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Education

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Department of Political Science, Ph.D. 1997

Dissertation: *The Context of Choice: Understanding the Presidential Decision Making Process*. Dissertation Advisor: John H. Kessel. Dissertation Committee: Dean Lacy; Randall B. Ripley.

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Department of Political Science, M.A. 1995

Dean's Fellowship Recipient, 1992-1993

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, inducted 1994

DENISON UNIVERSITY, GRANVILLE, OHIO

Political Science Major and French Minor, B.A. 1992

Cum Laude

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honorary, inducted 1990

Research and Teaching Fields

- American Presidency
- Women in Politics
- Research Methods and Statistics
- Political Theory
- Race and Ethnicity

Teaching Experience

Institutions

- The University of Texas at Arlington, Associate Professor, 2003 to present.
- The University of Texas at Arlington, Assistant Professor, 1997 – 2003.
- Otterbein College, Instructor, 1996
- The Ohio State University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1995 - 1997

Courses

- The U.S. Presidency, Undergraduate and Graduate
- Presidential Leadership in Domestic Policy, Undergraduate and Graduate
- Women in the Political Process, Undergraduate and Graduate
- Government of the United States, Introductory and Honors
- Honors American Studies Sequence
- Statistics and Research Methods, Undergraduate and Graduate
- U.S. Political Institutions

- Modern Political Ideologies

Publications

Articles

- The Rehnquist Court and its Support of Federal Agencies. Forthcoming in *Judicature*. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik.
- Individual Justices and the Solicitor General: The *Amicus Curiae* Cases, 1953-2000. Forthcoming in *Judicature*. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik.
- The Solicitor General as *Amicus*, 1953 – 2000: How Influential?. 2003. *Judicature* 87: 1-16. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik.
- On-Line Discussions Across Three Universities: Student Participation and Pedagogy. 2002. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 713-719. With Rosalee Clawson and Zoe Oxley.
- Assessing Effectiveness of Veto Threats in the Bush Administration. 2002. *Congress & the Presidency* 29: 47 – 67. With Laura W. Arnold.
- Veto Threats as a Policy Tool: When to Threaten? 2002. *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 32: 30 - 45. With Laura W. Arnold.
- Executive Influence on the U.S. Supreme Court: Solicitor General *Amicus* Cases, 1953 – 1997. 2001. *American Review of Politics* 22: 3-26. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik.
- Legislative Leaders' Careers: Policy and Process Expertise, Sources of Policy Information, Career Interests and Term Limits. 2001. In *Spectrum: The Journal of State Government* 74: 1-4. With Thomas Little and Jill Clark.
- A View from the Top: Gender Differences in Legislative Priorities Among State Legislative Leaders. 2001. In *Women & Politics* 22: 29-50. With Thomas Little and Dana Dunn.
- Trends in and effects of modern divorce law. 2001. In *Gender Mosaics: Social Perspectives*, 216-226. Roxbury Press. With Beth Anne Shelton.
- Chicanas in Texas Politics. 2000. *JSRI Occasional Paper #66*, The Julian Samora Research Institute, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, 2000. With Jose Angel Gutierrez.
- Friendship and Votes: The Impact of Interpersonal Ties on Legislative Decision Making. 2000. In *State and Local Government Review* 32: 142-147. With Laura W. Arnold and Samuel C. Patterson.

- Getting to the Top: Factors Influencing the Selection of Women to Positions of Leadership in State Legislatures. 1999. In *State and Local Government Review* 31: 1-12. With Thomas Little.

Reviews

- In *Journal of American History*. June 2003: 29-31. Exhibit at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, "Loss and Renewal: Transforming Tragic Sites."
- In *Journal of Politics*. 2001. 63: 957. *The White House Staff: Inside the West Wing and Beyond*. 2001. Brookings Institution Press.
- In *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. 2000, 30: 813. *Good Advice: Information & Policy Making in the White House*. Daniel Ponder. 2000. Texas A&M University Press.

Invited Book Chapters

- "The solicitor general as amicus, 1953-2000: how influential?" In *Judicial Politics: Readings from Judicature*. 2005. Elliot E. Slotnick, editor. Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press.

Encyclopedia entries

- *Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*. 2004. Entries on: African Americans; Civil Rights Act; Hillary Clinton; Geraldine Farraro; Gerald Ford; Lady Bird Johnson; Office of Policy Development; Donald Rumsfeld; Solicitor General.

