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Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, University of Georgia (1992). Dissertation: Perestroika, 1985-1991: Gorbachev's Response to International, State, and Societal Stimuli. Fields of study: comparative politics, international relations, and international political economy.

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (1989). M.A.L.D. Paper: U.S. Responses to Soviet Action during East European Crises, 1953-1988. Fields of study: the diplomatic history and foreign policies of Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union and East European countries; international trade and commercial policies; and the diplomatic history and foreign policies of the West European countries.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Georgia (1986), First Honor Graduate (4.0 GPA), Summa Cum Laude.

POSITIONS

Dean of the Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Political Science with Tenure, Midwestern State University (2004-present)

Director, Redwine Honors Program, Midwestern State University (2016-2018)

Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Professor of Political Science with Tenure, Midwestern State University (2003-2004)

Chairman and Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University (2002-2004)

Chairman and Associate Professor with Tenure, Political Science Program, Midwestern State University (1999-2002)

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University (1997-1999)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Midwestern State University (1992-1997)

Research Assistant, Center for East-West Trade Policy, University of Georgia (1989-1992)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia (1988-1989)

COURSES TAUGHT

American and Texas Government
Honors American and Texas Government
Honors Senior Seminar
Foundations of Government and Politics
International Law
International Organizations
International Political Economy
International Conflict
Introduction to Political Theory
Contemporary Political Thought
Twentieth Century Political Thought
Government and Politics of Central Eurasia
Government and Politics of Western Europe
Government and Politics of East-Central Europe

PUBLICATIONS

Author, "The Need to Study Reform," Wichita Falls Literature and Art Review, vol. IV, Winter 2010.

Author, "Slovenia," in George Kurian, ed., World Encyclopedia of Police Forces and Correctional Systems, second edition, vol. 2 (Detroit, MI: Thomson Gale, 2006), pp. 829-835.

Author, "Georgia," in Charles F. Bahmueller, ed., World Conflicts and Confrontations, vol. 2 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 2000), pp. 984-992.

Author, "Discrimination," in Timothy L. Hall, ed., Magill's Legal Guide, vol. 1 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 2000), pp. 266-269.

Author, "Comintern," in Robert Cole, ed., The Encyclopedia of Propaganda, vol. 1 (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1998), pp. 137-140.

Author, "Atlanta, Georgia," in David Bradley and Shelley Fisher Fishkin, eds., The Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America, vol. 1 (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1998), pp. 82-85.

Author, "Communist Party of the U.S.A.," in Carl Jensen, et al., eds., Censorship, vol. 1 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 1997), pp. 163-164.

Author, "Police States," in Carl Jensen, et al., eds., Censorship, vol. 3 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 1997), pp. 616-617.

Author, "The World Court," in Joseph M. Bessette, ed., American Justice, vol. 3 (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 1996), pp. 864-865.

Author, "Heads of State," in Frank N. Magill, ed., Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics, vol. 2 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 1995), pp. 804-809.

Author, "Leadership," in Frank N. Magill, ed., Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics, vol. 3 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 1995), pp. 1066-1071.

Author, "North Atlantic Treaty Organization," in Frank N. Magill, ed., Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics, vol. 3 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 1995), pp. 1332-1337.

Author, "Totalitarianism," in Frank N. Magill, ed., Survey of Social Science: Government and Politics, vol. 5 (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Salem Press, 1995), pp. 1987-1992.

Co-Author with Gary K. Bertsch, "Communist Parties and Their Power: Past and Present." Chapter 4 in Gary K. Bertsch, Reform and Revolution in Communist Systems (Macmillan, 1991), pp. 102-133. Appears as Chapter 11 in Gary K. Bertsch, Robert P. Clark, and David M. Wood, Power and Policy in Three Worlds, 4th edition (Macmillan, 1991), pp. 348-379.

