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Education

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, Political Science – December 2004
M.A. University of Montana, Missoula, Montana, Political Science – May 1993
B.A. University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, Political Science/History – June 1989

Employment

Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Buffalo State – SUNY, Fall 2013 – Present
Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Buffalo State – SUNY, Fall 2006 – Spring 2013
Assistant Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona, Fall 2000 – Spring 2006
Research Assistant, Evaluation Group for the Analysis of Data, Department of Psychology, University of Arizona, Fall 1995 – Spring 2006
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona, Fall 1995 – Spring 2000
Instructor, Department of Political Science/School of Public Policy and Administration, University of Arizona, Spring 1995 – Spring 2000
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department, University of Montana – Spring 1993

Fields of Concentration and Teaching Interests

History of Political Thought and Science; Comparative Democracy; International Relations Theory

Courses Taught – SUNY Buffalo State University

HON202 Social Science Seminar
PSC101 Intro to Gov't and Politics
PSC102 Intro to Am Gov't and Politics
PSC104 International Relations
PSC203 Political Analysis
PSC344 Comparative Democracy
PSC351 History of Political Thought I
PSC352 History of Political Thought II
PSC355 American Political Thought
PSC399 Research Skills
PSC450 Contemporary Political Thought
PSC470 Political Science Senior Seminar
PSC488 Internship

Work/Creative Activities

Publications

Assessment: Within the Department; Curriculum (Re)Design; "Rethinking Political Science Education" Taskforce (3 entries). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science* (forthcoming 2027). [By Editor Invitation]

"A Postmodern Present and President: Postmodernity, Political Science and the Trump Presidency," *Journal of Political Science Education* (2021). (With Peter Yacobucci)

"Democracy, *Res Publica*, and Reforming 21st Century Classrooms," *Journal of Political Science Education* (2019). (With Peter Yacobucci)

"The Practical Import of Political Inquiry*"* Book Review, *Learning and Teaching* 11:2:92–99 (Summer 2018).

"The Missed Revolution: How Twombly and Iqbal Tilted the Legal Playing Field While Political Science Remained Silent," *Politics, Bureaucracy and Justice*. 4:1 (Fall 2014). (With Peter Yacobucci)

"Autonomy," *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Wiley-Blackwell (Fall 2014). [By Editor Invitation]

"Hyper-Sullenness: The Public Mood, Wealth Defense, and Political Science as Kitsch," *Philosophy Studies*, 3:3 (March 2013). [By Editor Invitation]

"Perestroika in Political Science: Past, Present, and Future," *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43:4 (October 2010).

"The Rebels' Yell: Mr. Perestroika and the Causes of This Rebellion in Context." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 43:4 (October 2010). (With Tim Luke)

"The Pitfalls of a Tool-based Science and the Promise of a Problem-focused Science." *Journal of Methods and Measurement in the Social Sciences*, 1(2), 1-14 (2010). (With Patrick McKnight, Johns, M., & Najab, J.)

"American Democratic Practice, France, and Russia: Institutions, Values, and Democratic Experiences," *New Political Science* 29:2 (June 2007). (With John P. Willerton)

"The Trial of Scopes: *Perestroika*, Epic Political Theory and the Dominance of Method," *New Political Science* 27:2 (June 2005).

"A Closed Community: Fredric Jameson and the Commodification of Political Science," *New Political Science*. 22:2 (June 2000).

"The Twentieth Century: Progressivism, Prosperity, and Crisis," in *The Environmental Presidency*. Dennis L. Soden, ed. Albany, NY: State University Press of New York, 1999. (With Andrea Gerlak)

Conference Participation and Invited Lectures

Conference Panel Organization

Teaching, Research, and Professional Development Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, CO, March 2027

Teaching, Research, and Professional Development Section Co-Chair, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 2026

Political Theory Section Chair, Annual Meetings of the New York State Political Science Association, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 16-7, 2010; Niagara Falls, NY, April 8-9, 2011; Wagner College, Staten Island, April 20-21, 2012; Syracuse, NY April 19-20, 2013; St. John's University, New York, April 25-6, 2014

Public Policy Section Chair, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1-3, 2010.