Research Activities

Presentations

- Federal Agency Success or Failure before the Supreme Court: The Rehnquist Court. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. September 2005.
- Civic engagement through service learning: assessing present efforts and encouraging future success. With Victoria A. Farrar-Myers. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2005.
- Teaching with Technology: Using On-Line Discussions to Help Student Think Critically. With Zoe M. Oxley and Rosalee Clawson. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2004.
- Individual Justices and the Solicitor General: Trends in the Amicus Curiae Cases, 1953-2000. With Joe Ignagni and James Meernik. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. August 2003.

- “Talk Amongst Yourselves”: On-line Discussions Across Three Universities. With Zoe M. Oxley and Rosalee Clawson. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2003.
- The Staff Secretary and Presidential Decision Making. With Annie M. Tuttle. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2002.
- Trends in the Solicitor General as *Amicus*, 1953 – 2000: When is he a friend? When is he influential?. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 2001.
- Executive Influence on the U.S. Supreme Court: Solicitor General as *Amicus* Cases, 1953 – 1997. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik. Presented at the Joint Meeting of Law and Society Association and Research Committee and Sociology of Law. July 2001.
- On-Line Discussions: Student Participation and Pedagogy. With Zoe M. Oxley and Rosalee Clawson. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2001.
- Assessing Effectiveness of Veto Threats in the Bush Administration. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association. November 2000.
- Presidential Influence Before the Supreme Court. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. August 2000.
- Veto Threats as Policy Tool: When to Threaten. With Laura W. Arnold. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2000.
- The Path to Power: Women in Pursuit of Legislative Leadership. With Thomas H. Little. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Political Science Association. November 1999.
- Presidential-Congressional Relations: Veto Threats and Policy Outcomes. With Laura W. Arnold. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association. September 1999.
- The Executive Branch and the Supreme Court: Influence or Independence? With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik. Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1999.

- Explaining Presidential Support on the Supreme Court: Ideology, Politics and the Law. With Joseph Ignagni and James Meernik. The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 1998.
- Getting to the Top: Factors Influencing the Selection of Women to Positions of Leadership in State Legislatures. With Thomas H. Little. The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. April 1998.
- The Presidential Decision Making Process: An Analysis of the Ford Administration. The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. November 1997.
- The Context of Choice: Presidential Decision Making in the Ford Administration. The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. November 1996.
- Friendship and Votes: The Impact of Interpersonal Ties on Legislative Decision-Making. With Laura W. Arnold and Samuel C. Patterson. Southern Political Science Association Meeting. November 1995.
- Representing Ohio's Interests: The Linkages Between Ohio Legislators and Their Constituents. With Zoe M. Oxley. The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. September 1995.

Panel Participation

- Discussant, "Learning in (and out of) the Classroom," at the 2005 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Discussant, "Executive-Legislative Bargaining in the U.S.," at the 2003 meeting of the American Political Science Association.
- Discussant, "Vetoes and Votes," at the 2003 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Invited to attend "New Directions in Research the White House," a conference sponsored by The Center for Presidential Studies at Texas A&M University. May 18-20, 2001.
- Discussant, "The American Political System over time," at the 2001 meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association.
- Discussant, "Administering the Presidency," at the 2000 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.
- Chair, The Female Principle Conference, The University of Texas at Arlington, March 30-April 1, 2000.

- Chair, “State Legislative Activities and Careers,” at the 2000 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Discussant, “Presidential parties: A Panel honoring the scholarship of John Kessel,” at the 1999 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Discussant, “Presidential Persuasion, Agenda Setting and Effects,” at the 1999 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Works in Progress

- Executive Branch Success Before the Supreme Court.
- White House Staff Secretary: Gatekeeper or Functionary?
- President Eisenhower and Veto Threats.
- Assessing the Pedagogical Efficacy of Service Learning.

