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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Tennessee, Political Science (2002)

Dissertation: Media and the State Legislature

M.A., University of Tennessee, Political Science (1999)

B.A., Winthrop University, Political Science and Sociology (1997)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University (2014-Present)

Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University (2008-2014)

Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Economy and the Future Western Carolina University (2002-2006)

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University (2002-2008)

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Department Head, Department of Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University (July 2012-present; Interim from July 2011-June 2012)

Director, Public Policy Institute, Western Carolina University (July 2008-July 2011)

M.P.A. Director, Western Carolina University (2005-2010)

AWARDS

North Carolina Professor of the Year, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching (2013)

Board of Governors Teaching Award, WCU (2013)

University Scholar, WCU (2011)

Chancellor's Award for Engaged Teaching, WCU (2007)

Teaching-Research Award, WCU (2006)

Outstanding Achievement—Teaching, Service Learning Department (2005)

Oral Parks Award for the best faculty paper presented at the 2003 meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association.

Artinian Professional Development Grant, Southern Political Science Association (2004; 2006)

Provost's Citation for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee (2002)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Social Network Analysis course through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Chapel Hill, NC (2010)

Spit Camp, Salimetrics, Inc, State College, PA (2010)

Deliberative Polling Institute, Stanford University (2008)

Hierarchical Linear Model course through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Amherst, MA (2005)

Summer Institute in Experimental Methods, Yale University (2003)

Summer Institute in Political Psychology, Ohio State University (1999)

RESEARCH [# DENOTES STUDENT CO-AUTHOR]

BOOKS

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Cooper, Christopher A. Whitney Bridges#, and David M. McCord. 2017. "Personality and the Teaching of Public Administration: A Case for the Big Five." *Journal of Public Affairs Education*. 23: 677-690.

Cooper, Christopher A., H. Gibbs Knotts, and Jordan Ragusa. 2016. "The Constrained Governor? Gubernatorial Decision-Making on U.S. Senate Appointments." *Political Research Quarterly*. 69: 482-494.

Collins, Todd A., and Christopher A. Cooper. 2016. "The Case Salience Index, Public Opinion and Decision Making on the U.S. Supreme Court." *Justice System Journal*. 37: 232-245.

Menickelli, Justin, David Barney, Dan P. Grube, and Christopher A. Cooper. 2016. Disc Golf and Walking Benefits: A Pedometer Based Physical Activity Assessment. *International Journal of Physical Education, Fitness and Sports*. 5(1): 1-5.

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Cooper, Christopher A. “And Now for Something Completely Different: Good News from the 2018 Elections.” *Asheville Citizen Times*. November 19, 2018.

Cooper, Christopher A. “Taking Stock of What We Know Ahead of November 6.” *Asheville Citizen Times*. October 20, 2018.

Cooper, Christopher A. “Contextualizing Constitutional Amendments.” *Asheville Citizen Times*. September 17, 2018.

Cooper, Christopher A. “November is Coming: What We know—and don’t—about How North Carolina Voters Will Lean.” *Asheville Citizen Times*. August 26, 2018.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Politics of Southern Identity." Presented at the Southern Studies Forum. Odense, Denmark. April 2019 (with H. Gibbs Knotts and Scott Huffmon).

"Heritage v. Hate: Assessing Opinions in Debate Over Confederate Monuments and Memorials." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association. February, 2019 (with Scott H. Huffmon, H. Gibbs Knotts, and Seth McKee).

"Still Fighting the Civil War? Southern Opinions on the Confederate Legacy?" Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. March, 2018 (with M.V. Hood III, Scott H. Huffmon, Quentin Kidd, H. Gibbs Knotts, and Seth C. McKee).

"Leaving the (Political) Party in the South: Unaffiliated Voters and the Future of the Southern Electorate." Presented at the Auburn University Montgomery Southern Studies Conference. February, 2018.

"The Resilience of Southern Identity." Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Southern American Studies Association. March, 2017 (with H. Gibbs Knotts).

