

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position: Associate Professor, with tenure,
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Education: Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, May 1999
Claremont Graduate University, School of Politics & Economics
Major: Foreign and Defense Policy
Minors: Political Philosophy, Public Policy

Master of Public Administration, December 1988
California State University, Dominguez Hills

Bachelor of Science, Public Administration, July 1984
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Major: Public Administration.

Research & Teaching

Areas of Specialization – Political Science with sub-fields in:

- Public Administration: Ethics in Government; Organizational Theory and Behavior; Institutional Environments and Complexity Theory.
- Political Philosophy/Theory: Theology & Political Purposes; Administrative Ethics; John Locke's political philosophy.
- International Relations: U.S. National Security/Defense Policy; US Grand Strategy; US Nation-Building missions.

Classes Taught (SHSU Undergraduate & Graduate):

- American Government - National.
- American Public Policy: US National Building Missions; US National Security
- US National Security Policy and Administration
- American Foreign Policy
- Introduction to Political Theory
- Quantitative Methods for Political Science.
- Introduction to Public Administration/ Dynamics of Public Administration
- Ethics in Government/Philosophy and Ethics in Public Administration
- Organizational Theory and Behavior/ Government Organization and Mgt.
- Research & Writing in Political Science
- Human Resource Management

Current Research:

- Political Philosophy/Theory: Theology and Political Purposes/Ends: Eschatology and Political Ends.
- Public Administration: Institutional and Organizational Credibility; Foundational Ideas in Ethical Decision-Making.
- US National Security & Public Administration: Teaching National Security in Public Administration - Institutional Environments & US Nation-Building Missions.

Publications - Peer Reviewed:

- "Aspects of Complexity Theory in Liberal Political Thought." *Emergence: Complexity and Organization*, vol. 12, no. 1, March 2010.
- "Social Equity, Property Rights, and Public Administrators: A Theoretical Linkage." *Public Integrity*, Spring 2009.
- "The Democratic Peace Phenomenon, Institutional Credibility and Path Dependency." Symposium issue: "Complexity of Public Policy and Administration." *Public Administration Quarterly*, vol. 32, no. 3, Fall 2008.
- "Institutional Credibility: Public Administrators and Costs of Transacting Business." *Review of Business Research*, Vol. 4, No. 1, Fall 2004.
- "Institutional Credibility: Connecting Ethical Public Administration with a Nation's Institutional Environment." *International Business Trends: Contemporary Readings, Academy of Business Administration*, 2004 edition, edited by Dr Sam Fullerton and Dr. David Moore. Fall 2004.
- "Social Equity and Property Rights: Bringing Locke Back Into The Debate." *International Business Trends: Contemporary Readings, Academy of Business Administration*, 2004 edition, edited by Dr Sam Fullerton and Dr. David Moore. Fall 2004.
- "The Squeaky Wheel Approach to Teaching Ethics: The Unethical Complaint Letter as a Pedagogical Tool." Co-authored with Carole L. Jurkiewicz, Ph.D. and Robert A. Giacalone, Ph.D. *Public Integrity*, Vol. 6, No. 3, Summer 2004.

Conference Papers:

- June 2016. "Eschatology and Political Purposes: Apocalyptic and Prophetic Approaches in Evangelical Christianity." Christians in Political Science Biennial Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. June 10.
- March 2016. "Teaching Ethical Criteria: Opportunities and challenges Encountered when Teaching Foundational Ideas in Administrative Ethics." American Society for Public Administration's National Conference, Seattle, WA. Organized panel and presented paper.

- January 2016. "Eschatology and Political Purposes in Evangelical Christianity." Southern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, San Juan Puerto Rico. Presented paper.
- October 2015. "The Critical Role of the Military as Public Administrators in Nation-Building Missions." National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration's Annual Conference, Brooklyn, NY. Presented paper.
- March 2015. "The Fukuyama Thesis in Light of Institutional and Organizational Credibility." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, Chicago, IL. Presented paper.
- January 2015. "Eschatology and Political Ends: the Case of Lemuel Haynes." Southern Political Science Association 86th Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- March 2014. "Ethical Clouds: Emergent Qualities of Ethical Ideas in Public Agencies." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, Washington, DC. Presented paper.
- March 2013. "Totalitarian Ethics in Public Administration: C S Lewis & Hannah Arendt and the Unintended Mingling of Ethical Schools of Thought." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. Presented paper.
- September 2011. "Religious Rights, Theology, and the Intersection of Religion and Politics in the Ideas of Thomas Helwys and John Locke." American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. Presented paper.
- March 2011. "Public Administrators in the Collapse and Rebuilding of Societies: Institutions and Path Dependencies." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. Moderator & Presented Paper.
- March 2010. "Public Administrators as "Missionaries" for Civil Societies? Wars, Nation-Building, and Emerging Civil Societies." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, San Jose, California. Presented Paper & Moderated Panel.
- March 2009. "Aspects of Complexity Thinking in Liberal Political Philosophy." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, Miami, Florida. Presented Paper & Moderated Panel.
- March 2008. "The Critical Role of Public Administration in Nation-Building: Complexity and the New Institutional School of Economics." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, Dallas, TX, March 7th – 11th. Presented Paper.
- March 2007. "Complexity, Public Administration, and The Democratic Peace Phenomenon." American Society for Public Administration, National Conference, Washington, DC, March 23rd – March 27th. Panel: Advancing a Complex Collaborative Thinking and Practice for Public Administration. Presented Paper.

