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**Interim Chair and Professor of Political Science
Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Professorship in Political Science III**

Curriculum Vitae: April 15, 2019

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PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Louisiana-Lafayette:

Head of Political Science Department, 2016-current

Professor of Political Science (Tenured), 2017-current

Associate Professor of Political Science (Tenured), Dept. of Political Science, 2008-2017

Anthony Moroux/BORSF Memorial Professorship in Political Science III, 2008-current

UL-Lafayette Pre-Law Advisor, 2001- 2017

Department of Political Science Pre-Law Program Coordinator, 2001-2017

Assistant Professor of Political Science, (Tenure-track), 2001-2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, 2001, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

GPA: 3.9/4.0

Major Field: American Politics with an emphasis on Public Law and Judicial Politics.

Minor Field: Public Policy.

Dissertation Title: *State Supreme Court Oversight of State Administrative Agencies.*

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Bradley Canon

ICPSR (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research) Summer Program, 1997. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, 1994, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL.
Concentration in U.S. Constitutional Law, primarily Civil Liberties and Civil Rights.

M.A., Political Science, 1991 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL.

B.S., Computer Science, 1988, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL.

BOOKS

Rick A. Swanson, *The Big Picture of U.S. National Government*, University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press (2016).

BOOK UNDER CONTRACT

Rick A. Swanson, *The LANAHAN Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning* (14 polished chapter drafts written out of 14 planned chapters; 9 of those chapters have been revised to editor satisfaction based on editor's suggested revisions): Textbook for use either in traditional or online pre-law undergraduate courses. Under contract at LANAHAN Publishers (Baltimore, MD) (forthcoming 2019/20).

OTHER BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS:

Rick A. Swanson, *Freedom on the Bayou: Secession, The Civil War, and Emancipation in Western Louisiana* (current working title); currently 200 detailed single-spaced pages of organized text and notes, with a majority being text

Rick A. Swanson, *Enslaved and Free People of Color and the Law in Rural Antebellum Louisiana* (current working title); currently 180 detailed single-spaced pages of organized text, notes, and appendix material

Rick A. Swanson, *Confederate Quotes: Confederates' Own Words on Slavery, Secession, the Confederacy, and the Start of the Civil War*; currently 220 single-spaced pages of polished text, including index

Rick A. Swanson, *Reconstruction and Jim Crow in South-Central Louisiana*; currently 75 detailed slides with information, images, and citations)

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Ami Stearns, Rick A. Swanson, and Stephanie Etie, "The Walking Dead? Assessing Social Death Among Long-Term Prisoners," online journal *Corrections: Policy, Practice, and Research*, published online Nov. 21, 2017. DOI: [10.1080/23774657.2017.1396196](https://doi.org/10.1080/23774657.2017.1396196)
- Rick A. Swanson, "Judicial Roles on State High Courts." 94 *Judicature* 168-177 (2011).
- Rick A. Swanson and Stephen L. Wasby. "Good Stewards: Law Clerk Influence in State High Courts." 29 *Justice System Journal* 24-46 (2008).
- Rick A. Swanson, "Judicial Perceptions of Consensual Norms on State Supreme Courts." 91 *Judicature* 186-96 (2008).
- Rick A. Swanson, "A Descriptive Portrait of State Supreme Court Oversight of State Administrative Agencies." 34 *Journal of Political Science* 58-77 (2007).
- Rick A. Swanson, "Judicial Perceptions of Voting Fluidity on State Supreme Courts." 28 *Justice System Journal* 199-218 (2007).
- Rick A. Swanson, "The Dynamics of Specific and Diffuse Support for the United States Supreme Court." 44 *Social Science Journal* 645-663 (2007).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Rick A. Swanson, "Religious Liberty," in *First Amendment Law in Louisiana*, William R. Davie and Mike Maher, eds. University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press (2015).
- Rick A. Swanson, "Freedom of Expression," in *First Amendment Law in Louisiana*, William R. Davie and Mike Maher, eds. University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press (2015).
- William R. Davie with Rick A. Swanson, "Defamation" in *First Amendment Law in Louisiana*, William R. Davie and Mike Maher, eds. University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press (2015).

NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Rick A. Swanson, "Time for a Change: Analyzing Graduation Invocations and Benedictions Under Religiously Neutral Principles of the Public Forum." *University of Memphis Law Review* 26:1405-44 (1996).
- Rick A. Swanson and Albert Melone, "The Partisan Factor and Judicial Behavior in the Illinois Supreme Court." *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 19:303-32 (1995).

Rick A Swanson, "The Constitutionality of Garb Laws in the Context of the Public High School." *The Journal of Law and Education* 23:549-69 (1994).

Rick A. Swanson, "Regaining Lost Ground: Toward a Public Forum Doctrine Under the Illinois Constitution." *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* 18:453-80 (1994).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Rick A. Swanson, "American Civil Liberties Union" Craig Forsyth and Heith Hopes, eds. *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*. SAGE Publications (2014).

Rick A. Swanson, book review of *This is Not Civil Rights: Discovering Rights Talk in 1939 America*, by George I. Lovell, University of Chicago Press. Reviewed for *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 128 No. 2, pp. 385-386. (2013)

Rick A. Swanson, book review of *New York Times v. Sullivan: Civil Rights, Libel Law, and the Free Press*, by Kermit Hall and Melvin Urofsky, reviewed for the Law & Politics Book Review. Vol. 22 No. 9 (September 2012), pp. 465-468, published at: <http://www.lpbr.net/2012/09/new-york-times-v-sullivan-civil-rights.html>

Rick A. Swanson, book review of *We Must Not be Afraid to be Free: Stories of Free Expression in America*, by Roland K.L. Collins and Sam Chaltain, reviewed for the Law & Politics Book Review. Vol. 22 No. 3 (March 2012), pp. 114-117, electronically published at: <http://www.lpbr.net/2012/03/we-must-not-be-afraid-to-be-free.html>

Rick A. Swanson, "Gannett Company v. Depasquale" and "Richmond Newspapers v. Virginia" in David Schultz, ed. *Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice*. New York: Facts on File (2012).

Rick A. Swanson, "School Prayer," "Intelligent Design," "ISKCON v. Lee" "Public Forum," and "Third Amendment," in David Schultz, ed. *Encyclopedia of the United States Constitution*. New York: Facts on File (2009).

Rick A. Swanson, "Public Forum"; "Fighting Words" in David Schultz, ed., *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court*. New York: Facts on File (2004).

Rick A. Swanson, "The Third Amendment;" "Stanley v. Georgia;" and "International Society for Krishna Consciousness v. Lee;" in David Schultz and John R. Vile, ed., *Encyclopedia of Civil Liberties in America*. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe (2004).

Rick A. Swanson, "Bill of Rights;" "Environmental Protection Agency;" "Administrative Procedures Act;" and "Bowers v. Hardwick;" in David Schultz, ed., *Encyclopedia of American Law*. New York: Facts on File (2002).

Rick A. Swanson, book reviews of *Courtiers of the Marble Palace: The Rise and Influence of the Supreme Court Law Clerk*, by Todd Peppers, and *Sorcerer's Apprentices: 100 Years of Law Clerks at the United States Supreme Court*, by Artemus Ward and David Weiden, reviewed for *Judicature*. 90 *Judicature* 137-138 No. 3, November/December (2006).

Rick A. Swanson, book review of *The Louisiana Civilian Experience: Critiques of Codification in a Mixed Jurisdiction*, by Vernon Valentine Palmer. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press, reviewed for Law and Courts section of American Political Science Association, Vol. 15 No.6 (June 2005), pp.504-506. Electronically published on the "Law and Politics Book Review" website at:
<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/lpbr/subpages/reviews/palmer605.htm>

Rick A. Swanson, book review of *A Revolution in Favor of Government: Origins of the U.S. Constitution and the Making of the American State*, by Max M. Edling, reviewed for the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, Vol. 14, No. 3 (March 2004), electronically published on the "Law and Politics Book Review" website at: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/lpbr/subpages/reviews/Edling304.htm>

Rick A. Swanson, book review of *The Free and Open Press: The Founding of Democratic Press Liberty, 1640-1800*, by Robert W.T. Martin for the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, Vol. 12, No. 2 (Feb. 2002), pp. 79-83, electronically published on the "Law and Politics Book Review" website at: <http://www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/lpbr/subpages/reviews/martinrowt.htm>

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

"The Clash of Ideals: Madisonian versus Jacksonian Democratic Theory in State Court Systems"

"Oral Argument on State Supreme Courts"

