

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University, 1993-97

Major field: International Relations, Minor field: Comparative Politics
Dissertation: *The World Bank in the 1990s: Understanding Institutional Change*

Master of International Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, 1980-82

Internships at the U.S. Department of State and Amnesty International (New York)

B.A., magna cum laude, History, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1976-80

Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society)
Director of Capitol Hill Internship Program
Internship at Common Cause (Washington, DC)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Scholar, January 2006-present

W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, Kalamazoo, MI

Recipient of a series of grants to conduct research and write about the origins and initial impact of the Kalamazoo Promise. Results of research published by the Upjohn Institute as *The Power of a Promise: Education and Economic Renewal in Kalamazoo* in 2009.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, August 2006-present Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

- Courses taught: *International Politics, International Political Economy, Politics of Latin America, Topics in Social Policy, Capstone Seminar*
- Advise International Relations majors
- Supervise independent study projects
- Serve on departmental committees, including two search sub-committees
- Member, CLAS Faculty Development Committee (2009-2012)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-05 Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI

- Courses taught: *International Politics, Politics of Latin America, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, International Development*
- Supervised Senior Individualized Projects (undergraduate theses)
- Advised international students and served as mentor to undergraduates

Principal Investigator, Western Michigan University, 1997-2000

Recipient of a three-year grant from the Ford Foundation to write a book on asset-building strategies for fighting poverty. Research was carried out from 1997 through 2001 at multiple sites around the United States. Results of research published by the Brookings Institution Press as *Owning Up: Poverty, Assets, and the American Dream* in 2002.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2001-02
Instructor, 1998-2001, Adjunct Professor 2002-04
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

- Undergraduate courses taught: *International Relations, U.S. Foreign Policy, Latin American Politics*
- Graduate seminars taught to M.A. Ph.D., and Masters of International Development Administration (MIDA) students: *The World Bank, Poverty and Social Policy*
- Served on doctoral dissertation committee and on thesis committees for undergraduate honors students

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Consultant, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 2004-present

Provide support to the office of the Senior Vice President for Programs and Battle Creek Programming area with research, writing, and preparation of reports.

Writer and Editor, 1994-2004

Principal author of publications for the Twentieth Century Fund/Century Foundation and the Inter-American Dialogue. Development and editing of publications for the Americas Society, the City University of New York, Harvard University's Civil Rights Project, the Haynes Foundation, Salomon Brothers, the Twentieth Century Fund/Century Foundation, the U.S. Institute of Peace, and others.

The University of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor
Manager, Digital Publishing Department, 1994-98

Responsible for developing electronic publishing program for scholarly publisher. Acquired projects, presented proposals to executive committee, supervised full-time and freelance staff, and managed editorial and production process for CD-ROM and Internet-based publications. Facilitator of press-wide strategic planning process.

The Twentieth Century Fund/Century Foundation, New York
Vice President for Programs, 1990-94

As senior member of program staff, supervised projects on U.S. foreign policy, economic policy, and Latin America at non-profit public policy research foundation. Responsible for all phases of program development and execution, including identification of potential authors, formulation of project ideas, presentation of proposals to Board of Trustees, supervision of authors, and dissemination of research to policymakers and the press.

Salomon Brothers Inc, New York
Vice President, Research Department 1986-90; Analyst 1984-86

Analyzed politics and economics of foreign countries, public sector borrowers, and multilateral development institutions. Developed credit and market views and communicated these to sales force, traders, and customers worldwide.

Multinational Strategies, Inc., New York
Associate, 1982-84

Researched, wrote, and presented reports to corporate and nonprofit clients on international political and economic developments.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Power of a Promise: Education and Economic Renewal in Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI: The W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 2009

Owning Up: Poverty, Assets, and the American Dream. Washington, DC: The Brookings Institution Press, 2002

The World Bank: New Agendas in a Changing World. London: Routledge, 1999

Chapters

“Breaking Into the Bank: The Challenge of Gaining Meaningful Access to the World Bank” (with Charles T. Myers). Chapter in *Gaining Access to Research Sites: The Inside Story*, Martha S. Feldman et al., eds., Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2003