Grants and Leaves

- Center for Community Service Learning, Seed Grant, The University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2004, 2002.
- George Bush Presidential Library Foundation O’Donnell Grant, 2001
- Faculty Development Leave, The University of Texas at Arlington, Spring 2001
- Gerald R. Ford Foundation Travel Grant, 1998
- Research Enhancement Program Grant, The University of Texas at Arlington, 1998
- Gerald R. Ford Foundation Travel Grant, 1996
- Graduate Student Alumni Research Award (GSARA), The Ohio State University, 1996

Teaching and Service Awards

- Nominated for Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award, University of Texas at Arlington, 2004-2005.
- Nominated for Honors College Faculty Award, University of Texas at Arlington, 2004-2005.
- Outstanding Honors Professor, Honors College, University of Texas at Arlington. 2002-2003.
- *Arlington Star-Telegram* Service Learning Faculty Award, University of Texas at Arlington, 2002-2003.
- September 2002 Campus Kahuna Award. UTA Hosts, University of Texas at Arlington.
- Chancellor’s Council Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Texas at Arlington, 2001-2002.
- Golladay Award for Outstanding Teaching, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Arlington, 2001-2002.
- Nominated for Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award, University of Texas at Arlington, 1999-2000.
- Nominated for the Chancellor’s Council Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Texas at Arlington, 1999-2000.

- Henry R. Spencer Award for Teaching, Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 1996-1997.
- Nominated for award for Best Teaching by a Graduate Student, The Ohio State University, 1996-1997.

Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- APSA Women's Caucus
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- MPSA Women's Caucus
- Southern Political Science Association
- Presidency Research Group
- Phi Beta Delta, Honor Society for International Scholars

Service

National

- Reviewer
 - *Journal of Politics*
 - *Congress & the Presidency*
 - *American Politics Research*
- Reviewer, U.S. Department of Education
- Reviewer:
 - Houghton Mifflin
 - Wadsworth
 - Addison Wesley Longman
 - Worth Publishers, Inc.
- Section Head, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings 2005.
- Chair, APSA Presidency Research Group Founders Award Committee for best paper by a graduate student, 2003 – 2004.
- Member, APSA Presidency Research Group Founders Award Committee for best paper by a graduate student, 2002 - 2003.
- Member, APSA Presidency Research Group Founders Award Committee for best paper on the Presidency, 2000 – 2001; 2005-2006.
- Member, Committee to select the Best Graduate Student Paper presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association Meetings, 2000.
- Member, APSA Presidency Research Group Founders Award Committee for best paper by a graduate student, 1999.

University

- Steering Committee, Abstracts Editor, Awards Committee member, Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students, 2005
- Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program, 2004-2005.
- University Hearing Panel, 2004-2007.
- Judge, Awards Committee member, Annual Celebration of Excellence by Students, 2004.

- Moderator, The Great Debate, College Republicans and University Democrats debate the issues. April 7, 2004.
- Member, College of Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee, 2002-present.
- Elected member, Women's Studies Advisory Board, 1998 – present.
- Advisor, Asian Students Association, 1998 – present.
- Member, Liberal Arts Residential Learning Committee, 2003-2004.
- Liberal Arts Representative, Residential Learning Committee, 2003-2004.
- Member, Committee on Tenure and Academic Freedom and Responsibilities, 2003-2005.
- Member, Status of Women and Minorities Committee, 2002-2004.
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 1999 – 2006.
- Member, Advisory Committee, Center for Community Service Learning, 2002-2004.
- Member, Honors College Dean Search Committee, 2002-2003.
- Chair, U.S. Department of State Site Visit organizing committee, Spring 2003.
- Faculty in Residence, Center for Community Service Learning, 2002-2003.
- Member, Dean of School of Urban and Public Affairs Review Committee, 2002.
- Participant, University Libraries Annual Report Interview process, 2002.
- Member, Staff Search Committee, Department of Recreational Sports, 2002.
- Member, University Scholarship Loans and Awards Committee, 2001 – 2003.
- Member, University Library Advisory Committee, 2000 – 2003.
- Member, Wole Soyinka Organizational Committee, 2002.
- Chair, Committee to redesign American Studies, Honors College 1999 – 2001.
- Judge and Chair of Judges, University Organizational Committee for the Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, 1998 – 2002.
- Serve on the University Organizational Committee for the Symposium on Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity, 1998 – 2000.
- Elected member, Undergraduate Assembly, 1999 – 2001.
- “Celebrity Server” 1999 Fall Maverick Cookout.
- Participant, Student Affairs Leadership Conference, August 11 – 13, 1999, Glen Rose, Texas.
- Faculty mentor, MAVScholars Program, 1998 – 2000.
- Honorary Guest Coach, UTA Volleyball, Fall 1997.

