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Education: Ph.D. 1989, Political Science, University of Kentucky.
M.A. 1986, Political Science, Northern Illinois University.
B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1983, Political Science, Northern Illinois University.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Books:

Legislative Party Campaign Committees in the American States, University Press of Kentucky, 1992.

Money Rules: Financing Elections in America, Westview Press, 2000.

Saving American Elections: A Diagnosis and Prescription for a Healthier Democracy, Cambria Press, 2011.

Harry Potter and the Millennials: Research Methods and the Politics of a Muggle Generation, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013, with Kathryn Eddy.

The Political Effects of Entertainment Media: How Fictional Worlds Affect Real World Political Perspectives, 2018, Lexington Books.

**Peer Reviewed
Articles/book chapters:**

"Money and Votes in State Legislative Elections," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 16:2 (May 1991), with David Breaux.

"'It's Money that Matters': Campaign Expenditures and State Legislative Primaries," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 16:3 (August 1991), with David Breaux.

"Legislative Party Caucus and Leadership Campaign Committees," in *Changing State Legislative*

Career Patterns, Gary Moncrief and Joel Thompson (eds.), 1992, University of Michigan Press, with Malcolm Jewell.

"Money and the Party Vote," *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 18:4 (November 1993), with David Breaux.

"Women Legislative Leadership and Caucus Campaign Committees," *Women & Politics*, 15:2 (1995), with Paulette Budreck.

"The Role of Parties in Legislative Campaign Financing," *American Review of Politics*, 15 (Summer 1994):171-190, with David Breaux.

"Running for Reelection in American State Legislatures," in Jack Van Der Silk (ed.) *Politics in the American State and Communities*, Allyn and Bacon, 1996, with David Breaux.

"Legislative Elections and the Role of Money," *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 21:3 (August 1996), with David Breaux.

"A Framework for the Study of Campaign Finance," in Joel Thompspon and Gary Moncrief (eds.) *Campaign Financing and State Legislative Elections*, 1998 (Congressional Quarterly Press).

"The Financing Role of Parties," with David Breaux, in Joel Thompspon and Gary Moncrief (eds.) *Campaign Financing and State Legislative Elections*, 1998 (CQ Press).

"Candidate Revenues and Expenditures in State Legislative Primaries," with David Breaux, in Joel Thompspon and Gary Moncrief (eds.) *Campaign Financing and State Legislative Elections*, 1998 (CQ Press).

"Money or the Machine: Money and Votes in Chicago Aldermanic Elections," *American Politics Quarterly* 26:24-37 (April 1998), with Paul Kleppner and James Lewis.

"Financing Gubernatorial and State Legislative Elections," in *Financing the 2000 Election*, David Magelby, editor, Brookings Institution Press, 2002.

"Students as Policy Researchers for State Legislatures," in *Civic Service: Service Learning with State and Local Government Partners*, editors David P. Redlawsk and Tom Rice, Wiley-VHC, 2009, with Tom Rice.

"The Promise and Futility of American Campaign Financing," in *Routledge Handbook of Political Management*, Dennis W Johnson (editor), Routledge, 2008.

**Other
Publications:**

Legislative Party Campaign Finance Activity: A Comparative State Analysis, dissertation, University of Kentucky, 1989.

"Voter Decisions in the 1990 Illinois Gubernatorial Election," *Illinois Issues*, February 1991, with Ellen Dran and Matt Wetstein.

Metro Chicago Political Atlas 1992, Social Science Research Institute Publications, Northern Illinois University, coauthor.

"Elections to State Legislatures," in Joel Silbey (ed.) *Encyclopedia of the American Legislative System*, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1994.

"Equality of Opportunity?: Financing the 1991 Chicago City Council Elections," a report funded by the Joyce Foundation and published by the Chicago Urban League, 1995, with Jim Lewis and Paul Kleppner.

The Price of Democracy: Financing Chicago's 1995 Elections, a report funded by the Joyce Foundation and published by the Chicago Urban League and the Office for Social Policy Research, Northern Illinois University, 1996, with Paul Kleppner and James Lewis.

"Expert Report of Anthony Gierzynski," *Randall v. Sorrell* (548 U.S. ____ (2006)).

"Critique of Clark Bensen's Report for *Landell v. Sorrell*," Docket No. 2:99-cv-146 and *Randall v. Sorrell* Docket No. 2:99-cv-234.

"Political Parties and the Vermont Campaign Finance Law: A Reply to Alexander and Pomper," *Landell v. Sorrell* Docket No. 2:99-cv-146 and *Randall v. Sorrell* Docket No. 2:99-cv-234.

"Albuquerque Election Financing," expert report for federal district court case *Homans v. City of Albuquerque*.

"Instant Runoff Voting in Burlington's 2006 Mayoral Race," *Campaigns and Elections*, April 2007.

"The New Guard: Entertainment Talk Shows and the Not-so-fake News," in Morgan E. Felchner's (editor), *Voting in America*, Praeger, 2008, with Kensington Moore (class of 08).

