strategy: Television Advertisements and the 2000 Presidential Campaigns, Akron OH, November 29, 2001.
- "The Revolution Has Begun! Digital Democracy, Politics and Government In the 21st Century," roundtable panelist, The American Association of Political Consultants Academic Outreach Conference, Boston, MA, March 29-31, 2001.
- "Effective Spin: Damage Control, Crisis Management and Press Relations," panel chair, Campaigns and Elections: National Campaign Training Seminar and Trade Show, Washington, DC, June 1-3, 2001.
- "Coping with Term Limits: The Experience of Other States," Panel Chair, Coping With Term Limits: Ohio and the Nation, Columbus OH, April 12-13, 2000.
- "The Consequences of Term Limits in State Legislatures," Panel Chair, American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 31- September 3, 2000.
- "Ohio Legislative Black Caucus Trade Mission to South Africa Web Site," produced daily in the field, August 20-29, 2000.
- "The Impact of Term Limits in Ohio," roundtable panelist, Ag Day at the Capitol, Ohio Farm Bureau, Columbus OH, February 15-16, 2000.
- "Term Limits - Finding the Opportunities" roundtable panelist, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Salt Fork State Park, Sept. 8-10, 1999.
- "Term Limits," roundtable panelist, Meeting of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists, Finley, OH, October 29-30, 1999.
- "The Political Party in Transition," panel chair, Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Corpus Christi, Tx., March 18-21, 1998.
- "The Influence of Media on Political Participation," panel chair, Southwestern Political Science Meeting, Houston, Tx., March 20-23, 1996.
- "Parties and Politics in the American States," panel discussant, Southwestern Political Science Meeting, Houston, Tx., March 20-23, 1996.
- "Ohio Politics," panel discussant, Meeting of the Ohio Association of Economists and Political Scientists, Finley, OH, October 29-30, 1999.
- "Issues in American Politics," panel discussant, Oklahoma Political Science Association Meeting, Tahlequah, Ok., November 12-13, 1993.
- "Teaching American Government," round table panelist, Oklahoma Political Science Association Meeting, Tahlequah, Ok., November 12-13, 1993.
- "Enforcement Group Discussion: Reasons for Enforcement Panel Discussion," moderator, National Conference of State Liquor Administrators Annual Meeting, Copper Mountain, Co., June 12-16, 1994.
- "Political Impact of Alcohol Industry," round table panelist, NCSLA Midwest Regional Meeting, Chicago, Il., October 28-30, 1992.

Grants Received

- "Bringing the World to Akron," teleconferencing with textbook authors, Dean's summer load credit support for course development, Summer 2000.
- "Campaigning to Win," Governor's Summer Honors Institute course, June 19-July 7, 2000.
- "The Next Steps: Options for Campaign Finance Reform in Ohio," second author with John Green, funded by The Joyce Foundation, 1998.
- "The Practice of Democracy," a teaching excellence grant from the University of Akron, 1998.
- University of Oklahoma Graduate College Research Grant, 1996.

Field Research

"2004 Election Panel Study" with the Center for the Study of Elections and Democracy at BYU and the Wisconsin Advertising Project at UW-Madison, Ohio researcher.
"Joint Project on Term Limits," with the National Conference of State Legislatures, Council of State Governments, and State Legislative Leaders Foundation, 2000-2004.
"Why Not Newspaper?" for the Oklahoma Press Association, December 1994.
"Public Opinion Survey," for Todd Hiatt, who was elected to Oklahoma House District 29, October 1994.
"Public Opinion Survey," for Todd Hiatt, who was re-elected to Oklahoma House District 29, October 1996.
"Policy Options for Animal Waste Management in Oklahoma: A Report to the Governor's Animal Waste Task Force," with Mark Meo Michael D. Smolen, Patricia E. Narris, Patrice M. Mareshal, John L. Roll, Julie M. Smith, Charles L. Jacques, available from the Science and Public Policy Program, University of Oklahoma, December 1994.
"Oklahoma Seat Belt Survey," enumerator, 1994.
"Oklahoma Child Safety Seat Survey," enumerator, 1994.
"Oklahoma Seat Belt Survey," enumerator, 1993.
"Oklahoma City Survey," supervisor / trainer, 1992.

Teaching Interests

Campaigns and Elections, Political Parties, Oklahoma Politics and Research Methods.

