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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

M.B.A. (*with Honors*), May 2013, Craig School of Business, California State University – Fresno, CA

Ph.D., December 2000, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, Dissertation: *Evaluating the Impact of Direct Democracy on Voter Turnout*

M.S., December 1989, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Degree: Political Science

B.S., December 1988, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Double Major: History /Interdisciplinary Social Science

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AND SERVICE

Department Chair (since August 2009), Department of Political Science, California State University – Fresno
Supervise Department of nine full-time faculty and thirteen part-time faculty. In August I began my second, four-year term. Our Department offers roughly fifty-five courses each semester in four separate programs and we serve 310 majors in total. This includes two Master’s programs (*International Relations* and *Public Administration*) and two undergraduate programs (*Political Science* and *Public Administration*). Additional responsibilities include: student recruitment and advising; managing departmental budgetary matters; day-to-day operation and supervision of office personnel; evaluation of faculty; coordination of department student awards; working with MPA Program Director and MPA Consultative Body to guide 2013 NASPAA reaccreditation efforts (the department was successful in maintaining accreditation); scheduling of courses over both semesters, inter-sessions and summer; handling curriculum changes and editing of catalog material for four programs; guiding discussions on department strategic initiatives; working with Search Committee members on recruitment of new faculty; submission of department grant proposals; supporting faculty participating in Supplemental Instruction and First-Year Experience programs; implementing Student Success Task Force/Sophomore Retention recommendations at the department level; overseeing outcome assessment efforts, technology upgrades, hiring of part-time faculty, *Retention, Tenure and Promotion*/Personnel files, and the *Legal Studies Certificate* program; completing department Annual Report; serving on College of Social Science *Council of Chairs*; monitoring enrollment management issues; facilitating Visiting Professor opportunities and overseas opportunities for our majors; approving grant and sabbatical proposals, assuring adherence to all University, school and departmental policies; and supporting faculty efforts to obtain grants, research support, leaves, and awards from the University.

Co-Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), appointed by former President John Welty; served July 2010–June 2013; reappointed June 2013 to serve a second term through June 2016.

Duties include:

- Chair, *Mountain West Conference* Joint Council Executive Committee
- Chair, *Mountain West Conference* FAR Council
- Chair, Rules Compliance/Student-Athlete Welfare and Financial Aid Subcommittee
- Member, Athletic Corporation Board of Directors and Executive Committee

- Member, Audit Subcommittee of the Board of Directors of the Athletic Corporation
- Member, University Athletic Compliance Team
- Member, Athletic Advisory Council
- Member, Academic Performance Subcommittee
- Member, Code of Conduct Subcommittee
- Member, Special Admissions Committee

Additional University Service in 2013-2014:

- Appointed by President Joseph Castro to his *Presidential Transition Team*, June 2013
- First appointed by former President John Welty to serve on the WASC Accreditation Committee in 2012. Appointed by President Joseph Castro to the WASC Accreditation Executive Committee in 2013 and the WASC ‘Meaning, Quality and Integrity of the Degree’ Subcommittee - to serve until Spring 2015
- Founding and Current Member, Ethics Center at California State University – Fresno
- Member, Advisory Council/Program Review Team for the *Division of Continuing and Global Education*

Professor (since August 2012), Department of Political Science, California State University – Fresno

Associate Professor (2007-2012), Department of Political Science, California State University – Fresno

Program Director (May 2004 - Dec 2005), Department Master’s Program in Public Administration (MPA)

Assistant Professor (2001-2007), Department of Political Science, California State University – Fresno

Visiting Instructor (2000-2001), Department of Political Science, University of Nevada – Las Vegas

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Needs, Norms, and Food Policy in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Social Science Journal (Vol 48, No 4, 2011), co-authored w/ Elizabeth Oldmixon

University-Community Engagement: The Fresno Story of Targeted Neighborhood Revitalization, Metropolitan Universities (Vol 21, No 3, 2011) co-authored w/ Ellen Junn and Kimberly Cole

Legislating Morality Outside of the Legislature: Direct Democracy, Voter Participation and Morality Politics, The Social Science Journal (Vol 46, No 1, 2009)

California’s Right of Removal: Recall Politics in the Modern Era, California Politics and Policy (Vol 12, No 1, 2008)

Mythic Structure Theory: Proposing A New Framework for the Study of Political Issues, Politics and Policy (Vol 33, No 2, 2005)