“Financial Markets in 1986: The Paradox of Liberalization.” Chapter in *Italian Politics: A Review*, vol. 2, Raffaella Nanetti, et al., eds. London and New York: Pinter Publishers, 1988

“The World Bank and Private Capital” (with John F.H. Purcell). Chapter in *Between Two Worlds: The World Bank's Next Decade*, Richard E. Feinberg, ed. Washington, DC: Overseas Development Council, 1986

Articles

“The Kalamazoo Promise as a Model for an American Promise,” with Timothy J. Bartik, *Employment Research*, Special Issue: National Labor Market Policy, W.E. Upjohn Institute, July 2009

“A Simple Gift? The Impact of the Kalamazoo Promise on Economic Revitalization,” *Employment Research*, W.E. Upjohn Institute, July 2006

Work in Progress

Special issue of *Economic Development Quarterly* focusing on place-based scholarship programs as an economic development strategy. A prospectus for the issue has been approved by the journal's editors and I am in the process of contacting potential authors.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Can Universal, Place-Based Scholarships Reduce Inequality? Lessons from Kalamazoo, Michigan,” paper presented at the 68th Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2010

“Reducing Inequality Through Universal College Scholarships: Lessons from the Kalamazoo Promise,” paper presented at LASA 2009 Congress, the annual conference of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro, June 2009

“The Diffusion of Policy Innovation: The Case of the Kalamazoo Promise,” paper presented at the 67th Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2009

PRESENTATIONS

“Community Transformation Through Place-Based Scholarships” (with Janice Brown and Brandy Johnson), presentation at national College Board Forum, Washington, DC, October 2010

“The Kalamazoo Promise and the Path to College Readiness” and “Universal, Place-Based Scholarship Programs: A New Model for College Access” (with Shelley Strickland), presentations at Michigan Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference, Ann Arbor, November 2009

“A Scholarship Model for a New Century” (with Shelley Strickland), presentation at national College Board Forum, New York, October 2009

“The Economic Development Impact of Promise-type Programs,” PromiseNet (an annual meeting of cities investing in youth for community transformation), Denver, CO, June 2009

“The Kalamazoo Promise: An Investment in Human, Economic, and Social Capital,” presentation to students and faculty at the University of Perugia (Italy), May 2009

“Changing a Community's College Culture with a Promise: The Transformative Impact of the Kalamazoo Promise and the Potential for Promise Zones,” 14th Annual Governor's Education Summit, Lansing, April 2009

“The Kalamazoo Promise as a Tool for Economic Development,” Keynote Address at Michigan Conference of Political Scientists 39th annual meeting, Kalamazoo, October 2007

Panelist at Town Hall Meeting on Education and Michigan's Economic Future, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, January 2007

Participant in panel on “How Journalists and Authors Are – and Aren't – Helping to Shape the National Discussion About Persistent Poverty,” at *Grassroots and Groundwork: What Communities are Doing to Get Out and Stay Out of Poverty*, Northwest Area Foundation conference, St. Paul, Minnesota September 2006

“Beyond Bricks and Mortar: Building Social Capital in Poor Communities,” Keynote Address and Workshop on Asset-Building, New England Resident Service Coordinators 6th Annual Conference, Groton, CT, May 2004

Presentation on asset-building, New America Foundation, Washington, DC, September 2002

Presentations on the Kalamazoo Promise (2006-10) at:

- Michigan Political Leadership Program of Michigan State University
- City Club of Cleveland
- W.K. Kellogg Foundation Board of Trustees
- Pi Sigma Alpha, Grand Valley State University (Allendale)
- Kalamazoo Area Labor Management (KALM) committee
- Kalamazoo College
- Kalamazoo Public Library
- Institute of Government and Politics, Western Michigan University
- Kalamazoo Community Foundation
- Rotary Clubs of Kalamazoo, Frankfort, and Gull Lake
- Rotary District International Conference
- Hadassah, Dorothy Slavin Chapter
- Council on Michigan Foundations Program Officers Network
- National meeting of lead program officers of private foundations (Detroit)