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Positions

Fulmer Professor of Political Science, Rhodes College, 2005-present
Professor of Political Science, Rhodes College, 1991-2005
Nonresident Senior Fellow, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2007-present
Visiting Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2008-present; Associate Professor, 1984-91; Assistant Professor, 1979-84

Education

Ph.D. (1978) and M.A. (1974) in Political Science, Johns Hopkins University
B.A. (1971), College of William and Mary

Personal

Born June 11, 1949 in New Milford, N.J.; married to Linda Ezell Nelson; two children, Michael and Samuel

Courses Taught

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics
The American Presidency
Southern Politics
The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and Religion (three-semester great books sequence)
Senior Seminar in Political Science (various themes)
American Political Culture
Public Administration

Awards and Honors

V.O. Key Award for Outstanding Book on Southern Politics Published in Previous Year for *How the South Joined the Gambling Nation: The Politics of State Policy Innovation*, 2009. Awarded by the Southern Political Science Association.
Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies survey of books used in courses on the American presidency, 2007: first, fifth, twelfth, fifteenth

- Clarence Day Dean's Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity, Rhodes College, 2001
- Community Service Award, Rhodes College Kinney Program, 1995
- Benjamin Franklin Award in the category of History, Politics, and Philosophy for *The American Presidency: Origins and Development, 1776-1990*, 1991
- Ellen Gregg Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 1989
- Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University, 1987
- Third Prize, E.P. Dutton Best Sports Stories Competition for "Behind the Scenes at Baltimore's Big Bowl," *Baltimore*, Vol. 71, No. 4 (April 1978), pp. 33-37. Reprinted in Irving T. Marsh and Edward Ehre, eds., *Best Sports Stories 1979* (New York: E.P. Dutton, 1979), pp. 76-83.
- ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for music journalism and A.D. Emmart Prize for writing in the humanities for "How the Baltimore Symphony Got To Be So Good," *Baltimore*, Vol. 71, No. 9 (September 1978), pp. 70-77. Reprinted in the magazine's eightieth anniversary issue (October 1987), pp. 110-11, 142-43.

Board Memberships

- Board of Advisers, Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy Studies, College of William and Mary, 1987-2003
- Board of Advisers, AmericanPresident.org, a project of the Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2002-06
- Board of Advisers, McConnell Center for Leadership Studies, University of Louisville, 2003-present
- Board of Directors, Humanities Tennessee, 2002-present
- Faculty-elected member, Board of Trustees, Rhodes College, 1994-97, 2000-03
- Vestry, Calvary Episcopal Church, 1994-97, 2002-05

Books, Articles, Chapters, and Essays, by Topic

The American Presidency

- The Presidency and the Political System*, 9th ed., editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010; 1st ed., 1984; 2nd ed., 1988; 3rd ed., 1991; 4th ed., 1995; 5th ed., 1998; 6th ed., 2000; 7th ed., 2003; 8th ed., 2006). Author of Chapter 6, "The Psychological Presidency" and, in previous editions, "Evaluating the Presidency" (1st through 8th eds.) and, with Thomas Tillman, "The Presidency, The Bureaucracy, and Foreign Policy: Lessons from Cambodia" (1st ed.). "The Psychological Presidency" reprinted in F. R. Harris, ed., *Readings on the Body Politic* (Glenview, Ill.: Scott, Foresman and Co., 1987), pp. 378-84.
- Debating the Presidency: Conflicting Perspectives on the American Executive*, 2nd ed., coeditor with Richard J. Ellis (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010;

