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# **Education and Professional Recognitions:**

ABD (Feb. 1998) University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI Honors: 1996-97 & 1997-98 recipient of Wilder Crane Memorial Scholarship

M.A. (Aug. 1995) University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND Honors: recipient of North Dakota Board of Education Scholarship

- 2013-2014 Wisconsin Teaching Fellow-UW System Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the Office of Professional and Instructional Development.
- Award for Outstanding Contributions to Political Science Education from the UW Colleges Political Science Department, March 2011.
- Awarded the Marilee White Instructional Academic Staff Award for Teaching Excellence May 2010.
- Awarded the UW Colleges Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence, August 2010.

# **Academic and Professional Experience:**

I have taught the full range of courses in the UW Colleges Political Science curriculum and have also taught a variety of interdisciplinary learning community courses and First Year Experience (LEC 100) courses. I have also taught the introductory class in Women's Studies (GSW 101) and a cross-listed class (POL/GSW 231-Sex, Power, and Public Policy) on a regular basis. In addition, I have guest-lectured in a number of Interdisciplinary courses including Bus 101-Introduction to Business, Zoo 290—Biology and Public Perception of Reproduction and Sexuality, HES 217—Social Aspects of Sports, GSW 101—Introduction to Women's Studies, and WOM/GSW 218—Women and Sport.

\*\*Syllabi and teaching evaluations for any or all courses taught are available on request.

### **Professional Associations:**

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

#### Research:

I have published work on education policy in the U.S. states and a book chapter on LGBTQ+ political activism. Research work and conference presentation has also been done on the subjects of campaign finance, extremist political rhetoric, congressional term limits, the role of political parties in the modern campaign, U.S. immigration policy and enforcement, housing policy and privatization efforts in the Reagan administration, presidential approval and its sensitivity to public mood and salient events, and the decline in public trust in government. I have also focused attention on the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) with an emphasis on high-impact practices including learning communities, effective pedagogy, and service learning.

#### **Publications:**

- "We're Here; We're Queer:Power, Politics, and Activism." Chapter 10 for *Living Out Loud: An Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies*, Michael J Murphy, ed., Routledge/Taylor and Francis, New York, 2018.
- "Simulations and Games: Applications" with Adam Wunische, in "The Teacher: 2016 Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summaries," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, July 2016, Vol.49, no.3, pp. 579-580.
- "For Want of a Modem and a Comfortable Chair—A Research Note." *American Journal of Political Science* April 1998, v. 42, no.2, 705.
- "Optimal Performance vs. Risk Aversion: An Application of Substantively Weighted Least Squares." Coauthored with Kenneth J. Meier and Jefferson Gill in *Advancing Public Management: New Developments in Theory, Methods, and Practice*, ed. Jeffrey L. Brudney, Laurence J. O'Toole, and Hal G. Rainey, Georgetown University Press: Washington DC, 1999.

### **Selected Conference Presentations and Participation:**

- <u>Presenter</u>—The Efficacy of Simulation Pedagogy in Introductory Political Science: Challenges and Best Practices for Two-Year Access Institutions, workshop at the 2016 American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, in Portland OR, Feb. 12-14, 2016.
- <u>Presenter</u>--The Efficacy of Divergent Pedagogies in Introductory American Government at a Two-Year Institution of Higher Learning, poster at the 2014 UW OPID Spring conference, Mindful Teaching: Inquiry, Connection, Sustainability, and Creativity, in Green Lake, WI, April 17-18, 2014.
- <u>Presenter</u>—The Political Image: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Service Learning for Holistic Citizenship, at the Network for Renewal Conference of the American Association of Colleges and Universities entitled Art and Humanities: Towards a Flourishing State, in Providence RI, November 3-5, 2011.
- <u>Presenter</u>— Art, Environmental Science, and Politics: Integrated Learning for Informed Citizenship, at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, Demanding Excellence: Liberal Education in an Era of Global Competition, Anti-Intellectualism, and Disinvestment, in Washington DC, January 24-28, 2006.
- <u>Presenter</u>—Community Mosaic: Art, Politics, and the Environment (A Learning Community) at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Learning Communities and Collaboration, Active Voices: The Campus Community Learning Together, in Kansas City, MO, November 11-13, 2004.
- <u>Presenter</u>—*Right Direction or Wrong Track: A Time Series Analysis of the Public Mood.* Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, IL, April 1999.
- <u>Principal Discussant</u>—Simulations and Games: Application track at the 2016 American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference, in Portland OR, Feb. 12-14, 2016.
- <u>Discussant</u>—Undergraduate research posters on Public Opinion at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, April 16-19, 2015.