Conference Presentations and Participation

Red Pill Politics, Author's Roundtable, Buffalo State University, September 18, 2026

Teaching American Politics in Times of Uncertainty Panel – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 2-4, 2026

"Blue Helmets as Political Regime Influencers: The Impact of Democratic UN Peacekeeping Personnel on Democratization in Mission Countries," delivered to the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Associations, Chicago, IL, April 23-6 (co-authored with Mehwish Sarwari).

"Packer and Polarization," Delivered at the American Political Science Association: Teaching American Politics in Times of Uncertainty Symposium, online, July 18-25, 2025.

"Using V-DEM To Achieve APSA SLOs," Invited Workshop Coordinator, Delivered at the American Political Science Association: Teaching and Learning Conference, Alexandria, VA, February 7-9, 2025.

"Using V-DEM To Achieve SLOs," Delivered at the American Political Science Association: Teaching and Learning Symposium on Teaching Comparative Politics, Washington, DC, June 27-9, 2024.

"Citizen, Know Thyself: Intro American Government and Misinformation," Delivered at the Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 31-Sep 2, 2023.

Active Learning Strategies to Combat Misinformation Among Undergraduates – Discussant, Annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 31-Sep 2, 2023.

Critical Encounters with Habermas' Legal Theory Conference – Pineda/Specter Panel Moderator, SUNY-University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, May 26-7, 2023.

"Plato and the Postmodern Present," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 10-2, 2022.

Pandemic Learning: Access to Internships & Political Understanding in the time of Covid-19 – Panel Chair/Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Virtual Presentation, April 1-3, 2021.

"Utilizing Current Political Affairs as a Vehicle to Advanced Understanding," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Virtual Presentation, April 1-3, 2021. (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci)

"Crossing the Postmodern Divide: Trump, Truth, and Undergraduate Political Education," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, April 18-20, 2019.

"The Troubles with Trittyes: Cleisthenes, Interest Groups and Democratic Engagement," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, Aug 30 – Sept 1, 2018.

"Democracy, *Res Publica*, and Legitimacy in 21st Century Classrooms," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept Aug 31 – Sept 2, 2017. (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci)

"Taking Advantage of Diversity: Opportunities of Difference," Panel Discussant at Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, Sept Aug 31 – Sept 1, 2017.

"The Cracked Mirror: The Crisis of Political Science's Empty Aesthetics," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 22-4, 2012.

"Russia in Search of a National Idea: Crisis, State Consolidation and "Democratization" in the Putin-Medvedev Era," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 22-4, 2012. (co-authored with John P. Willerton)

Asian Politics, Comparative Politics Panel – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 22-4, 2012.

"Teaching Res Publica and Individual Rights in the First-Year Political Science Course," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-3, 2011. (co-authored with Laurie Buonanno)

"The Missed Revolution: How Twombly and Iqbal Tilted the Legal Playing Field while Political Science Remained Silent," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 21-3, 2011. (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci)

Political Theory Roundtable (PT-4) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Niagara Falls, NY, April 8-9, 2011

"Tour De Force: Making Study Abroad Count," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Pecs, Hungary, November 14-6, 2010.

Morality, Ethics, and Political Motivation (PT-4) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 16-7, 2010.

U. S. Public Policy; Comparative Public Policy II; New Approaches to 18th Century Thought Panels – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, April 1-3, 2010.

Citizens and Society (PT-7) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Albany, NY, April 24-5, 2009.

"Democracy Building Russian Style: Sovereignty, Justice, and Post-Soviet Institutional Design," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C., March 19-21, 2009 (co-authored with J. Pat Willerton).

