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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, August 11, 2001

- **Fields:** American Politics, Comparative Politics, and History

Dissertation title: *Original Intent and the New Politics of Judicial Confirmations* –

Directed by Dr. Stephen Borrelli in Political Science and the late Dr. Forrest McDonald in History

M.A., Political Science, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, 1995

- **Fields:** American Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory

Thesis title: *An Assessment of the Warren and Rehnquist Courts on Fourth Amendment Guarantees: A Review of Selected Cases*

B.A., Political Science, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, 1993 – *cum laude*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, August 1998 to the present

- **Interim Associate Vice-Provost.** October 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
- **Dean, Honors and Special Programs** April 1, 2022 to the present
- **Senior Director, Undergraduate Studies and Special Programs** October 1, 2018 to March 31, 2022
- **Director, Academic Services for School of Arts & Humanities**
January 2015 to September 30, 2018
- **Interim Dean, School of Arts & Humanities**
January 2017 to June 1, 2018
- **Director, Honors Program** September 1, 2014 to the present
- **Department Chair, Political Science**
November 1, 2011 to December 31, 2014
- **Professor of Political Science**
October 1, 2013 to the present
- **Associate Professor of Political Science**
August 2007 to September 2013

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **Assistant Professor of Political Science**
November 1, 2001 to September 2007
- **Full-time Temporary Instructor**
August 1998 to October 2001

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, August 1993 to 1998

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant – Political Science Department, 1995 to 1998** Taught American Politics and State and Local Government
Prepared and graded exams, assisted professor in class, and counseled with students
Conducted in-house training sessions for graduate teaching assistants
- **Graduate Assistant – Office of Admissions Services, August 1993 to December 1994**
Counseled with prospective students and their parents and calculated grade point averages to determine admission status

The University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL, Spring 1996 and Spring 1998 Adjunct Instructor

The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, Spring 1998 Adjunct Instructor

LBJ Congressional Intern for the Honorable Tom Beville 4th Congressional District of Alabama, July 1990, Washington, D.C.

- Assisted in responding to constituents' requests

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL

- PSC 100 American Government
- PSC 102 Introduction to State and Local Government
- PSC 203 Introduction to the Law
- PSC 301 Political Science Methods
- PSC 305 Comparative and International Politics
- PSC 375 Governments of Latin America
- PSC 377 Governments of the Middle East
- PSC 421 American Diplomacy to 1900
- PSC 423 American Foreign Policy
- PSC 439 Model Debate Team: Global Issues
- PSC 445 Southern Politics
- PSC 493 The Judicial Process
- UH 398 Study Away and PSC 398 (Honors and Political Science)

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- UH 399 Study Abroad (Honors)
- STU 103 First Year Experience (Honors)

The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

- PSC 101 American Politics Fall 1996 and Spring 1997
- PSC 211 State and Local Government Fall 1997 and Spring 1998

The University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL

- PSC 110 American Government, Spring 1996 and Spring 1998

The University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

- PSC 388 The American Presidency, Spring 1998

JSU UNIVERSITY WIDE COMMITTEES

- Member and Team Leader, SACS COC 5th Year Interim Report Committee, April 2019 to the present
- Member, Institutional Effectiveness Committee, 2018 to present
- Member, Navigate Engagement Team 2018 to 2020
- Member, Gamecock Market Food and Clothing Pantry, January 2022 to the present
- Chair, General Education Subcommittee, 2018 to present
- Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Arts & Humanities, 2017
- Campus Coordinator, American Democracy Project, 2009 to the present
- Member, Scholarship Committee, 2016 to 2017
- Member, Budget Committee, 2017 to 2021
- Member, Tuition and Fees Committee, 2017 to 2021
- Member, Presidential Investiture Committee, 2016
- Member, International Programs Committee, 2016 to the present
- Member & Chair, Study Aboard Subcommittee, 2016 to the present
- Member, Community Engagement Committee, 2017 to the present
- Member, Enrollment Management Committee, Fall 2014
- Member, Service Committee, 2012 to 2015
- Member, Community Service Subcommittee, 2013 to 2015
- Member, SACS Committee, 2012 to 2014
- Member, Research and Service Committee, 2012 to 2014
- Member, General Education Curriculum, Spring 2011
- Member, Job Readiness Team, 2011
- Group Leader, Red Balloon Discussion Group, Fall 2010
- Representative for Arts and Sciences, Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, Fall 2017
- Member, University Forum, January 2002 to 2003
- Member, Faculty Senate, August 2001 to 2007
- Secretary and Member of Executive Committee for Faculty Senate, August 2006 to 2007

