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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. Politics, University of Dallas, 1992  
M.A. Politics, University of Dallas, 1986  
B.A. Politics, University of Dallas, 1981

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Professor of Political Science, University of West Georgia, (2007-)

Interim Dean, College of Social Sciences, University of West Georgia, (Summer 2020)

Interim Chair, Department of Criminology, University of West Georgia, (2019-2020)

Faculty Ombuds, University of West Georgia (2014-2019)

Chair, Department of Political Science & Planning, University of West Georgia (2007-2014)

**COURSES TAUGHT:** Alabama Constitution/History, American Political Organizations, American Political Thought, Classical Political Theory, Modern Political Theory, Introduction to American Politics, Constitutional Law, Comparative Government, Business Ethics, Democracy & Liberty, Ethics, Group and Organizational Behavior, Honors English, Latin American Studies, Medieval History, Modernity (graduate), Political Traditions, Politics & Literature in the Modern World, Presidency and Congress, Public Administration, Public Policy, Religion & Politics in Film, Statesmanship, Tocqueville's America, Walker Percy's World, and Western Civilization.

**AWARDS, GRANTS:**

- 2018 UWG's Risk Management 10 Year Dedication Award
- 2019 UWG Department of Political Science Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2017 UWG Best of the West Award: Values
- 2016 UWG Best of the West Award: Values
- 2005 Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation
- 2001-2002 Mitford Ray Megginson Research Award, University of Mobile
- 1996 Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation

- Outstanding Faculty Member 1994-95, University of Mobile
- Fellowship, Salvatori Center for Academic Leadership, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., 1994-1995
- 1993 Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation
- Outstanding Faculty Member 1991-92, University of Mobile

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

*American Political Rhetoric: Essential Speeches and Writings*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, edited with Peter Augustine Lawler & David Ramsey. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2023.

“Walker Percy and the Modern World,” *Journal for the Association for the Interdisciplinary Study of the Arts*, Vol. 12, Spring 2017, 55-71.

“Shakespeare’s *The Rape of Lucrece*: Honor and Republicanism,” in *Shakespeare and the Body Politic*, edited by Dustin Gish & Bernard J. Dobski. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2013.

“When Worldviews Collide: Religion, Philosophy & Politics in the Modern World,” *Journal of Faith and the Academy*, Vol. IV, Num. 1, Spring 2011, 40-48.

“The Soul’s Journey: Comments on Plato’s *Republic*,” in *A Scholar’s Hours: Festschrift in Honor of Kenneth Bergdolt, Ph.D.*, ed. T.J. Mashburn, III, Katherine Abernathy & Pamela Buchanan Miller. Mobile: University of Mobile Press, 2011.

“State Courts of Alabama,” *Encyclopedia of Alabama*, <http://encyclopediaofalabama.org/face/Article.jsp?id=h-2947>, October 2010.

*The American Experiment: Essays on the Theory and Practice of Liberty*, edited with Peter Augustine Lawler. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, Inc., 1994.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Political Science Association
- Alabama Political Science Association
- U.S.-Cuba Sister Cities Association
- Georgia Political Science Association