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RANK:

Associate Professor
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EDUCATION:

Ph. D. Political Science (Public Administration, Public Policy, Gerontology), Northern Illinois University, 1995.

Dissertation title: "Citizen Decision Making in the Context of School Financial Referenda: The Illinois Experience," nominated for the 1995 NASPAA (National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration) Annual Dissertation Award.

M.P.A. Public Administration (Human Services Administration), Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 1987.

B.A. History, University of Charleston, Charleston, W VA, 1969.

GRANTS AWARDED:

2009/2010 Fulbright Scholar Grantee to lecture at the University of Zambia, December 2009 to November 2010, and to conduct research for "Evaluating the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Through Interviews with People with HIV/AIDS in Zambia."

Principal Investigator: "Why Some Communities Pay More Than Others: Comparison of Teacher Salaries in Illinois and Texas," \$5,000 Research Enhancement Grant from Sam Houston State University, December, 1998.

Principal Investigator: "Predicting School Referenda Outcomes in Illinois: A Reanalysis," \$5,000 Research Enhancement Grant from Sam Houston State University, December, 1995.

AFFILIATIONS:

Approved for a research affiliation with The University of Zambia, December, 2009, to conduct research for "Evaluating the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Through Interviews of People with HIV/AIDS in Zambia," until November 2010.

AWARDS RECEIVED:

2010 Political Science Department Research Award, given by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, October, 2010.

Service Learning Certificate of Appreciation, "The Measure of a Life is its Service," awarded by Office of the Provost, Sam Houston State University, 2010.

Special Achievement Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2002.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Research interests include international health and social issues associated with the HIV/AIDS pandemic, public finance, public administration, and education and social policy.

HONORS:

Member of Pi Alpha, the National Honor Society of Public Affairs and Administration, 1987.

Member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Honor Society for Political Science, 1997.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2010

I am teaching two classes in public administration for The University of Zambia. The first is PA 125, Introduction to Public Administration with 250 students and PAM 5342, a graduate course in Program Evaluation.

1995-to date.

I teach political science and public administration graduate and undergraduate courses at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

1990-95

I taught at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois; Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois; and Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois as temporary full or part time faculty.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

1987 - 1992

I worked as a Graduate Research Assistant (1987-89) and Research Associate (1989-1991) in the Public Opinion Laboratory at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, on a grant funded by the National Science Foundation developing codebooks, providing data analysis, and creating SPSS programs. I also worked as a graduate research assistant for the Center for Governmental Studies (1991-2) at NIU on a study funded by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

ONGOING RESEARCH:

Two studies were undertaken while in Zambia during 2010 under the Fulbright Scholarship. The first, "Evaluating the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through Interviews of People with HIV/AIDS in Zambia," began in March 2010 and is ongoing. The study measures the health of people with HIV/AIDS who receive anti-retroviral therapies (ARVs) under the PEPFAR program. Besides the health questions, questions about family, finances, religion, food consumption, and personal behavior are asked. The financial and food questions speak to the overall health of the respondents because the ARV treatments work better when taken with food. Also patients are encouraged to eat three nutritious meals per day, which is not easy for impoverished people to accomplish. Four hundred twenty three interviews were completed in six areas of Zambia, one city, Lusaka; three towns, Chirundu, Nyimba, Petauke, Siavonga; and one rural village. There locations were in three of Zambia's nine provinces. Of the 423 interviews, 41 were with Muslims.

The second project is an outcome from the first project when it was noted that men with HIV often continue the behavior of having multiple concurrent sexual partners (MCPs), commonly referred to as “misbehaving”, yet attend church on a weekly basis. “Church as a Vehicle for Cultural Change in the Age of HIV/AIDS: The Zambian Experience” surveyed pastors of two denominations in Zambia to determine their activities in preaching, pastoral care, and leadership to effect behavioral change to in church members to prevent HIV/AIDS transmission. Ninety pastors and church leaders of the Central Church Africa Presbyterian and 172 pastors and church leaders of the Reformed Church in Zambia completed the survey at their annual synod meetings in August, 2010. In 2011, 30 Pentecostal pastors and 34 Muslim religious leaders were surveyed.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

American Society for Public Administration
 Section on Democracy and Social Justice
 Review of Religious Research

GRANT APPLICATIONS

2009-10 Lecturing/Research Fulbright Scholarship for the University of Zambia, \$76,000, submitted to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 1 August 2008, accepted and funded.

