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ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1980

M.A. Political Science, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1977

B.A. Political Science, Appalachian State University, 1975

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 8/93 – present

Chair, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 7/92 – 7/2000

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 8/88 – 8/93

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, 8/80 – 8/88

Courses Taught: Introduction to Political Science, Early Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Ideologies, American Political Thought, Politics in Developing Nations, African Politics, Blacks in American Politics, Seminar on Conservatism, Black Political and Religious Thought, and American Government, Introduction to Political Theory, Politics and the Entertainment Media.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“1898: Reflections on a Southern Community’s Racial History and Future” in *Interracial Communication: Contexts, Communities and Choice*, Deborah Brunson and Linda Lampl, editors. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, forthcoming.

“Curriculum and Race” with Frances Boyes, Tracie Davis and James Fogleman in *Letters From the Future, Linking Students and Teaching With the Diversity of Everyday Life*, Deborah A. Brunson, Brenda Jarmon, and Linda L. Lampl, editors. (Sterling, Virginia: Stylus Publishing, 2007).

“Conservative Implications of the Irrelevance of Racism in Contemporary African American Cinema” in *The Journal of Black Studies* (November 2006) Vol. 37 No. 2

“The Wilmington Coup and Massacre of 1898” in *The Encyclopedia of Terrorism*. Cynthia Combs and Martin Slann, editors and contributing authors. Facts on File, Inc. 2001.

“The New Accommodationists” in the *Journal of Black Studies* (November, 1996).

“The Classical Conservatism of Peter Viereck” in *Southeastern Political Review*. (March 1995), Vol 23, No. 1 pp. 101-117.

“The Diminishing Soul of Black America” in *Social Theory and Practice*, Summer 1988, Vol. 14 No. 2 pp. 131-140.

“The ‘Republic Revision’ and The Teaching of American Government” in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Summer 1987, Vol. 20 No. 3 pp. 689-691.

Published biographical essays of W.E.B. DuBois, Christopher Lasch, and Manning Marable in the *Biographical Dictionary of Neo-Marxism*, Robert A. Gorman, ed., (Westport, Conn: Greenwood Press, 1985).

“What is Conservatism?” an essay in the *Humanist Sociologist*, Vol. 6 No. 1 (March, 1981), pp. 7-8.

Book Reviews

Branded Conservatives: How the Brand Brought the Right from the Fringes to the Center of American Politics by Kenneth Cosgrove. New York, Peter Lang Publishing, 2007, 364pp. and *The Right Talk: How Conservatives Transformed the Great Society into the Economic Society* by Mark Smith. Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2007, 278pp in *Political Science Quarterly* Fall 2008, Vol. 123 no. 3, pp. 515-518.

OTHER RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Presented paper entitled, “Transitional Justice and the American South” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2009, Chicago, Illinois.

Presented paper entitled, “The Politics of Remembrance: Four Communities Confront Their Racist Pasts” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12-14 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

Presented paper entitled “Murky Waters, “Unconservative Elements of Today’s Conservative Revolution” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Pembroke NC, March 18-19, 2005.

Presented paper entitled “Character and the Civil Rights Struggle” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Cullowhee, NC, March 26-27, 2004.

Presented paper entitled “Conservative Implications of the Irrelevance of Racism in Contemporary African-American Cinema” at the annual conference of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, Phoenix, AZ, March 2003.

Presented a paper entitled “Race and the ‘Rhetoric of Reaction’” at the annual conference of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, New Orleans, LA, March 2001.

Presented a paper entitled “Classical Republicanism and Slavery” at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Hampton, VA, March 10-12, 1994.

Presented a paper entitled “Race, Perceptions of Justice, and Willingness to Serve on a Jury” (with Dr. Cecil Willis) at the annual meeting of the American Society for Criminology, Phoenix, AZ, October 27-30, 1993.

Presented a paper entitled “George Fitzhugh and Classical Conservatism in the Antebellum South” at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association in San Antonio, TX, March 27-30, 1991.

Presented a paper entitled “Peter Viereck and the New Conservatism” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Winston-Salem, NC, April 5-6, 1991.

Presented a paper entitled “The Secularization of the Black Struggle for Equality” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Southern Regional Meeting at Atlanta, GA, March, 1989.

Roundtable Discussant on “Contemporary Black Politics” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, Greensboro, NC, April, 1988.

Presented paper entitled “Peter Viereck and the US Constitution” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Charlotte, NC, November 5-7, 1987.

Panel Chairman on “Politics and Government: Power and Responsibility” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association at Mars Hill College, April, 1986.

Roundtable Discussant on “Problems of the Left” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association at Mars Hills College, April, 1986.

Presented a paper entitled “Republicanism, Individualism, and the Issue of Slavery in Eighteenth Century American Political Thought” at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, March 20-23, 1985, Houston, TX.

Panel Discussant on the “Foundations of American Political Thought” at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 12-14, 1984.

Member of the Editorial Board – Journal of the North Carolina Political Science Association, 1981 – 1984.

Presented a paper entitled “Ronald Reagan and the Fragmentation of Contemporary American Conservatism” at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association in Salisbury, NC, April 2-3, 1982.

Panel Discussant on Black Politics at the annual meeting of the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists in Atlanta, GA, March 25-27, 1981.

Presented a paper entitled, “Conservatism as a Force for Social Reform” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Memphis, Tennessee, November 5-7, 1981.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Received Small Research Grant from the American Political Science Association for project entitled “Race and the Rhetoric of Reaction,” June 2000.

Received Faculty Research and Development Grant (along with Dr. Cecil Willis), November, 1991.

Received College of Arts and Sciences Summer Initiative Grant, Summer, 1991.

Received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for a faculty development seminar on “Science, the Humanities and Society” at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, May 22 – June 9, 1989.

Received National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for a summer seminar on “Eighteenth Century Anglo-American Political Thought” at Cornell University, June-August, 1983.

Selected Community Service

President, New Hanover County NAACP 1987-1996; Member 1898 Memorial Foundation 1996-2008; Member Wilmington City Council 2005-present; Mayor Pro-tem City of Wilmington 2009-present; Member, Board of the Cape Fear Regional Community Development Corporation 2005-present.