"The Five Factor Model, Public Service Motivation, and Person-Organization Fit." Presented at the Northeastern Conference for Public Administration. Harrisburg, PA. November, 2016.

"Furling the Flag: Examining the Legislative Vote to Remove the Confederate Flag from the Statehouse Grounds in South Carolina." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. March, 2016 (with Latasha Chaffin and H. Gibbs Knotts).

"Tuition vs. Fees: Breaking Down the Ballooning Costs of Attendance in America's Public Colleges." Presented at the Northeastern Conference for Public Administration. Arlington, VA. November, 2015 (with Tyler Reinagel).

"Charter Reform in City Government: The Case of Columbia, SC." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. Charleston, SC. October, 2015 (with James Bourne and H. Gibbs Knotts).

"The Bluest Red State in America: North Carolina as a Swing State." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April, 2015 (with H. Gibbs Knotts)

"Personality Predictors of Job Satisfaction in Public Administrators." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association. Hilton Head, SC. March, 2015 (with John Luke McCord).

"The Resilience of Southern Identity." Presented at the AUM Southern Studies Conference 2015. February 2015 (with Gibbs Knotts).

“Personality and Nonprofit Management.” Presented at the Northeastern Conference on Public Administration. October, 2014.

“What Do Wilbur Zelinsky and the Beatles Have in Common?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Tampa, FL. April 2014 (with Gibbs Knotts)

“Blue Beacon in the South, or the New South Carolina? North Carolina Politics in the 21st Century” Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. Charleston, SC. February, 2014 (with Gibbs Knotts)

“A ‘Court’ of Public Opinion Influence on Judicial Decision-Making in the U.S. Supreme Court.” Presented at the Public Choice Society Conference. March, 2014 (with Todd Collins).

“Appointed Senators: Treadmill to Oblivion or Stairway to Success?” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL. January, 2014 (with Gibbs Knotts)

“Unpacking Southern Identity.” Presented at the Southern American Studies Association Meeting. Charleston, SC. February, 2013 (with Gibbs Knotts)

“Southern Identity Revisited.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL. January, 2013 (with Gibbs Knotts)

“Reassessing Case Salience.” To be presented at the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. August, 2012 (with Todd Collins). [Conference was cancelled due to Hurricane]

“The Southern Focus Poll Revisited.” Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. Charleston, SC. February, 2012 (with Gibbs Knotts).

“In Search of Meaning in Southern And Dixie Business Names.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. Charlotte, NC. February, 2011 (with Gibbs Knotts and Hope Alwine#).

“Media Coverage of the Burger Court.” Presented at Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January, 2011 (with Todd A. Collins).

“Measuring Legal Salience.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April, 2010 (with Todd A. Collins).

“Love ‘Em or Hate ‘Em: Opinions of Southerners between 1964 and 2008.” Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March, 2010 (with Gibbs Knotts).

“The Geography of Social Identity in Appalachia.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. Durham, NC. February, 2010 (with Gibbs Knotts and Katy Elders).

“Methodological Tools in SoTL” Presented at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Bloomington, IN. October, 2009 (with John Habel, Mary Jean Herzog, and Kathleen Brennan).

“Guided by Voices: Understanding Student Learning.” Presented at the International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Edmonton, AL. October, 2008 (with Anna McPhadden, Chesney Reich, Glenn Bowen, Laura Cruz, and Carol Burton).

“Two Approaches to Place and Civic Engagement.” Presented at the American Democracy Project. Snowbird, UT. June, 2008 (with Sean O’Connell).

“Overlapping Identifies: Investigating the Causes and Consequences of Social Identify in the South.” Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March, 2008 (with Gibbs Knotts, presenter).

“The Importance of Voter Files for State Politics Research.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January, 2008 (with Gibbs Knotts and Moshe Haspel).

“Beyond Racial Threat.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. September, 2007 (with Gibbs Knotts and Moshe Haspel).

“News Media and the State Policy Process: Perspectives from Legislators and Political Professionals.” Presented at the 7th Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy. Austin, TX. February, 2007 (with Martin Johnson).

