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1. **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 1990 (political science)

Dissertation: "Must One Be Crazy to Do this Job? Causes and Consequences of

Job Satisfaction among Local Legislators"

Fields: American politics, public administration, political behavior

M.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1984 (political science)

A.B., Occidental College, 1978 (political science)

1. **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Professor, Department of Public Policy and Administration, CSUS, September, 2001-

Present (Faculty Early Retirement Program status, 2020-2022)

Administrative Responsibilities while an Academic Year Faculty Member

* Chair, Department of Public Policy and Administration, 2019-20, 2015-2017, 2001-2007
* Director, The Serna Center, 2007-2009

Interim Dean, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, CSUS, 2017-2019,

2012-2014

Acting Director, The Center for California Studies, 2011-2012

Associate Dean, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, CSUS, 2009-2012

Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy and Administration, CSUS, 1996-2001

Tenure received: 2000

Assistant Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard

University, 1990-1995

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 1989

1. **OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

Research Assistant, California Department of Social Services, 1989, 1979-82

Consultant, Committee on Health and Human Services, California State Senate, 1982-83

Assembly Fellow, California State Assembly, 1978-79

1. **TEACHING**
2. **Courses Taught**

CSUS

*Undergraduate Level*

“Essentials of Government” (POLS 1)

“Field Experience” (GERO 195A&B)

“Great Books and World Civilization 2” (HONR 3)

“One World Seminar” (HONR 120)

*Graduate Level*

“Collaborative Governance Advanced Practice” (PPA 272)

“Community College Policy and Educational Ethics” (EDU 292, Capital Area North

Doctorate in Educational Leadership)

“Executive Fellowship Seminar" (PPA 297)

“Introduction to Collaborative Policy Making” (PPA 270)

“Introduction to Public Policy and Administration” (PPA 200)

“Policy and Practice for Education Leaders I” (EDD 602)

"Political Environment of Policy Making" (PPA 210)

"Research in Public Policy and Administration" (PPA 205)

“Thesis Seminar (PPA 500)

"Working with Legislatures" (PPA 260)

Harvard University (graduate level)

"Controversial Issues in Electoral Reform"

“Doctoral Research Seminar"

"Elective and Advocacy Politics"

“Managerial Discretion and Political Accountability"

"Political and Organizational Analysis"

"The Responsibilities of Public Management"  
  
"Working with Legislatures"

University of California, Davis (undergraduate level)

"Bureaucracy in Modern Society"

"The States in the Federal System"

1. **Selected Instructional Materials Developed**

“The Moderately Skilled Layperson's Guide to Using the CSU System's Social Science

Databases,” typescript, 1998.

Teaching note, "Blip on the Screen or Wave of the Future? 'Electronic Democracy' in Santa Monica," Kennedy School of Government case study, 1992.

Teaching note, "New Kingdoms for the Five Kings: Discriminatory Redistricting in Los

Angeles County," Kennedy School of Government case study, 1992.

1. **SCHOLARSHIP**
2. **Books**

Dyck, Joshua J., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2019. *Initiatives without Engagement: A Realistic*

*Appraisal of Direct Democracy’s Secondary Effects*. The University of Michigan Press.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Michael R. Powers, eds. 2001. *The Economics and Politics of Choice No-Fault Insurance*. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1999. *The Politics of Automobile Insurance Reform: Ideas,*

*Institutions, and Public Policy in North America*. Washington: Georgetown University Press.

Williams, Shirley, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr., eds. 1993. *Ambition and Beyond: Career*

*Paths of American Elected Officials.* Berkeley: Institute of Governmental Studies.

1. **Refereed Journal Articles**

Adams, Brian E., Edward L. Lascher, Jr., and Danielle Joesten Martin. 2021. “Ballot Cues,

Business Candidates, and Voter Choice in Local Elections.” *American Politics Research*

49 (2): 186-197.

Dyck, Joshua J., Wesley Hussey, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2019. “American State

Ballot Initiatives and Income Inequality.” *Politics and Governance* 30 (2): 380-409.

Tran, Ngan Lam Thi, Robert W. Wassmer, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2017. “The Health

Insurance and Life Satisfaction Connection.” *Journal of Happiness Studies* 18 (2): 409-426.

Seabrook, Nicholas R., Joshua J. Dyck, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2015. “Do Ballot Initiatives

Increase General Political Knowledge?” *Political Behavior* 37 (2): 279-307.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Daniel Melzer. 2013. “Should ‘I’ Be Avoided or Embraced?