Lights, Camera, and an Action Hero!: Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Media Frenzy in the California Recall, book chapter in Lights, Camera, Campaign!: Media, Politics, and Political Advertising, edited by David Schultz. Peter Lang Publishing, 2004

What Drives the Voting on Abortion Policy? Investigating Partisanship and Religion in the State Legislative Arena, Women and Politics, (Vol 23, No 4, 2001)

Dancing with the One Who Brought You: The Allocation and Impact of Party Giving to State Legislators,
Legislative Studies Quarterly, (Vol 26, No 3, 2001) co-authored w/ David Hedge

Revisiting the 'Laboratories of Democracy' Movement: Are the States More Democratic Today Than In the Past? Public Integrity, (Vol 3, No 1, 2001)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Trials, Tribulations, and Transit Planning in California's Central Valley: The Impact of High Speed Rail,
50th International Making Cities Livable Conference, Portland, OR, June 23-27, 2013, co-authored with
Wilma Quan

Eminent Domain and High-Speed Rail in California: A Train Wreck in the Making?, The Annual Meeting of
the Western Political Science Association, Portland OR, March, 2012, co-authored with Yishaiya
Abosch

The California Governor and the Battle for Relevance, The Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science
Association, , Las Vegas, NV, March 16-19, 2011

Needs, Norms, and Food Policy in the U.S. House of Representatives, The Annual Meeting of the Western
Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April, 2010, co-authored with Elizabeth Oldmixon

Political Party Strategies and Methods for Budget Passage in California, The Annual Meeting of the Western
Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March, 2008

The Return of Eminent Domain Initiatives in California, The Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political
Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March, 2008, co-authored with Yishaiya Abosch

*Executive Dominance and Legislative Capitulation: 'The Schwarzenegger Model' and His Return to Power in
California*, The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

*From the Supreme Court to the Court of Public Domain: Eminent Domain Hits the 2006 Direct Democracy
Circuit*, The Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March
2007, co-authored w/ Yishaiya Abosch and Anne Visser

*Wither the State Legislature?: How Arnold Schwarzenegger is Transforming Executive-Legislative Relations in
California*, The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA,
January, 2005

Right of Removal: Recall Politics in the Modern Era, The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science
Association, Chicago, IL, September, 2004

Two Peas in a Pod: The Media Frenzy and the California Recall, The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political
Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2004

Legislating Morality Outside of the Legislature: Direct Democracy and Morality Politics 1972-2002, The
Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2003

Poison in the Well: A Depensation Model Explanation for Voter Behavior in Primary Elections, The Annual
Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO, March 2003

Legislative Voting on Food Policy in Congress and the States, The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political
Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2002, co-authored w/ Elizabeth Oldmixon

The Politics of Food Policy in the California Legislature, The Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, CA, March 2002

Allocating Party Money in the Wake of Term Limits, The Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2001, co- authored with David Hedge

Seeing Government in Action: Adding A Component to Your Course Where Students Attend and Evaluate Government Meetings, The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2000

Evaluating the Impact of Direct Democracy on Voter Turnout, The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2000

Mythic Structure Theory: A New Framework for the Study of Political Issues, The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Ga., September 1999

What Drives the Voting on Abortion Policy? Investigating Partisanship and Religion in the State Legislative Arena, The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Ga., September 1999

Revisiting the 'Laboratories of Democracy' Movement: Are the States More Democratic Today? The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Ga., October 1999

Party Campaign Support and Member Loyalty in the Florida Legislature, The Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Ga., October 1998, co- authored with David Hedge

COURSES TAUGHT SINCE 2001

- MPA 200 Administration and Society
- MPA 215 State and Local Politics (For the MPA and Master's in Criminology Programs)
- MPA 250 Ethics in Public Administration
- PS 2H American Federal Government – Smittcamp Honors Section
- PS 2 American Federal Government
- PS 120Z International Politics – London Semester Abroad (2006)
- PS 149TZ Great Issues in British History and Politics – London (2006)
- PS 169T London's City Government: How Do They Run This City of 8 Million People? – London (2006)
- PS 160 State Politics
- PS 151 Political Parties and Political Participation
- PS 169T The Recall and Governor Schwarzenegger's First Term
- PS 163 Municipal Politics
- PS 102 California Government and Institutions