- 1st. ed., 2006). Author of “Pro: National Primary,” and of short essays introducing six chapters.
- “Richard Cheney and Power of the Modern Vice Presidency,” in Steven E. Schier, ed., *Ambition and Division: Legacies of the George W. Bush Presidency* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, forthcoming 2009)
- “Presidential Power: The Unitary Executive in Theory and Practice,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (March 21, 2008), pp. B16-17. Reprinted in History News Network (<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/48636.html>)
- The Evolving Presidency: Addresses, Cases, Letters, Reports, Resolutions, Essays, Transcripts, and Other Landmark Documents, 1787-2008*, 3rd. ed., editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2008; 1st ed., 1998; 2nd ed., 2004). Author of fifty-four short essays introducing the documents.
- The American Presidency: Origins and Development, 1776-2002*, 5th ed., with Sidney M. Milkis (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2008; 1st ed., 1990; 2nd ed., 1994; 3rd ed., 1999; 4th ed., 2003; Chinese edition, 2008)
- “Lincoln, Religion, and Presidential Leadership,” in Terry L. Price and J. Thomas Wren, eds., *The Values of Presidential Leadership* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 13-33. Originally presented at the Conference on Presidential Leadership, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond, 2005
- “Constitutional Change and the Modern Presidency: The Twentieth, Twenty-second, and Twenty-fifth Amendments to the Constitution,” in Pierre Lagayette, ed., *L’empire de l’exécutif: la présidence des Etats Unis de Franklin Roosevelt a George W. Bush (1933-2006) [Executive Supremacy: The American Presidency from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush]* (Paris: Presses de l’Université Paris—Sorbonne, 2007), pp. 63-85
- “Person and Office: Presidents, the Presidency, and Foreign Policy,” in James M. McCormick and Eugene Wittkopf, eds., *Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy: Insights and Evidence*, 5th ed. (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008); 4th ed. (2004), pp. 149-57.
- Guide to the Presidency*, 4th. ed., editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 2008; 1st ed., 1988; 2nd ed., 1996; 3rd ed., 2003). Author of Chapter 1, “Constitutional Beginnings,” pp. 3-66, Chapter 3, “History of the Vice Presidency,” pp. 201-17, Chapter 4, “Rating the Presidents,” pp. 219-24, Chapter 5, “The Electoral Process and Taking Office.” (with Charles C. Euchner and John Anthony Maltese), pp. 227-351, Chapter 8, “Selection by Succession,” pp. 445-58, Chapter 9, “Removal of the President and the Vice President” (with Margaret Jane Wyszomirski), pp. 459-509, Chapter 23, “Office of the Vice President,” pp. 1093-1102, Chapter 32,

- “Former Presidents,” pp.1559-71, and Appendix, “Documents and Texts” (introductory essays for each document), pp. 1739-1811
- “Nixon’s Final Campaign,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (July 19, 2007), pp. B6-7. Reprinted in History News Network (<http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/41138.html>)
- “Constitutional Qualifications for President,” in James P. Pfiffner and Roger H. Davidson, eds., *Understanding the Presidency*, 4th ed. (Pearson Longman, 2007), pp. 14-22
- “LBJ’s Waxing and Waning Reputation,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (August 11, 2006), B8-9. Abridged in History News Network (<http://hnn.us>), August 8, 2008
- “Elections and Achievement: Campaigns and Governing in the Reagan Era,” in Paul G. Kengor and Peter Schweizer, *The Reagan Presidency: Assessing the Man and His Legacy* (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), pp. 5-23
- “Hail to the Sheaf: Presidential Libraries,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (November 12, 2004), pp. B15-17. Abridged in History News Network (<http://hnn.us>), November 19, 2004
- “George W. Bush and Congress: The Electoral Connection,” in Gary L. Gregg II and Mark J. Rozell, eds., *Considering the Bush Presidency* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 141-159. Reprinted in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 32, No. 2 (Summer 2003), pp. 157-63.
- “Anatomy of a Rally ‘Round the Flag Effect: George W. Bush and the War on Terrorism,” with Marc J. Hetherington, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (January 2003), pp. 37-42
- “Power Dark, Power Bright: Robert A. Caro, Robert Moses, and Lyndon Johnson,” *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 79, No. 1 (Winter 2003), pp. 1-16
- “The President as Potentate,” *American Prospect*, Vol. 12, No. 19 (November 5, 2001), pp. 42-46. Review essay on Richard Reeves, *President Nixon: Alone in the White House*, and Larry Berman, *No Peace, No Honor: Nixon, Kissinger, and Betrayal in Vietnam*.
- “Ol’ Red, White, and Blue Eyes: Frank Sinatra and the American Presidency,” *Popular Music and Society*, Vol. 24, No. 4 (Winter 2000), pp. 79-102. Reprinted as “Frank Sinatra and Presidential Politics” in Stanislao G. Pugliese, editor, *Frank Sinatra: History, Identity, and Italian-American Culture* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), pp. 47-70. Originally presented at the Hofstra University Conference on Frank Sinatra, 1999.