Co-Author with Gary K. Bertsch, "Government in the Second World: Past and Present," Chapter 5 in Gary K. Bertsch, Reform and Revolution in Communist Systems (Macmillan, 1991), pp. 134-164. Appears as Chapter 12 in Gary K. Bertsch, Robert P. Clark, and David M. Wood, Power and Policy in Three Worlds, 4th edition (Macmillan, 1991), pp. 380-410.

Co-Author with Gary K. Bertsch, "The Policy Process and Economic Reform in Second World States," Chapter 6 in Gary K. Bertsch, Reform and Revolution in Communist Systems (Macmillan, 1991), pp. 165-187. Appears as Chapter 13 in Gary K. Bertsch, Robert P. Clark, and David M. Wood, Power and Policy in Three Worlds, 4th edition (Macmillan, 1991), pp. 411-433.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, North Adams, MA (June 2022)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2020)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Johnson, VT (June 2019)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Atlanta, GA (January 2019)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Wichita Falls, TX (June 2018)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2018)

Attendee, National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA (November 2017)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), San Francisco, CA (January 2017)

Attendee, National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Annual Conference, Seattle, WA (October 2016)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Cedar City, UT (June 2016)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2016)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Willimantic, CT (June 2015)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2015)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Durango, CO (June 2014)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2014)

Chair, Program Committee, Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), 2011-2013

Member, Program Committee, Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), 2007-2013

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Shepherdstown, WV (June 2013)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Atlanta, GA (January 2013)

Attendee, THECB Deans' Meeting with Commissioners Paredes and Scott, Austin, TX (September 2012)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Wise, VA (June 2012)

Member, SACS-COC Off-Site Reaffirmation Committee (Cluster 7), Atlanta, GA (May 2012)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2012)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Camrose, Alberta (June 2011)

Member, SACS-COC On-Site Visiting Committee, University of South Carolina-Aiken (March 2011)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), San Francisco, CA (January 2011)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Louisville, KY (December 2010)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Asheville, NC (June 2010)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2010)

Panel Participant, "A Public Liberal Arts Education: What Difference Does It Make for Scientists, Teachers, Public Servants, and Health Professionals?" Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Keene, NH (June 2009)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Seattle, WA (January 2009)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Ashland, OR (June 2008)

Attendee, Regional COPLAC Retreat, University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO), Chickasha, OK (May 2008)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2008)

Attendee, University of North Texas Core Curriculum Conference, Denton, TX (September 2007)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Superior, WI (June 2007)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), New Orleans, LA (January 2007)

Member, Class of 2006, Management Development Program (MDP), Harvard Institutes for Higher Education, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA (June 2006)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Milledgeville, GA (June 2006)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Washington, DC (January 2006)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), Atlanta, GA (December 2005)

Participant, "Quality Enhancement and Accreditation," Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC) Summer Institute, Orlando, FL (July 2005)

Participant, 2005 Seminar for New Deans, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS), Denver, CO (July 2005)

Member, Class of 2005, Summer Seminar on Academic Administration, Center for Leadership in Higher Education, College of Education, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX (July 2005)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), Montevallo, AL (June 2005)

Attendee, American Democracy Project (ADP) National Meeting, Portland, OR (June 2005)

Attendee, 9th Annual Texas Higher Education Law Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, TX (April 2005)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Texas Association of Deans of Liberal Arts and Sciences (TADLAS), Austin, TX (February 2005)

Attendee, Annual Meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS), San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Participant, "Chairing the Academic Department: A Workshop for Division and Department Chairs and Deans," American Council on Education (ACE), San Diego, CA (February 2004)

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Lecturer, “A Personal 40 Year Journey from College Freshman to Dean and Full Professor: What a Long, Strange Trip It Has Been,” Midwestern State University Lifelong Learning Center (November 4, 11, and 19, 2021)

Lecturer, “From Far Left to Far Right: Two Distinct Bases for Spectrum Classification of Contemporary Political Positions,” Midwestern State University Lifelong Learning Center (April 21 and 28, 2020)

