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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrative Experience & Selected Responsibilities

Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Middle Tennessee State University, February 2018-current.

- Lead largest academic unit at MTSU with over 350 full-time employees
- Manage college's financial, physical, and human resources
- Facilitate the success of 11 departments & 8 centers or institutes housing 20+ undergraduate majors/concentrations, 50+ minors, 6 M.A. & 2 Ph.D. programs
- Supervise & mentor office staff of 18
- Oversee faculty hiring and diversity initiatives
- Participate in university-wide leadership initiatives
- Make tenure & promotion recommendations
- Create & support faculty development initiatives across disciplines
- Liaison to external constituents to further the mission of the College

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Middle Tennessee State University, May 2016-February 2018.

- See above.

Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Middle Tennessee State University, January 2014-May 2016.

- Direct supervision of undergraduate advising office & select staff members
- Lead strategic planning process
- Oversee all curricular development
- Responsible for all aspects of space & facilities use planning

Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Middle Tennessee State University, August 2010-December 2013.

- Improve and systematize assessment of student learning outcomes
- Evaluate student retention data and make policy recommendations

Full-time Faculty Positions in Political Science

Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, 2015-current.

Associate Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, 2010-2015.

Assistant Professor, Middle Tennessee State University, 2005-2010.

Senior Lecturer, Vanderbilt University, 2004-2005.

Other Relevant Experience & Affiliations

Honors Faculty Member, Middle Tennessee State University Honors College, 2006-current.

Affiliated Professor, University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel, 2016-2017.

Research Consultant, John Vasquez (University of Illinois) and Paul Senese (SUNY Buffalo), 2004-2005.

Graduate Research Assistant, Correlates of War Militarized Interstate Dispute 3.0 project. August 2001-December 2002, Vanderbilt University, James Ray, Supervisor.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Vanderbilt University, August 2004.

- Exam Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
- Non-exam Field: Research Methods

M.A., Political Science, Vanderbilt University, August 2002.

B.S., Magna Cum Laude, International Relations, Middle Tennessee State University, December 1998.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Grants

National Science Foundation ADVANCE Catalyst grant, with Brad Bartel (PI), Judith Iriarte-Gross, Jackie Eller, Wandi Ding, Awarded Sept. 2014.

Faculty Research and Creative Projects Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, Summer 2011.

Faculty Research and Creative Projects Grant (with Amanda DiPaolo), Middle Tennessee State University, Summer 2010.

College of Liberal Arts TBR Access and Diversity Research Grant (with Amanda DiPaolo), Middle Tennessee State University, Spring 2010.

Faculty Research and Creative Projects Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, 2008.

Faculty Research and Creative Projects Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, 2007.

Faculty Research and Creative Projects Grant, Middle Tennessee State University, 2006.

Workshop Grant, International Studies Association, 2004.

Dissertation Writing Grants, Vanderbilt University, 2002, 2003.

Research Grants, Vanderbilt University, 2000, 2001.

Other Grants and Funding

Reacting Endeavor Challenge Grant, with Amy Sayward (PI), Mary Evins, Susan Myers-Shirk, Jae Turner, Reacting Consortium, Barnard University, 2017.

MTSU Public Service Grant, with Connie Huddleston, launch a lifelong learning program, 2015.

International Education Grant & External Funding (Society for Universal Dialogue), travel to Turkey, 2011.

Instructional Development Grant to attend SACS Summer Institute, Middle Tennessee State University, 2010.

Artinian Award, conference travel, Southern Political Science Association, 2010.

CIEE International Faculty Development Seminar, A Fusion of Identities: Exploring Peru's Complex Past, Present and Future, Peru, 2009.

Curriculum Integration Grant to revise general education study abroad course to include gender focus, President's Commission on the Status of Women, Middle Tennessee State University, Summer 2007.

Middle East Center (Dept. of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages) travel grant, Middle Tennessee State University, Spring 2007.

Journeys in World Politics, funded workshop participant, University of Iowa, 2004.

Chautauqua Short Course, "Statistics in Action: An Activity-based Approach to Teaching Statistics." Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN. Co-sponsored by University of Pittsburgh and Funded by the National Science Foundation, 2004.

Women in International Security Graduate Student Summer Symposium, funded participant, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., June 2002.

Center for Spatially Integrated Social Science GIS Training Workshop, funded participant, Florida International University, Miami, FL, March 2001.

