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- 1986-present **Claremont McKenna College, Department of Government.** Roy P. Crocker Professor of American Politics (2005-present); professor (2001-present); associate professor (1994-2001); assistant professor (1986-1994; on leave 1989-91).
- 1989-1991 **Research Department, Republican National Committee.** Acting director (1990-1991); deputy director (1989-1990), during leave from Claremont McKenna College. Responsible for policy statements and briefings.
- 1984-1986 **US House Republican Research Committee.** Senior domestic policy analyst. Responsible for background papers and public statements on a variety of domestic and economic issues.
- 1983-1984 **American Political Science Association.** Congressional Fellow. Second-half assignment: Representative Dick Cheney (WY). Prepared briefing material for House Republican Policy Committee, chaired by Rep. Cheney. First-half assignment: Senator Alfonse D'Amato (NY). Served as legislative assistant for environmental issues.
- 1978-1980 **New York State Senator John R. Dunne.** Legislative assistant (1979-1980); Legislative Fellow (1978-1979). Conducted research on insurance regulation and public authorities; managed procedure for the State Senate Corporations Committee.

Education

- Yale University. Department of Political Science. Ph.D. (1985); M. Phil. (1981); M.A. (1978). Fields: American politics, public policy, and political psychology. Dissertation: "Hazardous Politics: Toxic Waste and American Government." Advisor: Theodore Marmor.
- Union College, Schenectady, New York. B.A. in political science (1977; co-valedictorian).

Scholarly Writing**Work in Progress**

- "Autism," chapter in *Issues and Controversies in Science and Politics*, edited by Brent Steel (Washington: CQ Press, 2014).
- Book on autism policy and politics. Tentative completion of draft: summer 2014.
- Book on private anti-piracy navies, with John-Clark Levin. (Lexington Books, in press) Note: the project is John-Clark's initiative.

Books

- [*The Politics of Autism: Navigating the Contested Spectrum* \(Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield: 2015, forthcoming\).](#)
- [*Private Anti-Piracy Navies How Warships for Hire are Changing Maritime Security* \(Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2013\). With John-Clark Levin.](#) Note: the project is John-Clark's initiative.
- [*After Hope and Change: The 2012 Elections and American Politics* \(Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2013\). With James W. Ceaser and Andrew E. Busch.](#)

- [*American Government: Deliberation, Democracy and Citizenship*, 2d ed. \(Boston: Wadsworth, 2011\). With Joseph M. Bessette.](#)
- [*Epic Journey: The 2008 Elections and American Politics* \(Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2009\). With James W. Ceaser and Andrew E. Busch.](#)
- [*The Art of Political Warfare* \(Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2000\).](#)
- [*Congress' Permanent Minority? Republicans in the US House* \(Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994\). With William F. Connelly, Jr.](#)

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- “Organ Transplants,” in *Governing America: Major Policies and Decisions of Federal, State, And Local Government*, edited by Paul J. Quirk and William Cunion (New York: Facts On File, 2011).
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- ["Resolved, the Senate Should Represent People, not States – Con," in *Debating Reform*, edited by Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson \(Washington: CQ Press, 2011\).](#)
- ["The Culminating Point: Democrats versus Republicans in the Bush Years," in *Ambition and Division: Legacies of the George W. Bush Presidency*, edited by Steven E. Schier \(Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009\).](#)
- ["Political Warfare During Wartime," in *High Risk and Big Ambition: The Presidency of George W. Bush*, edited by Steven E. Schier \(Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2004\) Originally presented as a paper at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30, 2003.](#)
- “Nixon, California and American Politics, chapter in *The California Republic: Institutions, Statesmanship, and Policies*, edited by Brian Janiskee and Ken Masugi (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2004). Reprint from *Nexus: A Journal of Opinion* (Chapman University School of Law) 6 (Spring 2001). Originally presented as a paper at a conference on “Democracy in California,” Salvatori Center and Claremont Institute, Claremont, California, October 27, 2000.
- “Bipartisanship,” “Contempt of Congress,” “Delegation of Legislative Power,” in *The Encyclopedia of the American Presidency*, edited by Michael Genovese (New York: Facts on File, 2004).
- ["Intellectual Challenges Facing the Republican Party," in *The Politics of Ideas*, 2d ed., edited by John White and John C. Green \(Albany: SUNY Press, 2001\).](#)
- [*Clinton and the Republican Party.*" in *The Postmodern Presidency: Bill Clinton's Legacy in U.S. Politics*, edited by Steven Schier \(Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000\).](#)
- “The House Republicans: Lessons for Political Science,” *New Majority or Old Minority? The Impact of Republicans on Congress* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999), edited by Nicol C. Rae and Colton C. Campbell. With William F. Connelly, Jr. Originally presented as a paper at “The Impact of the New Majority: Republican Control of Congress,” Florida International University, Miami, January 31, 1998
- “Fascism in *Gabriel over the White House*” and “Anti-Fascism in *Citizen Kane*,” in *Reelpolitik : Political Ideologies in 30s and 40s Films*, edited by Beverly Merrill Kelley (Westport, Connecticut: Praeger, 1998). Originally presented as papers at the annual meeting of the Speech Communication Association, San Diego, November 23, 1996.
- “‘Permanent Minority’ No More: House Republicans in 1994,” in *Midterm: The Elections of 1994 in Context*, edited by Philip A. Klinkner (Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 1996). With William F. Connelly, Jr.
- “From Ward Heelers to Public Relations Experts: The Parties' Response to Mass Politics,” in *Broken Contract? Changing Relationships Between Citizens and Their Government in the United States*, edited