Lecturer, “Machiavelli, Rousseau, and Hegel: The Originators,” Midwestern State University Lifelong Learning Center (March 26 and April 2, 2019)

Lecturer, “Understanding Vladimir Putin: Back to the Future,” Midwestern State University Lifelong Learning Center (September 18 and 25, 2018)

Founder and Director, Center for the Study of Reform, Midwestern State University (2009-2020)

Research Associate, Center for International Trade and Security, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (1992-2006)

Invited Attendee, “National Security Culture: From National Best Practices to International Standards,” NATO Advanced Research Workshop, Moscow, Russia (October 2005)

Invited Attendee, Legislative Briefing: “Development of Effective WMD Security and Counterterrorism Measures,” Center for International Trade and Security, Moscow, Russia (October 2005)

Invited Attendee, “Commercialization of the Academy,” The Sam Nunn Policy Forum, Atlanta, GA (April 2002)

Invited Attendee, “Information Security: Risks, Opportunities, and the Bottom Line,” The Sam Nunn Policy Forum, Atlanta, GA (April 1998)

Invited Attendee, “Terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, and U.S. Security,” The Sam Nunn Policy Forum, Athens, GA (April 1997)

Panel Discussant, “Empirical Studies Linking Comparative Politics and International Relations,” 66th Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (November 1994)

Lecturer, “Comparing Yeltsin and Gorbachev as Political Reformers: A Rational Actor versus a Theoretical Thinker?,” Faculty Forum Series III, Midwestern State University (March 1994)

Author, “Perestroika, 1985-1991: Gorbachev’s Response to International, State, and Societal Stimuli,” 71st Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA (March 1993)

Assistant to the Conference Coordinator, “Export Controls in the 1990s: Enhancing Multilateral Cooperation on Non-proliferation Exports Controls,” International Workshop, Athens, GA (October 1991)

Co-Author with Gary K. Bertsch, “U.S. Approaches to East-West Economic Relations,” IV World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies, Harrogate, England (July 1990)

Member of the Seminar Coordinating Committee, “Changes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Implications and Challenges,” University of Georgia Alumni Society Seminar, Athens, GA (February 1990)

Assistant to the Conference Coordinator, 12th International Workshop on East-West Economic Interaction, Athens, GA (April 1989)

Member, University of Georgia delegation (named “most distinguished”), U.S. National Model United Nations, New York City, NY (April 1985)

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Academic Council (2004-present)

Chairman, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences Council (2004-present)

Member, Teacher Education Committee (2004-present)

Member, Presidential Search Committee (2021-2022)

Member, Retention Subcommittee, Recruitment and Retention Taskforce (2021-2022)

Member, Centennial Celebration Committee (2021-2022)

Member, Provost’s Policy Taskforce (2020-2021)

Chairman, Search Committee for Chairperson of the Department of English, Humanities, and Philosophy (2018-2019)

Chairman, Search Committee for Chairperson of the Department of History (2018-2019)

Member, Lifelong Learning Center Founding Council (2017-2019)

Member, Vice President for Enrollment Management Search Advisory Committee (2018)

Member, Provost Search Advisory Committee (2017)

Member, Admissions Director Search Committee (2015)

Member, Presidential Search Advisory Committee (2014-2015)

Member, President's COPLAC Advisory Committee (2007-2015)

Chairman, Search Committee for Chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages (2012-2013)

Member, MAP-Works Committee (2012-2013)

Member, CART-IT Research Task Force (2010-2012)

Member, Enrollment Management Council (2010-2012)

Chairman, Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Topic Selection Committee (2010-2011)

Member, Exploratory Committee for Master of Liberal Arts (2010-11)

Chairman, Search Committee for Chairperson of the Department of English (2008-2009)

Member, Provost's Curriculum Committee (2008-2009)

Member, Search Committee for the Director of the Honors Program (2008-2009)

Member, Provost's Committee on University Learning Goals and the Curriculum (2007-2008)