“Where Have You Gone, Franklin Roosevelt?” *American Prospect* (November 6, 2000), pp. 51-53. Review essay of Marc Landy and Sidney M. Milkis, *Presidential Greatness*, and Fred I. Greenstein, *The Presidential Difference: Leadership Style from FDR to Clinton*.

“A Curse of the Vice Presidency?” *American Prospect* (July 31, 2000), pp. 20-24

“Why the Media Love Presidents and Presidents Hate the Media,” *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 75, No. 2 (Spring 2000), pp. 255-68. Reprinted in *Vital Speeches of the Day*, Vol. 65, No. 17 (June 15, 1999). Originally presented as the M. L. Seidman Town Hall Lecture, Rhodes College, 1999.

“Bill Clinton and the Politics of Second Terms,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (Fall 1998), 786-792

“The Plural Executive Redux,” *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Spring 1998), pp. 79-89

“Kennedy and Achilles: A Classical Approach to Political Science,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (September 1996), pp. 505-10. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1995.

“La Presidencia: Clinton y el ciclo de la politica y las politicas,” *Estados Unidos: Informe Trimestral*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (1993), pp. 19-37

“Nelson A. Rockefeller and the American Vice Presidency,” in Bernard J. Firestone and Alexej Ugrinsky, eds., *Gerald R. Ford and the Politics of Post-Watergate America* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1993), pp. 139-59. Originally presented at the Hofstra University Conference on the Ford Presidency, 1989.

Historic Documents on the Presidency, 1776-1989, editor. (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1989). Author of seventy-four short essays introducing the documents.

“Is There a Postmodern Presidency?: A Review Essay,” *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (Autumn 1989), pp. 155-62. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1989.

A Heartbeat Away (Washington: Brookings Institution, 1988)

“The President and the Court: Reinterpreting the Court-Packing Episode of 1937,” *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 103, No. 2 (Summer 1988), pp. 267-93. Reprinted in Kermit L. Hall, ed., *Major Problems in American Constitutional History*, Vol. 2 (Lexington, Mass.: D.C. Heath, 1992), pp. 226-41; in Hall, ed., *Equal Justice Under the Law: The Supreme Court in American Society*, Vol. 3 (

- (New York: Carlson Publishing, 1996); and in Hall, ed., *The Supreme Court in Modern Society* (Garland Publishing, 2000). Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, 1986, and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1986.
- “Rossiter Revisited,” introduction to new edition of Clinton Rossiter, *The American Presidency* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987), pp. ix-xix
- “Constitutional Qualifications for President,” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Spring 1987), pp. 383-99. Reprinted in Thomas E. Cronin, ed., *Inventing the American Presidency* (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 1989), pp. 13-32. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 1986.
- “Institutional and Political Aspects of Second-Term Presidencies,” *Presidency Research*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Spring 1986), pp. 19-23. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Political Science Association, 1986.
- “Two Steps Forward (Is) One Step Back: Post-Neustadt Presidential Scholarship,” *Presidency Research*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Spring 1985), pp. 22-27
- Presidents, Politics and Policy*, with Erwin C. Hargrove (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press and New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984)
- “The White House, Bureaucracy, and Foreign Policy: Lessons from Cambodia,” *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 56, No. 2 (Spring 1980), pp. 650-67
- “James David Barber and the Psychological Presidency,” *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 56, No. 4 (Autumn 1980), pp. 650-67. Reprinted in Thomas E. Cronin, ed., *Rethinking the Presidency* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1982), pp. 75-86; in Robert DiClerico, ed., *Analyzing the Presidency* (Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin Publishing Group, 1985), pp. 34-44, and 2nd ed. (1990), pp. 36-42; and in William David Pederson, ed., *The “Barberian” Presidency: Theoretical and Empirical Readings* (New York: Peter Lang, 1989), pp. 93-110.
- “Leaders Who Follow and Leaders Worth Following,” *Washington Monthly*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (March 1979), pp. 52-55. Review essay of James MacGregor Burns, *Leadership*.