"A Conversation between Law and Politics Regarding State Court Administrative Oversight"

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

"Teaching the Legal Skill of Issue Spotting in the Undergraduate Pre-Law Classroom," 2016 Northeast Political Science Association annual conference, Boston, Massachusetts

"Teaching Case Briefing and Issue-Rule-Application-Conclusion (IRAC) Analysis in Online Pre-Law Education," 2016 Southern Political Science Association annual conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico

“Teaching Case Briefing Online,” 2015 Louisiana Political Science Association annual conference, Lafayette, Louisiana

“Judicial Roles in State High Courts: The Judges’ Perspectives,” 2008 Southern Political Science Association annual conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

“The Gated Community: Social Death in Prison” (with Stephanie Etie). Presented at the 2004 Louisiana Political Science Association Annual Conference, Alexandria, Louisiana.

“Small Group Dynamics, Norms of Consensus, and Unanimity on State Supreme Courts: Results from Judicial Interviews.” Presented at the 2003 Southwest Social Science Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

“Tentative Reflections on the Judge-Clerk Relationship Using Principal-Agent Theory.” Presented at the 2002 Southwest Social Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Panel Discussant: Panel on “Supreme Court Decision-Making,” 2002 Southwest Social Science Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“The Relationship between Specific and Diffuse Support for the United States Supreme Court.” Presented at the 2001 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

“90-Day Wonders: Evidence for “Value-Based Regeneration” of Public Support for the Supreme Court” Presented at the 2001 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Panel Discussant: Potpourri Panel, 2001 Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Conference, Highland Heights, Kentucky.

“Interest Group Influence on State Supreme Courts” (with Neal Woods). Presented at the 2000 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Panel Discussant: Panel on “Teaching Political Science,” 2000 Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Danville, Kentucky.

“Judicial Oversight of the Bureaucracy in the American States.” Presented at the 2000 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

“State Supreme Court Oversight of State Administrative Agencies.” Presented at the 1999 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Savannah, GA.

Conference Participant: University of Kentucky Graduate Student Representative to the 1999 Annual Conference of the National Preparing Future Faculty Program, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“Supporting its Legitimacy: Opinion Lengths of United States Supreme Court Opinions,” 1998 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

“A Brief Collection of Original Games and Simulations for Use in the Introductory Political Science Classroom,” 1998 Southern Political Science Association Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Panel Chair: Panel on "Law, Civil Liberties, and Civil Rights," 1998 Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Louisiana--Lafayette, Department of Political Science 2001-current

Solo Instructor:

POLS 497 Independent Study
POLS 487 Civil Rights Law (Co-listed HONR 485 Honors Topics) (part of regular course rotation)
POLS 487 Civil Rights Law (hybrid in-class/online)
POLS 482 Civil Liberties (Co-listed HONR 485 Honors Topics) (web-enhanced; part of regular course rotation)
POLS 482 Civil Liberties (Hybrid online; Co-listed HONR 485 Honors Topics)
POLS 398 Internship (Political Science Peer Mentor Program)
POLS 387 Constitutional Law (Co-listed HONR 385 Honors Topics) (part of regular course rotation)
POLS 387 Constitutional Law (Online; with self-authored textbook)
POLS 382 Law and Judicial Process (Co-listed HONR 385 Honors Topics) (part of regular course rotation)
POLS 382 Law and Judicial Process (hybrid online; with self-written textbook)
POLS 395 Research Methods (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Presidential Power (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Native American Law (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Local Government Law (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Administrative Law (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Dystopia and Human Nature in Film (web-enhanced)
POLS 305 Special Topics: Statutory Civil Rights (web-enhanced)
POLS 210 American Politics and Policy (online for RN-to-BSN online program)
POLS 110 American National Government (web-enhanced; part of regular course rotation)

POLS 110 American National Government (hybrid online; self-authored textbook)
POLS 110 American National Government (online, with self-authored textbook)
POLS 111 Honors American National Government (web-enhanced and hybrid)

Co-Taught:

POLS 390 Special Topics: Religion and Politics (co-taught with Pearson Cross) (web-enhanced)

Team-Taught:

POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science (team-taught with POLS Department) (part of regular course rotation)

University of Louisiana--Lafayette, Humanities Program 2005-2014

Solo Instructor:

HUMN 400 Humanities Topics: Spiritual Struggle in Literature and Popular Film (Cross-listed with HONR 387 Honors Topics) (web-enhanced)

