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Education:

Ph.D., Political Science, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.
August 2000.
Fields: American Government, Environmental Politics and Policy,
Public Administration/Public Policy.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Methods,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Summer 1997.

B.S., Political Science, Economics Minor, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon.
June 1994.

Teaching Experience:

Associate Professor of Political Science, Eastern Connecticut State University,
Willimantic, Connecticut. August 2005 – Present.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Eastern Connecticut State University,
Willimantic, Connecticut. August 2000 – Spring 2005.

Adjunct Professor of Political Science, Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee.
August 1999-May 2000.

Visiting Instructor, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon. August 1998-July 1999.

Instructor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. Fall 1996 – Fall 1997.

Teaching Assistant, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. Spring 1996 -
Spring 1998.

Courses Taught:

PSC 110: American Government and Politics
PSC 200: State and Local Government
PSC 210: Political Science Research Methods
PSC 215: Political Parties and Elections
PSC 335: Legislative Politics
PSC 350: Public Policy and Decisionmaking
PSC 351: Environmental Politics and Policy
PSC 352: Global Environmental Politics
PSC 353: Natural Resource Politics
PSC 356: Political Science Statistics
PSC 465: Seminar, Political Theory Through Utopian Novels
HON 130: Readings Across the Curriculum
HON 361: Globalization

Creative Activity:

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Burnett, Raymond Christopher and William M. Salka. Determinants of Electoral Support for Anti-Gay Marriage Constitutional Amendments: An Examination of 2006 Votes on Ballot Measures in the States. Forthcoming in *The Journal of Homosexuality*.

Salka, William M. 2005 "Term Limits and Electoral Competition: Analysis of California Legislative Races." *State and Local Government Review*, 37, 2: 116-126.

Salka, William M. 2004. "Mission Evolution: The United States Forest Service's Response to Crisis." *Review of Policy Research*, 21, 2: 221-232.

Salka, William M. 2003. "Determinants of Countywide Voting Behavior on Environmental Ballot Measures: 1990-2000." *Rural Sociology*, 68, (2): 253-277.

Salka, William M. 2001. "Urban-Rural Differences Over Environmental Policy in the Western United States." *American Review of Public Administration*, 31 (1): 33-48.

Other Creative Work:

"Electoral Competition in the States: An Examination of Legislative Elections." Paper prepared for delivery at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March 20-22, 2008.

- “Publicly Funded Campaigns and Electoral Competition: An Examination of the MCEA in Maine.” Prepared for delivery at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8 – 10, 2007.
- “The Impacts of Mission Change in the United States Forest Service on Gateway Communities.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 16 – 18, 2006.
- “Unintended Mission Change: How the Endangered Species Act has altered the U.S. Forest Service’s Mission.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, California, March 17 – 19, 2005.
- “Congressional Committee Influence on Agency Missions in Response to Subsystem Conflict.” Paper presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, April 30 – May 1, 2004.
- “Mission Shift in Response to Subsystem Conflict.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 11 – 13, 2004.
- “Mission Evolution: The United States Forest Service’s Response to Crisis.” Paper to be presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 27 – 29, 2003.
- “Term Limits and Electoral Competition: Analysis of California Legislative Races.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, August 29 – September 1, 2002.
- “Term Limits and Electoral Competition: Analysis of State Legislative Races.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, March 22-24, 2002.
- “Term Limits and Electoral Competition in California Assembly Elections.” Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 8-10, 2001.
- “Direct Democracy and Environmental Conflict in the States.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 15-17, 2001.
- “Direct Democracy and Environmental Conflict in the States.” Dissertation submitted to the faculty of the Graduate School of Colorado State University, August 2000.
- “Campaign Expenditures and Environmental Ballot Measures.” Paper presented at the Tennessee Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Paris Landing, Tennessee, April 14-15, 2000.

“Direct Democracy and Environmental Policy: An Exploration into the Determinants of Initiative and Referenda Elections in the States.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-17, 1999.

“Ecofeminist Theory and Reality: An Examination of Environmental Voting in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, March 12-14, 1998.

“Institutional Effects on Environmental Policymaking: The Case of British Columbia and United States Forest Policy.” Paper presented at the Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 23-26, 1997.

