

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education**

Ph.D. Yale University, 1988 (Political Science)

M.Phil. Yale University, 1984 (Political Science)

M.A. Yale University, 1983 (Political Science)

B.A. University of California, Irvine, 1982 (Political Science and Psychology)

### **Honors and Fellowships**

Skidmore College:

Joseph C. Palamountain, Jr. Chair in Government, 2011-

Jon Ramsey Honors Forum Lecturer, 2012

Ralph A. Ciancio Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2005

Faculty Speaker at Commencement, 1991

PEW Grant, 1991

Faculty Research Grant, 1989

Yale University: John Enders Assistance Grant, 1987

Yale University Fellowship, 1982-85

University of California, Irvine: Magna Cum Laude, 1982

Distinguished Student Scholar, 1982

Phi Beta Kappa, 1981 and 1982

### **Publications**

“What Walter Saw: Walter Lippmann, *The New York World*, and Scientific Advocacy as an Alternative to the News-Opinion Dichotomy,” *Journalism History* 41(2) (Summer 2015)

“Trouble with the Statistical Curve: Walter Lippmann’s Blending of History and Social Science during Franklin Roosevelt’s First Term,” *American Journalism* 32(2) (Spring 2015)

“When Objectivity Works: David Halberstam’s Vietnam Reporting,” *Media History Monographs* 15(1) (2012-13)

“Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Getting and Keeping a Job at a Private Liberal Arts College, But your Graduate Advisor Didn’t Tell You” (co-authored with Michelle Donaldson Deardorff, Marianne Githens, Glen Halva-Neubauer, William Hudson, and Grant Reeher), *PS: Political Science & Politics* 34(4) (December 2001)

“Reform as Affirmation: Jimmy Carter’s Executive Branch Reorganization Effort,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 31(1) (March 2001)

“It’s Ideas that Matter: Pat Brown Reorganizes California’s Executive Branch,” *California Politics and Policy* (1997 Special Issue, “The California of the Pat Brown Years: Creative Building for the ‘Golden State’s’ Future”)

“Ronald Reagan’s Administrative Presidency: Costs, Contradictions, and the Future of Administrative Action,” in Eric J. Schmertz, Natalie Datlof, and Alexej Ugrinsky (eds.), *Ronald Reagan’s America* (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1997)

“The Death and Rebirth of Reorganization Planning: Symbolic Action, Divided Government, and Orthodox Administrative Theory’s Enduring Appeal,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly* 24(4) (Fall 1994)

“Nixon’s Administrative Presidency Revisited: Aberration or Watershed?” *Journal of Policy History* 4(3) (1992)

## **Book Reviews**

Review of Charles J. Ogletree, Jr. and Austin Sarat (eds.), *Punishment in Popular Culture* in *Choice* 53 (3) (November 2015)

Review of Harold H. Bruff, *Untrodden Ground: How Presidents Interpret the Constitution* in *Choice* 53 (1) (September 2015)

Review of James Morone, *The Devils We Know: Us and Them in America’s Raucous Political Culture* in *Choice* 52 (11) (July 2015)

Review of Justin Grimmer, Sean J. Westwood, and Solomon Messing, *The Impression of Influence: Legislator Communication, Representation, and Democratic Accountability* in *Choice* 52 (9) (May 2015)

Review of Jason Weeden and Robert Kurzban, *The Hidden Agenda of the Political Mind: How Self-Interest Shapes Our Opinions and Why We Won't Admit It* in *Choice* 52 (8) (April 2015)

Review of Leslie Dale Feldman, *Rustics and Politics: The Political Theory of The Beverly Hillbillies* in *Choice* 52 (5) (January 2015)

Review of Mark Wheeler, *Celebrity Politics: Image and Identity in Contemporary Political Communications* in *Choice* 51(11) (July 2014)

Review of Stephen J. Farnsworth, *The Global President: International Media and the U.S. Government* in *Choice* 51(9) (May 2014)

Review of Joseph J. Foy and Timothy M. Dale (eds.), *Homer Simpson Ponders Politics: Popular Culture as Political Theory* in *Choice* 51(4) (December 2013)

Review of Jim Twombly, *The Progression of the American Presidency: Individuals, Empire, and Change* in *Choice* 51(4) (December 2013)

Review of Timothy M. Dale and Joseph J. Foy (eds.), *Homer Simpson Marches on Washington* in *Choice* 47(12) (August 2010)

Review of Peter deLeon, *Thinking about Political Corruption*, and Robert Maranto, *Politics and Bureaucracy in the Modern Presidency* in *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 541 (September 1995)

## **Teaching Materials**

Teaching Materials for "Trouble with the Statistical Curve: Walter Lippmann's Blending of History and Social Science during Franklin Roosevelt's First Term," posted in the "Teaching Our Journal" section of the *American Journalism* website

## **Conference Participation**

"Death in the Afternoon or Smackdown? The Role of Leadership Skills in the Presidency" (co-authored with Richard Barberio)  
Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association, November 2001, Philadelphia, PA

"Jimmy Carter and the Transition to the Administrative Presidency"

Paper Presented at the Jimmy Carter Library and Presidential Center's Conference on "The Carter Presidency: Policy Choices in the Post New Deal Era," February, 1997, Atlanta, Georgia

"It's Ideas that Matter: Pat Brown Reorganizes California's Executive Branch"

Paper Presented at the "Pat" Brown Institute's "California Issues Conference 1996," November 1996, California State University, Los Angeles

"Ronald Reagan's Administrative Presidency: Costs, Contradictions, and the Future of Administrative Action"

Paper Presented at the Ninth Presidential Conference, April 1993, Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York

Discussant for the panel "Parties and Politics" at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, April 1993, Northampton, Massachusetts

"Regulatory Review and Ronald Reagan's Administrative Presidency"

Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 1993, Pasadena, California

"It's Ideas that Matter: Pat Brown Reorganizes California's Executive Branch"

Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 1991, Seattle, Washington

"Nixon's Administrative Presidency Revisited: Aberration or Watershed?"

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1990, San Francisco, California

"Ever Since Brownlow: Orthodox Administrative Theory and the Perils of Reorganization"

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, April 1990, Albany, New York

### **Courses Taught**

GO 101: Introduction to American Government

GO 251C: Campaigns and Elections in the United States

GO 252: The Psychology of Politics

GO 334: The United States Presidency

GO 362: The Politics of Congress

SSP 041: The Virtual Republic: American Politics in the Media Age

### **Consultancies**

The College Board, Advanced Placement Examination in United States  
Government and Politics (2013-2014)

**Manuscript Reviewer**

*Presidential Studies Quarterly*  
Pearson Higher Education

**Service**

Sabbatical Replacement on the Committee on Educational Policy and Planning (1989-90)  
Curriculum Committee (1991-94, Chair 1993-94)  
Faculty Development Committee (1996-2000)  
Government Department Chair (2001-05)  
Committee on Appointments, Promotions, and Tenure (2007-2010)  
Levine Internship Award Committee  
Political Expression Working Group (2011-2012)  
Palamountain Prose Award Committee (2012-2015)  
Phi Beta Kappa Members in Course Committee (2012-2015)  
Media and Film Studies Minor Steering Committee (2014- )