Presidential Selection

- The Elections of 2008*, editor (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010).
Author of Chapter 1, “The Setting: Diversifying the Presidential Talent Pool,”
pp. 1-21

“A Historic Political Street Fight” (review of HBO movie *Recount*), *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (May 30, 2008), p. B20. Reprinted in History News Network (<http://hnn.us/roundup/comments/50691.html>)

The Elections of 2004, editor (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2005). Author of Chapter 1, “The Setting: George W. Bush, Majority President,” pp. 1-17.

The Elections of 2000, editor. (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2001). Author of Chapter 3, “The Election: Ordinary Politics, Extraordinary Outcome,” pp. 55-91 and Chapter 9, “The Post-election Election: Politics by Other Means,” pp. 211-224.

The Elections of 1996, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1997). Author of Chapter 1, “1997 and Beyond: The Perils of Second-Term Presidents,” pp. 1-13, and Chapter 3, “The Election: Turbulence and Tranquillity in Contemporary American Politics,” pp. 44-80.

The Elections of 1992, editor. (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1993). Author of Chapter 6, “The Presidency: Clinton and the Cycle of Politics and Policy,” pp. 125-52, Chapter 8, “Conclusion: Some Things Old, Some Things New,” pp. 183-92.

Historic Documents on Presidential Elections 1787-1988, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1992). Author of seventy short essays introducing the documents.

The Elections of 1988, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1989). Author of Chapter 8, “Constitutional Aspects of the Elections,” pp. 181-210. Chapter 8 reprinted in Peter Woll and Robert H. Binstock, *America’s Political System*, 5th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1991), pp. 205-209.

“Choosing the Vice President,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (Fall 1988), pp. 858-68. Abridged in *Wilson Quarterly*, Vol. 13, No. 2 (Spring 1989), p. 10. Reprinted in *Readings in American Government, 89/90* (Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin Publishing Group, 1989), pp. 195-200; and in Robert DiClerico, ed., *Analyzing the Presidency*, 2nd ed. (Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin Publishing Group, 1990), pp. 188-95.

Presidential Selection, coeditor with Alexander Heard (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1987). Author of Chapter 6, “Who Vies for President?” pp. 120-54, 377-81 and, with Heard, Chapter 1, “Change and Stability in Choosing Presidents,” pp. 1-14. Chapter 6 originally presented at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Conference on the Presidential Selection Process, 1983.

“The Case for the Current Presidential Nominating Process,” in George Grassmuck, ed., *Before Nomination: Our Primary Problems* (Washington: American Enterprise Institute, 1985), pp. 24-34. Reprinted in Peter Woll, ed., *American Government: Readings and Cases*, 9th ed. (Boston: Little, Brown, 1987), pp. 324-33; 10th ed. (1990), pp. 370-79; 11th ed. (1993), and 12th ed. (1996), pp. 282-90; in Woll, *Debating American Government*, 2nd ed. (Boston: Scott, Foresman/Little, Brown, 1988), pp. 202-11; and in Thomas Modl, ed., *America’s Elections* (St. Paul, Minn.: Greenhaven Press, 1988), pp. 141-48. Originally presented at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library Conference on the Presidential Nominating Process, 1985.

The Elections of 1984, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1985).
Author of Chapter 5, “Foreign Policy: Dominance and Decisiveness in Presidential Elections,” with Stephen Hess, pp. 129-54, and Chapter 7, “The Presidency: Reagan and the Cycle of Politics and Policy,” with Erwin C. Hargrove, pp. 189-214

“The Presidential Nominating System: Problems and Prescriptions,” in Richard J. Zeckhauser and Derek Leebaert, eds., *What Role for Government?* (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 1982), pp. 34-51. Reprinted in Thomas E. Cronin, *Rethinking the Presidency* (Boston: Little, Brown, 1982), pp. 55-64; and in Emmett H. Buell Jr. and William G. Mayer, *Enduring Controversies in Presidential Nominating Politics* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004). Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management, 1980.

