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EDUCATION: Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1991.
M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1978.
B.A., Political Science, The College of Wooster,
Wooster, Ohio, Wooster, Ohio, 1975.

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS: Political Theory, Constitutional Law, and Comparative Politics.

ACADEMIC HONORS: Fellowship in the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1988-89.
State Traineeship Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1975-76.
Phi Beta Kappa, The College of Wooster, 1975.
Departmental Honors in Political Science, The College of Wooster, 1975.

PRESENT POSITION: Associate Professor, Political Science, 1996 to present.

PRIOR POSITIONS: Assistant Professor, Political Science, 1991-1996
Instructor, Political Science, 1989 to 1991.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1987-1988.
Consultant and Research Analyst, State of Wisconsin Sentencing Commission, 1985.
Senior Research Assistant, Criminal Justice Division, Wisconsin Center for Public Policy, 1980-1983.
Research Analyst, Wisconsin Division of State Energy, 1978-1980.
Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1976-1977.

TEACHING AWARDS: Arts and Sciences Professor of the Year, 2003.
College of Arts and Sciences Award for Extraordinary Achievement in Teaching, Seattle University, 1993.

COURSES TAUGHT AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY: Citizenship, Introduction to Political Theory, Introduction to American Politics, American Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Thought, Social and Political Philosophy, Special Topics in Political Philosophy, American Constitutional Law, Civil Liberties in American Constitutional Law, Honors Social Science, Faculty Seminar on Citizen Education, and Senior Synthesis.

PUBLICATIONS AND SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Books and Monographs:

Civic Republicanism and the Properties of Democracy: A Case Study of Post-Socialist Political Theory. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2006.

Sentencing Reform in the United States: History, Content, and Effect. U.S. Department of Justice. National Institute of Justice, 1985.

Professional Papers and Presentations:

"'A Fixed and Firmly Located Part of the World Acquired in One Way or Another': Hannah Arendt and the Origins of Property." The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.

"Some Reflections on Kenneth Hoover's *Economics as Ideology*." The Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Portland, OR, March 11-13, 2004.

"Anti-Intellectualism in Contemporary American Culture." College of Arts and Sciences Awards Ceremony, Seattle University, 2003.

"Confessions of a Liberal." The Last Lecture Series, Seattle University, 1997.

"Some Thoughts on Democratic Citizenship." The Democratic Education Project of the Center for Ethical Leadership. Seattle, WA, 1997.

"The Displacement of Property within Contemporary Liberalism." The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, 1995.

"Property and the Masters' Vision of Civic Virtue: Rethinking the Problem of a Commercial Republic." The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C., 1993.

"Propane Consumption and Pricing Procedures in Wisconsin," Wisconsin Department of Administration. Division of State Energy, 1980.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Political Science Association.
Western Political Science Association.
Pacific Northwest Political Science Association.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

Steering Committee, Faculty/Staff Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences. 2006 to 2009.
New Faculty Institute, 2005 to 2006.
Executive Committee, Arts and Sciences Faculty Assembly, 2003-2004.
Faculty Adviser to the Seattle University Jazz Club, 2002-2004.
Seattle University Academic Assembly, 2000-2003.
Pre-Law Adviser, 1992-2002.
Faculty Adviser to the Seattle University chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, 1995-2000.
Seattle University Academic Council, 1998-1999.
President of the Faculty Assembly of the College of Arts and Science, 1996-1997.
Chair of the Faculty Senate Governance Committee, 1993-1994.
Seattle University Faculty Senate, 1990-1993.
College Curriculum Committee, 1992-1993.