"The New Stoicism: Political Theory, Politics, and The Market As God," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Albany, NY, April 25-6, 2008.

Platonic Dialogue (PT-1) – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the New York Political Science Association, Albany, NY, April April 25-26, 2008

"The Irrationality of School Levy Initiatives and the Implications for Participatory Democracy," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 2008 (co-authored with Peter Yacobucci).

Reconstructing Citizenship and Nationalism – Panel Chair & Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, March 2008.

Panelist – response to Dr. Norman Kurland's presentation "The Just Third Way," at the 6th annual Peace Conference hosted by Buffalo State College, SUNY, October 24, 2007.

Landscapes of Capital Section, Ethnographic Dreamworlds 2007 – Presider/Organizer, 8th Annual Sociology Conference at Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY, April 27, 2007.

"With a Rebel Yell: Perestroika's Raucous Public Purview and Method," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

Institutional Design and Democratic Performance – Discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

Linking Methods to the Public and to Politics – Chairperson at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2007.

"American Democratic Practice and the Russian and French Cases: Dilemmas of U.S. Triumphalism in Contemporary Political Thinking," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006 (co-authored with J. Pat Willerton).

"An Epic Light: Sheldon Wolin's Social Thought and Our Democratic Canon," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Social Theory, Politics, and Arts Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, October 2005.

"*Perestroika* or *Glasnost*: Pluralism, Peer-Review and the Restructuring of Political Science," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.

Methodological Pluralism in Political Science Panel - Chairperson, at the Annual Meeting of The Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.

"Post-positivism and Policy Change: An Alternative Approach," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, March 1999 (Co-authored with Peter Yacobucci).

"The New Depthlessness: Fredric Jameson and the Effects of Commodification upon Political Science as a Community," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 1998.

"Isolation: The State of Political Science," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of Political Theory, University of Arizona/Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, April 1998.

"IAD or DEA: Elinor Ostrom's Institutional Framework in Light of Arne Naess's Deep Ecology," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 1998.

"Mission Impossible: Susan Moller Okin and Rawls's Theory of Justice Reconsidered," Delivered at the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA, March 1998.

"Home Sweet Home: Home Ownership and Political Participation," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Tucson, AZ, March 1997.

"War and Peace: The Democratic Peace Reconsidered," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Tucson, AZ, March, 1997.

Invited Lectures

"Elite Politics and Political Elites," Delivered to Buffalo States's Law and Public Affairs Club, December 1, 2026.

"Freedom To; Freedom From: Modern Liberty and Democracy," Delivered to Buffalo State's Philosophy Colloquia, April 23. 2026.

"Blue Helmets as Political Regime Influencers: The Impact of Democratic UN Peacekeeping Personnel on Democratization in Mission Countries," Delivered to Buffalo State Campus, May 2025, co-authored with Mehwish Sarwari

"Politics, Polarization, & Democratic Backsliding," Delivered to the 20th Century Club, Buffalo, NY, October 30, 2024 (with Peter Yacobucci).

"Politics, Postmodernity & Democratic Backsliding in the 21st Century," Delivered to SUNY Buffalo State College Honors Program, Buffalo, NY, April 28, 2022.

"Language, COVID, and the Politics of Postmodernity," Delivered at the SE Asia Week Panel Discussion, Buffalo, NY, March 22, 2022.

"Crossing the Postmodern Divide: Trump and Truth" Delivered at Conversations in and Out of the Discipline Series, Buffalo State College – SUNY, Buffalo, NY, May 3, 2019.
"Democracy: Process and Goal," Delivered at the SE Asia Week Panel Discussion on Democracy, Buffalo, NY, March 13, 2019.
"Big Con[servative] Game: Leo Strauss, Neo-Conservatism, and *The Power of Nightmares*," Student Political Society, Buffalo State College, SUNY, October 24th, 2006.
"Blue, Red, or Dead? Ideologies and the American Electorate," Havurah Jewish Studies Group, Rancho Vistoso, AZ, January 17, 2005.