“Presidents, Ideas, and the Search for a Stable Majority,” with Erwin C. Hargrove, in Ellis Sandoz and Cecil V. Crabb, Jr., eds., *A Tide of Discontent: The 1980 Elections and Their Meaning* (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1981), pp. 45-64

“Partisan Bias in the Electoral College,” *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 36, No. 4 (November 1974), pp. 1033-48

Liberal Education

“Odysseus and Aeneas: A Classical Perspective on Leadership,” *Leadership Quarterly*, special issue on “Views from the Humanities,” Vol. 19 (2008), pp. 469-477

“Stereotype, Then and Now” (review of new books on Duke lacrosse case and Carlisle Indian School), *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (October 5, 2007), pp. B12-13. Reprinted in Joseph L. Victor and Joanne Naughton, eds., *Criminal Justice* (Dubuque, Iowa: McGraw Hill, 2009), pp. 15-16

- “Diary of a Political Scientist IV, Winter 2006-2007: Southern Politics, Sid Milkis, and ‘Sixty-Eight,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (July 2007), pp. 553-556
- “Diary of a Political Scientist III, Fall 2006: Classes, Cadets, and Bob Corker,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 40, No. 2 (April 2007), pp. 371-373
- “Diary of a Political Scientist II, Summer 2006: Gambling, Gethsemani, and Gary Jacobson,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (January 2007), pp. 153-156
- “Diary of a Political Scientist I, Spring 2006: Baseball, Blackjack, and Bill Clinton,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (October 2006), pp. 885-898
- “A Win-Win-Win Situation: Faculty Associates for Sports Teams,” *Inside Higher Ed*, February 16, 2006 (<http://insidehighered.com>)
- “Kennedy, Achilles, Marx, and Dickens: An Amateur Teaches the Search Course at Rhodes College,” in Anthony Brunello, Michael Chiariello, and J. Scott Lee, eds., *The Wider World of Core Texts and Courses* (Chelsea, Mich.: Sheridan Books, 2004), pp. 111-16. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Core Texts and Curriculum, 2001
- “The Good, the Bad, and the Phony: Six Famous Historians and Their Critics,” *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 78, No. 3 (Summer 2002), pp. 377-394. Reprinted as “What’s Happened to History?” History News Network (<http://hnn.us>), September 16, 2002, and abridged in *Chronicle of Higher Education* (August 7, 2002). Recorded version on “History Matters,” National Public Radio.
- Alive at the Core: Exemplary Approaches to General Education in the Humanities*, with associates (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2000). Author of “Introduction: From Rhetoric to Reality,” pp. xix-xxv; Chapter 1, “Alive at the Core: Programs and Issues,” pp. 1-19; and Chapter 4, “The Search Course at Rhodes College,” pp. 70-95. Chapter 4 originally presented at the Rhodes College Sesquicentennial Conference on Teaching the Humanities, 1998.
- “Creating the Humanities at Rhodes College,” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (Spring 1997), pp. 2-19
- Celebrating the Humanities: A Half-Century of the Search Course at Rhodes College*, editor (Nashville, Tenn.: Vanderbilt University Press, 1996 [cloth], 1998 [paper]). Author of Chapter 1, “The Founding Era, 1945-1958,” pp. 3-32, Chapter 7, “The Future of the Search Course,” pp. 207-23, “Perspective: The Amateur Hour,” pp. 135-37, and Appendix, pp. 225-33.

“Politics as a Vital, and Sometimes Noble, Human Activity,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Vol. 41, No. 49 (August 18, 1995). Reprinted in Betsy S. Hilbert, ed., *Progressions: Readings for Writers* (New York: W.W. Norton, 1998), pp. 279-84.

