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Educational Background

B.S. Western Michigan University, 1963
 M.A. Western Michigan University, 1964
 Ph.D. University of Arizona, 1967

Professional Background

Instructor, University of Arizona, 1966
 Research Associate, University of Arizona, 1966-67
 Assistant Professor, Colorado State University, 1967-71
 Associate Professor, Colorado State University, 1971-74
 Professor, Colorado State University, 1974 to present
 Chairman, Department of Political Science, Colorado State University, 1972-87
 Special Assistant to President, Colorado State University, 1980-81
 Director, Legislative Internship Program, 1980 to present
 Member, Governing Board, Colorado State University (faculty representative), 1992-94

Professional Interests

Legislative Politics
 State and Local Politics
 Colorado Politics

Courses Taught

Legislative Politics
 State and Local Politics
 Latin American Politics
 Classical Political Theory
 Ethnic Politics
 Urban Politics
 Local Government Administration
 American Public Policy
 Metropolitan Politics—Seminar
 American Institutions—Seminar
 Legislative Internship, supervised 900 General Assembly interns

Honors/Awards

Oliver P. Pennock Distinguished Service Award, Colorado State University, 1986.

Commendation for teaching, research, service, Colorado House of Representatives, 2003

Commendation for service as internship director, Colorado House of Representatives, 2012

Commendation for service and accomplishments, Colorado General Assembly, 2012

John N. Stern Liberal Arts Distinguished Professor Award, 2011-2012

Pi Sigma Alpha –teaching, 1992

Professional Publications—Books

2011, State of Change: Colorado Politics in the Twenty-First Century, ed. with Courtenay Daum and Robert Duffy, Boulder, University Press of Colorado.

2000 and 1990, The Colorado General Assembly, Boulder, University Press of Colorado, second and first editions.

1998 and 1994 State and Local Politics: Institutions, Process and Behavior, with R.D. Wrinkle and J. Polinard, New York, St. Martins' Press, second and first editions.

1983, 1977 and 1973, American State and Local Government, Politics and Planning, Columbus, Ohio, Charles E. Merrill Co., third, second and first editions.

1980, The Study and Teaching of Political Science, Columbus, Ohio, Charles E. Merrill Co.

1975, Introduction to American Government, with R. D. Wrinkle, Columbus, Ohio, Charles E. Merrill Co.

1972, American Government and Non-Decisions, with R.D. Wrinkle, Columbus, Ohio, Charles E. Merrill Co.

1971, The Politics of Neglect: The Environmental Crisis, ed., with R.L. Meek, Boston, MA. Houghton-Mifflin.

Other Professional Publications

2011, “One Thing After Another: Layers of Policy and Colorado’s Fiscal Train Wreck”, in Courtenay Daum, Robert Duffy and John Straayer, eds., State of Change: Colorado Politics in The Twenty-First Century, Boulder, CO: University Press of Colorado.

2011, “The Colorado General Assembly: It Ain’t What it Used to Be”, in Courtenay Daum, Robert Duffy and John Straayer, ed., State of Change: Colorado Politics in The Twenty-First Century, Boulder, CO: University Press of Colorado.

2011, “Colorado’s New Election Day World”, with Scott Doyle, in Courtenay Daum, Robert Duffy and John Straayer eds., State of Change: Colorado Politics in The Twenty-First Century, Boulder, CO: University Press of Colorado.

2010, “One Foot on the Brake, One Foot on the Gas: Government Finance in Colorado,” Colorado Municipalities, V. 86, No. 1, February, 2010.

2008, “Colorado Legislative Term Limits The Worst of Both Worlds”, in Rick Farmer, Christopher Z. Mooney, Richard Powell and John Green, eds., Legislating Without Experience: Case Studies in Term Limits, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, pp. 99-120.

2008, “Colorado Government and Politics”, in Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions”, C.Q. Press, pp. 393-402.

2007, “Direct Democracy’s Disaster”, State Legislatures, V.33, No. 2, pp. 30-31.

2007, “Budgets, Oversight and the Policy Process, with Thad Kousser, in Bruce Cain, Richard Niemi and Karl Kurtz, eds., Institutional Change in American Politics: The Case of Term Limits, Ann Arbor, MI., University of Michigan Press, pp. 148-164.

2005, Colorado’s Legislative Term Limits, with Jennie Drage Bowser, Joint Project on Term Limits, Denver, CO., National Conference of State Legislatures, Council of State Governments and State Legislative Leaders Foundation, 127 pgs., on line at NCSL.org.

2004, “Colorado’s Legislative Term Limits: Good Reform or Goofy Idea”, The Legislative Lawyer, V. 28, Issue 2, pp. 1-6.