“Politics and the Press Corps: Reporters, State Legislative Institutions and Context.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. August, 2006 (with Martin Johnson).

“Politics and the Press Corps: Reporters, State Legislative Institutions and Context.” Presented at the 6th Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy. Lubbock, TX. May, 2006 (with Lilliard Richardson).

“The Impact of Multi-Member Districts on Descriptive Representation in U.S. State Legislatures, 1975-2002.” Presented at the 6th Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy. Lubbock, TX. May, 2006 (with Lilliard Richardson).

“Trust in Government, Citizen Competence and Public Opinion on Zoning.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. High Point, NC. March, 2006 (with Gibbs Knotts and Kathleen Brennan).

“Casework in U.S. State Legislatures.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA. January, 2006 (with Lilliard Richardson).

“Voice of the People: Letters to the Editor in America’s Newspapers.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. August, 2005 (with H. Gibbs Knotts).

“Newsgathering in America’s Statehouses.” Presented at the 5th Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy. East Lansing, MI. May, 2005 (with Martin Johnson).

“Media Coverage of Scandal and Declining Trust in Government: An Experimental Analysis of 9/11 Commission Testimony.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April, 2005 (with Anthony Nownes).

“Beyond Dixie: Race, Region, and Support for the South Carolina Confederate Flag.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. Pembroke, NC. March, 2005 (with H. Gibbs Knotts).

“Media Bias and American Statehouse Reporting.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January, 2005 (with Martin Johnson).

“The Impact of Institutional Design on State Legislative Representation.” Presented at the 4th Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy. Kent, OH. April, 2004 (with Lilliard Richardson).

“Defining Dixie: Searching for a Better Measure of the Modern Political South.” Presented at the 2004 Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. March, 2004 (with H. Gibbs Knotts).

[Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. Elon University. March, 2004.]

“Negotiating Newsworthiness: Organized Interests and Journalists in the States.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January, 2004 (with Anthony J. Nownes).

“State Legislators in the Internet Age.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. August, 2003. (with Lilliard Richardson).

“Descriptive Representation in Multi-Member Districts, 1975-2002.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April, 2003 (with Lilliard Richardson).

“The Consequences of Multi-Member Districts in the State Legislature.” Presented at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Conference on State Politics and Policy. Tucson, AZ. March, 2003 (with Lilliard Richardson).

“I Learned it From Jay Leno: Entertainment Media in the 2000 Election.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association. Rock Hill, SC. February 2003 (with Mandi Bates). Also presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. Elon, NC.

“Do Advertorials Work?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Savannah, GA. November 2002 (with Anthony Nownes).

“Legislative Representation in the Face of Direct Democracy.” Presented at the 2nd Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy. Milwaukee, WI. May, 2002 (with Lilliard E. Richardson).

“Local Citizen Groups.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Long Beach, CA. March 2002 (with Anthony J. Nownes).

“Internet Use in the State Legislature.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. March, 2001.

“Media Consumption in the State Legislature.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. March 2001.

“Media and the State Legislature.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. September, 2000.

“Depictions of Public Service in Children’s Literature.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Political Psychology. Seattle, WA (with Marc Schwerdt). July, 2000.

“Former State Legislators in the U.S. Congress During the 1990’s.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta, GA. (with Lilliard E. Richardson). August, 1999.

CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

“Policymaking in the Shadows: Collaborative Governance, University Governing Boards and the New Politics of Higher Education.” Graduate School and Research. \$5000.

“Opt-In Survey.” 2013. \$8,896. Sponsor: Southwestern Commission.

“Public Opinion on the Town Square Property in Black Mountain, NC.” 2010. \$6,000. Sponsor: Town of Black Mountain.

“French Broad River Congestion Management Plan.” 2010. Subcontract from The Louis Berger Group. \$5000.

“Evaluating Health Risk in Yancey County Schools.” 2010. \$500.

“Know Your Region.” Contract with the US Economic Development Administration. 2009. Co-PI with John Hensley. \$50,000.

“American Youth Congress.” 2009. NC Civic Education Consortium/Z Smith Reynolds. \$6000.