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- “Ideas and the President's Party,” research note in *The Politics of Ideas*, edited by John White and John C. Green (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 1995).
 - “The Speaker: A Republican Perspective,” in *The Speaker: Leadership in the US House of Representatives*, edited by Ronald M. Peters, Jr. (Washington: CQ Press, 1994). With William F. Connelly, Jr.
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 - Biographical sketches of Joseph Cannon, Everett Dirksen and thirteen other national party leaders in: *Political Parties and Elections in the United States*, edited by L. Sandy Maisel (New York: Garland, 1991).
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Lectures, Panels, and Roundtables

- Instructor, Seminar on Congress, the Constitution, and Contemporary Politics, Robert H. Smith Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier, April 10-12, 2015.
- Chair, panel on presidential persuasion, pork barrel and public opinion, American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 31, 2014.
- Panelist, roundtable on religious and secular institutions, Christians in Political Science, American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29, 2014.
- Panelist, roundtable on post-2012 conservatism, American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 31, 2013.
- Chair, panel on 2012 election, American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29, 2013.
- Panelist, roundtable on prospects for the 2012 election, American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 3, 2011.
- Chair, panel on autism politics and policy, American Political Science Association, Seattle, September 1, 2011.
- Lecture on classroom technology, Long Beach City College, March 16, 2011.
- [Panelist, roundtable President Obama, University of California, Berkeley, March 14, 2011.](#)
- [Panelist, roundtable on midterm election, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 3, 2010.](#)
- Discussant, panel on classroom simulations, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2, 2010.
- Panelist, roundtable on conservatism, Asian American Journalists Association, Los Angeles, August 6, 2010.
- Lecture on classroom technology, annual conference of the Texas Community College Teachers Association, Houston, March 5, 2010.
- Discussant, panel on William F. Buckley, Jr., annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 6, 2009.
- Lecture on classroom technology, Cengage Learning presentation, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, September 3, 2009.
- Discussant, panel on parties and presidents, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 30, 2008.
- Chair, panel on representation and political elites, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 31, 2007.
- Discussant, panel on 2008 election, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31, 2007.
- Discussant, panel on Bush legacy, annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, March 9, 2007.
- Panelist, with Newt Gingrich, "Revisiting the Republican Revolution: 10 Years of Republican Rule," Furman University, October 12.