Member, Strategic Planning Steering Committee (2002-2008)

Member, COPLAC Marketing Committee (2006-2007)

Member, Student Success Committee (2005-2007)

Campus Accreditation Liaison, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (2005-2007)

Member, Search Committee for the Director of the Physical Plant (2006)

Member, Search Committee for the Dean of the College of Science and Math (2005-2006)

Member, COPLAC Membership Committee (2005-2006)

Member, Regents' Professor Selection Committee (2005)

Member, Policy Manual Revision Committee for 3.111, 3.114, and 3.116 (2005)

Member, Admissions Policy Committee (2004-2005)

Chairman, Search Committee for the Chairperson of the Department of Political Science (2004-2005)

Member, College of Liberal Arts Council (1999-2004)

Chairman, Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Infrastructure (2002-2003)

Member, Rank and Tenure Committee (2002-2003)

Member, Honors Curriculum Committee, College of Liberal Arts (2001-2003)

Chairman, Subcommittee for Business, Math, and Science Undergraduate Programs, SACS Self-Study Project (1999-2002)

Member, Pre-Law Committee (2001-2002)

Faculty Co-Sponsor, Mortar Board Honor Society (1997-2000)

Member, Faculty Research Committee (1996-1999)

Campus Coordinator and Coach, College Bowl and Academic Competition Foundation teams (1994-1998)

Director, Honors Symposium High School Bowl Tournament (1994-1998)

Faculty Co-Sponsor, Alpha Chi Honor Society (1994-1998)

Member, Honors Program Committee (1992-1995, 1997-1998)

Member, Who's Who Selection Committee (1997-1998)

Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate (1995-1997)

Secretary, Faculty Senate (1996-1997)

Treasurer, Faculty Senate (1995-1996)

Divisional Representative, Faculty Senate (1993-1997)

Member, Student Conduct Committee (1995-1996)

Member, Core Curriculum Committee (1993-1996)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Research Grant, President's Excellence Club, Midwestern State University (1993-1994)

Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for the Study of World Politics (1991-1992)

Merit Fellowship, Committee on Admissions and Scholarships, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1987-1988)

Spring Semester Award, International Security Studies Committee, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1987)

Merit Fellowship, Committee on Admissions and Scholarships, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1986-1987)

HONORS

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Beta Delta

Golden Key

Gamma Beta Phi

Zodiac

Phi Eta Sigma

AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year, Cap and Gown Chapter of Mortar Board, Midwestern State University, 2007-2008

Faculty Member of the Year, Student Government Association, Midwestern State University, 1996-1997

MILITARY SERVICE

Honorable Discharge, United States Naval Reserve (USNR), February 28, 2006

Intelligence Officer, (O-3), United States Naval Reserve, (Individual Ready Reserve), 2002-2006

Intelligence Officer, (O-2), United States Naval Reserve, (JICPAC 1070, NAS Fort Worth JRB), 2000-2002

Intelligence Officer, (O-1), United States Naval Reserve, (JICPAC 1070, NAS Fort Worth JRB), 1998-2000

Intelligence Specialist (E-4/IS-3), United States Naval Reserve (JICPAC 1070, NAS Dallas), 1997-1998

INTERNSHIPS

Majority Staff Intern (selected by the office of Senator Sam Nunn, D-GA), Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Committee on Governmental Affairs, United States Senate, Washington, DC (Summer 1987)

LANGUAGES

Russian (earned general professional proficiency rating in reading, limited working proficiency rating in speaking by 1988 examination)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Wichita Falls, TX (2003-2006)

Member, Board of Trustees, The Episcopal School, Wichita Falls, TX (1999-2001)

Member, Rotary Club of Wichita Falls, TX (1995-1997)

PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Conference of Academic Deans (ACAD)

PERSONAL

Born 2-25-1964

Married, two adult daughters

U.S. citizen

REFERENCES

Available upon request

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