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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC DEGREES

- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Ph.D. Economics (specialization in economic history)
- University of California, Los Angeles, M.A. Economics
- San Jose State College, B.A., with Great Distinction: Economics major and Philosophy minor

POSITIONS HELD

- 1981- Present, Professor, Department of Economics*
- July 1999- 2012 Director, University Honors Program*
- 1999-2005, Faculty Athletics Representative (Chair, Joint Council, Mountain West Conference, July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005)*
- 1997-1999, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts*
- 1992-1997, Associate Dean for Curricula and Instruction, College of Liberal Arts*
- 1983-1988, Professor and Chair, Department of Economics*
- 1975-1976, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis
- 1974-1981, Associate Professor, Department of Economics*
- 1972-1974, Assistant Professor and Assistant Chairman, Department of Economics*
- 1972, Assistant Professor and Assistant Chairman, Department of Economics, California State University, Long Beach
- 1970-1972, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, California State University, Long Beach

*at Colorado State University

RECENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Honorary Member, Golden Key National Honorary Society
- Distinguished Member, National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Member, American Economic Association
- Member, Association for Evolutionary Economics
- Member, Economic History Association
- Past Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Economic Issues
- Member, Board of Trustees, University Press of Colorado
- Chair, Joint Council, Mountain West Conference (2004-5)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Colorado State University

- 25 Best Advisers
- Oliver P. Pennock Award for Excellence in Teaching
- “Pat on the Back,” (Excellence in Teaching), Colorado State University

University of Wisconsin

- Dissertation Fellowship
- University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
- Distinction on Economic Theory Ph.D. Exams

San Jose State College

- Graduation with Great Distinction
- Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society
- Tau Delta Phi Honorary Society

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Director, University Honors Program, Colorado State University, 1999 to present

The Director is the chief administrative officer of a program that admits between 225 and 250 freshmen students per year and has approximately 820 students enroll in Honors courses each semester. The Director reports to the Provost/Academic Vice President, meets regularly with the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, and has administrative responsibility for the program’s curricula and instruction, students, budget, faculty and staff, and residential living learning community. The program has an annual allocation of \$524,000 and additional contributions of faculty in-kind instruction. The office staff includes an assistant director, two administrative assistants, and four work study students.

Accomplishments:

- Worked with colleagues to design and implement a bold and innovative Honors Core Curriculum that features an integrated core of interdisciplinary Honors seminars, Honors courses in the major, and an Honors thesis. Students fulfilling the requirement are designated as University Honors Scholar.
- Worked with colleagues to design an additional curricular track focusing on upper division Honors course work and an Honors thesis in the department/discipline. The proposal has been approved by the Faculty Honors Council and the University Curriculum Committee and is being reviewed for implementation in fall 2005.
- Instituted an application and selection process for admitting students to the University Honors Program that has resulted in a significant increase in the quality and performance of Honors students.
- Expanded recruiting efforts for new students by creating partnerships on campus and by publicizing the program off campus.
- Formed productive working partnerships across campus with entities such as the Writing Center, Center for Teaching and Learning, Study Abroad, and Residence Life and Housing to strengthen the Honors curriculum and the Honors living learning community.
- Restructured the office staff and formalized the role and participation of the Faculty Honors Council to advance new Honors Program initiatives.
- Developed workshops to educate faculty to teach interdisciplinary Honors seminars.

- Began advancement and development efforts by creating an internal case statement for funding priorities and by reconnecting with Honors Program alumni.
- Remodeled the Honors offices in Newsom Residence Hall to provide a more effective workspace and a recruiting venue for prospective students.
- Taught up to three courses per year and advised Honors students.

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University, 1997 to 1999

The Dean is the chief administrative officer of the College that enrolls 3,500 undergraduate and 450 graduate student majors in 12 academic departments and the Center for Applied Studies in American Ethnicity. The College has an annual budget of approximately \$19 million and employs approximately 300 FTE faculty, including 238 tenured and tenure-track faculty. The Dean has final responsibility for the College's curricula and instruction, budget, personnel, research and creative activities, compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action regulations, advancement and development, and other administrative matters. The Dean's office staff includes two associate deans, a financial officer, an office manager, an academic adviser, a career counselor, a director and associate director of development, four computer network technicians, and four and a half additional support staff.

Accomplishments:

- Formed a collaborative leadership team among the deans, chairs, faculty, and staff to take action on a well-established College agenda.
- Balanced the needs for creative change, pursuing excellence, and doing ordinary day-to-day activities extraordinarily well.
- Actively worked with University Advancement and Development, the College's development officers, and other units on campus in the initial phase of a \$27 million plan for a new University Center for the Arts.
- Worked with development officers to promote initiatives such as 2000 Friends of the liberal Arts, Great Conversations, and Students' First Scholarship Campaign.
- Introduced planning initiatives with the Council of Chairs to address priorities, workloads, and budget allocations.
- Promoted diversity through hiring practices, spousal/partner accommodations, curricular change, and the recruiting and retention of students.
- Established the College's Excellence in Teaching Awards for graduate teaching assistants, temporary instructors, and tenure-track faculty.
- Encouraged more comprehensive reviews of teaching for both evaluation and professional development purposes.
- Worked with the Division of Education Outreach to begin a degree completion program in the Liberal Arts.
- Worked closely with the Department of Journalism and Technical Communication during its accreditation review.
- Hired an interim associate dean, office manager, associate director of development, director of international studies, career counselor, and numerous faculty.
- Formed an ad hoc committee to address professional and employment conditions among temporary faculty.
- Resolved long-standing personnel problems.