Fellowships

Summer Institute for Israel Studies Fellow, Brandeis University, 2016 (declined).

Faculty Fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., 2006-2007.

Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 1999-2004.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Jackson's Zone of Twilight: Foreign Intelligence Surveillance and federal court decision making." (with Amanda DiPaolo) *Homeland and National Security Law Review* Vol. 3 No. 1 (2015).

"Comparing student and faculty perceptions of online and traditional courses." (with Ryan Otter, Scott Seipel, Tim Graeff, Becky Alexander, Carol Boraiko, Joey Gray, and Kim Sadler) *The Internet and Higher Education* Vol. 19 (October 2013).

"Conflict Escalation in Dyads with a History of Territorial Disputes." *International Journal of Conflict Management* Vol. 21, No. 4 (2010).

"Revisiting Downs's Issue-Attention Cycle: International Terrorism and U.S. Public Opinion." *Journal of Strategic Security* Vol. 2, No. 4, 1-16 (Nov/Dec 2009).

"There is more to the Story than 'Us-Versus-Them': Expanding the Study of Interstate Conflict and Regime Type beyond a Dichotomy." *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy* Vol. 14, Issue 1 (2008).

"Multiparty Disputes and the Probability of War, 1816-1992." (with John Vasquez, and Yijia Wang) *Conflict Management and Peace Science* Vol. 21, No. 2: 85-100 (Summer 2004).

"A Research Note: Re-examining Transnational Ethnic Alliances and Foreign Policy Behavior." *International Interactions*, Vol. 30, No.1, 25-42 (Winter 2004).

"Neutrality, Common Foreign and Security Policy, and the Fourth Pillar of the European Union." *International Affairs Forum* (15 August 2004).

Books and Book Chapters

"Impact and Perception: Reacting to the Past at Middle Tennessee State University." (with Dawn McCormack) In *Playing to Learn: Research into the Reacting to the Past Pedagogy and its Impacts on Student Learning*. New York, NY: Palgrave MacMillan (2018).

Prospects for Political Stability in a Democratic Iraq: A Study of the Clusters of Conflict (with Stephen R. Saunders) Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen (2009).

“Multiparty Disputes and the Probability of War, 1816-1992.” (with John Vasquez and Yijia Wang) Reprinted in *Causes and Consequences of International Conflict: Data, Methods and Theory*. Glenn Palmer, ed. London: Routledge, 11-30 (2008).

Other Publications

Review of *The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror* by Natan Sharansky. *Perspectives on Political Science* 37:1 (Winter 2008).

“International Religious Freedom Act of 1998.” *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*. John Vile, David Schultz, David Hudson, Eds. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press (2008).

TEACHING

Current Courses

Advanced Topics in Comparative Politics: The Politics of Being Israel from Abraham to Modern Democracy, Co-leader and co-creator of study abroad program in Israel with Mark Byrnes (www.mtsu.edu/israel), Summer 2013-current.

Honors Introduction to Global Politics, Fall 2008-current.

Previous Courses

International Relations (Honors Undergraduate & Graduate)

The Political Status of Women in the World (Undergraduate, co-listed as Women’s Studies)

International Conflict (Undergraduate)

International Security in a Changing World (Graduate)

Defining a Nation: India on the Eve of Independence (Undergraduate)

Comparative Politics (Undergraduate)

Comparative Asian Politics (Undergraduate)

Model United Nations and Crisis Simulation (Undergraduate)

STUDENT MENTORING

Select Undergraduate Research Mentoring

Martin, Tandra. *Millennium Development Goal 3 and Morocco*, 2014-2015. Recipient of the 2014 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Scholarship, Undergraduate Fulbright Fellow (2016).

Pratt, Patrick, recipient of Undergraduate Fulbright Research Fellowship and Boren African Languages Supplement, 2011-2012, and the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship (first recipient from Tennessee).

Graduate Mentoring

Graduate Practicum Committee Member, John Peters, Fall 2014.

Graduate Practicum Committee Member, Cassiah Smith, Fall 2014.

Graduate Practicum Committee Member, Nathan Johnson, Fall 2014.

Graduate Thesis Committee Member, Balen Jalal, Spring 2014.

Graduate Practicum Committee Member, Rachel Harmon, Fall 2013.

RESEARCH

Field research

Havana, Cuba, August 1998. Undergraduate Research Project licensed by the U.S. Treasury Dept.