“Partnerships in Zambia: Healthcare Delivery by Indigenous FBOs” \$18,000, submitted for the Enhancement Grant for Research 2008, Research and Special Programs, at Sam Houston State University, 1 October 2007, Primary Investigator: Corliss Lentz, not funded.

2008-9 Lecturing/Research Fulbright Scholarship for the University of Zambia, \$74,000, submitted to Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 1 August 2007, not funded.

“Providing Social Services: Identifying the Best Practices of Faith-Based Organizations in Combating the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Zambia,” \$20,000, submitted to the IBM Center for The Business of Government, Social Services, 1 November 2006, Primary Investigator: Corliss Lentz, not funded.

“Saving Lives: Identifying the Best Practices of Faith-Based Organizations in Combating the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Zambia,” \$20,000, presented to the IBM Center for Global Issues - Healthcare, 1 March 2006, Primary Investigator: Corliss Lentz, not funded.

PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS:

“Individual’s Attitudes Toward Public Transit in a Rural Transit District: A Case Study,” coauthored with Sarmistha Majumdar (first author.) Manuscript accepted for publication in February 2011 by *Public Works Management and Policy*.

“A Fulbright Experience: Building Relationships with Christians and Muslims with HIV/AIDS in Zambia,” accepted for publication in *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, (2011) 17(3): 407-416.

“Improving Educational Opportunities: Can Public Administrators Build a Sustainable Middle Class in Zambia?” *Comparative Studies of Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* (2010) 30 (2): 312-323.

“Strengthening Community Involvement: Partnering with Indigenous Faith-Based Organizations to Develop Sustainable Partnerships in Zambia,” *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Service*. (2010) 9: 281-304.

"Predicting School Referenda Outcomes: Answers from Illinois," *The Journal of Education Finance* (Spring 1999) 24: 459-482.

"Where You Work Does Make a Difference: The Intrastate Differences in Teacher Salary," *The Journal of School Business Management* (Number 1 1999) 11:15-25.

"The Effects of Collective Bargaining on Teacher Compensation: Lessons From Illinois," *Journal of Collective Negotiations in the Public Sector* (Number 2 1998) 27:93-106.

"Determinants of Voter Turnout in Illinois School Referenda," *Southeastern Political Review* (June 1998) 26:313-335.

"Why Some Communities Pay More Than Others: The Example of Illinois Teachers," *Public Administration Review* (March/April 1998) 58: 137-144.

"Dispelling Myth: Referenda Can Succeed During General Elections," *Illinois School Board Journal*, (September/October 1997) 65:19-20.

"The Role of Community Homogeneity in School Referenda Outcomes: the Illinois Experience," *The Journal of School Business Management* (April 1996) 8:6-18.

"Citizen Decisionmaking in Illinois: The Role of Affordability and Community Homogeneity in School Referenda Outcomes," *The Journal of School Business Management* (April 1995) 7: 6-19.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:

What Roles Do Church Leader's Play in Reducing the Spread of HIV/AIDS in Zambia? Report and Codebook. (2010). Corliss Lentz, Lusaka.

"Atypical Pneumonia, A Typical Chinese Response: Why the Chinese Government Concealed the "HIV/AIDS in Central and South America: The Impact on the Orphans," p. 1491-1512 in *Harnessing the Future by Studying the Past, 2004 Monograph Series, part 2*, , included as select presentations from the 2004 Joint Conference of the National Association of African American Studies, National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies, National Association of Native American Studies, and the International Association of Asian Studies, Houston. Co-authored with Rogerio J. Zapata.

"The Rise of Professional Government: Evidence from large Scale Public Works Projects," *Public Administration Review* (January/February 2001) 61: 121-126.