- Taught one course per year and advised Liberal Arts majors and the College's open option students in the University Honors Program.

Associate Dean for Curricula and Instruction, Colorado State University, 1992-1997

The Associate Dean's primary responsibility is undergraduate curricula planning and review. The responsibilities include developing new curricular programs such as the Arts and Sciences Common Curriculum, International Studies, and American Studies, and administering established programs such as Honors, the Liberal Arts interdepartmental majors, and the departments' annual accountability reports. Secondary duties include summer session planning and budgeting, supervision of the College's advising and career services, managing temporary funds in response to enrollment patterns, student recruiting and retention, administration of the College's scholarship program, student appeals and grievances, and planning the College's Commencement ceremonies.

Accomplishments:

- Worked with faculty leaders to design and implement new curricula such as the Arts and Sciences Common Curriculum, Applied Studies in American Ethnicity, American Studies, and International Studies.
- Developed a program of faculty grants to improve Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum courses.
- Worked with students to institute an instructional technology fee that generated approximately \$350,000 per year primarily for computer laboratories.
- Expanded recruitment efforts for academically talented and diverse students.
- Developed a retention program for academically at-risk students.
- Awarded a School-to-Career grant (Co-PI) to develop connections between academic programs, internships, and careers.
- Administered College's Freshman Seminar program.
- Assisted in the development of a liaison model for career counseling and hired the first career counselor.
- Taught two courses per year and advised Liberal Arts majors and the College's open option students in the University Honors Program.

Chair, Department of Economics, Colorado State University, 1983-1988

The Chair is the chief administrative officer of the department and has final responsibility for personnel, curricula and instruction, budget, research and development, compliance with equal opportunity and affirmative action regulations, and other administrative matters. The Department employs 14 tenured and tenure-track faculty, and enrolls approximately 220 undergraduate and graduate majors per year.

Accomplishments:

- Worked with a team of leaders to form two separate departments--Economics and Agricultural and Resource Economics.
- Maintained amicable working relationships and sustained synergies between faculty in the two departments.
- Secured the viability of the Department by expanding the number of faculty tenure-track lines from 8 to 14.
- Initiated operating procedures and a merit system of evaluation for promotion, tenure, and salary increases.
- Initiated an annual budget document to inform and empower the faculty.

- Developed a program emphasis on teaching for faculty and Ph.D. students.
- Initiated the Department's first offering of Honors courses.
- Taught two to three courses per year and advised students.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Courses Taught in the Following Areas

- Honors First-Year Seminar, Honors Senior Seminar, and Honors Economics
- Macroeconomic theory and/or policy (introductory, intermediate, and graduate)
- Microeconomics (introductory and intermediate)
- U.S. economic history (undergraduate and graduate)
- History of economic thought
- Supervised college teaching

Major Adviser, Ph.D. Theses

David Chaplin, A Consumer Expenditure Approach to Estimating Changes in the Standard of Living in the United States, 1984-1992 (Colorado State University, 2001).

Ann Mari May, The Presidency and the Political Business Cycle, 1960-1984 (Colorado State University, 1988).

Charles W. Sperry, An Expanded Regression Model of Productivity Growth in Four-Digit U.S. Manufacturing Industries, 1973-1979 (Colorado State University, 1987).

Refereed Publications

"Propensity Score Analysis of an Honors Programs Contribution to Students' Retention and Graduation Outcomes." *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council*, Fall/Winter 2013, Volume 14, Number 2, 73-84 (co-author, Michael Lacy).

"President Nixon's Political Business Cycle," in William Levantrosser and Leon Friedman, eds. Richard Nixon: Politician, President, Administrator. Greenwood Press, 1991, 221-238 (co-author, A. M. May).

"Crisis and Leviathan: A Critique and Reconstruction," Journal of Economic Issues, 25, June 1991, 365-371.

"The Role of the State in the U.S. Economy During the 1920s," Journal of Economic Issues, 21, June 1987, 877-884.

"A Macroeconomic History of Supply-Side Fiscal Policies in the 1920s," Review of Social Economy, October 1984, 130-142.

"The Presidential Political Business Cycle of 1972," Journal of Economic History, 34, June 1984, 265-271 (co-author, A. M. May).

"Keynesian and Institutional Economics: Compatibility and Complementarity?" Journal of Economics Issues, December 1983, 1087-1095.