## Attendee and Participant:

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, "The Quest for Legitimacy: Actions, Audiences and Aspirations," San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3, 2017.
- Council on Undergraduate Research Conference on Undergraduate Research Programs, Norman OK, June 23-25, 2015
- Association of American Colleges and Universities, Spring 2010, *Faculty Roles in High Impact Practices*—Philadelphia, PA, March 25-27, 2010.
- *STEM of Democracy*, organized and administered by SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) in Chicago, IL, February 10-11, 2005.
- 2005 SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Summer Institute in San Jose, CA, August 4-9, 2005.
- Conference interactive telecast delivered by the Association for Integrated Studies, entitled, *Interdisciplinary Studies: Where Are We Today?*, November 10, 2005.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Faculty Development Conference/workshop, *Enhancing the Craft of Teaching*, at UW-Green Bay, January 15, 2004.
- 2002 UW Colleges Conference, *Initiating a First-Year Experience at the UW-Colleges*, held at UW-Fox Valley, June 6, 2002.
- Civic Engagement workshop on SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) held at UW-Marathon County, April 27, 2002.
- Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Spring 2002 Conference, *Learning Communities: Promising Practices for Deepening Learning and Community Engagement*, Atlanta, GA, April 4-6, 2002.

### **Campus and Institutional Service:**

I have served on the following campus committees: Steering Committee, Curriculum Committee, Evaluations Committee, Professional Development Committee, Information and Instructional Technology Committee, Appointments Committee, Budget Committee, Scholarship and Academic Actions Committee, Staffing Prioritization Committee, Dean's Search and Screen Committee 2011. I also serve as a member of the campus ad hoc Safe Zone working group. I have served as the Chair of the Curriculum Committee 2016-17 and the Steering Committee 2018-2019.

I served as an Academic Staff senator on the UW Colleges Senate (member of the Senate Budget Committee) from 2008-2010 and as Academic Staff Liaison for UW Fox Valley. Until the dissolution of the UW Colleges, I was serving as a Faculty Senator on the UW Colleges Senate (2016-2017). I also served on the Senate Student Survey of Instruction Working Group 2010 as well as the Student Survey of Instruction Revision Working Group 2016. I served on the UW Colleges Senate Colloquium Planning Committee for 2016. I also served on the UW Colleges Higher Learning Commission Assurance Review Working Group for Criterion 1:Mission.(2017).

Current member of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Restructuring Academic Affairs Working Group and Liaison to the Curriculum and Program Array Working Group. (2018-2019).

### **Selected Community Service Professional Presentations and Consultations:**

- On-air Election night analysis and commentary for both the 2016 Wisconsin presidential primary-April 5, 2016 and the general election on Tuesday November 8, 2016.
- Presentation to the Appleton Noontime Philosophers entitled *Pre-Election Reflections*, November 2, 2016.
- Presentation delivered to the Appleton Noontime Philosophers entitled *Fascism: A Resurgent Ideology (in Disquise?*), December 2, 2015.
- Semi-frequent guest on "All Things Political" on Wisconsin Public Radio with Kathleen Dunn (July 23, August 31, 2009, January 2010, November 2011, July 2012 and continuing).
- Delivered a lecture entitled, *Putting Polls in Their Place*, as part of the UW-Fox Valley 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary community lecture series. (Fall 2008).
- Developed a presentation on Susan B. Anthony for the UW-Fox Valley Office of Continuing Education's series entitled, *Influential Leaders and Thinkers*, delivered on March 15, 2005.
- December 7, 2005---Delivered a presentation entitled, *Nurturing Citizenship*, for the Kaukauna, WI Rotary Club.
- November 2, 2004—Election Night analysis and commentary on WHBY (1150 am) talk radio.
- October 9, 2003—Presentation for the Neenah (WI) Rotary Club entitled, *Civic Education and Responsible Citizenship: A Challenge for Today*.

### **References:**

- Martin Rudd—Assistant Chancellor for Access Campuses, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, UW-Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Rd. Menasha, WI 54952. Ph. (920)-832-2600
- Bill Bultman—Associate Dean, UW Fox Valley, 1478 Midway Rd. Menasha, WI 54952. Ph. (920) 832-2696.

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