Co-Taught: HUMN 300 Humanities Topics: The Meaning of Life (co-taught with Griff Blakewood) (web-enhanced)

Co-Taught: HUMN 200 Humanities Topics: Philosophy of Love and Friendship (co-taught with Griff Blakewood) (web-enhanced)

Co-Taught: HUMN 200 Humanities Topics: Human Flourishing (co-taught with Griff Blakewood) (web-enhanced)

University of Louisiana--Lafayette, Office of First-Year Experience, 2012-2014

Solo Instructor:

UNIV 100 Cajun Connection [College and Life Success] (web-enhanced)

University of Louisiana--Lafayette, Honors Program, 2008-2009, 2012

Solo Instructor:

HONR 110/210/310/410 Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior Honors Seminar

University of Kentucky, Department of Political Science 1996-2001

Solo Instructor:

Civil Liberties
Constitutional Law
Political Behavior
State and Local Government
American Government

Teaching Assistant: American Government

Lexington Community College (Lexington, Kentucky) 2000

Solo Instructor:

American Government

NON-TEACHING PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Law Clerk to Justice James A. Knecht, Illinois Appellate Court, Fourth District. 1994-1996. Bloomington, Illinois. Recommended case outcomes and drafted court opinions.

Graduate Assistant, University of Kentucky Teaching and Learning Center, 1999-2000. Lexington, Kentucky. Assisted in administrative duties.

Graduate Assistant to Prof. Norman Vieira, Southern Illinois University School of Law, 1992-1994. Carbondale, Illinois. Researched and wrote in area of Constitutional Law.

Graduate Assistant to Academic Computing Department, Eastern Illinois University, 1990-1991. Charleston, Illinois. Programmed SPSSX files for faculty research data analyses.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Louisiana--Lafayette, Department of Political Science

Department Head, 2016-2019 (with exception of sabbatical leave Fall 2018). Oversaw department of 230 majors across three curricula (Political Science, Pre-Law, and International Relations); managed 8 faculty (6 full time and two adjuncts), one civil service staff member and four student workers. Oversaw functioning of all departmental administrative paperwork, processes, and procedures on a daily basis. Handled faculty, staff, and student issues on daily basis, including conflict management and conflict resolution. Attended and provided input at regular administrative meetings, including one-on-one meetings with the Dean as needed. Regularly conveyed administrative information to faculty, staff, and students. Oversaw lengthy and detailed hiring process for numerous adjuncts, four emergency temporary (ET) visiting professors, and two new full-time tenure-track faculty. Oversaw annual departmental budget. Led annual departmental assessment supporting university accreditation by SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) in 2017 and oversaw departmental SACS assessment with assistance in 2018 and 2019. Guided work of departmental personnel, curriculum, and scholarship committees. Oversaw revision of all three concentrations to open up General Education requirements, coupled with assisting in coding all three concentrations in new online degree planning software DegreeWorks, in conjunction with Academic VP and Registrar's offices. Supported faculty initiatives regarding research, teaching innovations, and departmental publicity such as bringing guest speakers to campus through the Kaliste Saloom Chair Speaker Series. Scheduled, supported and sometimes assisted faculty in performance of departmental and university service, such as Preview Day, COLA Day, and Majors Fair. Worked with faculty to schedule appropriate classes for fall, spring, winter, and summer sessions. Completed annual performance evaluations of all faculty under annual departmental work performance rubric. Oversaw reviews of mid-tenure review, tenure, promotion, and awards and renewals of endowed professorships and endowed chairships among department faculty. Academically advised all POLS honors students. Reviewed all degree plans. Oversaw Political Science majors e-mail announcement list and sent out frequent information to POLS majors about jobs, internships, scholarships, events, and awards. Oversaw, scheduled, and helped team teach POLS 101 Introduction to Political Science beyond regular courseload. Oversaw content updates of departmental website. Attend all commencement exercises as departmental representative for College of Liberal Arts Commencements and Honors Program Convocations. Coordinated with other departments within Mouton Hall to maximize efficient use of classrooms, offices, and storage space in Mouton Hall. Helped ensure Mouton Hall complies with ADA accessibility requirements. Worked with Admissions to increase POLS student recruitment. Coordinated with Office of Distance Learning to provide online POLS courses supporting UL online degree programs in Nursing and University College. Coordinated with Honors Program and University Registrar to provide designated, numbered POLS honors courses corresponding to most non-honors POLS courses. Coordinated with MODL and HIST to cross-list POLS courses with courses in their departments. Oversaw faculty compliance with grade checks for first and second year students, as well as for student athletes. Worked to ensure faculty grade distributions are neither too lenient nor too harsh. Oversaw distribution of POLS scholarship moneys in conjunction with Scholarship Committee in a manner that sustains the endowment principals for long-term viability of the scholarships. Began development of 3+3 law school program with Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge (2017). Set up restricted

