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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Iowa, 2002

Dissertation: *Money in Gubernatorial Elections: Campaign Finance Lessons from the States*

M.A. in Political Science, University of Iowa, 1997

B.A. in History and Government/International Affairs, Augustana College, *summa cum laude*, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Political Science, Simpson College, 2016-

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Simpson College, 2010-2016

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Simpson College, 2005-2010

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Grand Valley State University, 2003-2005

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Grand Valley State University, 2002-2003

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Cornell College, Fall 2001

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, Spring 2000

Courses:

American Government

American Public Policy

Religion and American Politics

State Politics and Policy

Mass Media and Politics

Environmental Policy

Public Opinion Survey Research

U.S. Congress

Global Issues

Senior Seminar

First Year Seminar

Explore Washington D.C. (May Term)

Research Interests: teaching and learning in political science, public policy, religion and politics

TEACHING AWARDS

Distinguished Teaching Award, Simpson College, 2015

Distinguished Junior Faculty Award, Simpson College, 2008

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Iowa, 2000

ODK Outstanding Faculty Advisor (nominee), Simpson College, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Head, Social Science Division, 2016-

- Advocate for the Social Science Division and advise the VP for Academic Affairs on matters of academic policy, personnel and college budgeting
- Serve on search committees and personnel review committees for the Social Science Division
- Facilitate nominations for divisional committees

Director of Academic Recruiting, Simpson College, 2014-2016

- Designed a plan to organize, train, and compensate 17 new faculty recruiting coordinators (one from each academic department); led three recruitment training sessions each year
- Served as a liaison and troubleshooter between the Admissions and Public Relations offices and academic departments on issues of program recruiting, marketing (PR), and web site
- Analyzed data annually on yield by major to study the impact of new recruiting strategies

Co-Director of First-Year Experience / Director of Simpson Colloquium, 2012-2015

- Provide ongoing faculty training and manage \$45,000 student orientation and adjunct budget
- Staff, review proposals for, and oversee about 20 first-year and six transfer seminars per year
- Created a new "Guide to Teaching SC 101" to ensure consistency in meeting program goals
- Initiated an extra first-year advising meeting to help students find a major by the end of their first year, as well as to promote first-to-second year retention
- Designed a new "Major Mentors" program to select outstanding current students who work with and guide first-year students in the selection of a major
- Started a new Homecoming tradition ("Spirit Contest") between first-year seminars to boost school spirit and attendance at athletic events and lectures

Chair, Political Science Department, 2009-

- Manage the department's budget, personnel and adjuncts, and annual assessment; authored the 2012-2013 comprehensive (10-year) review
- Led a major revision of both the Political Science and International Relations majors in 2010, with addition of a new senior research seminar
- Created a department Facebook page to renew contacts with our Political Science and Pre-Law alumni and strengthen ties with students

- Designed new multimedia content for the Political Science and Pre-Law web sites and created the first separate Pre-Law recruiting materials
- Developed innovative recruiting strategies, including a systematic plan for personalized email and phone contact with every recruit in Pre-Law, Political Science, and International Relations
- These recruitment efforts helped increase the average number of incoming students listing one of our programs as their first or second interest from 17 (2006-2011) to 34 (2012-2014)

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

2011. "Fact Checks, Voter Guides, and GOTV: Civic Learning Projects in American Politics Courses." *Journal of Political Science Education* 7:1-13.
2005. "Reevaluating Spending in Gubernatorial Races: Job Approval as a Baseline for Spending Effects." *Political Research Quarterly* 58:97-106.
2004. "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Evangelical Free Church Clergy in the Election of 2000." In *Pulpit and Politics: Clergy in American Politics at the Advent of the Millennium*, ed. Corwin Smidt. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press.
2004. "State-Level Forecasts of U.S. Senate Elections." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 37(4): 821-26 (with Michael S. Lewis-Beck).
2003. "Campaign Finance Laws and the Competition for Spending in Gubernatorial Elections." *Social Science Quarterly* 84(4): 811-825.
2003. "Not All Money Is Equal: The Differential Effect of Money in Gubernatorial Primaries." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 3(3): 294-308.
2002. "Money and Challenger Emergence in Gubernatorial Primaries." *Political Research Quarterly* 55(3): 653-667. [Cited in a U.S. Supreme Court dissenting opinion, *Randall v. Sorrell*, 2006]
2000. "The Puzzling Decline in House Support for Free Trade: Was 'Fast Track' a Referendum on NAFTA?" *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 25(4): 591-610.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Manuscript Referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *Journal of Politics*, *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, *Journal of Political Marketing*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and American politics texts

