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Education

- Ph. D.** Political Science, University of Nebraska, 2002
- J. D.** University of Nebraska College of Law, 1997
- M. A.** University of Nebraska, 1995
- B. A.** University of Nebraska, 1992 (WITH HIGH DISTINCTION)

Research Interests

- American Judicial Politics
- Native American Law and Politics
- Water and Environmental Policy
- Political Science Pedagogy

Employment

Professor of Political Science, East Central University, 2013-
Director, Master of Science in Water Resource Policy and Management, 2016 -
Associate Professor of Political Science, East Central University, 2007-2013
Chair, Political Science and Legal Studies Department, 2014 -
Coordinator, Political Science and Legal Studies Department, 2007-2014
Assistant Professor of Political Science, East Central University, 2001- 2007, tenure granted 2006.

Other Duties

- Principal Investigator, Early Settlement and Mediation Program, East Central, South Central, and Southeast Divisions
- Director, ECU Native American Legal Clinic - Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

Recent Honors and Awards

Winner, Voter Registration Contest sponsored by the Oklahoma State Regents for higher Education, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
ECU Teaching Excellence Award, 2016-2017
DaVinci Fellow, 2014. Awarded by the Oklahoma DaVinci Institute.

Recent Publications

“Modern Sequoyah: Native American Power in Oklahoma” in Sharp, Brett S, Jan C. Hardt, and Christopher L. Markwood, eds. *Oklahoma Government and Politics: An Introduction*. (2014) Kendall Hunt: pp. 37-50.

“The Problem that Has No Name: Equality for Women in Howard Zinn’s America” in Davis Joyce, ed. *Howard Zinn’s Legacies*. University of Oklahoma Press (2014).

Understanding American Government (with Stephenson, Bresler, Freidrich, Karlesky, & Turner), Horizon Publishing, (2004; 2nd edition, 2007; 3rd edition 2010; 4th edition 2013).

Recent Public Speeches and Conference Papers

“From the Creek Bank to the Classroom: Using Blue Thumb Training in East Central University’s Water Resource Policy and Management Master’s Degree Program” with Terrie Becerra, presented at the Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Conference, Stillwater, Oklahoma. 2018.

“Teaching Women in Politics in a Conservative State” poster presented at Oklahoma Research Day, Northeastern Oklahoma State University. 2016.

“Supreme Court Oral Argument: Policy, Facts, Hypotheticals, or Law?” poster presented at Oklahoma Undergraduate Research Day (with Skyler Riddle) 2015.

“Is Black the New Orange?: Drug Courts in Oklahoma” (with Erica Nelson and Jenna Owens) presented at Oklahoma Political Science Association Annual Meeting, University of Central Oklahoma. 2015.

“Tinkering with the Machinery of Death: The Feasibility of Nitrogen Hypoxia to Implement Oklahoma’s Death Penalty,” with Michael Copeland and Thom Parr, at Oklahoma Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Redlands Community College, Nov. 2014.

Journal Reviewer

- *Oklahoma Politics*
- *PS: Political Science and Politics*
- *Journal of Political Science Education*
- *Politics, Groups and Identities*

Professional Leadership

Access to Justice Committee, Oklahoma Bar Association, 2019-2021
National Executive Council, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, 2012-2014; 2018-2021
President, Oklahoma Political Science Association, 2009-2010, 2017-2018
Program Chair, Oklahoma Political Science Association, 2008-2009; 2017-2018; 2019-2020
President, Pontotoc County Bar Association, 2014-2016
President of Region II, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, 2014-2016
Advisory Board, Oka Institute, 2016-
Book Review Editor, *Oklahoma Politics*

University Service

Faculty Appellate Committee, 2015-
Student Conduct Committee, 2016-2017
Pre-Law Advisor, 2007 -
Alpha Chi National Honor Society Advisor, 2007-
Faculty Sponsor, East Central University Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, 2001-
Faculty Sponsor, East Central University Gay-Straight Alliance/PRIDE, 2001-
Faculty Co-Sponsor, East Central University Young Democrats, 2001-
Faculty Sponsor, East Central University Alpha Chi National Honor Society, 2007-
Faculty Sponsor, East Central University College Republicans, 2015-2016
Faculty Sponsor, East Central University Mock Trial Team, 2015-2016
Faculty Co-Sponsor, East Central University Water Resource Association, 2016-

Memberships

American Political Science Association
Oklahoma Political Science Association
Pontotoc County Bar Association
Oklahoma Bar Association
Chickasaw Nation Bar Association
Seminole Nation Bar Association
Oklahoma Women in Higher Education
ECU Women's Club

Community Service

Blue Thumb Water Testing, 2017-
Political columnist, *The Ada News*, 2013-2015
City of Ada Committee on Multiculturalism, Vice Chair 2011-2016; Chair 2016-
Sunrise Rotary Club, 2009 – present; President Elect
Sunrise Rotary Club Board of Directors 2014 -
Advisory Board, *Oklahoma Politics*, 2005-