“Voter Education Initiative.” 2008. NC Campus Compact. \$500.

“Citizen Satisfaction in Buncombe County.” 2007. \$16,577.

“Evaluating Health Risk in Yancey County Schools.” 2007. \$500.

“Regional Outlook Report.” 2007. Internal Contract with the Institute for the Economy and the Future. \$6,500.

WCU Summer Research Fellowship. 2007. \$1500.

Co-Principal Investigator (with H. Gibbs Knotts). Sponsored contract with the city of Asheville, NC to consult about the design of a citizen satisfaction survey. \$3,000.

WCU Summer Research Grant, 2001. \$5000.

Yates Dissertation Fellowship, UTK, 2001. \$5000.

Undergraduate Education Improvement Grant, UTK Department of Political Science, 2001. \$1000.

Dissertation Fellowship, UTK Department of Political Science, 2001. \$700.

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT AT WCU

State and Local Government
State and Local Governance
Political Parties, Campaigns and Elections
Simulation in American Politics
Research Methods in Public Affairs
Political Analysis
Public Policy Analysis Southern Politics
Election 2012
Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Politics
Introduction to American Government
Mass Media and American Politics
Political Parties and Interest Groups
Civic Engagement
British Political Systems
The University Experience
Advanced Writing in Political Science
Public Administration
Internship in Political Science
Co-op in Political Science
Political Parties
MPA Internship Experience
Metropolitan Government
Public Affairs Capstone Experience
Public Affairs Administration

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING

Guest Lecturer, Ludwigsburg University of Education, Ludwigsburg, Germany (May, 2018)

Guest Lecturer, Middelburg Center for Transatlantic Studies, Middelburg, the Netherlands
(December, 2009; June 2012)

THESIS & DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Terry Bellamy (EdD, in Progress)
Christopher Franklin (EdD, 2016)
John Luke McCord (MA, Psychology, 2016, Chair)
Amy Jones (EdD, 2014)
Whitney Bridges-Campbell (MA, Psychology, 2013)
Kimberlee Cooper (MA, Psychology, 2013)
David Solomon (MA, Psychology 2012)
Christopher Holden (MA, Psychology, 2012)
Jenny Smith (MA, HHP, 2011)
Benjamin Locklair (MA, Psychology, 2011)
Brandon Rice (MA, English, 2010)
Andrew Johnson (MA, Psychology, 2010)

Heidi Turlington (MA HHP, 2009)

Joe Hurley (MA, History 2006)

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer for [since 2010]:

Administration and Society
American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
American Politics Research
American Review of Politics
American Review of Public Administration
American Sociological Review
Annals of the American Association of American Geographers
Congress and the Presidency
European Journal of Personality
Geography Compass
International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
International Review of Public Administration
Journal of Food Science Education
Journal of Information Technology and Politics
Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs
Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory
Journal of Public Affairs Education
Justice System Journal
Legislative Studies Quarterly
National Science Foundation
Personality and Individual Differences
Political Behavior
Political Communication
Political Research Quarterly
Politics and Policy
PS: Political Science and Politics
Public Administration Review,
Public Opinion Quarterly
Public Budgeting and Finance
Public Management Review
Public Personnel Management
Public Performance and Management Review
Review of Public Personnel Administration
Social Science Quarterly
Social Forces
Southeastern Geographer
Social Problems
Social Science and Medicine
Social Science Journal
Southeastern Geographer

Southern Cultures
State and Local Government Review
State Politics and Policy Quarterly
Urban Affairs Review
Oxford University Press
Palgrave MacMillan
CQ Press
Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

Section Head Duties at Conference

Section Chair for State and Local Politics Section of the Southern Political Science Association, 2008.

Discussant and Panel Chair Duties at Conferences

Discussant for panel on “Electoral Reform in North Carolina.” North Carolina Political Science Association. February, 2011.

Chair for panel on “Economic Development Policies.” North Carolina Political Science Association. Durham, NC. February, 2010.

Chair for panel on “The Future of State Politics.” Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January, 2008.

