

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Creighton University. 2004-Present.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Northern Iowa. 2003-2004.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Grinnell College, Grinnell Iowa. 2002-2003.

Visiting Fellow and Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University of Iowa. 2003-2004.

Visiting Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Iowa. 2001-2003.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northern Arizona University. 1999-2002. (tenure track)

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Political Science, 1999.

M.A. University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona. Political Science, 1994.

B.A. Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. History. 1988.

**FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION**

American Politics, American Indian politics and policy.

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Book*

Forced Federalism: Contemporary Challenges to American Indian Sovereignty. University of Oklahoma Press. Forthcoming. (Co-authored with Jeff Corntassel).

*Refereed Articles and Book Chapters*

“U.S. Domestic Politics and International Cooperation, 1953-1998”. Co-authored with Volker Krause and Susumu Suzuki. (accepted for publication in *International Politics*)

“Disentangling Diffusion: The Effect of Social Learning and Economic Competition on State Policy Innovation and Expansion”. Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke. (*Political Research Quarterly*, 2004, 57: 39-51.)

“Federal Indian Law and Environmental Policy: A Social Continuity of Violence” Co-authored with Peter Jacques and Sharon Ridgeway. (*Journal of Environmental Law and Litigation*, 2003, 18:223-250)

“The Indians of Arizona”. In Zachary Smith. (ed.) *Arizona Politics and Policy*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Westport:CT, Greenwood Publishing Group. 2002.

*American Indians in World War I: At Home and at War*, by Thomas A. Britten in *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Summer 1999, Vol. 18 No. 4. *Book Review*.

"American Indian Tribal Government Support of Office-Seekers: Findings From the 1994 Election." *The Social Science Journal*. 1997, Vol 34, No.5. (Co-authored with Jeff Corntassel)

"The High Stakes of Indian Gaming: Economic Development and the Political Behavior of Indian Tribal Governments." *Red Ink: An American Indian Journal* 1996, Vol 5, No.1.

#### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"State Negotiation of Gaming Compacts with American Indian Tribes: An Event Count Analysis", in *Yearly Compilation of Scholarly Works*. Department of Legislative Services, The General Assembly of Maryland, 2002 (internal document). (Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke)

"The Indian Vote: An Act of Sovereignty, Surrender or Pragmatic Decision." *News From Indian Country: The Nations Native Journal*. Late October 1998. (Co-authored with David Wilkins)

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

"American Indian Political Mobilization: Voting in South Dakota 1980-2002"

"The Politics of Indian Gaming from IGRA to Interest Groups: A New Era of Native American Lobbying". Book Manuscript co-authored with Frederick Boehmke.

"American Indian Nations as Interest Groups: Political Influence in Congress and the States" Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke

"Spatial Analysis of Direct Democracy: Voting in Initiative and Referendum Elections"

"Persons but not Individuals: American Indians and Campaign Finance Law"

"Resource Growth and the Lobbying of US Senators: Gaming Revenue and the Empowerment of American Indians". Co-Authored with Frederick Boehmke.

"Candidate Decisions and District Choices: Party and Candidate Survival in Congressional Districts." Co-authored with Bradford Jones.

#### RESEARCH GRANTS

Organized Research Grant Northern Arizona University 2001-2002. Received research funding to explore the role of district level influences on party turnover in congressional elections. This allows me to test hypothesis that include redistricting effects, minority composition at the district level, and macroeconomics. By employing an event history methodology I am also able to identify the role of political party continuity and its effects on government. Findings to be reported in conference papers and articles submitted for publication in political science journals.

Organized Research Grant Northern Arizona University 2000-2001. This project examines how American Indian Tribal Governments have taken a more active role in the political process in the 1990's by mobilizing voters, endorsing candidates, and working for candidates with issue positions favorable to their tribe. Mail surveys sent to tribal leaders of all federally recognized tribes in the U.S to gauge their level of political participation. Essentially, American Indians are mobilizing in response to recent changes in their government-to-government interactions with the Federal government. This era of "Forced Federalism" is marked by the federal government's efforts to compel tribal governments to negotiate with state governments in areas like gaming. Findings reported at the 2000 APSA Meeting and in the book *Forced Federalism: American Indian Sovereignty Under Siege*.

Social and Behavioral Science Research Grant 1994-1995 and 1996-1997 Co-researcher (with Jeff Corntassel) on project to study American Indian Tribal support of Federal, state and local office-seekers. Received 2 grants (1994 and 1996) from Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, University of Arizona to survey American Indian tribes throughout the country. Created a data set examining the political behavior of tribal leaders/tribal governments during the 1994 and 1996 election cycles. Findings reported in *The Social Science Journal*, *Red Ink*, *an American Indian Journal*, *Forced Federalism: American Indian Sovereignty Under Siege* and in conference presentations.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

“American Indian Political Mobilization: Voting in South Dakota 1980-2002” Presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004.

“Hard Money, Soft Money, or Direct Lobbying Expenditures? The Emergence and Growth of American Indian Lobbying” Presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 26-31, 2003. Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke.

“Hard Money, Soft Money, and Campaign Finance Reform: The Emergence and Growth of American Indian Campaign Contributions”. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Denver, CO, March 27-29, 2003. Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke.

“Hard Money, Soft Money and Lobbying Expenditures: The Emergence and Growth of American Indian Campaign Contributions”. Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 3-6, 2003. Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke.

“Foundations of Violence in Federal-Tribal Relationships”. To be presented at the Western Social Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, April 9-12, 2003. Co-Authored with Peter Jacques

“Resource Growth and Indian Lobbying: Gaming Revenue and the Empowerment of Native Americans”. Presented at the 2002 American Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, MA, August 29- Sept 1, 2002. Co-Authored with Frederick Boehmke.