Exploring Divergence between Political Scientist and Student Writing Norms.”

*PS: Political Science and Politics* 46: 802-807.

Lac, Ly T., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2013. “The Impact of Direct Democracy on

Governance: A Replication and Extension.” *California Journal of Politics and*

*Policy* 5(1): 30-46.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Jeremy L. Offenstein. 2012. “Campus Racial Climate

and Student Academic Outcomes: A Critique of Prior Research and

Recommendations for Future Study.” *Journal of College Student Retention:*

*Research, Theory & Practice* 14: 265-277.

Jeydel, Alana, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2011. “Incumbent Gender and Electoral Safety

in Local Elections.” *California Politics and Policy* 13 (November): 1-16.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and John L. Korey. 2011. “The Myth of the Independent Voter,

California Style.” *California Journal of Politics and Policy* 3: Iss. 1, Article 2.

Dyck, Joshua J., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2009. “Direct Democracy and Political Efficacy

Reconsidered.” *Political Behavior* 31 (September): 401-427.

Wassmer, Robert W., Edward L. Lascher, Jr., and Stephan Kroll. 2008. “Sub-

National Fiscal Activity as a Determinant of Individual Happiness:

Ideology Matters.” *Journal of Happiness Studies*. Published online 9 September.

# Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Ellen E. Martin. 2008. “Beyond the September 11 Victim

Compensation Fund: Support for Any Future American Terror Casualties.”

*PS: Political Science and Politics* 41: 147-152.

Wassmer, Robert W., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2006. “Who Supports Local Growth

and Regional Planning to Deal with its Consequences?” *Urban Affairs Review*

41 (May): 621-645.

Korey, John L., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2006. “Macropartisanship in California.”

*Public Opinion Quarterly* 70: 48-65.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2005. “Lessons from the Collective Action Game.” *PS: Political*

*Science and Politics* 38: 777-780.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2005. “Constituency Size and Incumbent Safety: A Reexamination.”

*Political Research Quarterly* 58: 269-278.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Michael R. Powers. 2004. “September 11 Victims, Random Events,

and the Ethics of Compensation.” *American Behavioral Scientist* 48: 281-294.

Hagen, Michael G., Edward L. Lascher, Jr., and John F. Camobreco. 2001. “Response

to Matsusaka: Estimating the Effect of Ballot Initiatives on Policy

Responsiveness.” *Journal of Politics* 63: 1257-1263.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2000. “Two Types of Procedural Dissatisfaction with Institutions: Lessons from Faculty Senate Reform.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 33: 853-856.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1998. "Loss Imposition and Institutional Characteristics:

Learning from Automobile Insurance Reform in North America." *Canadian*

*Journal of Political Science* 31: 143-164.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Michael R. Powers. 1997. "Expert Opinion and Automobile

Insurance Reform: An Empirical Assessment." *Journal of Insurance Regulation*

16: 197-222.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1996. "Assessing Legislative Deliberation: A Preface to Empirical Analysis." *Legislative Studies Quarterly* 21: 501-519.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., Michael G. Hagen, and Steven A. Rochlin. 1996. "Gun Behind

the Door? Ballot Initiatives, State Policies and Public Opinion." *Journal of Politics* 58: 760-775.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., Steven Kelman, and Thomas J. Kane. 1993. "Policy Views,

Constituency Pressure, and Congressional Action on Flag Burning." *Public*

*Choice* 76: 79-102.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., 1993. "Explaining the Appeal of Local Legislative Office." *State*

*and Local Government Review* 25: 28-38.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1991. "The Case of the Missing Democrats: Reexamining the

Republican Advantage in Nonpartisan Elections." *Western Political Quarterly* 44:

656-675.

1. **Book Chapters and Published Conference Proceedings**

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Robert W. Wassmer. Forthcoming. “Ideology & Happiness in the

USA.” In Michalos AC, 2nd ed. *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*.

Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Robert W. Wassmer. 2014. “Ideology & Happiness in the

USA.” In Michalos AC, ed. *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*.

Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, 3065-3069.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2012. “Learning about Causal Order through Analysis of

Whether Adults Have Children.” In *Research Methods through Active Learning*,

eds. Beth P. Skott and Masjo Ward. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage University

Press.