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JSU UNIVERSITY WIDE COMMITTEES

- Member, Political Relations Committee, 2005 to 2007
- Pre-Law Advisor, 2001 to the present

STATEWIDE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Emeritus Board Member, Alabama Women's Commission, 2021 to the present
- Chair, Alabama Women's Commission, February 2011 to 2013
- Vice-Chair, Alabama Women's Commission, 2008 to 2011
- Secretary, Alabama Women's Commission, 2006 to 2008
- Member, Alabama Women's Commission, 2003 to 2017
- Chair, Alabama Higher Education Partnership, August 2007 to August 2012
- Board Member, Alabama Higher Education Partnership, 2007 to the present
- Member, Delta Kappa Gamma International Honor Society for Women in Education, 2004 to 2018
- Founding Member and Secretary, Cherokee County Family Resource Center Board of Directors, 2006 to 2018
- Member, Alabama Republican Party Executive Committee, 2001 to 2014
- Chairperson, Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee, February 2001 to 2010
- Member, Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee, 1988 to the present
- Secretary, Cherokee County Republican Executive Committee, 1988 to 1992 and 1998 to 2000
- Charter member, Cherokee County Republican Women, December 2005 to 2010
- Member, Alabama Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, April 1997 to 2004

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/DUTIES

- President, Alabama Political Science Association, 2015 to 2016
- Program Chair, Alabama Political Science Association, 2014 to 2015
- Program Chair Elect, Alabama Political Science Association, 2013 to 2014
- At Large Board Member, Alabama Political Science Association, 2009 to 2012
- Member, Alabama Political Science Association, Spring 1995 to the present
- Faculty Advisor, JSU Political Science Model Arab League Debate Team, 2001 to the present, Organization of the year, 2005 to 2006
- Faculty Advisor, Southern Regional Model U.N. Team, 2015 to 2018
- Faculty Advisor, JSU Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, 2001 to 2003
- Faculty Advisor, JSU Pre-Law Society, 2001 to the present
- Member, Southern Association of Pre-Law Advisors, 2012 to the present

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/DUTIES

- Faculty Advisor, JSU College Republicans, 2001 to 2010/Co-Advisor, 2022 to the present
- JSU Faculty Liaison, The Washington Center Internship Program, 2011 to the present
- JSU Internship Coordinator, Congressman Mike Rogers 3rd Congressional District of Alabama, 2003 to the present
- Academic Associate, The Atlantic Council, 2002 to 2008

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE COMMITTEES

- Member, Global Studies Search Committee, Political Science and Sociology, Spring 2023
- Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2004 to the present
- Member and Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in American Politics, 2003
- Member, Search Committee Political Science, Assistant Professor in Theory and Global Studies, 2009
- Member and Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Political Science in Global Studies and Theory, 2011
- Member, PSC 100 Introduction to American Government Universal Book Selection Committee, 2012 to 2013

SELECTED COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Cuba People to People Exchange Speaking Engagements

- Centre Lions Club, November 2019
- Cherokee County Republican Women, May 2019

Oman Fellowship Speaking Engagements

- First Baptist Church of Piedmont WMU, July 2018
- Anniston Rotary Club, January 2017
- First Baptist Centre, Young at Heart, January 2017
- Cedar Bluff WMU, February 2017
- *The JSU Report Radio Show*, February 2016
- *The Chanticleer*, February 2016
- *JSU Today*, February and March 2016
- Keynote Panel at the Southern Regional Model Arab League Conference at Converse College, Spartanburg, SC, March 2016
- *WEIS Radio* in Centre, AL, April 2016

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- Ruhama Baptist Church, Anniston, AL, WMU, July 2016
- ADK & DKG meeting in Centre, AL, September 2016
- Radio Interview with Andrew Yeager, 2022 General Election NPR Birmingham WBHM-FM, November 2022
- Radio Interview with Andrew Yeager, 2020 General Election NPR Birmingham WBHM-FM, November 2020
- Radio Interview with Andrew Yeager, 2020 March Primary NPR Birmingham WBHM-FM, March 2020
- Radio Interview with Andrew Yeager, 2018 Midterms NPR Birmingham WBHM-FM, November 2018
- WBHM Canada Podcast Interview on Moore/Jones 2017 Special Election, December 2017
- Speaker, Political Training Seminar for the Albertville Chamber of Commerce, 2012
- Co-Moderator, Alabama Gubernatorial Forum, Jacksonville, AL, April 2010
- Frequent Political Commentator to The Anniston Star and TV24