"Communities Under Stress: The Role of Homogeneity in School Referenda Outcomes," pp. 307-316 in *The Small City and Regional Community: Proceedings of the 1996 Conference, University of Louisville, vol. 12*, (eds). Peter B. Meyer and Thomas S. Lyons. Stevens Point, WI: University of Wisconsin, Center for the Small City, 1997.

"Cutting Class: More Excuses," *Sam Houston State University Across the University Writing Program Newsletter*, (May 1997) 16: 6-7.

"Cutting Class: Excuses, Excuses, Excuses," *Sam Houston State University Across the University Writing Program Newsletter*, (December 1996) 15: 8-9.

"Program Evaluation of the Silver Harvest Senior Nutrition Program" produced for the Silver Harvest Senior Nutrition Program, Joliet, Illinois. July, 1987.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS:

Does Religion Matter in HIV/AIDS Transmission? Comparing the Personal Behavior of Zambian Christians and Muslims, both Men and Women, a paper submitted to *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, July, 2011.

The U. S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief Abstain, Be Faithful, or Condomize Program -- Is It Working to Change Behavior in Zambia? A paper submitted to *AIDS Care*, June, 2011.

Speak No Evil: Do Zambian Church Leaders Practice a *Conspiracy of Silence* Regarding HIV/AIDS? A paper submitted to *Review of Religious Research*, May 2011.

"Improving the Achievement of Hispanic Students in Texas Using POSDCORB As a Tool for Innovation," to be submitted to *Administration Theory & Praxis*, September 2010.

"Loss of Husband, Property Grabbing, and HIV/AIDS: The Trifecta of Bad Luck for Women in Zambia," a paper in progress.

"Using Education as a Development a Tool to build a Sustainable Middle Class in Zambia," a paper in progress.

"Using Service Learning in the Classroom to Develop Social Justice," a paper in progress.

"Issues in Food Security for People with HIV/AIDS: Lessons from Zambia," a paper in progress.

Is it Religion or Culture? A comparison of Christian and Muslim Behavior in People with HIV/AIDS in Zambia

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS:

"Calling the Faithful : Recommendations for Empowering Christian and Muslim Religious Leaders in Zambia to Help their Congregants Combat the Spread of HIV/AIDS," abstract submitted to the Kahn Charitable Trust for the October 2011 Conference on Women/Youth Empowerment and HIV/AIDS Prevention-the Way Forward, submitted July 2011.

"Using Religious Leaders to Combat HIV/AIDS: Recommendations from Zambia," abstract submitted to the American Society for Public Administration Conference committee for the March, 2012 Annual Conference, submitted July, 2011.

"Zambians with HIV/AIDS: Are There Differences in Behavior Between Christians and Muslims?" presented at the Athens Institute for Education and Research, Politics Section, Athens, Greece, June 2011.

"Journey of a Lifetime: The Fulbright Experience in Zambia," presented at the College of Humanities and Social Science Colloquium, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX., 20 April 2011

"Misbehaving: hy the Presidents Emergency Program for AIDS Relief;s (PEPFAR) Abstain, Be Faithful or Condomize Program is not Working in Zambia," presented at the American Society for

Public Administration annual conference, March, 2011, Baltimore.

“What Roles do Church Leader’s Plan in Reducing the Spread of HIV/ADS in Zambia? Presented at Justo Mwale Theological University College, Lusaka, Zambia, November, 2010.

“Evaluating the U. S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through Interviews of People with HIV/AIDS in Zambia,” presented to the Westlake Presbyterian Church mission group at Justo Mwale Theological University College, June, 2010, Lusaka.

“Using Education as a Development a Tool to build a Sustainable Middle Class in Zambia,” the Keynote Paper presentation at The National Symposium on Research and Innovation in Education, at The University of Zambia, May, 2010, Lusaka.

“Using Service Learning as a Method to Foster Social Justice: The Classroom Experience,” presented at the American Society for Public Administration annual conference, April, 2010, San Jose.

“Telling Their Story: The Differences Between Men and Women with HIV/AIDS in Zambia,” a poster Presentation presented at the American Society for Public Administration annual conference, April 2009, Miami.

“Improving Education Opportunities: Innovative Government/NGO Partnerships to Build a Sustainable Middle Class in Zambia” presented at the American Society for Public Administration annual conference, March, 2008, Dallas.