- Chair and discussant, panel on partisan brand names, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 3, 2005.
- [Panelist, conference on the polarization of American politics, Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, December 4, 2004.](#)
- Chair, panel on theory and practice of presidential elections, American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 4, 2004.
- Chair, panel on congressional committee research, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 30, 2003.
- Chair and discussant, panel on Congress and ideology, American Political Science Association, Boston, August 31, 2002.
- Discussant, panel on term limits, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2, 2001.
- Discussant, panel on race, ethnicity and diversity in the 2000 elections, Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 16, 2001.
- Chair and discussant, panel on the pedagogy of citizenship, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC September 2, 2000.
- Chair, panel on the Christian right, annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2, 2000.
- Lecture tour in Japan: lecture on American political parties (Doshisha University, Kyoto), May 26, 2000; symposium on presidential election (Doshisha University, Kyoto), May 27, 2000; lecture on presidential election (sponsored by US consulate in Sapporo), May 30, 2000; panel on presidential election (sponsored by US consulate in Osaka), May 31, 2000.
- Lecturer on legislative-executive relations, Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, April 7, 2000.
- Discussant, panel on partisan realignment and regionalism, Western Political Science Association, San Jose, March 25, 2000.
- Chair, panel on incumbency effect in congressional elections, American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 5, 1999.
- Discussant, panel on opposition and minor parties, American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 4, 1999.
- Chair and discussant, panel on political leadership and the media, Western Political Science Association, Seattle, March 25, 1999.
- Panelist, colloquium on political movies, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California, March 15, 1999.
- Lecturer, C-SPAN seminar for professors, Washington, DC, January 7-8, 1999.
- Discussant, panel on party change, American Political Science Association, Boston, September 4, 1998.
- Discussant, panel on campaign finance, Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, March 20, 1998.
- Chair, panel on parties and social cleavages, Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, March 19, 1998.
- Panelist, roundtable on the 105th Congress and 1998 elections, Center for Economic and Policy Education, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1998.
- Chair, roundtable on campaign finance reform, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30, 1997.
- Chair, panel on Congress and Presidency in the 1990s, Western Political Science Association, Tucson, Arizona, March 14, 1997.
- Lecturer, C-SPAN seminar for professors, Washington, DC, January 6-7, 1997.
- Panelist, roundtable on the 1996 election, Pacific Research Institute, San Francisco, October 17, 1996.
- Panelist, colloquium on the 1996 election, University of California at Irvine, October 11, 1996.
- Chair, roundtable on future of the Republican Party, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 30, 1996.
- Lecturer, C-SPAN advanced workshop for professors (Tocqueville program), Washington, DC, July 31-August 2, 1996.

- Panelist, roundtable on Republican Congress, Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, March 15, 1996.
- Chair and discussant, panel on party activists and ideology, Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, March 14, 1996.
- Panelist, roundtable on 104th Congress, Southern Political Science Association, Tampa, November 4, 1995.
- Chair, panel on 1996 election, American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2, 1995.
- Discussant, panel on congressional legislation, Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 17, 1995.
- Panelist, roundtable on 1994 elections and Congress, Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 17, 1995.
- Chair, panel on Republican Party in California, California Studies Conference, Sacramento, February 2, 1995.
- Speaker, Oklahoma City University Mid-Year Institute, January 5, 1995.
- Participant, C-SPAN Advanced Workshop for Professors, Washington, DC, June 13-14, 1994. Coauthored educational materials for reenactment of Lincoln-Douglas debates.
- Chair, panel discussion of the "New Paradigm," American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 4, 1993.
- Participant, C-SPAN Seminar for Professors, Washington, DC, August 2-3, 1993.
- Panelist, discussion of policy internships, Western Political Science Association, Pasadena, March 18, 1993.
- Panelist, discussion on teaching presidential elections, American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 4, 1992.
- Chair, panel discussion of budget politics, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 31, 1991.
- Panelist, discussion on party organizations, Political Parties and Organizations Workshop, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 28, 1991.
- Chair, panel discussion of congressional realignment, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31, 1990.
- Lecturer, Brookings Institution Conference for Federal Executives, Williamsburg, Virginia, April 23, 1990.
- Panelist, discussion of political scientists in presidential campaigns, American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1, 1989.
- Participant, Sloan Foundation workshop on elections and social choice theory, Union College, Schenectady, New York, July 31–August 5, 1988.
- Chair, panel discussion of national party platforms, American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1987.

Professional Affiliations

- [American Political Science Association](#)
- [National Association of Scholars](#)
- [Christians in Political Science](#)

Grants and Awards

- The Presidential Award, Claremont McKenna College, 2013.
- Named one of 300 best professors in the United States, *Princeton Review*, April 3, 2012.
- Glenn R. Huntoon Teaching Award, Claremont McKenna College, 1995, 2000, 2004.
- Honorary membership, Claremont McKenna College Alumni Association, May 18, 2001.
- Excellence in Education Award, Saratoga Central Catholic High School, June 13, 2000.
- Commencement speaker, Saratoga Central Catholic High School, June 10, 2000.
- Claremont McKenna College grant for research on Republican intellectual history, 1995.
- Convocation speaker, Claremont McKenna College, September 3, 1992.

- Gould Humanities Center, summer grant for research on the "New Paradigm," 1992.
- Richard M. Shure Award for excellence in teaching, Claremont McKenna College, 1988.
- Gould Humanities Study Center, summer grant for research on party platforms, 1988.
- American Political Science Association for research on minority party in US House, 1987.
- National Science Foundation Fellowship and Danforth Foundation Fellowship, 1977.
- Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha, Union College, 1976.

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