G-Account whereby POLS faculty textbook profits provide support for student activities within POLS (2017). Helped initiate and manage database creation of local attorneys and recent POLS alumni with accompanying UL Foundation accounts for planned departmental fundraising drives (2017-2018)

Pre-Law Advisor and Pre-Law Program Coordinator, 2001-2016. Oversaw Pre-Law Concentration within Political Science. Taught two Pre-Law courses every semester. Advised POLS and non-POLS UL students, as well as member of the public, on law school and legal careers. Directed students and members of the public where to get legal advice locally. Advised UL Law Club, including arranging meetings and guest speakers. Gave frequent campus presentations on law school and legal careers. Oversaw publicity, collection and evaluation of applications for annual Colonel Tom and Lena Ritchie Endowed Memorial Scholarship (for students going to law school). Wrote detailed systematic justification for Pre-Law program upon request of UL administration for all programs to defend their existence in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis and resulting economic recession and corresponding UL budget cuts.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2011-2016. Oversaw revisions and enhancement of all three POLS curricula: Political Science, Pre-Law, and International Relations. Added and revised multiple POLS courses, course titles, and course descriptions. Ensured curricula meet all Louisiana, UL, and College of Liberal Arts requirements. Created detailed academic advising guide for POLS faculty. Assisted in departmental assessment data collection and analysis in support of UL's SACS accreditation. Proposed university-wide QEP to create Center for Civics Education as part of SACS QEP process. Assisted with SACS annual assessments via creation of student learning and advising measurement instruments and data collection and analysis. Submitted detailed defense of Pre-Law program as part of university-wide program justification request.

Other Departmental Service:

Occasional outside departmental representative on Tenure and Promotion Review Committees in Criminal Justice Department and Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Child and Family Studies, 2017-2019
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2001-date (assisted in curricula and course revisions)
Member, Personnel Committee, 2011-date (assisted in several tenure-track faculty hires)
Web Ambassador, 2016 (completely redesigned and reconstructed POLS website)
Webmaster and Web Liaison, 2001-2015 (designed and maintained POLS website)
Student Relations and Publicity Committee, 2006-2009
Faculty Development Committee, 2001-2003
Student Scholarships & Awards Committee, 2001-2006
Co-advisor to Political Science Film Series, 2007-2009

University of Louisiana—Lafayette (campus-wide service)

Member, Office of Distance Learning job candidate interview committee, 2016

Departmental Safety Coordinator, Old Mouton Hall, 2016-17
Member, Office of Distance Learning Faculty Incentives Task Force, 2015-16
Building Emergency Action Plan (BEAP) floor coordinator, Old Mouton Hall, 2015-17
Member, College of Liberal Arts Engagement and Outreach Committee, 2014-date
Member, Committee to Celebrate the Constitution, 2011-date
High School Preview Day Departmental Representative, 2002-07, 2014-2017
Member, Office of Distance Learning CAFÉ Task Force, 2016
Member, Office of Distance Learning MOOC Task Force, 2013
Member, Office of First Year Experience Search Committee, 2013
Member, Dean of Liberal Arts Search Committee, 2011-2012
Member, Ad-hoc Exploratory Committee on Interdisciplinary Majors, 2012 (created several proposed inter-disciplinary majors for inclusion in possible revision of College of General Studies to “College of Interdisciplinary Studies”
Member, Honors Program Faculty Board, 2012
Faculty Advisor to University of Louisiana-Lafayette Law Club, 2001-2017
Faculty Advisor to Secular Student Alliance, 2012-2013
Faculty Advisor to College Libertarians, 2012-2013
Ad-hoc assignment to provide detailed written advice to Dean of Liberal Arts regarding proposed Intellectual Property Policy; advice submitted September 12, 2012
Faculty Advisor to UL-ACLU, 2007-2008
Faculty Advisor to UL Student Government Association Judicial Branch, 2012
Faculty Advisor to UL College Libertarians, 2007-2008; 2012
Faculty Advisor to Secular Student Alliance, 2011-2012
Faculty Advisor to University of Louisiana-Lafayette National Mock Trial Team, 2001
Faculty Advisor to Honors Program Film Series, 2006-2007
Faculty Co-Advisor to Politics Film Series, Fall 2007-2009
Faculty Advisor to Liberated Institute for Free Thought student organization, 2006-2008
College of Liberal Arts Diversity Committee, 2006-2008
Religious Activities Committee, 2007-2010