Discussant for panel on “Electoral Reform.” American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. September, 2007.

Discussant for panel on “Disaster: Politics and Policy.” Policy History Conference. Charlottesville, VA. June, 2006.

Chair and Discussant for panel on “Issues in Electoral Politics.” North Carolina Political Science Association. High Point, NC. March, 2006.

Discussant for panel on “Issues in American Politics.” North Carolina Political Science Association. High Point, NC. March, 2006.

Discussant for panel on “North Carolina Politics.” Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics. Charleston, SC. February, 2006.

Chair and discussant for panel on “State Policy.” American Political Science Association. Washington, DC. September, 2005.

Discussant for panel on state politics. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. April, 2005.

Chair and Discussant for panel on “Electoral Politics.” Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association. Cullowhee, NC. March, 2004.

Discussant, “State Legislative Elections.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January, 2004.

Discussant and Chair, “Highlighting Student Research.” Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association. Rock Hill, SC. February 2003.

Discussant and Chair, “Media Coverage of Elections and Representation.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. November, 2002.

INVITED TALKS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“The Resilience of Southern Identity.” Presented at the West Forum, Winthrop University. November, 2018.

“2018 Elections.” Presented to the Foundation Board of Blue Ridge Public Radio. November, 2018.

“2018 Elections.” Roundtable on NC Spin (UNC-TV)

“The Future of the Two-Party System.” Presented at Leadership Asheville Foundation. October, 2018

“The 2018 Election” Presented at the Beth HaTePhelia Congregation Brotherhood Luncheon. October, 2018

“The 2018 Constitutional Amendments.” Presented at the Cathedral of All Souls. Asheville, NC. October, 2018.

“Elections and North Carolina Politics in 2018.” Presented at the NC Local Government Budget Officers Association Annual Summer Meeting. Atlantic Beach, NC. July 2018.

“State and Local Government in North Carolina.” Leadership Asheville. December, 2018.

Moderated 11th Congressional District Democratic Primary Debate. Canton, NC. April, 2018.

“The Resilience of Southern Identity.” Madstone Café and Books. September, 2017.

Moderated Asheville City Council Debate. Givens Estate. August, 2017.

“Politics in Western North Carolina.” Presented at the Hinton Rural Life Center. June, 2017.

“Redistricting.” Presented at the FairVote Forum, Haywood Community College. June, 2017.

“Redistricting.” Presented to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce. May, 2017.

“Man is, by Nature, a Political Animal.” Presented at the Science Café. Sylva, NC. March, 2017.

“State of State Politics.” Presented to Leadership Asheville Foundation Luncheon. March, 2017.

“Raising Your Voice: Contacting Your Representatives in a Polarized Age.” Presented at the Haywood County Library. March, 2017.

“Politics 2017.” Presented to the NC City/County Manager’s Association in Durham, NC. February 2017.

“Election 2016.” Presented at the WCU Alumni Association Meeting in Charlotte, NC. October, 2016.

Speaker and Moderator for Buncombe County Commissioner Debate. October, 2016.

“Election 2016.” Presented at the WCU Alumni Association Meeting in Atlanta, NC. October, 2016.

“Election 2016.” Presented at the South Asheville Rotary Club. October, 2016.

“Election 2016.” Presented at the Buncombe County Rotary Club. October, 2016.

“Election 2016.” Presented at the Sylva Rotary Club. October, 2016.

“Election 2016.” Presented at Beth Hatephelia Brotherhood Lunch. October, 2016.

“Politics 2016.” Presented at Life@WCU. Cullowhee and Asheville. October 2016.

“Political Polarization.” Presented to the Buncombe County League of Women Voters. June 2016.

“Congress Today.” Presented at Life@WCU. Cullowhee, and Asheville. November, 2015.

“Politics 2015.” Presented at the Highlands Leadership Series. Highlands, NC. July, 2015.

“Politics in North Carolina.” Presentation to the Nonprofit Pathways Policy Conference. January, 2015.

“Polarization in Politics.” Presented at the Givens Estate, Asheville, NC. June 2015.