In the past I have also brought in several guest speakers to talk to my classes ...this includes County Elections Supervisor Victor Salazar; Fresno Bee Editorial Page Editor Jim Boren; Fresno Bee political reporter John Ellis; former Fresno Mayor Alan Autry; Fresno County Supervisor Susan Anderson; Fresno Unified School's Chief Financial Officer Ruth Quinto; City of Fresno Councilmember Lee Brand; City of Fresno City Manager Andy Souza; City of Fresno Assistant City Manager Renena Smith; City of Fresno Public Works Director Patrick Weimiller; City of Clovis Councilmember Lynne Ashbeck; and former California Assembly Members Sarah Reyes and Juan Arambula.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Special Advisor to the Mayor, Office of Mayor Ashley Swearengin, City of Fresno, Jan – Aug 2009

Co-Chair of Ashley Swearengin Mayoral Transition Team: November-December 2008

Campaign Manager, Ashley Swearengin for Mayor, June-November, 2008

Campaign Consultant, Measure Q Bond Campaign for Fresno Unified School District, 2010. The bond passed.

City Commissioner: City of Ormond Beach, Florida (October 1994 – March 1998) Elected 1994, reelected 1995. Duties included approving annual audits and quarterly financial reports on city operations and conditions; responding to constituent needs; participating in commission meetings and workshops; representing the city in county, state and federal arenas. Incorporated in 1880, Ormond Beach is located north of Daytona Beach in Volusia County. The population was ~40,000; a tax base of approximately \$1.6 billion. Operated as a commission-manager form of government w/ 315 employees providing general, public safety, public works, planning and recreation services.

ON-CAMPUS SERVICE

University-Level Service

Elected (December 2012) by University-wide vote of the faculty as one of two faculty representatives to the 'Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President.' This committee assisted in choosing a successor for retiring President John Welty

Appointed by President John Welty to participate in the 2012-2013 *Regional Education for Achievement in Leadership* (REAL) Program with colleagues from CSU-Bakersfield and CSU-Northridge

Member, Greek Program Review Committee (2012-2013)

Recipient: University *Provost's Award for Faculty Service* (2010-2011)

Chair, University Council of Department Chairs, Spring 2010 through Spring 2011 (Vice-Chair, Fall 2009)

Member, Internship Policy Development Group (2012)

Chair, Continuing and Global Education *Strategic Planning Team*, (2011)

As Co-Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), on behalf of the University I have attended numerous NCAA Regional Rules Meetings, NCAA Annual Conferences, and FARA (Faculty Athletic Representatives Association) Conferences. I have also sat on several Athletics Department Search Committees, including coaching searches for Equestrian and Men's Tennis.

Member, Provost's Award Selection Committee (2012)

Participant, Steering Committee of the Integrated Marketing and Communications Council, Focus Group Series June, 2011

Founding Member and Co-Chair, Joint City-University Lowell Neighborhood Initiative, 2009-2010 (The Lowell Committee work was cited in the 2010 Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll application the University submitted Dec, 2010)

Member, Committee for the Biennial Review of Student Records Administration, Fall 2010

Member, Personnel Diversity Taskforce (2010-2011)

Member, Red Balloon Subgroup - Enrollment Management (2010-2011)

Member, San Joaquin Valley Gubernatorial Forum and the Debate Question Subcommittee, Fall 2010

Member, Committee for the 5-Year Review of Dean Luz Gonzalez (2010-2011)

Interim Parliamentarian – Faculty Senate, Spring 2011

Workgroup Facilitator, Strategic Planning Workshops, Spring and Fall 2010

Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities 16th Annual Conference, Fresno, CA, October 2010

Member, 2010 CUMU Program Committee

Organizer: Showcase Bus Tour of Lowell/Downtown Revitalization

Introduction of Open Plenary Session: The Fresno Story

Panel Member: Conquering the 'Town Gown' Divide: The Lowell Revitalization Project and the Fresno Model for Bridging University and City Goals

Panel Member: Do's and Don'ts: How to get Your University Engaged in a City Neighborhood Project