Fiorina, Morris, Thad Kousser, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr.. 2007. “California: Red, Blue,

or Purple?” In *California Votes: the 2006 Governor’s Race*, ed. Ethan Rarick.

Berkeley: Berkeley Public Policy Press.

Bateman, Dawn M., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2002. “California.” In *Proceedings*

*Roundtable: State Budgeting in the 13 Western States*, eds. Robert Huefner, F.

Ted Herbert, and Carl Mott. Salt Lake City: Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah.

Bateman, Dawn M., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2001. “California.” In *Proceedings*

*Roundtable: State Budgeting in the 13 Western States*, eds. Robert Huefner, F.

Ted Herbert, and Carl Mott. Salt Lake City: Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah.

Bateman, Dawn M., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2000. “California.” In *Proceedings*

*Roundtable: State Budgeting in the 13 Western States*, eds. Robert Huefner, F.

Ted Herbert, and Carl Mott. Salt Lake City: Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1998. “California.” In *Proceedings Roundtable: State Budgeting in the 13 Western States*, eds. Robert Huefner, F. Ted Herbert, and Carl Mott. Salt Lake City: Center for Public Policy and Administration, University of Utah.

1. **Co-Edited Journal Issue**

DiSarro, Brian, Wesley Hussey, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2012. *California*

*Journal of Politics and Policy*, Special Issue on Electoral Reform, 4: Iss. 1

(also coauthored introduction entitled “Reforming California: Political Patchworks versus a Constitutional Convention”).

1. **Academic Book Reviews**

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2005. Review of Daniel A. Smith and Caroline Tolbert,

*Educated by Initiatives: The Effect of Direct Democracy on Citizens and Political*

*Organizations in the American States* in *Perspectives on Politics* 3: 651-652.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1999. Review of Philip L. Dubois and Floyd Feeney,

*Lawmaking by Initiative: Issues, Options, and Comparisons*, in *American Political*

*Science Review* 93: 710-711.

1. **Other Articles, Reports, and Commentary**

Dyck, Joshua J., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2020. “How California Uses the Initiative Process to

Restrict Civil Rights.” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, July 2.

Dyck, Joshua J., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2019. “Expanding Direct Democracy Won’t Make

Americans Feel Better about Politics.” *The Conversation*, September 17.

Seabrook, Nicholas R., Joshua J. Dyck, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2015. “The Ballot Initiative

Process Does Not Make People More Generally Knowledgeable about Politics.” The

London School of Economics and Political Science American Politics and Policy blog,

August 14.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2015. “Program Impaction at Sacramento State: Time for a Change?”

Report to CSUS Provost Frederika (Fraka) Harmsen, January 22.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2011. “Students Pay the Price of Cutting School Days.” *The Sacramento*

*Bee*. December 29: 13A.

Hodson, Timothy A., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2009. “Some Advice for

Schwarzenegger: Nobody for Governor Lite.” *Capitol Weekly*,

http://www.capitolweekly.net/article.php?\_c=yeqdx3832olp44&xid=yeo5b4k077pjkz&done=.yeqdxjkg8j6p98 (November 12).

Jensen, Cristy, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2009. “CSU Criticism Is Off Target.” *The*

*Davis Enterprise*. July 2: A6.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., Floyd F. Feeney, and Timothy A. Hodson. 2009. “It’s Too Easy

to Amend California’s Constitution.” *Los Angeles Times*,

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/la-oe-hodson4-2009feb04,0,2927280.story>

(February 4).

Lascher, Edward L. 2009. “Retaining Latino College Students: Conclusions from the

Literature.” Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy Research Brief. California State University, Sacramento.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2008. “Retaining Latino and non-Latino College Students: Key Similarities

and Differences.” Serna Center/Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy

working paper.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., Robert W. Wassmer, and Stephan Kroll. 2007. “Taxes,

Expenditures, Ideology, and Happiness.” *State Tax Notes* 43 (March

19): 801-805.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Michael Levy. 2005. “Choice Voting Will Enable Majority

Rule.” *The* *Davis Enterprise*. September 18: A11.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Matthew Newman. 2004. “Who’s Jamming the ER’s?”

*[Riverside] Press-Enterprise*. Http://www.pe.com/localnews/opinion/localviews/stories/PE\_OpEd\_Opinion\_op

1013er.57413.html (November 9).