"The Shaping of Tastes, Pareto Efficiency, and Economic Policy," Journal of Behavioral Economics, Summer 1983, 23-41 (co-author, J. R. McKean).

"Preference and Value Formation: A Convergence of Enlightened Orthodox and Institutional Analysis?" Journal of Economic Issues, December 1982, 941-954 (co-authors, J. R. McKean and R. D. Peterson).

"Supply-Side Economic Policies During the Coolidge-Mellon Era," Journal of Economic Issues, September 1982, 773-790.

"A Neglected Chapter in Keynes' General Theory," Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, Spring 1982, 404-412 (co-author, J. L. Carlson).

"The Hazards of a Monetarist Rule Extended," Southern Economic Journal, January 1981, 824-830 (Co-author, C. F. Revier).

"Inflation, Monetarism, and Price Controls," Nebraska Journal of Economics and Business, Winter 1980, 30-40.

"Monopoly Capital and the Great Depression: Testing Baran and Sweezy's Hypothesis," The Review of Radical Political Economics, Winter 1975, 65-75.

"A Neo-Classical Argument for Wage-Price Controls," Intermountain Economic Review, Fall 1975, 46-54 (co-author, S. L. Gray).

"Estimates of National Income and Product, 1919-1941: The Best of All Possible Worlds," Explorations in Economic History, Fall 1973, 87-88.

"Factor Income Distribution in the 1920s: A Reexamination of Fact and Theory," Journal of Economic History, March 1973, 252-273.

Selected Professional Presentations

"Analogies, Parallels and Lessons of History: Comparing the Great Depression with the Great Recession." Presented to Western Social Science Associating Meeting, April, 2013.

"Dealing with AP/CLEP and Concurrent Enrollment Credits Earned before College." Presented at the annual National Collegiate Honors Council meetings, New Orleans, November 11, 2004.

"The Honors Core Curriculum at Colorado State University: An Interdisciplinary Approach to General Education." Presented at the annual National Collegiate Honors Council meetings, Chicago, November 6, 2003.

"Crisis and Leviathan: A Critique and Reconstruction." Association for Evolutionary Economics, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 1990.

"President Nixon's Political Business Cycle." Sixth Annual Presidential Conference, "Richard Nixon: A Retrospective on His Presidency," Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, November 1987.

"The Role of the State in the U.S. Economy during the 1920s." Association for Evolutionary Economics, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, December 1986.

"The Presidential Political Business Cycle of 1972." Economic History Association, Forty-Third Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 1983.

"Keynesian and Institutional Economics: Compatibility and Complementarity." Western Social Science Association, 25th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, April 1983.

"A Macroeconomic History of Supply-Side Fiscal Policies in the 1920s." Thirteenth International Atlantic Economic Conference, Jamaica, February 1982.

"Attacking Prolonged Inflation by the Coordinated Implementation of Wage-Price Controls with Contractionary Monetary Policy." Macro-Economics (Contributed Paper Session, James Tobin, discussant) American Economic Association, Annual Meetings, Atlantic City, NJ, September 1976.

"Comments on the Economy and on President Ford's Anti-Inflation Proposals." Testimony presented to regional hearing, U.S. Budget Committee, Denver, CO, October 1974.

"Factor Income Distribution in the United States During the 1920s: A Reexamination of Fact and Theory." Economic History Association, Thirty-Second Annual Meeting, Wilmington, DE, September 1972.

FACULTY GOVERNANCE AND COMMITTEES

University

Faculty Athletics Representative
Chair, Committee on Budgets and Financial Planning
Chair, Search Committee, Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences
Chair, Task Force on Status of Offices, Centers, and Institutes
Chair, Search Committee for Chair of Agricultural and Resource Economics
Chair, Review Committee, Department of Finance and Real Estate Self-Evaluation
Co-Chair, Committee on the Arts and Sciences Common Core Curriculum
Member, Faculty Council (department and at-large representative)
Member, Council of Deans
Member, Equal Opportunity Council
Member, Faculty Benefits Committee

Member, Change and Reform Subcommittee on Academic Support
Member, Task Force on the University Honors Program Curriculum
Member, Faculty Honors Council
Member, Faculty Council Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics
Member, Search Committee for Athletic Director
Member, Search Committees for Men's Basketball and Golf
Member, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
Member, Committee of Assistant and Associate Deans
Member, Summer Session Planning Committee

College

Chair, Search Committee for Chair of Political Science
Member, Committee to Establish Separate Departments of Economics and Agricultural Economics
Member, Committee on the Liberal Arts
Member, Instructional Development Committee
Member, Curriculum Committee
Member, Committee to Review Core Curriculum
Member, Dean's Advisory Group
Member, Commencement Committee
Member, Scholarship Committee

Department

Chair, Undergraduate Committee
Coordinator, Graduate Studies
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Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committees
Chair, Faculty Selection Committees
Member, Graduate Committee
Member, Ph.D. Macro Theory Exam Committee
Member, Executive Committee
Member, Task Force to Reorganize the Department of Economics

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