- January 2007. "C S Lewis & Government Ethics: Unintended Mingling of Ethical Schools of Thought." Southern Political Science Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 03-07. Session: Religion and Politics. Presented Paper.
- April 2006. "Institutional Credibility, Public Administration, and Social Equity." American Society of Public Administration, National Conference, Denver, Colorado, March 31st – April 4th. Panel: Global Credibility. Presented Paper & Panel Moderator.
- October 2004. "Institutional Credibility: Public Administrators and Costs of Transacting Business." International Academy of Business and Economics' Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. Presented Paper.
- July 2004. "Institutional Credibility: Connecting Ethical Public Administration with a Nation's Institutional Environment," International Academy of Business and Economics' Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada. Presented Paper and Panel Chair.
- July 2004. "Social Equity and Property Rights: Bringing Locke Back Into the Debate." Academy of Business Administration, International Conference, London, England. Presented Paper.
- June 2001. "Realism, Liberalism, And Christian Stewardship: John Locke and International Relations Theory." Christians in Political Science, 3rd National Conference, Point Loma Nazarene University, Point Loma, CA. Presented Paper.
- March 2001. "Institutional Credibility: An International and Comparative Indicator of Public Ethics," American Society for Public Administration, Annual National Conference, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ. Presented Paper.
- February 2001. "Property Rights, Not Elections: Institutional Credibility and the Democratic Peace." International Studies Association, National Conference, Chicago, Illinois. Presented Paper.
- October 2000. "The Peace of Civil Societies: How Institutional Credibility Affects the Relations Between Nations." International Studies Association, Western Regional Conference, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Presented Paper and Organized Panel.
- October 2000. "Blood & Money: Understanding Realism and Liberalism by Extending John Locke's Philosophy into the International Realm." International Studies Association, Western Regional Conference, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Presented Paper.
- July 1999. "Locke, Public Institutions, and Global Peace: An Explanation of the Role of Domestic Public Institutions in bringing about a 'Democratic Peace,'" *The Public Administration Theory Network's Inaugural Regional Symposium*, Sydney, Australia. Presented Paper.

Awards:

- March 2004. **Best Newsletter Award - Section**, as Editor of *Ethics Today* for the American Society for Public Administration's Section on Ethics.
- March 2003. Inaugural **Best PA Times Article Award**, "Disposable Public Servants" (June 2002), American Society for Public Administration.
- March 2003. **Best Newsletter Award - Section**, as Editor of *Ethics Today* for the American Society for Public Administration's Section on Ethics.

Other Publications:

- "Heterogeneous and Homogenous Views of Religious Toleration in ASPA." *Ethics Today*, The Section on Ethics, *American Society for Public Administration*, vol. 2, No. 3, Spring 2006, pages 19-20.
- "Is America in the midst of a moral breakdown?" *Inside Dominguez Hills*, Opinion & Commentary Viewpoint, Vol. XXV, Issue 1, August/September 2003, page 4.
- "Disposable Public Servants: Looking at Post-War Ethical Evaluations of Personnel Fighting the War Against Terrorism," *PA Times, Special Section on Domestic Terrorism/Homeland Security*, vol. 25, no. 6, June 2002, page 6. Received inaugural **Best PA Times Article Award**, ASPA, March 2003
- "Pull of Politics/Anchor of Beliefs," in *PATimes*- the monthly newspaper for the *American Society for Public Administration, Special Section on Political Ethics*, vol. 23, No. 9, September 2000, page 2.
- "The Last Word," *Ethics Today, American Society for Public Administration*, vol. 2, No. 3, Spring 2000.
- "To Team or not to team...that is the question!" *Astro News*, U. S. Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base. Vol. 36, no. 45, October 22, 1993.

