

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

- Ph.D. Public Administration** 2002
Center for Public Administration and Policy
Virginia Polytechnic and State University
- Master of Public Administration** 1993
Center for Public Administration and Policy
Virginia Polytechnic and State University
- B.A. Political Science** 1992
University of Wyoming

Positions Held:

- Assistant Professor:** 2005 – Current
Department of Political Science
Montana State University
- Assistant Professor:** 2002 – 2005
School of Public Affairs and Administration
Western Michigan University

Teaching Experience:

Montana State University, Department of Political Science

Principles of Public Administration

- Introduce major concepts, developments, and figures in the field of public administration including topics such as bureaucratic politics, decision making, budgeting, personnel management, ethics, etc.

Human Resources Management

- Introduce students to the central topics of public sector Human Resources Management in recruiting, classification, EEO and Affirmative Action, Performance Management as well as others.

Public Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation

- Survey major theories of policy development

Public Leadership and Administration

- Develop theoretically grounded but practical knowledge of behavioral traits necessary for the public manager to lead, to supervise, to organize, and to

communicate in the environment in which *governance* takes place

Public Sector Ethics

- Review predominant ethical frameworks which explicitly and implicitly shape Western and particularly, American social and administrative behavior.

Publications, Presentations and Research:

Published Journal Articles:

Building on place: A conceptual foundation for civic discourse in public administration.

The Social Bond and Place: A Study of How the Bureau of Land Management Contributes to Civil Society

Additional Reviewed Materials:

Handbook of Governance - Headword Entries (accepted February 2006):

Pluralism – a description of the underlying principles associated with and the understandings of pluralism in a liberal, democratic political system.

Public Information – a description of the democratic rationale for and mechanisms to ensure access to information related to the activities of government.

Manuscripts in Preparation or Under Review:

The Possibility of Effective Collaborative Governance: The Role of Place and the Social Bond - Submitted to *Administration and Society* – Current Status: Revise and Resubmit

Limits to Technology Based Distance Education in MPA Curricula –Submitted to the peer reviewed *Journal for Public Administration Education*, fall 2006.

Space, Time and Public Administration: A Study of Emplaced Values - In preparation for submission to *Fast Capitalism*

Lacan's Symbolic Order, the Discourse of the Analyst and Public Lands Management - Status: In preparation to be submitted to the peer reviewed journal *Environment and Behavior*.

The Possibility of Ethics in a Postmodern World: Radical Relativism or Radical Reconceptualization- In preparation for submission to *Journal of Business Ethics*

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

The Collapse of Representation – Towards a Post-Positivist Theory of Generating Political Will – 2006 Public Administration Theory Network Meeting

Limits to Technology Based Distance Education in MPA Curricula –2006 Public Administration Teaching Conference

Bringing Back Place: Exploring the Conceptions of Space, Time and Place in Public Administration – Conference: 2004 Public Administration Theory Network annual meeting.

Place, the Social Bond and the Possibility of Effective Collaborative Governance – Conference: 2003 American Political Science Association annual meeting.

Finding a Place: Towards a Model of Collaborative Governance – Conference: 2003 joint meeting of the East and West Lakes chapters of the Association of American Geographers' meeting

Place, the Lacanian Symbolic and Public Lands Management –Conference: 2000 Public Administration Theory Network annual meeting.

Research Reports and Non-Peer Reviewed Publications:

Montana Policy Review - Transparency and Accountability: Fundamental Principles of Democracy A review of sunshine and public information laws as well as best practices as they apply to Montana state and municipal governments. May 2006

Partners Building Community - A field study extending previous research into the role of place in the emergence of civil society into local level public administration and community development initiatives. Final Report submitted June 2006