Conference Presentations (since 2010)

- “Reacting to the Past: Playing Games in a Student-Centered Classroom.” with Jessica Blatt, Marina Kaneti, and Brian Klunk, Joseph Roberts. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.
- “Middle Tennessee State University ADVANCE: Spotlight on Changing the Institutional Culture to Improve the Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement of Women STEM Faculty.” 2016 NSF ADVANCE/GSE Program Workshop, Baltimore, MD, May 2016.
- “ADVANCEing STEM Careers for Women at MTSU.” with Wandi Ding & Judith Iriarte-Gross, Women in Higher Education in Tennessee, October 23, 2015.
- “Research Note: The Conflict Behavior of Hybrid Regimes (and the Potential Implications of the Arab Spring).” Presented at the European International Studies Association Meeting, Warsaw, Poland, September 2013.
- “Perceptions of Online Courses at MTSU: A Faculty to Student Comparison.” with Joey Gray. Presented at the Annual Conference on Innovative Pedagogy & Course Redesign, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, May 2013.
- “The Despot’s Dilemma: A Cross-National Examination of Judicial Independence in Non-democratic Regimes.” with Rodelio Manaca, Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2012.
- “Conflict Behavior of Illiberal Democracies: Implications for the Middle East and North Africa.” Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. October 2011.
- “Civil liberties and wartime judicial decision-making.” with Amanda DiPaolo, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. September 2010.
- “Civil liberties and wartime judicial decision making: The influence of congressional approval or disapproval of executive actions on the federal judiciary.” with Amanda DiPaolo, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2010.
- “Professional Development for Graduate Students and Junior Faculty: Women's Perspectives.” Roundtable participant, Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA. January 2010.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Leadership

Kotter International Change Essentials Workshop, February 2016.

Dale Carnegie Foundations for Success, January 2016.

ETHEL (Exploring Topics in Higher Education Leadership), Invited participant, 2013-2016.

Accreditation

SACS Annual Meeting 2015, Houston, TX, Attended accreditation training sessions.

SACS Annual Meetings 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, Various Locations, Attended pre-conference accreditation workshops and concurrent sessions.

Other

Council for Advancement and Support of Education regional meeting, Nashville, TN, Sessions on fundraising strategies and development for deans, February 2017.

“Conflict Management for Deans.” Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences workshop, November 2016.

“Grants 101” workshop with David Bauer, MTSU College of Graduate Studies, September 2009, Certified Quality Circle Reviewer.

AWARDS

Teaching

2011 Best OWLS Professor, MTSU Older, Wiser Learners.

Nominated for the MTSU Foundation Outstanding Teacher Award, 2009.

Advising

College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Advisor Award, 2009.

Other

Named a “Trailblazing Woman in Labor and Business” by the MTSU National Women’s History Month Committee, 2017.

Phi Kappa Phi recognition as “an influential faculty member who encourages students to strive for academic excellence.”

Undergraduate Fellowship Office Exemplary Faculty Award, MTSU Honors College.

Omicron Delta Kappa member, Middle Tennessee State University Chapter, November 2010.

EXL Mentor Award, 2007.

CURRENT & SELECT SERVICE

Departmental

The Gathering student organization advisor, 2017-current.

Ephesus student organization advisor, 2013-current.

Graduate Committee member, 2012-2013.

International Relations Curriculum Review Committee, 2009-2010.

Search Committee: Department Chair, 2008-2009, International Relations, 2011-2012, Asian Politics, 2012-2013 (chair).

Society for International Affairs and Model United Nations Faculty Advisor, 2005-2014.

International Affairs Graduate Program Committee Member, 2006-2008.

Five-year review Committee Member, 2005-2006.

Colleges (Liberal Arts and Honors)

Undergraduate Student Fulbright Interview Committee, MTSU Honors College, 2010-current.

Buchanan Scholars Program Faculty, MTSU Honors College, 2006-current.

Member of the Women’s Studies Council, 2005-2008.

University

Ad Hoc Committee on the Underutilization of Women at the Rank of Professor, 2016-current.

Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Workload, Equity Subcommittee, 2017-current.

“Conducting an Institutional Effectiveness Audit” Training session for College IE Coordinators, January 2011.

McNair Scholars Program Mentor, 2008-2011.

EXL (experiential learning) Faculty Mentor, 2007-2008.

Professional

Program Reviews and External Audits

Tennessee Tech, Political Science Undergraduate Program, Tennessee Board of Regents Audit Team, 2015.