Teaching with Innovative Solutions in Technology to Engage and Reach Students, January 2011
Panel Member: Debating the Pros and Cons of Teaching with Technology
 Assisted President John Welty in preparation on his speech and Powerpoint presentation to the campus Faculty and Staff on the 'State Budget Crisis,' February, 2010
 Appointed by President John Welty to the Task Force to Review University Surveillance Policy (2005 – 2006)
 Appointed by President John Welty to Serve on the 'Athletic Code of Conduct Appeal Panel' (2004-2007)
 Appointed by Provost Echeverria to serve as a *University Ambassador* (2007-2008)
 Appointed by Provost Echeverria to serve on the Q-Dogs Task Force, Spring 2006
 Served on four graduate thesis committees and two Doctoral committees to date
 Invited Guest Speaker. "League of Women Voters: Panel on the California Initiative Process," January 2013
 Invited Guest Speaker. The Rotary Club of Fresno, *The Electoral College and the 2012 Race*, October, 2012
 Invited Guest Speaker: "Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference on Character and Civic Education," April, 2012
 Invited Guest Speaker: The Provost's Lecture Series: "*Help! I Am A Pracademic.....*", Feb. 2012
 Invited Guest Speaker: Fall 2011 New Faculty Orientation, *The Importance of Service*, August, 2011
 Invited Guest Speaker: EDL 280T Resource and Fiscal Planning Course, Instructor: Diane E. Oliver, PhD, March 30, 2011
 Invited Guest Speaker and Judge: ENTR 163 Social Entrepreneurship Course, Instructor: Lee Ayres, June 10, 2010
 Invited Guest Speaker: Leon S. Peters Ethics Lecture: "Mudslinging and Negative Ads," October, 2010
 Invited Guest Speaker: University-Wide '*Constitution Day*' Panel Discussion, September, 2005, 2006, 2012
 Invited Guest Speaker: Smittcamp Honors College Colloquium: "The Presidential Election," October 2004
 Invited Guest Speaker: Smittcamp Honors Program "President's Retreat" at Huntington Lake, September 2004
 Invited Guest Speaker: Smittcamp Honors Program "President's Retreat" at Huntington Lake, September 2003
 Invited Guest Speaker: Smittcamp Honors College Colloquium: "The Special Election," September 2005
 Invited Guest Speaker: CSUF Faculty Emeriti Luncheon. "Budget Issues in the City of Fresno," March 2003
 Invited Guest Speaker: CSUF FLAIR (Fresno Learning Activities in Retirement) Program – through the Gerontology Dept. Topic: "The Upcoming Presidential Election," October 2004
 Invited Guest Speaker: CSUF FLAIR (Fresno Learning Activities in Retirement) Program – through the Gerontology Dept. Topic: "California Recall: Believe it or Not?" September 2003
 Invited Guest Speaker: CSUF FLAIR (Fresno Learning Activities in Retirement) program. Topic: "Social Security and the Federal Budget," April 2002
 Invited Guest Speaker: CSUF FLAIR (Fresno Learning Activities in Retirement) program. Topic: "Local Issues in Governance," September 2002
 Invited Guest Speaker: International Student Services, for Professor Pam Pokrovsky. Topic: 'What an International Student Should Know About The Upcoming Presidential Election,' March 2004
 CSUF panel participant: "The Junior Faculty Member's Experience –Junior Faculty." Sponsored by CETL, January 2002
 Presenter: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

College-Level Service

Chair, Ad-hoc CLAS Personnel Committee, Fall 2012
 Chair, COSS 'Outstanding Thesis Committee,' Spring 2012
 Member, League of CA Cities Latino Caucus Scholarship Committee (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
 Ad-Hoc COSS Strategic Planning Committee, Fall 2011
 Volunteer for 'Academic Success Day' Events, August 2009
 Faculty Retreat Committee, January 2008
 Instructor for the COSS "New Faculty Writing Group," Spring 2007
 College of Social Science Budget Committee (2005-2008)
 Representative for the College on the University's 'Research Subcommittee' from May 2004 to December 2005
 Founding member and elected co-chair of the College of Social Science Honors Committee May 2004 to December 2005
 Served as an Usher for the Department of Political Science at the College of Social Sciences' Annual Convocation, 2004, 2005 and 2006

Applied for in October, 2005 (but did not receive) a national grant from the National Science Foundation titled: "Starting Over: California's Reaction to Hurricane Katrina." This was a multi-disciplinary grant in which I was named the Principal Investigator of a team composed of six other College faculty

Member of the Scholar Series Team of the "History Project at Fresno State"

Invited Guest Speaker: San Joaquin Valley History / Social Science Project. Topic: 'The Electoral College,' June 2004

Invited Guest Speaker: History Department, for Dr. Mary Coomes. 'The History of the Recall,' Sept 2003