Courses at the University of Akron

Legislative Process – 3700:392/690
Political Influence and Organizations – 3700:672.
American Political Parties - 3700:4/576.
Campaign Management I - 3700:4/570.
Internship in Government & Politics – 3700:3/695.
Basic Analytic Research - 3980:600.
Presidential Elections – 3980:590.
Washington Campaign Conference – 3700:392.
Government and Politics - 3700:100.

Courses Taught Elsewhere

Legislative Process – HP 3123, Southern Nazarene University
Ziglar Scholars – Southern Nazarene University
Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature – HP 3111, Southern Nazarene University
American Political Parties – PSC 3413, University of Oklahoma
Election Seminar: Issues, Candidates, and Outcomes – PS 3503, Oklahoma City University
Theories of Electoral Politics: The 1994 Mid-Term Elections in Retrospect – PSC 3980, University of Oklahoma
National Trends in Congressional Elections: Examining 1996 – PSC 3890, University of Oklahoma
Presidential Elections: Past, Present & Future – PSC 3890, University of Oklahoma
The Presidential Nominations of 1996 – PSC 3890, University of Oklahoma
Introduction to Research Methods – PSYC 3803, Mid-America Bible College
Research Sequence – LEAD Degree Completion Program, Mid-America Bible College
Introduction to Statistics – PSYC 3703, Mid-America Bible College
Introduction to Statistics – STAT 3403, Southern Nazarene University
American Government – PSC 1113, Southern Nazarene University
American Government – PSC 1113, University of Oklahoma

Professional Experience

Director of Committee Staff, Oklahoma House of Representatives, 2004 to 2011.
Associate Professor, University of Akron, 1997-2004.
Adjunct Professor, Oklahoma City University, 2008.
Instructor, Mid-America Bible College, 1997.
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science,
University of Oklahoma, 1993-1996.
Graduate Research Assistant, Science and Public Policy Program,
University of Oklahoma, 1994, 1996.
Adjunct Instructor, Southern Nazarene University, 1993, 2006-2007.
Adjunct Instructor, Mid-America Bible College, 1992, 1996.

Business Experience

Congressman Tom Coburn's primary campaign manager, 1994.
Financial Planner with Southwest Financial Associates, Tulsa, Ok., 1987-1992.
Owner/Operator of Last Chance Grocery, Tahlequah, Ok., 1980-1987.
Co-Manager of T.G.&Y. Store #57, Muskogee, Ok., 1978-1980.

Academic Associations

American Political Science Association, 1992 to present.
Southwestern Political Science Association, 1998 to 2005.
Oklahoma Political Science Association, 1993 to present.
Ohio Association of Economic and Political Science, 1997 to 2005.
American Association of Political Consultants 1999 to present.

Awards

Oklahoma Political Science Association, president, 2007-2008.
Henry Toll Fellow, Council of State Governments, 2006
Rick Farmer Day, City of Akron OH, December 9, 2004.
Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2003-2004.
National Residents Hall Honorary Faculty Appreciation Award, 2003.
Chairs Outstanding Achievement Award, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, University
of Akron, 2002.
General Motors Volunteer Spirit Award, 1993.
John H. Leek Scholarship Award from the OU Political Science Dept., 3 times.
Pi Sigma Alpha.
Dean's Honor Roll at NSU.

Media Appearances



NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw
MSNBC series on Ohio 2004



CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight
CNN's Anderson Cooper 360



ONN Capital Square
ONN Election Night Coverage
ONN Election Wrap-up



CSPAN

BBC World Service
BBC Radio 5
Entrepreneur Magazine Radio

Campus Activities

Fellow, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, University of Akron, 1998 to present.
Information Technology Strategic Planning Committee, University of Akron, 2004
General Education Advisory Committee, University of Akron, 2002 to 2004.
Organized Election Night Watch Party, 1998, 2000, 2002.
College Republicans Faculty Advisor, University of Akron, 1999 to 2004.
Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor, University of Akron, 1999 to 2001.
Conversation Partner, English Language Institute, Fall 1997.

Civic Activities

Oklahoma Presidential Elector, 1984.
Oklahoma's Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, served as Vice-Chairman, 1991-1994.
Vice-President of the Dewey F. Bartlett Center, Oklahoma City, Ok., 1987-1991.
Board member for Friends of the Library in Oklahoma, 1989-1992.
President of the Get Real Class at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, Bethany Oklahoma, 2009.
Member of the Board of Stewards for Choctaw Church of the Nazarene, Choctaw Oklahoma, 2007.
Member of the Board of Trustees for the Doylestown Church of the Nazarene, Doylestown, Ohio, 2000-2004.
Chairman and member of the Tahlequah Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, 1985-1991.