“Politics Today in North Carolina.” Presented at Leadership Asheville. Asheville, NC. February, 2015.

“North Carolina For Nonprofits.” Presented at the Nonprofit Pathways Public Policy Briefing. January 2015.

“Regional Outlook Report.” Presented at Lead WNC, Cullowhee, NC. November, 2014.

“North Carolina Politics.” Presented at Leadership Asheville, Asheville, NC. November, 2014.

“Election 2014.” Presented at Beth Hatephelia Synagogue. Asheville, NC. October 2014.

“Electoral Politics in the United States.” Presented to the Finance Directors for America’s Motor Speedways. October, 2013.

“The Current State of American Civics.” 2nd Annual Social Work Conference: Citizenship and Civility: Working Together for Practical Adovcacy in a Polarized Era. May, 2013.

“Election 2012.” Presented at Sylva Rotary Club. Sylva, NC, October, 2012.

“Election 2012.” Presented at Leadership Asheville. Asheville, NC, October, 2012.

“Election 2012.” Keynote address to the Motor Speedway Finance Officers. September, 2012.

“Election 2012 in North Carolina.” Keynote address to the North Carolina Association of Electrical Cooperatives. September, 2012.

“Election 2012.” Keynote address to the North Carolina City/County Manager’s Association Summer Meeting. June, 2012.

“What Do The Data Tell Us About Hunger?” Presented at Leadership Asheville. Asheville NC, April, 2012.

“Public Opinion on Second Home Development.” Presented at the Symposium on Second Home Development. Asheville, NC April, 2011.

“North Carolina Politics” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented to the Association of North Carolina Budget Officers. Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC. 2010.

“Engaged Scholarship and the Public Policy Institute.” Presented to the Morehead State Leadership Institute, 2009.

“Progressivism in North Carolina Politics” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented at Quail Ridge Bookstore. Raleigh, NC, June, 2008.

“Progressivism in North Carolina Politics” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented at the John Locke Foundation. Raleigh, NC, June, 2008.

“Political Change in Western North Carolina.” Presented at the Economic Forecast Forum, sponsored by the NC Association of Bankers and the NC Chamber of Commerce. Raleigh, NC, January, 2008.

“Multi-Member Districts.” Electoral Reform: 2006 and Beyond Conference. Columbus, OH, January, 2007.

“Rhetoric on Representation.” University of California, Riverside, November, 2006.

“The Importance of Undergraduate Research.” Presentation to the Winthrop University Undergraduate Research Expo. February, 2006.

“Perspectives on Economic Development Research.” Presentation to Business Librarians in North Carolina. August, 2005.

“The Importance of a Political Science Education.” Presentation to Winthrop University Pi Sigma Alpha Chapter Keynote speaker, Pi Sigma Alpha initiation, Winthrop University, February 2003.

INVITED TALKS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Quoted over 1,000 times in such media outlets as CNN.com, *New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *ESPN.com*, *USA Today*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Raleigh News and Observer*, *Boston Herald*, *Asheville-Citizen Times*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Winston Salem Journal*, *National Journal*, *Rock Hill Herald*, *Smoky Mountain News*, *Hendersonville Times*, *Sylva Herald*, *Mountain Express*, *Yahoo Singapore News*, Blue Ridge Public Radio, WUNC, WFAE, CNN, FOX News, WLOS TV, WATV, WFSC, and KISS FM.

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT, AND REGIONAL SERVICE

Current and Continuing

- Mountain Projects Board of Directors
- Forest Stewards Board of Directors
- Editor, Faculty Forum (2016-)
- Dept. of Political Science, Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment Committee (2008-present)
- MPA Committee (2002-present)
- Student Assessment of Instruction Task Force (2018-)
- Task Force to Select New Assessment Software (2018-)
- Coulter Faculty Commons Advisory Board (2016-)
- College of Business Advisory Board (2016-)