“State and American Indian Negotiation of Gaming Compacts: Policy Adoption and Policy Expansion”. Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2002. Co-authored with Frederick Boehmke.

“Domestic Political Influences on Foreign Policy Behavior: Treaties and Executive Agreements 1948-2000”. Presented at the 2001 American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Aug 29-Sept 2, 2001. (Co-authored with Volker Krause, Susumu Suzuki, and Erika Moreno)

“Battlelines of Sovereignty: Forced Federalism and American Indian Mobilization in the 1990’s” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2000. (Co-authored with Jeff Corntassel)

“Indian Gaming: The Only Game in Town?” Paper presented at the 2000 Western Social Science Association Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 26-29, 2000. (Co-authored with Aaron Mason)

"Social Constructions of American Indians in an Era of Forced Federalism" presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC, August 27-31, 1997. (Co-authored with Jeff Corntassel)

"A Change for the Better: Issues in the 1994 Congressional Elections", presented at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, Tucson, AZ, March, 1997.

"Gambling with the Future: Political Behavior and the Role of Economic Development on Native American Homelands," presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 29-September 1, 1996. (Co-authored with Jeff Corntassel)

"Institutional Influence on Individual Income Tax Policy 1960-1988," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 6-9, 1995. (Co-authored with David Colnic)

"American Indian Support of Political Office-Seekers," Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 16-18, 1995. (Co-authored with Jeff Corntassel)

#### TEACHING *Experience*

Course Taught at the University of Northern Iowa

Introduction to American Politics  
Native North America  
Comparative Politics

Course Taught at Grinnell College

Congressional Politics  
Introduction to Statistics  
American Indian Politics and Policy  
Introduction to Political Science

Courses Taught at Northern Arizona University

Introduction to American Government (both traditional and web delivery)  
American Political Processes (Graduate Seminar)  
Campaigns and Elections  
American Indian Policy and Law (Graduate Seminar)  
Tribal Government  
American Presidency  
Congressional Politics

Courses Taught at the University of Arizona

Public Opinion and Voting Behavior  
Congress and American Politics  
American Indian Politics and Policy  
Introduction to American Government  
State and Local Government  
State and National Constitutions

#### *Training*

Teaching Campaigns and Elections II, short course presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Aug 28-Sept 2, 2001.

Teaching Campaigns and Elections, short course presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC, Aug 31-Sept 3, 2000.

Pennsylvania State Certified Instructor, Secondary Social Studies.

#### *Tools*

Web CT, extensive use of the Internet and computer applications when teaching.

#### RESEARCH

*Tools:* Survey Research Methods; Advanced Statistical Methods including linear and non-linear regression, event history models, time-series techniques. Statistical Packages- STATA, SPSS.

*Experience:* Designed and carried out surveys of Indian Tribal Governments following 1994, 1996, 1998 and 2000 elections. Use linear and non-linear regression, event history and event count models in my research.

#### INVITED PARTICIPATION

Panel Chair and Discussant, *American Indian Political Participation*, Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, April 2003.

University of Iowa, Department of Political Science Research Presentation, "Resource Growth and the Lobbying of US Senators: Gaming Revenue and the Empowerment of American Indians". Fall 2002.

Guest commentator on 2002 elections, KGRN Radio, Grinnell, Iowa. November 2002.

American Indian and Native Studies Program Research Presentation, University of Iowa, "American Indian Political Participation: Initial Findings and Directions for Additional Research". Spring 2002.

University of Iowa, Department of Political Science Research Presentation, "American Indian Negotiation of Gaming Compacts". Fall 2001. (with Frederick Boehmke)

Panel Chair and Discussant, *Native Peoples and the Environment*, Western Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas Nevada, March 15-17, 2001.

Guest commentator on 2000 election results, KVNA TV4, Flagstaff, AZ. November 2000.

Nations Native News. Guest on national radio program discussing American Indian influence on the 2000 election. October, 2000.

Monthly Edition in-studio guest. Local National Public Radio program on proposed changes to the Navajo Constitution. August 22, 2000.

Guest Presentation at The Institute for Native Americans, Northern Arizona University. "American Indian Political Participation". October 28, 1999.

The Grand Canyon Semester: The West as Image and Reality. The 1999 National Honors Semester Symposium. Moderator/Panel Discussant of student papers. December 7, 1999.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Political Science Representative to Applied Indigenous Studies work group 1999-2000, 2000-2001.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary Society, 1999-2000, 2000-2001.

Member Undergraduate Works Committee, Department of Political Science 1999-2000, 2000-2001.

Member Speakers and Social Committee, Department of Political Science 1999-2000, 2000-2001.

Legislative Internship Screening Committee, Northern Arizona University. 1999 and 2000.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2002-present, Manuscript Reviewer, Journal of Politics.

2000-present. Manuscript Reviewer, American Indian Quarterly.

1998-present. Manuscript Reviewer, Political Research Quarterly.

1996-97 Graduate Associate, Instructional Computing Lab, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute. Trained professors and students to use the instructional computing lab including the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Internet research, homepage design, and statistical packages.

1992-96 Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Arizona.

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

1988 Paid staff person for Michael Dukakis' presidential election campaign. Harrisburg, PA.  
Organized field operations in 5 Congressional Districts in central Pennsylvania. Assisted in coordinating governor, state legislative leaders, and local groups' interaction with national campaign organization.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association  
Western Social Science Association

**REFERENCES:**

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