“Providing Services for People Affected with HIV/AIDS: Developing Sustainable International Partnerships with Indigenous Faith-Based Organizations in Zambia,” presented at the Association of Budgeting and Management, October, 2007, Washington, D.C.

“Measuring the Performance of Taxpayer Supported Local Events Designed to Promote Economic Development and Enhance Quality of Life: Does Anyone Really Care?” coauthored with Frank Robinson (primary author), presented at the 2007 American Society for Public Administration, March 23-27, 2007, Washington, D.C.

“Assessing Amenities: Creating a Destination through Economic Development and Improved Intergovernmental Partnerships,” coauthored with B. D. Marshall (primary author), presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management meeting (a section of the American Society for Public Administration,) October, 2006, Atlanta.

“The Impact of Parks on Residential Property Values: An Analysis of Two New Parks in The Woodlands, Texas,” coauthored with Jonathan Loewer (primary author), presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management meeting (a section of the American Society for Public Administration,) October, 2006, Atlanta.

“Service Learning: Models of How to Incorporate It Into Courses and How to Assess It,” Coauthored with Stephanie Frogg and John Newbold, presented at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Fall 2006 Teaching Conference, August 2006, Huntsville, Texas.

“Using POSDCORB as a Tool for Innovation: Improving Hispanic Student Achievement,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Public Administrators, March 31- April 4, 2006, Denver.

“Zambia: Nurturing Faith Through Partnerships,” presented at the 3rd annual meeting of the Southern African Partnership Network of the Presbyterian Church USA, January 2006, Louisville.

“Service Learning: Models of How to Incorporate it into Courses and How to Assess It” coauthored with Stephanie Frogg and John Newbold, presented at the College of Humanities and Social Sciences 2nd Annual Teaching Conference, August 2005, Huntsville, Texas.

“Lessons from the Front: Improving the Achievement of Hispanic Students in Texas” presented at the 85th annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2005, New Orleans.

“Transforming Schools with Scarce Resources: The Effects of Texas’ “Slash and Burn” Budgetary Techniques on the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,” presented at the 62nd annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April, 2004, Chicago.

“HIV/AIDS in Central and South America: The Impact on Family Structure” co-authored with Rogerio Zapata, a paper presented at the National Association of African American Studies Annual Meeting, February, 2004, Houston.

“Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) with a Typical Chinese Response: Why the Chinese Government Concealed the Problem” coauthored with Xiaoyong Lai, a paper presented at the National Association of Asian Studies annual meeting, February, 2004, Houston.

“Improving Student Achievement in Texas: Exploring Determinants of Ethnic Disparity”, a paper presented at the National Association of African American Studies annual meeting, February, 2003, Houston.

“Student Achievement: Tracking Ethnic Disparity of TAAS Passage Rates in Texas”, a paper presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 25-28, 2002, Chicago.

“Tracking the Ethnic Disparity of TAAS Passage Rates in Texas: Are Minority Student Scores Improving,” a paper presented at The National Association of African American Studies annual meeting, February 11-16, 2002, Houston.

“Would Increased State Funding Improve Student Performance? An Example from Texas,” a paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 19-22, 2001, Chicago.

“Tracking Student Achievement: The Troubling Ethnic Disparity of TAAS Passage Rates in Texas,” presented at The National Association of African American Studies annual meeting, February 12-17, 2001, Houston.

“The Effects of Administrative Decision-making on Student Achievement: The Texas Example,” a paper presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 27-29, 2000, Chicago.

“The Relationship Between School District Revenue and Student Achievement: the Texas Example,” a paper presented at the 1999 Annual Conference on Public Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington D.C., October, co-authored with John Spangler.

"Equalizing Education Funding: The Relationship Between School District Finances and the Property Tax Base," a paper presented at the American Society for Public Administration's 60th National Conference, Orlando, April, 1999..

"The Effects of Intergovernmental Transfers on Public Sector Salaries," a paper presented at the 1998 Association for Budgeting and Financial Management Annual Conference, Washington D.C., November.