Panel/Speaking Engagements:

- Video training presentation: "Ethical Decision-Making." American Society for Public Administration/Rutledge. Recorded in Seattle, WA at the ASPA Annual Conference, March 20, 2016.
- Webinar speaker: "Ethics in Government." Houston Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. Broadcast from Texas Southern University, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, March 31, 2016.
- "The Next 4 Years: Introduction Speech," sponsored by The Eta Mu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Sam Houston State University. 23 October 2012.
- "American Foreign Policy: What is it Today?" California State University, Dominguez Hills, Panelist. 29 October 2003
- Symposium "The War In Iraq and War on Terrorism." California State University, Dominguez Hills. Organizer and Panelist. 26 March 2003

- “The Homeland Attack: One Year After” California State University Dominguez Hills. Panelist. 11 September 2002
- National Conference: Terrorism and the Global Society. California State University, Dominguez Hills. Panel: Philosophy of Terrorism: Ideas, Concepts, and Forms: Discussant. 15 March 2002
- “Attack on America: Why It Happened, What We Can Expect.” Dominguez Public Administration Association, California State University, Dominguez Hills. Organizer and panelist. 18 September 2001.

Service

Sam Houston State University

- MPA Comprehensive Exam Coordinator, Summer 2012 – present.
- MPA Program Director, Summer 2012 – Spring 2013, & Summer 2016 – Spring 2017.
- Assistant Chair, Spring 2011 – Spring 2013.
- Faculty Search Committee Chair, 2006 - 2007, 2009 - 2010, 2010 - 2011, & 2011 – 2012.
- Member of various department committees, 2005 – present.
- Training conducted:
 - June 17th, 2015: Developed and taught workshop for SHSU Management Academy (staff) entitled, “Decision-making: Tools for Making Quick Decisions in the Real World.” 45 Attendees; 97% rated workshop 4-5, and 100% rated workshop 3-4-5 on 5-point scale (30 reviews submitted).
 - June 18th, 2014: Developed and taught workshop for SHSU Management Academy (staff) entitled, “Ethics: Maneuvering in the Gray Areas.” 26 attendees; 100% rated workshop 4-5 on 5-point scale (24 reviews submitted).
 - March 12th, 2013: Developed and conducted Workshop entitled, “MBTI Discover How to Reduce Friction on the Job Among People with Different Personality Types by Improving Communication Effectiveness” at the *SHSU 2nd Annual Professional Development Conference*, at Super Session (2 hour presentation).
 - October 21st, 2013: Developed and conducted Workshop presentation on MBTI types and Temperament, SHSU Career Counseling Liaison Training Module, (1.5 hours).

Membership in

Professional Organizations:

- American Society for Public Administration
 - Houston Chapter (proposed). Treasurer, 2015 – present.
 - Los Angeles Metro. Chapter Executive Committee, 2003-2005.
- Southern Political Science Association
- Christians in Political Science
- Pi Alpha Alpha – Honor Society for Public Administration

Editorial Boards:

- *Complexity, Governance, & Networks*, Editorial Board member: 2011 – present.
- Section Newsletter Editor, American Society for Public Administration, Complexity and Systems Studies Network section: March 2008 – March 2010.
- *Public Administration Quarterly*. Symposium on Complexity Theory and Public Administration. Spring 2008.
- Editor, *Ethics Today*, American Society for Public Administration, Section on Ethics, March 2002 – March 2004;
 - Member, Editorial Board, 2000-2002.

Volunteer Work:

- YMCA Youth Flag Football Coach – South Montgomery County YMCA: Summer 2008 and Winter/Spring 2009.
- Member, WALTERIA Elementary School Site Board, Torrance, CA., 2004-2005.

Prior Employment

- Assistant Professor, August 1998 to June 2005
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Department of Public Administration
- Consultant, April 2000 to August 2004
Sense and Intuition, consulting firm on team building and leadership to public service organizations using the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*[®] & other instruments
- Adjunct Lecturer, September 1996 to May 1999
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Department of Public Administration
- Management Analyst, GS-0343-12, May 1994 to January 1995;
 - Teambuilding Facilitator and Trainer in Quality Management
- Procurement Analyst, GS-1102-12, January 1992 to May 1994;
 - Conducted workshops on process analysis; Teambuilding Facilitator.
- Contract Negotiator, GS-1102-11/12, December 1988 to January 1992.
U. S. Air Force Space & Missile Systems Center, El Segundo, California
 - Negotiated Modifications and Change Orders on MILSTAR satellite program.
- Contract Specialist/Administrator, GS-1102-05/07/09/11, August 1984 to December 1988
U. S. Air Force Plant Representative Office at Hughes Aircraft Corporation, El Segundo, California
 - Administered variety of contracts for US Air Force, Army, and Navy.

Training:

- Qualification Course - the *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator*. June 1994.

- *Defense Acquisition and Procurement*: completed seven (7) Department of Defense courses, 1985-1989.

References: Available upon request.