Previous Service

- Regional Conference Planning Committee (2012-2016)
- COACHE survey task force (2015-2016)
- Facilitator, Leadership Summit (2015)
- Faculty Senate (2009-2015)
- SAI Standardization Task Force (2015)
- Academic Policy Review Council (2013-2015)
- Arts and Sciences Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment Committee (2008-2014)
- Chair, Search Committee for Public Administration Faculty (2015)
- Book Store Task Force (2014)
- Search Committee for Public Administration Faculty (2014)
- Search Committee to hire an Assistant Professor in Public Administration (2012-2013)
- Chair, search committee to hire a visiting assistant professor in International Relations
- Chair, search committee to hire a lecturer in American Politics and Global Issues
- Search Committee for Research Development Specialist (2014)
- Search Committee for Human Geography (2014)
- Chair, Search Committee to hire Comparative Politics Faculty (2013)
- Chair, Faculty Affairs Caucus (2010-2011; 2012-2013)
- Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee (2012-2013)
- Faculty Affairs Caucus (2009-2014)
- Faculty Senate Planning Team (2010-2011; 2012-2013)
- Chair, 2020 Commission Subcommittee on Community Partnerships (2012)
- Chair, Search Committee to hire an Administrative Support Associate in the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs (2012)
- Chair, Search Committee to hire a Research Support Associate in the Coulter Faculty Center (2011)
- Search Committee to hire an Assistant Professor in Parks and Recreation Management (2012)
- Search Committee to hire an Assistant Professor in Public Administration (2012)
- Search Committee to hire a Visiting Assistant Professor in Public Administration (2012)
- College of Business Research Award Committee (2012)
- Institutional Review Board (2005-2011)

- Mountain Heritage Center Program Assessment Team (2011)
- Chair, American Democracy Project (2010-2011)
- Arts and Sciences Program Prioritization Task Force (2011)
- Department of International Programs Assessment Team (2010)
- Cullowhee Revitalization Task Force (2010)
- Chair, Department Graduate Recruitment Committee
- Chair, Department Graduate Comps Committee
- Chair, Department Graduate Internship Committee
- International Relations Search Committee (2010)
- WCU/Dillsboro Partnership Task Force (2009-2010)
- QEP Assessment Committee (2007-2010)
- Arts and Sciences Teaching Award Committee (2009-2010)
- Co-Chair Social Science Research Forum (2007-2010)
- Chair, MPA Director Search Committee (2009-2010)
- Public Administration Search Committee (2009-2010)
- Chair, MPA Director Search Committee (2008-2009)
- Public Administration Search Committee (2008-2009)
- International Relations Search Committee (2008-2009)
- Chair, Graduate Research Grant subcommittee of the Research Council (2008)
- College Restructuring Task Force (2008-2009)
- Athletics Committee (2006-2009)
- Graduate Council (2006-2009)
- Research Council (2005-2008)
- Chair, Graduate Research Grant subcommittee of the Research Council (2008)
- Co-chair, Integration of Learning Award subcommittee of the Student Learning Committee (2008)
- Outreach and Engagement Committee for UNC-Tomorrow (2008)
- Humphrey Fellows Steering Committee (2007-2008)
- Chair, Public Administration Search Committee (2007-2008)
- Chair, Institutional Review Board (2005-2007)
- Chair, Public Administration Visiting Search Committee (2007)
- Public Law visiting assistant professor search committee (2006)
- International Relations visiting instructor search committee (2006)
- Congress to Campus Coordinator (2006)
- President, University Club (2006-2007)
- Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee (2005-2007)
- Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Board (2006-2007)
- Committee Chair, National Youth Congress (April, 2005)
- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Committee (2005-2006)
- Committee on Student Learning (2005-2008)
- ICPSR Representative for WCU (2004-2007)
- Created and Directed WCU faculty Quantitative Research Forum (2004-2005)
- Congress to Campus Coordinator (2004)
- Center for Regional Development Director Search Committee (2003)
- Public Administration Search Committee (2003)

- Co-op and Internship Coordinator, Dept. of Political Science, WCU (2002-2006)
- Webmaster, WCU Department of Political Science (2002-2007)