Hodson, Timothy A., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2004. “Initiatives, Not Recalls,

Threaten Democracy.” *San Jose Mercury News*.

http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/opinion/7635946.htm

(January 5).

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2000. “Stop Electing Insurance Czar.” *San Jose Mercury News*,

May 14, Perspective: 3.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Matthew Newman. 1997. "Ballot Initiatives: Time to Face

the Hard Truths." *Madison Review* 2: 24-28.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1997. "Press Coverage of Propositions Is Sparse in California."

*Public Affairs Report* 38 (March): 9-10.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1995. "'Choice No-Fault' Insurance May Well Work in Rhode Island." *Providence Sunday Journal*, July 9: D7.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1992. "Turnover is High, So Why Limit Terms of County

Supervisors?"  *The Sacramento Bee*, March 17: B5.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Todd La Porte. 1990. "Lessons from a Reliability Crisis." *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, June 7: 11-15.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1989. "Supervisor Survey: Lift Gann Limit." *Golden State Report*, June: 19.

1. **Selected Presentations**

Adams, Brian E., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2018. “Deeper into the Impact of Occupational

Designations on Local Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western

Political Science Association.

Hussey, Wesley, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2017. “Bond Measures, State Budgets, and Voters in

California.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.

Adams, Brian E., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2017. “’I Voted for the Businessperson:’ Candidate

Occupation and Vote Choice in Local Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the

Western Political Science Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2017. “Curbing the Impulse toward Populist Reform (and Why You

Should Appreciate the Faculty Senate).” Livingston Award Lecture, CSUS.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2017. “Ballot Initiatives and Minority Rights.” Presented at the Annual

Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association.

Hussey, Wesley, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2016. “Ballot Initiatives and Economic

Redistribution: A Preliminary Analysis.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western

Political Science Association.

Dyck, Joshua J. , and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2015. “Direct Democracy in America: The Case of

Turnout.” Presented at the Annual State Politics and Policy Conference.

Dyck, Joshua J. , and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2015. “A New Theory of the Secondary Effects of the

Ballot Initiative.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science

Association.

Kirlin, Mary, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2013. “The Evolution of a Professional Master’s

Thesis: Still Filling a Pedagogical Need?” Presented at the Annual Teaching Public

Administration Conference.

Lac, Ly, and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2012. “The Impact of Direct Democracy on

Governance: A 50 State Comparison.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Daniel Melzer. 2011. “What Constitutes Good Writing in

Political Science? Disciplinary and Student Perspectives on Use of the Active Voice.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.

Korey, John L., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 2010. “Political Independents and Civic Engagement in

California.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science

Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and John L. Korey. 2009. “Independents, Decline to

State Registrants, and the Implications of Political Trends in California.”  
 Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2008. “Reconsidering the Secondary Benefits of Direct Democracy.”

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Jeydel, Alana, and Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 2008. “Incumbent Gender and Electoral

Safety in Local Elections.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western

Political Science Association.

Wassmer, Robert W., Edward L. Lascher, Jr., and Stephan Kroll. 2006. “State and

Local Tax and Expenditure Choices as Determinants of Individual Happiness.”

Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Tax Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Michael R. Powers. 2004. “September 11 Victims, Random Events,

and the Ethics of Compensation.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American

Political Science Association.

Hagen, Michael G., and Edward L. Lascher, Jr. 1998. “Public Opinion about Ballot

Initiatives.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science

Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1996. "Legislators, Learning and Policy Success: The Case of

Automobile Insurance Reform in Pennsylvania." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr., and Richard Zeckhauser. 1993. "Electoral College Strategy in Theory and Practice: A Preliminary Analysis." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1990. "Happy Lawmakers, Ambitious Lawmakers: The Impact of Work Satisfaction on Career Choices." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Lascher, Edward L., Jr. 1988. "Do You Have to Be Crazy to Do this Job? Recruitment, Job Satisfaction and Turnover Among Local Legislators." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

1. **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Virginia Gray Book Award for *Initiatives without Engagement* as outstanding book about state

politics/policy in preceding three years, State Politics and Policy Section, American

Political Science Association, 2020

John C. Livingston Award and Annual Faculty Lecture, CSUS, 2017

Peer and Academic Research Center Outstanding Wisdom and Leadership Award, 2016

Outstanding Research and Creative Activity Award, College of Social Sciences and

Interdisciplinary Studies, CSUS, 2014

Chester Newland Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement presented by the

Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, 2009

Selected to CSUS Graduate Group for Ed.D. program, 2007

Selected as CSUS outstanding faculty nominee for Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2007

President’s Award for Research and Creative Activity at CSUS, 2006

Article entitled “Constituency Size and Incumbent Safety: A Reexamination”

co-winner of the award for best 2005 article in *Political Research Quarterly*

Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies,

CSUS, 2002

CSUS Research and Creative Activity Award for 2001-02

Selected as the Field Institute Faculty Fellow for 1999-2000

PPA 210 syllabus selected for inclusion in the American Political Science Association

collection of public policy syllabi, 1998

CSUS Pedagogy Enhancement Award, 1997

1. **INSTITUTIONAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**
2. **Institutional**

California State University System

Member/alternate, California State University's Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC), 1996-2009

* CSUS regular representative 1996-2001; alternate representative 2001-2009  
  Council chair, 2000-01
* Lead organizer, SSRIC 25th Annual Student Research Conference at CSUS,

May, 2001

* Lead organizer, SSRIC 23rd Annual Student Research Conference at CSUS,

February, 1999

University Level

Member, CSUS Faculty Senate, 2019-2022, 2015-2017, 1996-2002

* Vice Chair and Chair of the Elections Committee, 1999-2001
* Served on the ad hoc Faculty Governance Committee, 1998-99; principal

author of October 1998 Committee report to the Faculty Senate

* Elected at-large member of the Executive Committee, 1997-99

Member, Academic Affairs Task Force on Impaction, 2015-2016

Member, Ed.D. Program Standing Faculty, 2008-2012, 2014-2017, 2019-2021

* Associate Director, Ed.D. Program, 2008-2009
* Member, Ed. D. working group, 2007-2008

Member of managerial search committees

* Search Committee for Executive Director of the Center for California Studies, 2018
* Search committee for Data Services Director for Instructional Resources and Technology, 2013
* Search committee for Associate Vice for Human Resources, 2012
* Search committee for Ed. D. Program Director, 2020, 2008

Co-Director, M.S. Program in Urban Land Development, 2004-2007

Member, Visiting Scholars Committee, 2016-17

Member, Student Fee Advisory Committee, 2009-2014

Member, Instructionally Related Activities Advisory Committee, 2009-2012

Member, Bookstore Advisory Committee, 2009-2011

Member, CSUS Faculty Senate’s Curriculum Policies Committee, 1997-2003

Member, Research and Creative Activities Committee, 2002-2004

Member, Wang Award Committee, 2002-2006

Member, Campus Advisory Board, Center for California Studies, CSUS, 1996-2011, 2012-

Present

* Chair, 2003-2008

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Doctoral Programs, 2006

Member, Faculty Endowment Fund Committee, 1998-99

Member, Livingston Awards Committee, 2000-01

Member, Women, Children, and Families Network, 1996-98

Member, California Faculty Association, 2014-2021

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS) and Departmental Levels

Member, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSIS) Curriculum

Committee, 2001–2007

* Chair, 2005-2007

Member, SSIS Secondary Review, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, 2020-2022, 2014-2015, 2007-2008

* Chair, 2020-2021; 2014

Participated in College level search committees

* Member, Search Committee for Institute of Social Research Director, 2020
* Chair, Search Committee for Institute of Social Research Director, 2012
* Chair, SSIS Associate Dean Search Committee, 2006
* Member, SSIS Associate Dean Search Committee, 2002

Member, SSIS Summer Research Stipends Review Committee, 2007

Member, Departmental Review, Tenure, and Promotion Committees

* Department of Public Policy and Administration, 2019-21, 2014-17, 2001-2008
* Departments of Economics, 2007, 2006
* Department of Ethnic Studies, 2003-2004

Coordinator, CSUS public policy working paper series, 1996-2009

1. **Professional**

Editor, *California Journal of Politics and Policy*, 2020-present

* Editorial Board & Assistant Managing Editor, 2011-2020

Member, Western Political Science Association, 2021, 2000-2018

* Elected to Executive Council for 2010-2013 term
* Chair of State, local and urban politics section for the 2012 Annual Meeting
* Chair, *Political Research Quarterly* best article award committee, 2007-2008

Editorial Board, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2001–2006

Chair, Virginia Gray Award Committee for the outstanding book about state

politics/policy in preceding three years, State Politics and Policy Section, American