Invited Guest Speaker: San Joaquin Valley History / Social Science Project. Topic: 'The Recall Election,' Sept 2003

Invited Guest Speaker: San Joaquin Valley History / Social Science Project. Topic: 'Election Post-Mortem' November 2002

Invited Guest Speaker: San Joaquin Valley History / Social Science Project. Topic: "Who Rules?" June 2002

Department-Level Service

Selected as Department Chair, August 2009; reappointed August 2013. In addition to my duties as Department Chair, I have participated in the following:

Assisted in hosting and collaborating, with Dr. Marn Cha, our Department *Fall 2010 Visiting Scholar*, Dr. Xinye Wu from the University of Beijing, China

Represented the Department at the AFSA Presentation: "Yellow Tide Rising?: Asian American Political Engagement." March 15, 2010

Represented the Department at the Office of Advising Services *2010 Major Fair*, April 2010

Represented the Department at the 2009 Annual Summit of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, Oct 23, 2009, Fresno, CA

Elected to Faculty Hearing Panel (2012-2013)

Hosted UC Merced Graduate Program Faculty on *PhD Opportunities for Fresno State Students*, December 2012

Program Review Committee and Faculty Hearing Panel (2007-2008)

Supervised undergraduate 'independent study' students (Summer 2002/Spring 2003/Fall 2003/Spring 2004/Fall 2004/Spring 2005/Fall 2005/Fall 2009-Present)

Supervised undergraduate 'internship' students, Fall 2009-Present

Worked with other members of the MPA Consultative Faculty Committee to submit our 're-accreditation' material to our national governing body – NASPAA - Fall 2005 – Spring 2006

Director of Unitrak Program (2003-2004)

Served on various Department Search Committees for new hires

Worked with Department Chair and students to organize a Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter at Fresno State

Participated with other members of the department in the campus-wide "Grad Expo" – November 2005

Participated with other members of the department in the campus-wide "Open House" 2005 and 2006

Hosted a workshop for Preview Day, March 12, 2005. Title of presentation: "The Political Science Major: How We Study California Politics"

Attended a seminar for 'High School Economics Teachers' co-sponsored by the Departments of Economics and Political Science and the San Joaquin Regional Center for Economic Research and Education, Sept 2005

Presented original research on the 'March 2002 Gubernatorial Primary' at Department 'Brownbag Lecture Series,' April 2003

Maddy Institute Executive Committee (2002-2003)

Participated in numerous 'Student Advising Days' for incoming Political Science Majors, since July 2003

Participated in numerous 'Outcome Assessment Plan' Meetings, 'On-Site' Review Committee Meetings and Strategic Initiative Fund Meetings

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Recipient: *Provost's Award for Faculty Service* (2010-2011)

Nominee: *National Society of Collegiate Scholars' Inspire Integrity Award*. (Nominated by Political

Science student Saleh Alhomed, Oct 2011).

Listed on the Fresno State *Faculty and Staff Student Success Honor Roll*: 2011 and 2012

Recipient of a *College of Social Science Mini-Grant 2011-2012* and *2012-2013*: Training Workshops for Central Valley Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government and Politics Faculty

Recipient of a *College of Social Science Mini-Grant 2010-2011*: Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government Outreach Plan

Recipient of a University Granted Sabbatical, Fall Semester, 2008

Recipient of a *University 'Curricular Innovation for Student Success' Grant*, 2007, *California State University – Fresno*

Recipient of a *University Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award for 2004-2005 – California State University – Fresno.*

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Recipient of a *University Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity Award for 2002-2003 – California State University – Fresno.*

Recipient of a *College of Social Science/Kenneth L. Maddy Institute Research Award for 2003-2004. California State University -- Fresno.* Topic: “Politics and Food Policy in the San Joaquin Valley”

Recipient of a *Kenneth L. Maddy Institute of Public Affairs 'Research and Creative Activity Program' Award 2003 – California State University – Fresno.*

Recipient of *Instructional Innovation Award – California State University – Fresno, 2002.* For “Service Learning in the Political Science Curriculum.”