ON-CAMPUS SPEAKING

- “Politics 2018.” Presented to Life@WCU (Cullowhee and Asheville, NC. 2018)
- “The 2018 Midterms.” Presented to the Democracy Coalition. April 2018 (WCU).
- “Election 2014.” Presentation to Life @WCU [presented twice] September, 2014
- “The Importance of Liberal Arts,” Arts and Sciences Big Questions Series, March, 2014.
- “Regional Outlook” Presented to the 2013 Regional Conference. October, 2013
- “Public Education” Freshman Convocation Speech, WCU Freshman Convocation, August 2013.
- “Regional Outlook.” Presented to the Chancellor’s Leadership Council, August, 2013.
- “Public Education” Commencement Speech, WCU Graduate School Commencement, May 2013.
- “The Teacher-Scholar Model.” Presented to the New Faculty at WCU. April, 2013
- Panel on Southern Stereotypes at the WCU Mountain Heritage Center. March, 2013
- “Book Panel: Madmen, Intellectuals, and Academic Scribblers.” Sponsored by the Economics Club at WCU.
- “Election 2012 Wrap-Up.” Speaker at Forum organized by the Department and the Public Policy Institute.
- “Political Psychology.” Presented to WCU Psychology Department Colloquium. October, 2012.
- “Media Coverage of the Courts” Presented to Political Science Department Research Symposium. October, 2012.
- “Election 2012.” Presented to WCU Resident Assistants. September, 2012.
- “How to be a New Department Head” Presented to the new Department Heads. August, 2012.
- “Personality and Public Administration” Presented to Political Science Department Research Symposium. April, 2012.
- “Should I get a PhD?” Presented to the GATE week, sponsored by the Coulter Faculty Commons. February 2012.
- “Personality and Public Administration” Presented to the Psychology Research Symposium. February, 2012.
- “Political Psychology.” Presented to the Psychology Research Symposium. September, 2011.
- “New Approaches to Methodology.” Presented to the Psychology Research Symposium. March, 2011.
- “Political Psychology.” Presented to the Psychology Research Symposium. November, 2010.
- “Gauging Public Opinion.” Seminar to the Local Government Training Program. Land of Sky, Asheville, NC (with Gibbs Knotts). February, 2010.
- “Assessing Public Opinion on the Confederate Flag.” Presented at the 10th Annual Diversity Week. Western Carolina University. September, 2009.
- “Quantitative Analysis.” Presented at the 2nd Annual SoTL Retreat. Waynesville, NC. February, 2009.
- “Reflections on the 2008 Elections” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented to the WCU Foundation Board. November, 2008.
- “Appalachian Politics” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented at the Appalachian Lunchtime Series. Mountain Heritage Center, Western Carolina University. October, 2008.
- “5 Myths About American Elections” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented at the Sylva Rotary Club. September, 2008
- “10 Myths About America Elections” (with Gibbs Knotts). Presented at Mayland Community College, July 2008.

- “Quantitative Research and SoTL.” Presentation to the SoTL Retreat, Western Carolina University, February, 2008.
- “Statehouse Reporters.” Presentation at the Qualitative Research Group, Western Carolina University, April, 2007.
- “We’re from the IRB and We’re Here to Help You.” Presentation at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Faire, Western Carolina University, April, 2007.
- “Voice of the People? Gender Representation in Letters to the Editor.” Presented at the 6th Annual Gender Conference. March, 2007.
- “Using NSSE in your Teaching.” January, 2007.
- “Civic Education.” Presentation to Civic Place, WCU. September, 2006
- “IRB Promoting SoTL by Means of the Institutional Review Board.” Presentation at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Faire, Western Carolina University. February, 2006.
- “Perspectives on Engaged Learning.” Presentation to faculty and staff at Western Carolina University. September, 2005.
- “Representative Reporters?” Presentation to the Quantitative Research Group, Western Carolina University. September, 2005.
- “ICPSR: What it is and how do I use it?” Presentation to faculty, staff and students at WCU. September 30, 2004.
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