2004, “Colorado’s Higher Education Vouchers: A New Trend or Budgetary Desperation?”, Spectrum: The Journal of State Government, V. 77, No. 3, pp. 27-29.

2003, “Colorado’s Term Limits: Consequences Yes, But Were They Intended?”, Spectrum: The Journal of State Government, V. 76, No. 4, pp. 34-37.

2002, “Colorado: Lots of Commotion, Limited Consequences”, in Rick Farmer, et.al., The Test of Time: Coping With Term Limits, Lanham, MD, Lexington Books.

1997, “Consequences of Colorado’s 1996 Campaign Reform”, Comparative State Politics, August, pp. 23-30.

1996, “Colorado 1996-Parental Rights and Other Election Results”, Comparative State Politics, December, pp. 1-4.

1996, “How Prevalent Are State Conference Committees?”, Comparative State Politics, April, pp. 4-8.

1996, "The Return of Colorado's House Crazyies", Comparative State Politics, April, pp. 25-32.

1993, "Direct Democracy and Fiscal Mayhem in Colorado", Comparative State Politics, February, pp. 6-12.

1992, "Possible Consequences of Legislative Term Limits", Comparative State Politics, June, pp. 1-15.

1992, "Remote Government and the Erosion of Community", Colorado Municipalities, October, (reprinted in Municipal League Journals in Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Maryland, Nevada and Missouri).

1991, "The Crisis in American Leadership", Colorado Municipalities, June.

1987, "Interest Groups in Colorado", with P. Brace, in Clive Thomas and Ron Hrebenar, Interest Groups in the West, Salt Lake City, UT., University of Utah Press.

1977, "Zero-Base Budgeting: The New Great Debate", Colorado Municipalities, September/October. Reprinted in Park Maintenance, 1979.

1972, "The Political Parameters of Environmental Control", with R.L. Meek, in Phillip O. Foss, ed., Politics and Ecology, North Scituate, MA., Duxbury Press.

1971, "Urbanization and Politics in Colorado", in R.D. Wrinkle, ed., Politics in the Urban Southwest, Albuquerque, NM., Institute for Social Research and Development.

1971, "The American Policy Process and the Problems of Poverty and the Ghetto", Western Political Quarterly, March., pp. 45-51.

1970, "Public Problems and Non-Decision Making", Natural Resources Journal, July, pp. 545-556.

1970, Intergovernmental Relations in Water Resources Planning, ed., Proceedings of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Conference, Colorado State University.

1970, Organization of Water Management for Agricultural Production in West Pakistan, with P.O. Foss and others, Colorado State University, Water Management Project, Technical Report No. 2, May. Project funded by U.S. AID.

1969, Fish and Wildlife Resources on Public Lands, contributor with G. Swanson, R.B. Held, J.T. Shields and others, research report prepared for the Public Land Law Review Commission.

Professional Program and Project Activities

Investigator, National Conference of State Legislatures Joint Project on Term Limits: The Colorado Case Study, 2002-2005.

Principal Investigator, Experiment Station Project on Fiscal Federalism: Community Compliance with Water Pollution Control Standards, 1984-1988.

Participant in study of Fish and Wildlife Resources on Public Lands, funded by Public Land Law Review Commission, 1972.

Director, Title VIII Project, Institute on Water Resources Management, funded by Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1971.

Senior Resident Faculty Project Associate, Colorado State University, Project for Research on Water Resources in West Pakistan, funded by USAID, 1969-1970.

Research Associate, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center, "The Economic Implications of Water Policy in Arizona", funded by U.S. Office of Water Resources Research, 1966-1967.

Invited Lectures/Presentations/Panels, 2005-2011 (Colorado/legislative politics)