Recipient of *Service Learning Faculty Development Grant – California State University – Fresno, 2001.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AND RECOGNITION

Attended *Grant Routing and Approval Training in BizFlow* Workshop, October, 2012

Completed *CSU Security Awareness Training*, March 2012

Attended *Training Session for New Undergraduate Curriculum Process*, September 2011

Attended *Information Protection Plan Workshop*, August 2011

Attended *Managing Leaves* Workshop, February 2011

Attended Advanced Placement (AP) US Government Politics Faculty Colloquium, Chicago IL, October, 2009

Fall 2006: Completed training with the Office of Human Resources to become an on-campus EEOC (Equal Employment and Educational Opportunity) designee

Completed the online training seminar for ‘Sexual Harassment Prevention for Supervisors (AB1825)’ December 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, June 2013

Attended CSUF professional development workshop on “Using Focus Groups for Problem Solving and Planning,” October 2001

Attended CSUF professional development workshop on “Power Point I,” Sept. 2002

Attended 4-session CSUF “Service-Learning Grant Workshops,” Fall 2001

Attended CSUF teaching workshop for training in Blackboard 5.0, August 2001

Attended AIC Training Session: PeopleSoft Training for Reporting of Grades, Dec. 2002

Attended Graduate Admissions and Registration Update Meeting, April 2004

Online Faculty Training Event. Sponsored by Wadsworth Publishing for Stephen Wayne’s text – ‘Road to the Whitehouse 2004,’ March 2004

Service-Learning Syllabus for Municipal Politics course (PS 163, Spring 2002) added to national ‘Campus Compact’ world wide web site.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICE

Past Memberships: American Political Science Association; Southwestern Social Science Association; Western Political Science Association

Past Reviewer: Journal of Politics, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Social Science Journal

Panel Discussant. Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Las Vegas, March 2008

Panel Discussant. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2007

Panel Chair. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2004
Panel Discussant. Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, January 2004
Panel Chair. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, March 2003
Panel Discussant. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, March 2003
Panel Chair. Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Las Vegas, April 2003
Panel Discussant. Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Las Vegas, April 2003
Panel Chair. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2001
Panel Discussant. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2001

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Food Bank, Fresno, CA, Vice-Chair, Board of Directors. Member since 2008. Served previously on Finance Committee, Operations Committee and was Co-chair of 2010 CEO Search Committee with fellow Board Member, Dr. Julie Olson-Buchanan

Member, *Leadership Fresno*, Class 24 (2007-2008)

Leadership Fresno, Invited Guest Speaker for Media and Politics Day, 2009, 2010, 2012, May 2013

Volunteer: *KVPT – Fresno’s PBS Affiliate*. Member of ‘Volunteer Professionals.’ Duties included:
Helping to organize Fall 2003 fundraiser, 2002 Visionary Awards and work with station staff on projects. I also hosted and co-produced a television show/roundtable discussion for the station in February, 2003, titled ‘*The Air We Breathe*’ -- a look at air quality in the Central Valley

Volunteer: *United Way of Fresno*. Duties included attending United Way functions when needed and assisting in ‘Site Visits’ to affiliate organizations to help determine funding needs (2002-2003)

“Ethics, the History of Negative Ads, and the 2012 Campaigns,” *Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference On Character and Civic Education*, Fresno, CA, April 13, 2012

Invited Guest Speaker: San Joaquin Political Academy, March 1, 2010

Invited Guest Speaker: National Women’s Political Caucus, Fresno CA, October 6, 2009

Invited Guest Speaker: The 17th Annual Dinner in the Library. Sponsored by the Fresno Friends of the Library Endowment. Topic: “Predicting Elections,” November 5, 2006

Invited by Fresno County Clerk Victor Salazar to be on the ‘Election Observer Panel’ for the Statewide Primary Election – June, 2006.

Invited Guest Speaker: The Oakhurst Democratic Club. Topic: “What is to come after the Election?” December 2, 2006

Invited Guest Speaker. Professional Development Roundtable of the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, December 7, 2005. Topic: ‘Ethics in Public Service’

Invited Guest Speaker: The 16th Annual Dinner in the Library. Sponsored by the Fresno Friends of the Library Endowment. Topic: “The Politics of the Initiative,” November 5, 2005

Invited Guest Speaker: Fresno County Democratic Women’s Club. Topic: “What Should be Done About Redistricting?” (May 2005)

Invited Guest Speaker: Manchester / Gate Elementary School, Fresno. 6th Grade Magnet Class of Teacher Susan Milos: “Understanding The Special Election,” October 26, 2005

Invited Guest Speaker: Manchester / Gate Elementary School, Fresno. 6th Grade Magnet Class of Teacher Susan Milos: “The Upcoming Election,” October 13, 2004

Invited Guest Speaker: Clovis West High School, AP American Government – “Preparing for the AP Government Test.” April 14, 2005.