"Evaluating Teacher Merit: Reliability and Validity Problems with Using TAAS to Evaluate Teachers," a paper presented at the 1998 Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, Texas, March, coauthored with Mark Spangler.

"Analysis of Flat Tax Proposals," a paper presented at the 1997 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Va, November, coauthored with Shirley De Voll.

"Communities Under Stress: The Role of Homogeneity in School Referenda Outcomes," paper presented at the Twelfth Conference on the Small City and Regional Community, October 22-23, 1996, Louisville, KY.

"The Role of Voter Turnout in Illinois School Referenda," presented April 18-20, 1996 at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Invited lecture on "Citizen Decision Making in Illinois: The Role of Affordability and Community Homogeneity in School Referenda Outcomes" presented May 2-3, 1995 at the Illinois Council of Professors of Educational Administration Spring Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

"Community Typology: Predictor of Tax Protest in Education Referenda" presented October 14-16, 1993 at the American Society for Public Administration 1993 Annual Conference on Public Budgeting and Finance, Arlington, VA.

"Citizen Decision Making in the Context of School Financing Referenda: The Illinois Experience" presented July 17-21, 1993 at the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) National Training Conference, San Francisco.

"Economic Conditions In Illinois: A Predictor of Local Government Crisis" presented April 15-17, 1993, at the Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Invited Panelist: "Women, Where to Now", a panel presentation for National Women's Month, sponsored by the United States Embassy, Lusaka, March, 2010.

Discussant, "Issues in City Council Representation" panel at the 1998 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 23-25, Chicago, IL.

Discussant, "Assessing Effectiveness of Local Government" panel at the 1996 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 18-20, Chicago, IL.

Discussant, "Raising Money/Spending Money" panel at the 1995 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 6-8, Chicago, IL.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

In 2009 I was elected as a member of the board for a three year term to the board of the Section on Democracy and Social Justice, a section of the American Society for Public Administration.

Serve on the Temporary Executive Committee that developed into the section on Democracy and Social Justice, a section for Public Administration (ASPA), at the 2008 ASPA meeting

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Presentation on "A Year in Zambia: A Faith Journey" at The Woodlands Community Presbyterian church, The Woodlands, Texas, September 2011.

Presentation on "Visiting Mission Partners in Zambia and Evaluating the U. S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through Interviews of People with HIV/AIDS," to Senior High Youth Group, The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands, Texas, April 2011.

Presentation Evaluating the U. S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) through Interviews of People with HIV/AIDS in Zambia to the Reformed Church in Zambia HIV/AIDS Caregiver Group in Petauke, Zambia, September 4, 2010

Presentation on "The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)" presented to the Philadelphia Presbytery Mission Committee of the PCUSA, JMTUC, Lusaka, Zambia, June, 2010.

Presentation on " The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) presented to the Westlake Presbyterian Church Mission Group, JMTUC, Lusaka, Zambia, June, 2010.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT:

I served as Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Political Science, 1998-2008.

Worked on a proposal to expand the Masters Degree in Public Administration with an on-line concentration in National Security Administration, submitted July, 2008.

I worked on developing a Masters Degree in Public Administration for the Political Science Department at Sam Houston State University, Fall, 2002, which was approved in March, 2004.

I served as the Political Science Field School Coordinator for the Italian field School. I developed the program for teaching students in Italy and recruited students for the 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 programs. I took SHSU students to Italy, June, 2000, May 2001, and May 2002.

I developed an Internship Program for the Department of Political Science to recruit, select, place and supervise internship students in local government.

DEVELOPMENT:

Seminar participant in "Germany: Adapting to the Challenges of the 21st Century, sponsored by Council on International Educational Exchange, June 13-20, 1998, Berlin, Germany.

Participant in "Categorical Data Analysis: Introduction" sponsored by the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, June 9-13, 1997, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Participant in "Writing for Publication," sponsored by the Sam Houston State University Writing Across the University Program and Research and Sponsored Projects, October 16-17, 1996, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

Participant in "Portfolios in the University Classroom," sponsored by the Sam Houston State University Writing Across the University Program, February 21, 1996, Huntsville, Texas.