With Robert E. Corkran. “Agendas, Subsystems, and Policy Change: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 and the General Mining Law of 1872.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona, March 13-15, 1997.

With R. Christopher Burnett. “Political Action Committees and Environmental Voting: A Statistical Analysis of U.S. Senate Votes.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona, March 13-15, 1997.

“The Shift in the Locus of Control in Oregon’s Land-Use Planning System.” Thesis prepared for completion of a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science, Lewis & Clark College, Portland Oregon, June 1994.

Service:

University Senate President (Fall 2007 – Present)

University Senate Vice President for Instructional Faculty (Fall 2005 – Spring 2007)

Committees:

Search Committee, Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education (Spring 2008)

Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, One Year Positions (Spring 2008)

Academic Misconduct Committee, Chair (Spring 2006 – Present)

Senate Academic Affairs Committee (Fall 2004 – Present; Chair Fall 2005 – Fall 2007)

Senate Academic Program Review Committee (Fall 2003 – Present; Chair Fall 2003 – 2005)

Honors Council (Fall 2004 – Present)

Search Committee, ECSU Police Chief/Director of Public Safety (Spring/Summer 2005)

Ad Hoc Textbook Committee (Fall 2005 – Present)

Faculty Committee on Academic Advisement (Fall 2002 – Present)

Subcommittee on Recognition and Reward, Faculty Committee on Academic Advisement (Fall 2003 – Present)

Iraq Perspectives Organizing Committee (Spring, Summer and Fall 2005)

ECSU Peace & Human Rights Committee (Fall 2000 – Present)

Search Committee for Geographer (Fall 2001)

Other University Service:

University Pre-Law Advisor (January 2002 – present)

Department Representative to the University Senate (Fall 2002 – Present)

Political Science Library Builder (Fall 2001 – present)

Created the *Alpha Beta Gamma* chapter of *Pi Sigma Alpha*, the National Honor Society for Political Science (Spring 2003)

Advisor to *Pi Sigma Alpha* National Honor Society (January 2003 – present)

Advisor to the Political Science Club (Fall 2000 – present)

Assisted in Organizing Connecticut Supreme Court oral arguments on campus (Fall 2003)

Professional Activity:

PRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS: With Hope K. Fitz, Professor of Philosophy, presented structure and objectives of Eastern Connecticut State University's Peace & Human Rights Center at biannual meeting of the IAUP/UN Commission for Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace, United Nations, New York, New York, May 22, 2002.

ORGANIZED PANEL: Panel entitled "Changing Environmental Policy." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 11 – 13, 2004.

ORGANIZED PANEL: Panel entitled "Venues in Environmental Decisionmaking." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, March 27 – 29, 2003.

DISCUSSANT AND CHAIR: Panel entitled "Public Attitudes on Political Issues." Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 8-10, 2002.

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *Society and Natural Resources* (Spring 2008)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *State and Local Government Review* (Fall 2006)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *Society and Natural Resources* (Fall 2006)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *Policy Studies Journal*. (Fall 2005)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *State and Local Government Review*. (Summer 2005)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *State and Local Government Review*. (Fall 2004)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *State and Local Government Review*.
(Spring 2004)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *State and Local Government Review*.
(Summer 2003)

REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT: submitted to *State and Local Government Review*.
(Fall 2001)

REVIEWED TEXT: Anonymous Authors. *The Pathways of American Government*.
Prentice Hall. (Fall 2005)

REVIEWED TEXT: Anonymous Authors. *American Government*. McGraw-Hill. (Spring
2005)

REVIEWED TEXT: DiClerico and Hammock. 2004. *Points of View*. Boston: McGraw-
Hill. (Summer 2004)

REVIEWED TEXT: Bond, Watson, and Smith. *Promises and Performance of
American Democracy*. Itasca, IL: E.E. Peacock Publishers, Inc. (Spring 2004)

REVIEWED TEXT: Bond, Watson, and Smith. *Promises and Performance of
American Democracy*. Itasca, IL: E.E. Peacock Publishers, Inc. (Spring 2003)

Professional Associations:

The American Political Science Association
The Western Political Science Association
The Northeastern Political Science Association