Awards

U.S. State Department – Fulbright

Alternate – Fulbright Teaching Exchange – Hungary – 2014/15

Buffalo State

Recipient - Faculty Appreciation Award – Campus Life; May 2013, May 2010
Recipient – University at Buffalo, SUNY – Service Award – Graduate School Awareness Program, October 2009
Recipient – American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha – Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, Fall 2007
Recipient – Student Political Society - Instructor of the Year Award, 2006-7
Finalist – Western Political Science Association – Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Conference Paper, Spring 2007

University of Arizona - College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Recipient - Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Fall 2004 - Spring 2005
Finalist - Outstanding Instructor Award, Pre-Session Summer 2004
Recipient – Department Tuition Waiver, Fall 1996 - Spring 1997
Finalist – Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Fall 1995 - Spring 1996

Research Fellowships and Grants – Buffalo State

Bringing Theory To Practice Grant – Spring 2014
UUP Research Development Grant – Spring 2009, 2011, 2012, 2022
Integration of Undergraduate Research in the Curriculum Grant, Summer 2008 – Spring 2009
Volunteer and Service-Learning Community [VSLC] Service Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2007

Professional and Academic Association Memberships

American Political Science Association, 1998 – Present
Western Political Science Association, 2000 – Present; Public Policy Panel Coordinator, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
New York State Political Science Association, 2008 – 2016; Political Theory Panel Coordinator

Professional Assignments and Activities – Buffalo State

Curriculum and Assessment Committee Chair, Gov't, Planning, & Philosophy Dept (Fall 2006-Spring 2016; Fall 2018-Spring 2021; Fall 2022 – Spring 2023; Spring 2025 - Present)

Member, School of Arts and Sciences, Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (Fall 2025 to Present)
Chair, Political Science, Public Administration, and Planning Department (Fall 2023 – Fall 2024)
Peer-Review, *PS: Political Science* – MS review – Summer 2024
Pre-Law Coordinator (Summer 2021- Fall 2023)
Political Science Combined 3+3 Pathway (BA/JD), Program Coordinator (Fall 2018-Present)
Faculty Fellow and Advisory Board Member, Honors Program (Summer 2018-present)
Pi Sigma Alpha, Xi Theta Chapter Advisor – Department (Fall 2006 – present)
Political Science Personnel Committee Search Chair (Fall 2022)
President's Committee on Marketing and Communication (Fall 2017 – Fall 2019)
Assistant Director, Honors Program (Summer 2017-Summer 2018 – 1 Year Appointment)
Director, American Democracy Project (Summer 2012 – 2016)
Personnel Committee Chairman, Political Science Department (Fall 2012 – Summer 2015)
School of Natural and Social Sciences Representative to College Senate (Fall 2010 – Spring 2016)
SNSS Faculty Senate Representative to Graduate Advisory Committee (Fall 2013 –2016)
McNair Undergraduate Research Project Reviewer (Summer 2008 – Spring 2018)
Student Political Association Advisor (USG recognized group) (Fall 2007 – Spring 2017)
Curriculum and Assessment Committee Member, Political Science Department (Fall 2006 – Spring 2016)

Evaluation and Assessment

External Evaluator

SUNY Oneonta Political Science & International Studies (Spring 2025)
SUNY Fredonia Political Science Program Review (Spring 2024)
SUNY Brockport Political Science/IR Program Review (Spring 2017)

Buffalo State

Political Science - Curriculum and Assessment Committee Chair (Fall 2006-Spring 2016; Fall 2018-Spring 2021; Fall 2022 – Spring 2023; Spring 2025 - Present)
Political Science – Chair, PSPAP Department (Fall 2023 – Fall 2024)
Political Science - Assessment Committee Chair, Undergraduate (Spring 2021-2023)
School of Natural and Social Sciences – American History IF Assessment Committee, (Fall 2017/Spring 2018)