Department

- Undergraduate Advisor, 2002 to present.
- Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2002 to present.
- Chair, Retention Committee, 2001 to present.
- Chair, Student Honors Committee, 1999 to present.
- Member, Programs and Haggard Lectures, 2005-2006.
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee, 2002-to present.
- Member, Student Competency Committee, 2002 to present.
- Member, Tenure and Promotion, 2004 to present.
- Advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary, 1998 – present.
- Member, Executive Committee, 2003-2004, 2002-2003, 1998 – 2000.

- Associate Undergraduate Advisor, 1999 – 2002.
- Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2004-2005, 2003-2004, 2000 – 2001.
- Member, Computer Facilities Committee, 1999 – 2001.
- Member, Research Committee, 1998-99.
- Member, Affirmative Action Committee, 1997-98.

Community

PRESENTATIONS

- Featured Speaker, Focus on Faculty, UTA University Libraries, October 27, 2004.
- Featured Speaker, Honors College Coffee Talk, March 30, 2004.
- Featured Speaker, Downtown Arlington Rotary Club, Arlington, Texas. May 30, 2002.
- Participant, Advanced Placement American Government Seminars, presented by the Department of Political Science, UTA, 1999 – 2002.
- Participant, Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science, sponsored by the Women's Studies Program at The University of Texas at Arlington, to encourage young girls towards careers using mathematics and science skills.
 - Presenter (1998, 2000).
 - Member, Organizing Committee (1998 to present).
 - Chair, Presenters Coordination and Recruitment Committee (2002 to present).
 - Chair, Student Volunteers Committee (1999 – 2001).
- Participant, Informational session with Hiroshi Chayama, Consul, Consulate General of Japan, regarding the 2000 American Presidential Election.
- Featured Speaker, "Women's Wednesdays" at Arlington High School, Fall 1999.
- Featured Speaker, Women's History Month, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas. 3/19/1998.

MEDIA ANALYSIS

- Interviewed for "Annual celebration offers students prizes, seminars" in *The Shorthorn*. March 31, 2005.
- Interviewed for "Youth vote disappoints" in *The Shorthorn*. November 4, 2004.
- Interviewed for "Crystal Clear? Students and faculty peer into the election haze as they try to predict this year's results" In *The Shorthorn*. November 2, 2004.
- Featured in "Predict from polls at your own risk" in *Star Telegram*. October 31, 2004
- Interviewed for "Getting the Words Out: U.S. Political Glossary" in CTV.ca Canadian Broadcasting. October 12, 2004.
- Interviewed for "Republican National Convention – Web special" in CTC.ca Canadian Broadcasting. August, 2004.
- Interviewed for "Kerry's challenge: Defining himself to Americans" in CTV.ca Canadian Broadcasting. July 28, 2004.
- Interviewed for "March to focus on femininity" in *The Shorthorn*. March 2, 2004.
- Interviewed for "Scholars: Presidential libraries keep top-shelf info out of reach" in *Star Telegram*. February 16, 2004.
- Guest editorial, "Dean loses steam," February 11, 2004. *The Shorthorn*. University of Texas at Arlington.
- Interviewed for "In a class all her own" in the *UTA Magazine*, Fall 2002.
- Interviewed for "Politicians to labor on Labor Day" in the *Arlington Star Telegram*,

September 1, 2002.

- Interviewed for “Nobel laureate to speak: Nigerian author, political critic to share African worldview” in the *Dallas Morning News*, April 6, 2002.
- In-studio elections expert for Texas Cable News, 2002 Primary Election Coverage, March 12, 2002.
- Interviewed for “UTA speakers will explore issues important to women” in the *Dallas Morning News*, February 28, 2002.

- Interviewed for “Flagging Patriotism: Veterans and many others believe passionate love of country is on the wane in America” in the *Dallas Morning News*, July 2, 2000.
- Interviewed for “Redefining ‘A Woman’s Place’” in the *Irving News*, May 30-June 3, 1999, p. 1A, 9A, vol. 44, no. 41.
- Interviewed for “Early Turnout on par for Tarrant polls” in *The Arlington Morning News*, Sunday, November 1, 1998.
- Interview with Clarissa Douglas, discussing President Clinton’s ability to govern in 1998. KRLD news radio 1080, January 27, 1998.