2005, Montrose Chamber Leadership

2005, Aurora City Leadership

2006, Colorado Gubernatorial Debate Panelist

2006, Colorado Community Health Network

2006, Forum for Civic Engagement, El Pomar Foundation

2006, Colorado General Assembly Office of Legislative Legal Services

2006, Colorado General Assembly Office of State Auditor

2006, Loveland/Ft. Collins Leadership Group

2006, CSU Society of Senior Scholars

2006, Ft. Collins Culture Club

2006, T-Mobile Government Relations Regional Affairs

2006, Democratic Business Council, Larimer County

2007, Uncompahgre Valley Leadership Program

2007, City of Ft. Collins Legal Staff

2007, Republican Club, Ft. Collins

2007, Loveland Leadership Day

2007, League of Women Voters panel on CO Constitution

2008, City Club of Denver

2008, Paul Loundenslager Memorial Lecturer, Western State College

2008, Colorado School of Law, Reapportionment, Colorado State Capitol

2008, Colorado Counties, Inc., summer conference

2008, Colorado Freedom of Information Council

2008, Republican Club, Larimer County

2008, Colorado General Assembly, new legislator orientation

2008, Loveland Open Forum

2008, Democratic Business Council, Larimer County

2008, Sertoma Club, Loveland
 2008, Sertoma Club, Ft. Collins
 2008, Colorado Student Higher Education Forum
 2008, ASCSU Fall Forum
 2008, Iraqi visiting students, CSU
 2008, International students, CSU
 2009, Council of State Governments-West, new legislator academy
 2010, City Club of Denver
 2010, Lincoln Club of Colorado
 2010, Republican Club, Larimer County
 2010, Inns of Court, Larimer/Weld County
 2010, Rotary Club, Ft. Collins
 2010, Sertoma Club, Ft. Collins
 2010, Democratic Business Council, Larimer County
 2010, League of Women Voters, Larimer County
 2010, Colorado General Assembly, new member orientation
 2011, BioEnergy Program
 2011, Diversity Symposium, CSU

Expert Opinion Media Source, 2005-2011

Print

New York Times
 Washington Post
 Los Angeles Times
 Congressional Quarterly
 Wall Street Journal
 The Economist
 INT News
 Christian Science Monitor
 Toronto Star
 San Francisco Examiner
 Respekt Czech News
 Boston Globe
 Chicago Daily Herald
 Investors Business Daily
 Governing Magazine
 State Legislatures Magazine
 Stateline
 American Prospect
 Bloomberg News
 California News Service
 International Herald Tribune, Europe
 Politicker.com
 High Plains News
 Frankfurter Rundschau
 Associated Press

USA Today
US New and World Report
Time Magazine
Omaha Times
Medical News Today
Philadelphia Enquirer
Kansas City Star
Milwaukee Sentinel
Seattle Times
Politico
Denver Post
Rocky Mountain News
Takeaway (PRI; NYT; BBC)
Forbes
Politicifac
Westword
Mother Jones
Business Week
Colorado Statesman
National Review
Politics Daily
The Daily Caller
Boulder Daily Camera
Climate Wire
Durango Herald
Longmont Times-Call
Ft. Collins Now
Craig Daily
Steamboat Springs Pilot
Colorado Springs Gazette
Estes Park Gazette
Ft. Collins, Coloradoan
Grand Junction Sentinel
Greeley Tribune
Loveland Herald Reporter
Vail Daily
Rocky Mountain Collegian

TV/Radio

AlJazeera English Television
Scandinavian Television
Telemundo Television
NBC
CBS
ABC
C-SPAN

CNN
 All Things Considered—NPR
 Market Place--NPR
 Voice of America
 Colorado State of Mind, CO Public Television
 Independent Thinking, CO Public Television
 Aaron Harbor Show, CO Public Television
 One on One, CSU Television
 CSU-CTV
 Congressional District Four Documentary
 Fox News
 Milwaukee Public Radio
 XM Satellite Radio
 High Plains Public Radio
 Youth Radio
 Western Skies Radio
 Arizona Metroworks
 Aspen Public Radio
 Cheyenne, Wyoming Television
 KUNC
 KRCC
 KCOL
 KRFC
 Program Host “Insight Colorado” Series
 >Water and Agriculture in Colorado
 >Infectious Diseases
 >Green Building
 >Clean Energy

Additional Assorted Professional Activity

Faculty Sponsor, Jermone Noiro, French Fullbright Visiting Scholar, 2006

Manuscript, “Initiative Cancer and An Electoral Earthquake: Colorado, 2004 and 2005” -
 -prepared for State Legislative Leadership Foundation.

Canadian COUNSUL Group, Denver

Colorado Interest Group Ratings&Strength for Hrebenar /Thomas Interest Group books

Vote Smart Project—Colorado legislation

Term Limit data for Colorado Economic Futures Panel

Manuscript Reviews for Wadsworth/Thompson, Congressional Quarterly, University of Nebraska Press

Testimony, Colorado General Assembly hearings

Selected Institutional Governance Activities

Chair, Faculty Council Code Committee

Chair, Faculty Council Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics

Chair, Faculty Improvement Committee

Member, Faculty Council Executive Committee

Member, Faculty Council Committee on Responsibilities and Standing of Academic Faculty

Member, Faculty Council, multiple terms.

Member, Departmental Committees—Executive, Search, Curriculum, Self-Study

Department Pi Sigma Alpha Honorary Faculty Advisor

Member, CCHE Committee on Incentives and Disincentives to Quality Education.

Peer Counsel, Colorado State University grievance hearings.

University Mediator