PUBLICATIONS

“Our Oman Travelogue.” Newslines: The Newsletter of the Carolinas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations ~ an affiliate of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. Vol. 30, No. 1, June 2016

“Owens Reflects on Oman.” Jacksonville News, Town and Gown Section, Vol. 82, No. 16 April 2016

“Office of the State Treasurer.” The Encyclopedia of Alabama. Online January 2011

“Public Transportation.” Governing America: Major Decisions of Federal, State, and Local Government from 1789 to the Present, Vol. 1. Facts on File, 2011. Edited by Paul J. Quirk and William Cunion

“Political Action Committees.” Encyclopedia of U.S. Political History, Vol. 7, 1976-present. MTM-Congressional Quarterly Press, Spring 2010

“A Malone Faculty Fellowship to Yemen.” Newslines: The Newsletter of the Carolinas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations ~ an affiliate of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Vol. XIII, No. 2, November 2008

Original Intent and the Struggle for The Supreme Court: The Politics of Judicial Appointments. Published by The Edwin Mellen Press: New York and Ontario 2005 ISBN 0-7734-5852-2

HIGHER EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

“Helping the Cause of Fair Funding for Education.” *The Partnership* 2011 Annual Report, pages 8-9, Montgomery, AL

“2011 Brings Change to Montgomery.” *The Partnership* 2010 Annual Report, pages 8-9, Montgomery, AL

“2010 Brings Funding Challenges for Higher Education.” *The Partnership* 2009 Annual Report, pages 8-9, Montgomery, AL

“2009 Brings Challenges to Higher Education.” *The Partnership* 2008 Annual Report, pages 8-9, Montgomery, AL

“Meet the New Chair of the Higher Education Partnership.” *The Partnership* 2007 Annual Report, pages 8-9, Montgomery, AL

PRESENTATIONS

“Is Senate Rule 22 a Relic of Jim Crow as Many Maintain?” Presented at The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 3-4, 2022, Charleston, South Carolina

“Oman: The Gem of the Arabian Peninsula.” Beta State Convention February 17-19, 2017, Montgomery, Alabama

“Yemen: Prospects and Challenges.” Presented at the Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, April 3-4, 2009, Alabama State University

“The Impact of the Robert Bork Hearings on the Nomination and Confirmation Process.” Presented at the Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, April 1-2, 2005, Jacksonville State University

“Original Intent Today.” Presented at the Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, April 11-12, 2003, Troy State University

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

“Congress to Campus: Emphasizing and Exploring Civic Engagement Across Campus.” Copresenters: Dr. Benjie Blair and Ms. Becca Turner. American Democracy Project National Meeting: Stewardship of Place: A Civic Mission of Higher Education, June 3-6, 2015 ~ New Orleans, Louisiana

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AMERICAN DEMOCRACY PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

“Hosting Your State’s Supreme Court on Campus: An Opportunity for Students and the Community.” The Use of Campus Events to Promote Civic Engagement. American Democracy Project National Meeting: Beyond Voting: Active Citizenship in the New Era, June 2-4, 2011 ~ Orlando, Florida

“Exploring the Constitution: The Current State of the Fourth Amendment.” The Use of Campus Events to Promote Civic Engagement. American Democracy Project National Meeting: Agents and Architects of Democracy, June 17-19, 2010 ~ Providence, Rhode Island

CHAIR/DISCUSSANT

“Building the Network on Campus.” Alabama Higher Education Partnership STARS Leadership and University Advocates Conference, July 31–August 2, 2016 Destin, Florida

“An Examination of the Seven Revolutions: Population, Resource Management, Technology Information Knowledge, Economics, Security, and Governance.” Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, March 6–7, 2015, Jacksonville State University

“The State of Women and Politics in Alabama.” Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, April 19, 2013, The University of Alabama

Comparative Politics: “Domestic Dimensions of International Dilemmas.” Alabama Political Science Association Meeting, April 15-16, 2011, Samford University