Tennessee State University, Political Science Undergraduate Program, Tennessee Board of Regents Audit Team, 2011.

Organization Service

Member, CCAS Standing Committee on Cultural Diversity, 2018-present.

Member, CCAS Standing Committee on Comprehensive Institutions, 2018-present.

Member, CCAS Standing Committee on Associate/Assistant Deans, 2015-2016.

Session Chair, Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Knoxville, TN, 25-26 October 2013.

Mentor, American Political Science Association, 2008-2014.

Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the South, Southern Political Science Association, 2009-2010.

Peer Reviewer

American Political Science Review

International Studies Quarterly

Conflict Management and Peace Science

International Interactions

American Journal of Political Science

Journal of African Policy Studies

Journal of Peace Research

Journal of Politics

International Journal of Conflict Management

Invited Talks (Universities)

“U.S.-Israeli Foreign Policy.” University of the Cumberlands, Seraph Foundation Endowed Humanities Speaker, 2017.

“The Political Implications of Assigning Value to the Invaluable.” Honors Lecture Series, *The Value of a Liberal Education*, Middle Tennessee State University, 2016.

“Walks that Changed the World.” ODK Initiation Speech, 2010.

“Problem Solved? The Political Implications of a Palestinian State.” Honors Lecture Series, *A Focus on the Middle East*, Middle Tennessee State University, 2010.

“Prof101: Launching Successful Faculty Careers.” Vanderbilt University, 2009.

“Terrorism in Pakistan.” Fall Academic Colloquium for the Pilot Center for Academic Excellence in Intelligence Studies at Tennessee State University, 2008.

Community

Lectures and Talks

“Roots of the Conflict in Syria.” Providence Christian Academy, Murfreesboro, TN, April 2017.

“The Future of U.S.-Israeli Relations.” Brainerd Kiwanis International, Chattanooga, TN, February 2017.

“Israel’s Foreign Relations.” Providence Christian Academy, Murfreesboro, TN, September 2014.

“Civic Engagement and Higher Education.” Adventures in Learning, Murfreesboro, TN, 2012.

“Pray the Devil Back to Hell” film screening and panel discussion, The Women’s Table at Scarritt Bennet, 2011.

“The Lessons of 9/11.” Young at Heart Club, September 2008.

“Israel and Terrorism.” MTSU Dames’ Club, 2007.

“Israel’s Counter-terror Program.” Nashville United Nations Association, 2006.

Media Relations

Interview: “Liberal Arts education.” WGNS Action Line, May 15, 2017.

Interview: “Changes in the College of Liberal Arts.” MTSU Out of the Blue, May 3, 2017.

Interview: “Women in the legislature in short supply despite record.” Daily News Journal, January 16, 2016.

Interview: “Syria.” The Tennessean, August 31, 2013.

Interview. “Syria.” Fox 17 News, August 29, 2013.

Interview: “MTSU offers students opportunity to visit Israel.” Daily News Journal, March 24, 2013.

Interview: “Obama and the Arab Spring” MTSU On the Record, June 05, 2011.

Interview (with Steve Saunders): “Can Democracy Survive Amidst Autocratic Neighbors?” MTSU On the Record, March 7, 2010.

Editorial: “U.S. paying a price for backing dictator.” The Tennessean, August 23, 2008.

Interview: “Peace in Mideast rides on current talks, Rice says.” The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, 14 November 2007.

Interview: “Guard general backs change in Iraq.” The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro, TN, 11 December 2006.

Interview: “Local office helping Israeli war victims.” The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro, TN, 29 July 2006.

Interview: “Israel’s conflict with Hezbollah.” Fox 17 News, Nashville, TN, 14 July 2006.

Interview: “Terrorism in the Middle East.” MTSU On the Record, WMOT 89.5 FM, 23 July 2006.

Interview: “North Korea.” Channel 5 MorningLine, Nashville, TN, 10 July 2006.

Interview: “North Korean Missile Crisis.” News Channel 2 Morning News, Nashville, TN, 6 July 2006.

Interview: “Professor studies terrorism in Israel.” Sidelines, MTSU, 6 July 2006.

Interview: “Professor sees practical terror deterrents.” The Record, MTSU, 3 July 2006.

Interview: “MTSU teacher gets look at terror abroad.” The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro, TN, 20 June 2006.