Affiliated Faculty: *Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics*, Calvin College, 2003-2005

Conference Presentations

"How to Use Campaign Fact Checking to Teach Critical Thinking in U.S. Government," *Iowa Council for the Social Studies*, 2015, Ankeny, IA

"Pastors, Politics, and the Caucuses: The 2012 Iowa Clergy Survey," *Iowa Conference of Political Scientists*, 2013, Davenport, IA

"Fact Checks, Voter Guides, & GOTV: Civic Learning Projects in American Politics Courses," *APSA Teaching and Learning Conference* 2009, Baltimore, MD

"The Electoral Consequences of Public Funding: The Case of Maine's Clean Election Legislation," *Southern Political Science Association* 2008, New Orleans, LA: with Scott Lasley & Jon Winburn

"The Determinants of Campaign Finance Reform in the States," *American Political Science Association* 2002, Boston, MA

"The Effects of Maine's Clean Election Act on State Legislative Competition," *Midwest Political Science Association* 2002, Chicago, IL – with Scott Lasley

"The Efficiency of Spending by Incumbents and Challengers: Evidence from Gubernatorial Races," *Iowa Conference of Political Scientists* 2001, Mt. Vernon, IA

"Legislating Frugality: Comparative Campaign Finance in Races for Governor," *American Political Science Association* 2000, Washington, DC

"Inside the War Chest: Explaining the Fundraising Success of Candidates for Governor," *Midwest Political Science Association* 2000, Chicago, IL

"Buying the Mansion or Blowing a Fortune?: Campaign Spending in Gubernatorial Elections," *American Political Science Association* 1999, Atlanta, GA

Conference Participation

"Religion and Interest Groups" (chair), *American Political Science Association* 2005

"Religion and the 2004 Election" (moderator), *Religion and the Presidency Conference* 2004

"Teaching State and Local Politics" (panelist), *Michigan Conference of Political Scientists* 2004

"Religion and Politics in the States" (discussant), *Symposium on Religion and Politics* 2004

"State and Local Elections" (chair/discussant), *Midwest Political Science Association* 2004

"Gubernatorial and Senate Elections" (discussant), *Midwest Political Science Association* 2003

Faculty Development

National Resource Center International Conference on the First-Year Experience, 2013

National Resource Center Conference on the First-Year Experience, 2013

CUR Institute for Undergraduate Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities, 2010

NACA/NCLP National Leadership Symposium, 2007

Lilly/PTEV Conference for the Exploration of Vocation, 2007

National Resource Center Conference on the First-Year Experience, 2006

Seminar on Survey Research and Religion, 2001

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Current Service

President's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, 2015-
 Multicultural and Minority Issues Committee, 2015-
 Student Conduct Appeal Board, 2013-
 Advisor, *The Acorn* satirical newspaper, 2016-
 Advisor, *Pi Sigma Alpha* honor society, 2007-

Prior Service

Academic Appeals Committee, 2015-2016
 Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees, 2013-2015
 Ex-officio member, Admissions Committee, 2012-2015
 360 Review Committee for VP of Academic Affairs, 2015
 President's Retention Task Force, 2013-2014
 Campus Climate Survey Task Force, 2014
 Methodist Identity Task Force, 2013
 Simpson Presidential Transition Committee, 2013
 Student Evaluations Task Force, 2013
 Internship Advisory Task Force, 2013
 Chair, Faculty Development Committee, 2009-2011
 Coordinator, Faculty Advising Group, 2010-2011
 General Education Assessment Task Force, 2010
 Undergraduate Research Task Force, 2010
 Leadership Advisory Board, 2008-2010
 Library Advisory Committee, 2008-2010
 Student Support Services Advisory Board, 2007-2010
 Learning Programs Working Group, 2007-2009
 Greek Advisory Board, 2008-2009
 Judge, Homecoming 2008, 2012, 2013; Greek Week 2013, 2014
 Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, 2006-2008
 Institutional Research Board, 2007-2008
 Chair, Leadership Action Group (strategic planning), 2007