Political Science Association, 2021

Member, Executive Committee, Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for

Public Administration, 2002-03

Ad-hoc reviewer, 1992-2022 for:

* Academic Press; *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *Asian Politics & Policy;* Bedford/St. Martin’s Press; *British Journal of Political Science; Comparative Political Studies; Congress and the Presidency; Government and Opposition; Journal of the American Planning Association; Journal of Happiness Studies;* *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; Journal of Politics; Journal of Transformative Leadership and Policy Studies*; *Legislative Studies Quarterly; Perspectives on Politics; Political Behavior; Political Research Quarterly; Politics and Governance; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Population Studies; PS: Political Science and Politics; Public Opinion Quarterly;* Public Policy Institute of California; *Risk Management and Insurance Review;* Sage University Press; *Social Science Journal; Social Science Quarterly; Southern Economic Review*;  *State and Local Government Review*; *State Politics and Policy Quarterly;* State University of New York Press; Swiss National Science Foundation; University Press of Kansas; University of Toronto Press; *Urban Affairs Review*; W*omen and Politics*

Presentation on results of public opinion surveys about direct democracy, Field Institute

Annual Workshop, fall 1999

Panel discussant on topics of:

* The politics of healthcare reform (2015 Annual State Politics and Policy Conference)
* Local elections and descriptive representation (2015 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* Urban issues and discourses about urban affairs (2012 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* Ballot measure voting decisions and policy effects (2012 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* The craft of teaching, learning, and publishing (2011 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* California dreams (2010 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* Political reform in California (2009 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* New research on racial and ethnic conflict and assimilation (2008 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association)
* 2006 gubernatorial race in California (hosted by the Institute of Government Studies, University of California, Berkeley, January 2007)
* Taxation and social welfare (2006 National Tax Association Annual Conference)
* Measuring success in high school (2006 Center for California Studies Envisioning California Conference
* Welfare reform (1998 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science

Association)

* Economic analysis of state and local public policy in California (1998 Annual Meeting of the Western Economic Association)
* Media and the initiative process (1998 Center for California Studies Journalism

Conference)

* Ballot initiative process (1997 Center for California Studies’ Envisioning California Conference)
* Political reform (1994 Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science

Association)

* Term limits (1993 Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association)

Chair, panel on local government, 1996 Annual Meeting of the Western Political

Science Association

Participant in Harvard Business School seminar on case teaching

Member, American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

1. **Community**

Steering Committee, California Council on Science and Technology, White Paper on

Contracting, 2019-2020

CSUS liaison to Renaissance Society of Sacramento, 2012-2019

Member, Board of Directors, Hillel at Davis and Sacramento, 2008-2011

Member, Board of Directors, Sacramento State Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi,

2008-2011

* President, spring 2009-2010

Instructor, UC Davis Public Policy Program, UCDavis Extension, 2010, 2009

Member, Las Americas Cultural Arts, 2007-2008

Member, Youth Task Force, Congregation Bet Haverim (Davis), 2007-2008

* Principal author of report to Board of Directors

Member, Collaborative Governance Initiative Advisory Committee, Institute for

Local Government, 2005-2018

Member, Governance Task Force, City of Davis (appointed by the Davis City Council),

2004-2005

Member, California Institute for County Government (CICG) Governing Board, 2001-

2005

* Member, CICG Advisory Board, 2000

Alternate director, California International Relations Foundation, 2006-2008

Issues director, Levy for Davis City Council Campaign, 2006

Issues director, Saylor for Davis City Council Campaign, 2003-04

Judge for Project for an Informed Electorate/KCRA Ad Fact Check, 2014

Podcasts:

* “Democracy Works” discussion of *Initiatives without Engagement*, 2021
* ”Democracy Paradox” discussion of *Initiatives without Engagement*, 2020
* “New Books in Political Science” discussion of *Initiatives without Engagement*, 2020

Radio commentary:

* Ballot initiative process, Capital Public Radio, 2021
* Automobile insurance reform in North America, Stirling Faux Show, CKNW Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2003
* Elected insurance commissioner position, KXJZ radio, Sacramento, spring 2000
* Ballot initiative process, KFBK radio, Sacramento, fall 1996 and spring 1998

Testified before the State Senate Elections and Reapportionment Committee on behalf

of SCA 19 (Speier), to make the insurance commissioner position an appointed

post, spring 2000