Invited Guest Speaker: Peace and Justice Committee: College Community Congregational Church, Fresno, April 3, 2005. “The Debate Rages on About Social Security Reform.” (participated with faculty member Al Evans).

Invited Guest Speaker: The Kennedy Club of Fresno. Topic: “The Presidential Debates,” Oct 2, 2004

Invited Guest Speaker: The Oakhurst Democratic Club. Topic: “Post Election Analysis,” November 6, 2004

Invited Guest Speaker: The 2nd Great Oxford-Fresno Debate. Topic: “The War in Iraq” (November 19, 2003)

Invited Guest Speaker: League of Women Voters 62nd Annual Meeting. Topic: “Voter Behavior” (April 2003)

Invited Guest Speaker: The Kennedy Club of Fresno. Topic: “Election 2002 Post-Mortem” (Feb 1, 2003)

Invited Guest Speaker: East San Joaquin Democratic Club. Topic: “The Davis Recall Election” (July 16, 2003)

Invited Guest Speaker: Avenal High School, Avenal, CA. As part of my duties as the Unitrak Director I spoke

to the AP Government students of Bill Woolley (Dec. 10, 2003).

POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES AND MEDIA PUBLIC SERVICE

As Mark Aydelotte, Assistant Vice President of University Relations, pointed out in a letter of support for me in 2003, I have “served the university in an invaluable manner as a faculty expert for news media – local, regional and national” and that I am “one of the most utilized Fresno State faculty members.” Professor James Tucker added: “Without question, Dr. Schecter has become the leading political analyst in this area.” I have done interviews with the Fresno Bee and other media outlets over two-hundred times in my twelve years at the University, have been a frequent election-night/political commentator for every television network in town and have been quoted nationally on many occasions through the likes of Reuter’s News Service, the Associated Press, LA Times, National Public Radio, PBS, Governing Magazine, The California Report, the Modesto Bee, Merced Sun-Star, Sacramento Bee, Hanford Sentinel, and others. I have hosted/moderated shows for our local PBS affiliate and additional media also includes:

- Guest Editorial. “How About We Place A Little Wager, Texas?” *The Fresno Bee*. (October 30, 2010)
- Guest Editorial. “Predicting Democratic Presidential Ticket.” *The Fresno Bee*. (August 6, 2007)
- Guest Editorial. “Bond Deal Not Worth Crowing About.” *The Fresno Bee*. (May 17, 2006)
- Guest Editorial. “Two Nations, Same Political Fun and Games.” *The Fresno Bee*. (January 27, 2006)
- Guest Editorial. “When Power Players Control Our Votes, It’s Time for Change.” *The Fresno Bee*. (June 13, 2004)
- Guest Editorial. “GOP Seeks Political Mileage Out of New York Backdrop.” *The Fresno Bee*. (March 10, 2004)
- Guest Editorial. “‘Playbook’ plots a path to success against Autry.” *The Fresno Bee*. (July 29, 2003)
- Guest Editorial. “Recall hopefuls’ made-for-t.v. debate a mockery.” *The Fresno Bee*. (Sept. 23, 2003)
- Guest Editorial. “Congress and the Enron Collapse.” *The Fresno Bee*. (February 8, 2002)
- Guest Editorial. “Florez’s ‘Heroics’ Aside, Party Unity is Paramount” *The Fresno Bee*. (July 17, 2002)

SUMMARY OF GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Teaching Award*, The Graduate School, University of Florida, 2000. One of 13 students at the University to receive this award, the highest one given at UF to graduate student teachers.
- Dept Nominee - Graduate Student Teaching Award*, The Graduate School, University of Florida, 2000
- Full Graduate Assistantship*, (Includes Tuition Waiver and Academic Stipend), Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 1998-2000
- Leopold Schepp Foundation Scholarship*, Leopold Schepp Foundation, New York, 1998-2000
- Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant*, American Political Science Association, 2000
- Instructor: Political Science Department, University of Florida 1998-2000. Courses taught: The Presidency; Political Parties, Interest Groups and Elections; American Federal Govt; State and Local Govt
- Advanced Statistics for Social Science, Statistics Department, University of Florida, Spring, 1999
- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methodology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1999. Courses: Statistics and Data Analysis, OLS Multiple Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Categorical Analysis, Advanced Computing
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