Personnel Search Committees*

Presidential Search Committee, 2012-2013
 Interim VP for Academic Affairs, 2016
 Assistant Director of Multicultural Recruiting, 2015
 Admissions Counselor, 2015
 Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, 2014
 Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2014
 Culver Public Policy Center Director, 2014
 Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, 2011
 Service Coordinator/Assistant Chaplain, 2010
 Assistant Professor of Religion, 2008

Leadership Program Director, 2008
Assistant Professor of Environmental Science, 2007
Public Relations Writer, 2007
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, 2006

**As Simpson Colloquium Director (2012-2015), I also met with most candidates for tenure-track positions.*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Expert commentary on public policy, elections, and the Iowa caucuses for *The New York Times*, *CNN.com*, *MSNBC.com*, *Time.com*, *The New Yorker*, *National Public Radio's "All Things Considered,"* *U.S. News and World Report*, *USA Today*, *ABC News Radio*, *The Des Moines Register*, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, *The Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *KCCI News 8*, *WHO-TV 13*, *WHO Radio*, *Omaha World-Herald*, *Kansas City Star*, *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, *Quad City Times*, *Sioux City Journal*, and *Iowa Public Radio's "River to River."*

Iowa Advisory Board, *Project Vote Smart* (Key Votes), 2007-
Member, *Des Moines Register's* Advisory Board, 2005-2007

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (on campus)

"Growing a Department with High-Impact Recruiting Practices," Faculty Development, August 21, 2014
"Advising Strategies for New Faculty," New Faculty Orientation Group, February 14, 2014
"Academic Q&A for Students/Parents," Simpson Scholarship Day 2013-2016; Junior Visit Day 2013-2016;
Iowa Private College Week 2012-2016
"Disciplinary Perspectives on Environmental Issues," SC 101 panel discussion, 2013-2014
"The Election: What Happened and What Now?" Culver Center panel discussion, 2012, 2014
"Survey Research and Design," lecture in COMM 355: Research in Communication, 2012
"Academics at Simpson College," Cheer and Dance Visit Day 2011-2014
"Finding Meaning in Suffering," sermon, Simpson Chapel, April 4, 2012
"Environmental 'Policy Streams' in the United States," lecture in SOC 350, 2010
"Machiavelli's Influence on American Politics," lectures in HUM 101, 2007 and 2009
"Getting Students to Read Critically," Faculty Development, August 26, 2009
"LPWG's Proposal for a New Curriculum," Simpson College Forum, March 26, 2009
"Getting Smart Online: An Interactive Workshop," Simpson College Forum, October 27, 2008
"What We Can Learn from the Simpson Political Survey," Alumni College, June 26, 2009
"The 2008 Simpson Political Survey: Results," Simpson College Forum, October 20, 2008
"What's the Matter with Thomas Frank?" lecture in ENG 102 (Honors Composition), 2006

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (off campus)

"Election 2014: A Forecast," American Association of University Women, Indianola, IA, September 2, 2014
"State of the 2008 Campaign," American Association of University Women, Indianola, IA, October 7, 2008
"Resources for Elections, Voting, and Issues," Upward Bound program, Indianola, IA, June 16, 2008
"Religion in the 2004 Election," *Religion and the Presidency* conference, Allendale, MI, November 19, 2004
"America 50/50: Making Sense of the 2004 Presidential Race," Grand Valley State, MI, October 16, 2004
"Media Bias," Michigan Public Radio *Forum on Media & Democracy*, Grand Rapids, MI, November 5, 2003

REFERENCES

John Epperson

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