"Harry Potter did help shape the political culture of a generation," *The Conversation*, August 19, 2014, <http://theconversation.com/harry-potter-did-help-shape-the-political-culture-of-a-generation-29513>.

"A happy ending for 'Game of Thrones'? No thanks," *The Conversation*, April 11, 2019, picked up by Newsweek, The Chicago Tribune, and a number of other publications, <https://theconversation.com/a-happy-ending-for-game-of-thrones-no-thanks-114422>.

Convention

Papers/presentations:

"Policy-Making in Imbalanced Markets: An Application of Wilson's Theory to State

Policy-Making," presented at the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Robert Albritton.

"Psychological Bases of Public Policy Attitudes: An Analysis of Attribution Theory and Attitudes Towards Welfare Policy," presented at the 1988 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

"Legislative Party Campaign Finance Activity: A Comparative State Analysis," presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with Malcolm Jewell.

"Legislative Party and Leadership Campaign Finance Committees: An Analysis of Resource Allocation," presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with Malcolm Jewell.

"Money in State Legislative Elections," presented at the National Science Foundation Sponsored Conference on State Legislative Elections, Lexington, Kentucky, March 1990, with David Breaux.

"If You Have it You Won't Need It, If You Don't You Will: The Role of Campaign War Chests in U.S. Senate Elections," presented at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with David Breaux and Donald Gross.

"It's Money that Matters': Money in State Legislative Primary Elections," presented at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"The Role of Money in Legislative Elections," presented at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"The Distribution of Campaign Money and Competitiveness in State House Elections," presented at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"Women's Legislative Caucus and Leadership Campaign Committees," presented at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, with Paulette Budreck.

"The Role of Party in Campaign Financing," presented at the 1992 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"Theoretical and Data Issues in the Comparative Study of Campaign Finance," presented at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

"Party Versus Incumbency Differences in the Effectiveness of Campaign Expenditures," presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

"Campaign Spending and Turnout in State Legislative Elections," presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"Legislative Elections and the Importance of Money," presented at the 1994 Annual Meeting of

the Southern Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"Financing State Legislative Elections: The Role of Political Parties," presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"Setting the Plate in State Legislative Elections: A Look at Primary Finances," presented at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"Dividing the Pie: The Role of Candidate Transfers in State Legislative Elections," presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, with David Breaux.

"The Galapagos of Campaign Finance: Albuquerque's Experiment with Spending Limits," paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April, 2003, with Donald Gross.

"Spending Limits in Practice: the Case of Albuquerque," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 13-16, 2007, with Donald Gross.

"Harry Potter and the Millennials: The Boy-Who-Lived and the Politics of a Muggle Generation," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, 2011.

"Skepticism or Cynicism: Attitudinal Impacts of *The Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report* on Young Americans," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Associations, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013, with Will Andreyca (UVM honors student).

"The Effects of Science Fiction on Politically Relevant Attitudes," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Associations, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013, with Michael Gibson, Evan McDaniel, and Alexander Rosenblatt (UVM political science majors).

"*Game of Thrones*, *House of Cards* and the Belief in a Just World," to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Associations, Chicago, IL, April 2014, with several UVM political science majors.

"The Effects of Entertainment on Perceptions of Leadership and Gender," to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

Grants:

James M. Jeffords Center, Principal Investigator, Signature Award, to operate the Vermont Legislative Research Service (VLRS), a UVM policy research organization designed to serve the Vermont State Legislature with policy research conducted by UVM students under my supervision. January 1, 2009 to present.

National Science Foundation, *Co-Principal Investigator*, "Comparative State Legislative Campaign Finance Project," April 1994 through March 1996.

Joyce Foundation, *Co-Principal Investigator*, "Financing City Elections," with Jim Lewis of the

Chicago Urban League and Paul Kleppner, 1995-1996.

Joyce Foundation Grant, *Research Consultant*, "Competitiveness and Minority Access to Public Office: Financing Campaigns for State Legislator or Alderman in Chicago," with Jim Lewis of the Chicago Urban League and Paul Kleppner, 1994-1995.

University Committee on Research and Scholarship, *Principal Investigator*, Study of State Legislative Campaign Finance Systems, January 1, 1993.

Research Positions:

Analyst/Expert Witness, City of Albuquerque and National Voting Rights Institute, *Homans v. City of Albuquerque* and *Sanders v. Rue*. Carried out analysis for the defense of Albuquerque's campaign finance regulations that limit spending in campaigns.

Expert Witness, Vermont Attorney General's Office, *Landell v Sorrell* (548 U.S. ___ [2006]). Carried out analysis for the defense of Act 64, Vermont's 1997 campaign finance law.

Research Associate, Social Science Research Institute, Northern Illinois University. Full-time research position involving personal and institutional research activities and the supervision of graduate assistants. 1989-1992.

Official N.I.U. Representative to the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. 1989-1992.