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“A Future for Civic Education,” in William T. Callahan, ed., *Citizenship for the 21st Century* (Bloomington, Ind.: Eric, 1991), pp. 41-54. Originally presented at Foundation for Teaching Economics Conference on Citizenship in the 21st Century, 1988.

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The West Point Reader (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press)

Book Series Editor

“American Presidential Elections,” book series with University Press of Kansas. Founder, senior editor. Six books published.

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Campus Activities (Highlights)

Rhodes College:

Chair, President's Task Force on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics at Rhodes, 2001-03
 Chair, Tenure and Promotions Committee, 1995-97
 Organizer, Rhodes Sesquicentennial Conference on Teaching the Humanities, 1998
 Chair, Appeals Committee, 1995; member, 1992-95, 2003-06, 2009-present
 Member, Board of Trustees Committee on Students and Campus Life, 1992-95, 2002-03; Committee on Development, 1995-97, 2000-01, 2003-05; Committee on Board Directions and Leadership, 2002-03
 Faculty Associate, Rhodes baseball team, 2004-07
 Faculty member, British Studies at Oxford, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005
 Faculty mentor, Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
 Faculty representative, Truman Scholarships, 2003-04
 Founders' Day Convocation lecturer, 1993; M. L. Seidman Town Hall lecturer, 1994, 1999; Speaker, numerous campus, community, admissions, development, trustee, and alumni events

Vanderbilt University:

Political Science Department: Director of Internship Program, 1979-89; Chair, Introductory Studies Committee, 1987-89
 College of Arts and Sciences: Chair, Public Policy Studies Committee, 1985, 1990-91; Co-Chair, Truman Scholarship Committee, 1990-91
 University: Chair of the Board, Vanderbilt Student Communications, Inc., 1985-86; Chair, External Affairs Committee, 1989-90

Professional Activities

Chair, V.O. Key Book Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2009-10
 "Brainstorm" guest blogger (three times weekly) for the Review section of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, July-November 2008
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 Interviewer, Clinton Oral History Project, University of Virginia, 2005-present
 Organizer and moderator, White House Speechwriters symposium, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2008
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 Book reviews for various professional journals, including the *American Political Science Review*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Southern History*, *American*

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Guest lecturer at various colleges and universities, including University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, United States Military Academy, University of Richmond, Brandeis University, University of Maryland, Centre College, Providence College, University of Mississippi, University of Tennessee at Martin, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Middle Tennessee State University, Grand Valley State University, Lipscomb University

Outside evaluator, Boston University Core Curriculum, 2000; Providence College Western Civilization program, 2006; various political science departments

Interviews on local, regional and national television and radio programs and national newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, National Public Radio (various programs), NBC, CNN, C-Span

Referee for various professional journals and university presses

External reviewer of tenure and promotion candidates, various colleges and universities

Program committee, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Portraits of the Presidents from the National Portrait Gallery, 2001-02

Editor, special issue on the presidency for the *Magazine of History*, published by the Organization of American Historians, Summer 1997

Aspen Scholar, Aspen Institute, 1998

Section Organizer, "Presidency Research" panels, American Political Science Association, 1991; "Executive Politics" panels, Southern Political Science Association, 1989

Editor, *Presidency Research*, 1984-86

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Editorial Consultant, "784 Days That Changed America," Television Corporation of America, 1982; "Running Mate," Public Broadcasting System, 1996; "The Presidents," History Channel, 2004

Occasional Consultant, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Executive Seminar Center, Oak Ridge Tenn., 1980-91

Research Associate, Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, 1979-86

Visiting Assistant Professor, Cornell University, 1983

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Interviewer of Alexander Heard, American Political Science Association Oral History Project, 1989

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Interviews on local, regional and national television and radio programs and national

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Political Analyst, WSMV-TV, Nashville, Tenn. (Channel 4), 1987-89, and WMC-TV, Memphis, Tenn. (Channel 5), 1992-2006

Coordinating producer and host, "Informed Sources," WKNO-TV, Memphis, Tenn., 1993-94

Docent, National Civil Rights Museum, 1993-95

Guest speaker, numerous civic organizations

Morning prayer officiant, Calvary Episcopal Church, 1994-96