Co-moderator with Dr. Glen Browder, Alabama Gubernatorial Primary Debate, April 20, 2010, Jacksonville State University.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

General Topics: U.S. judicial appointments, state redistricting, TransAtlantic Relations, Southern Politics, and the Middle East

Current Specific Topic: The life and career of Senator James Allen, Sr. of Alabama

ASSESSMENT EXPERIENCE/EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), Workshop September 27, 2021

- Teaching & Learning Experientially
- Strategic Planning for Experiential Education Program Design

National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) Experiential Education Academy, Virtual Workshop October 8, 2021

- Assessment

National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) Experiential Education Academy, Virtual Workshop October 15, 2021

- Reflection

National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE), Workshop – September 2019

- Fundamentals of Experiential Education
- Principles of Ethical & Best Practices

External Reviewer, Program Review, University of Tennessee at Martin, May 2015, 2022

Annual Meeting of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Commission on Colleges, “Higher Education at the Crossroads: Pathways to Equity and Excellence” Atlanta, GA – December 2016

- Creating a Manageable, Effective, and Sustainable Program Assessment Plan
- Measuring the Quality of Assessment – Getting Started

Assessment Institute in Indianapolis, Workshops – October 2015

- Assessing Student Civic and Global Learning
- Capstone Experiences and Their Uses in Learning and Assessment: Fundamental Approaches and Strategies

AWARDS/HONORS

- Alwaleed Bin Talal Fellowship to Oman, December 2015 to January 2016
- Alabama Higher Education Partnership Alumni Task Force Advocates Award, February 2013
- Malone Fellowship to the Middle East, Yemen Study Tour, 2008
- JSU Faculty Alumni of the Year Award, 2008 to 2009
- SGA Golden Apple Award for support of the SGA, 2006 to 2007
- SGA Organizational Council Faculty Advisor of the Year, 2006 to 2007
- NATO-EU Study Tour Award to Brussels, Belgium, the Atlantic Council, 2002

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AWARDS/HONORS

- Dean's Award for Institutional Service, Jacksonville State University College of Arts and Sciences, 2002
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Fall 1992
- Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, Spring 1992
- Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Fall 1991
- Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society, Spring 1991

***CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION FOR EXPANSION AND
UPDATING OF DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE**

31st Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "Arab-U.S. Uncertainties and Constants: What Lies Ahead?" November 2-3, 2022, Washington, D.C.

30th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Virtual Conference, "Whither U.S.-Arab Relations? Unnerving Uncertainties Amidst Complex Realities and New Possibilities." November 17-18, 2021.

29th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Virtual Conference, "The Next U.S. Presidency: Implications for the U.S.-Arab Relationship." November 17-19, 2020.

28th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "Trending a Tightrope: How Best to Balance and Advance the Multifaceted Arab-U.S. Relationship?" October 23-October 24, 2019, Washington, D.C.

27th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "What Paths Forward For America In and With The Arab Region?" October 31-November 1, 2018, Washington, D.C.

26th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "Arab-U.S. Relations: How Best to Navigate an Uncertain Present and Future?" October 18-19, 2017, Washington, D.C.

25th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "The Next U.S. Presidency and U.S.-Arab Relations: Probabilities, Possibilities, Potential Pitfalls" October 26-27, 2016, Washington, D.C.

24th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "U.S.-Arab Relations at a Crossroads: What Paths Forward?" October 14-15, 2015, Washington, D.C.

23rd Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, "Framing and Charting the Region's Issues, Interests, Challenges, and Opportunities: Implications for Arab and U.S. Policies" October 28-29, 2014, Washington, D.C.

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UPDATING OF DISCIPLINARY KNOWLEDGE**

22nd Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, “Navigating Arab-U.S. Relations: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities” October 22-23, 2013, Washington, D.C.

Symposium on Southern Politics – The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, South Carolina is the largest and most comprehensive conference for the presentation and discussion of scholarly research on the contemporary politics of a specific region in the country. The Symposium has been held biennially, in even-numbered years, on the campus of the Citadel since 1978.

Attended conference in **2022, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012, 2010, and 2002**

Alabama Political Science Association, member since 1995 while enrolled in graduate school; regularly attended and participated, served in various officer positions, and served as the program chair when JSU hosted the annual meeting in 2015. The organization has been on hiatus since 2017.

See Professional Association/Duties for years and roles. Attended at own expense unless presenting.

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