Research Assistant, National Science Foundation grant, under the supervision of Dr. Sidney Ulmer, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY. 1987.

Research Assistant, for Mark Peffley on a grant for studying foreign policy aspects of the 1987 ANES Pilot Survey. 1987.

Research Assistant, Social Science Research Institute, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Computer and data work for the *Political Atlas of Illinois* (N.I.U. Press). 1985-1986.

Research Assistant, Northern Illinois Regional History Center, Illinois Regional Archives Depository, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. 1984-1985.

Policy Research Papers:

Supervised a series of over 100 papers on various public policy issues (including agriculture, criminal justice, education, environment, energy, transportation, health, safety, and politics and government) produced for Vermont State Legislators with UVM students. Papers can be found at www.uvm.edu/~vlrs

Current Projects:

The End of the Media, a textbook project, in progress.

Teaching:

Professor, University of Vermont

American Political System (POLS21)
Politics and the Media (POLS196 and POLS186 and POLS137)
Political Effects of Entertainment Media (POLS237)
The Vermont Legislative Research Shop (POLS230)
The Role of Research in the Legislative Process (POLS196)
The 2016 Election (POLS095)
The 2008 Election (POLS229)
Comparative State Politics (POLS232)
The 2004 Election (POLS196)
Seminar in Campaign Finance (POLS229)
The 2000 Election (POLS196)
Methods of Political Science Research (POLS283)
Political Behavior (POLS81)
State and Local Politics (POLS196)
Research Methods in Public Administration (PA303)
The 1996 Elections (POLS195)
Public Opinion and Political Participation (POLS133)
Senior Honors Seminar I and II (POLS293 and POLS294)

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Northern Illinois University

Graduate Seminar in Legislative Politics (POL508)
Legislative Politics (POL307)
Political Participation and Behavior (POL408), graduate and undergraduate
Political Attitudes and Value Formation (POL407), graduate and undergraduate
Advanced Political Data Analysis (POL543)
Political Parties and Elections (POL305)

Instructor, University of Kentucky

American Government (PS101)
Introduction to Political Behavior (PS271)
State and Local Government (PS255)

Faculty Director, The Washington Center

Inside Washington: Politics and the Media (January 1994).

Teaching Associate, The Washington Center

Campaign '92, Campaign '88, Inauguration '93, and Inauguration '89.

Manuscripts**Reviewed for:**

The American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
Journal of Politics
Legislative Studies Quarterly
American Politics Quarterly
Research Political Quarterly
Women & Politics
State Politics and Policy Quarterly
International Studies Quarterly
Perspectives on Politics

Service:

Chair of the Department of Political Science, 2017-

Director of the Vermont Legislative Research Service, 1998-

Department of Political Science Internship Coordinator, spring 1993 - summer 2017.

Faculty Sponsor of the UVM College Democrats, Spring 1998-2015.

Jeffords Center Advisory Committee, 2009-2011.

Served on committee creating a proposal to establish a PhD program in policy studies at UVM.

Keynote Address, "Do Fictional Stories Really Make Us More Tolerant and Accepting?" October 21, 2016, The Harry Potter Conference, Chestnut Hill, PA.

Invited Talk, "Our Dysfunctional Elections," September 7, 2016, Osher Life Long Learning Symposium, Stowe, VT.

Keynote Address, "Political and Psychological Implications of Harry Potter in Modern Culture," MISTI-con, May 30, 2015, Laconia, NH.

Presentation to the National Conference of State Legislatures' Research Staff meeting on "The Vermont Legislative Research Shop," September 16, 2006, Burlington, VT.

Faculty Sponsor of the UVM College Republicans, Spring 2004-Spring 2005.

Program Developer for 2001 George D. Aiken Lecture, "Money and Politics: The Debate Over Campaign Finance Reform," Keynote James Carville, September 29th, 2001.

Consultant for the National Voting Rights Institute in *Homans v. City of Albuquerque*, federal court case testing Albuquerque's campaign finance laws.

Consultant for Attorney General's Office defending Vermont's in *Landell v. Sorrell* Docket No. 2:99-cv-146 and *Randall v. Sorrell* Docket No. 2:99-cv-234, defending Act 64, Vermont's 1997

campaign finance law.

Member of board of directors of Kids Vote Vermont, 2000-2002.

Editorial Board of *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, 1996-98.

Member of the University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences First Year Seminar Committee, Spring 1996.

Member of the Executive Committee of the Political Organizations and Parties section of the American Political Science Association, 1993-1995.

Search committee for tenure track position in American politics, 1997-1998.

Search committee for chair of Political Science Department, 1994-95.

Chair of the Political Organization and Parties' Committee to Explore National Committee Internships, 1993-1994.

Member of Nominations Committee of the Political Organizations and Parties section of the APSA, 1994-1995.

Member of the University of Vermont College of Arts and Sciences Admissions Committee, Fall 1993-1995.

Academic Advisory Board member, The Washington Center's Campaign '92 on-site programs.