University of Kentucky

Board of Advisors, University of Kentucky Teaching and Learning Center, 2000

Other Professional Service

Editorial Review Board member, *Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, 2011-2016
Manuscript Reviewer, *PS: Political Science and Politics* 2016
Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Law and Courts*, 2015
Manuscript Reviewer, *Japanese Journal of Political Science*, 2015
Manuscript Reviewer, *Political Behavior*, 2012
Manuscript Reviewer, *Justice System Journal*, 2007

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Media Interviews and Appearances:

- Interviewed and quoted by *nbcnews.com* article “A suspect was caught in the Louisiana church fires, but fear lingers,” April 13, 2019.
- Interviewed and quoted in *the Acadiana Advocate* online article titled “St. Landry black church fires stir memories of 1996 church burnings in EBR,” April 6, 2019
- Interviewed for KADN-TV story on college textbook costs, January 11, 2019
- Guest panelist on KRVS Radio news show *Bayou to Beltway* episode titled “What’s Coming in the 2019 Political Year,” January 9, 2018
- Interviewed on Joe Dupree Anderson morning show, Z105.9 radio, Feb.1, and Feb. 6, 2018 regarding local black history for black history month
- Interviewed and quoted in KATC-TV story titled “Patrons fighting against new policies for reserving rooms at Lafayette libraries,” Dec. 14, 2018.
- Interviewed and quoted in *the Current* online magazine, in article titled “That thing about the Acadiana flag isn’t really about the flag,” August 22, 2018
- Interviewed and quoted in Lafayette *Daily Advertiser* article titled “UL professor designs inclusive Acadiana flag,” August 14, 2018
- Interviewed and quoted in KATC-TV story titled “UL Professor proposes changes to Acadiana flag,” August 14, 2018
- Interviewed and quoted in KATC-TV story titled “What an overturn of *Roe v. Wade* could mean for Louisiana,” July 10, 2018
- Interviewed on Joe Dupree Anderson morning show, Z105.9 radio, Feb.1, 2018 regarding local black history for black history month
- Discussed and quoted by Lafayette High School *Parlez-Vous Newspaper* article titled “A Mistold History” by Hannah Michel, January 2018
- Discussed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper online titled “Civil rights history sheds light on area’s racial past,” September 20, 2017
- Discussed by *The Vermilion* newspaper online article titled “Old, new U.S. citizens celebrate 229th anniversary of Constitution signing” September 20, 2017
- Discussed, pictured, and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Political science professor transforms passion for history into presentation,” September 20, 2017
- Discussed, pictured, and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper online article titled “Rick Swanson presents little-known history of Lafayette’s civil rights history in Constitution Day presentation,” September 15, 2017
- Discussed, pictured, and quoted by KLFY-TV lead story “Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish,” September 12, 2017
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Ghosts of Jim Crow Past” published by *The Advertiser* newspaper online, August 28, 2017
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Civil War was about slavery,” published by *The Donaldsonville Chief* newspaper online, May 19, 2017 and in print May 25, 2017
- Interviewed live during on-air broadcast by Z-105.9 radio about white supremacy violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, August 14, 2017
- Interviewed for one hour by KRVS radio show “Where the Alligators Roam” about the Lost Cause of the Confederacy; show aired August 20, 2017

- Interviewed live for four total hours of on-air broadcast by Z-105.9 radio during three-day series on The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, August 7-9, 2017
 - Interviewed live during on-air broadcast by Z-105.9 radio to promo upcoming three-day series Z-105.9 series on The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, August 4, 2017
 - Guest presenter of two-hour video titled “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1800-1971” on Acadiana Open Channel, recorded at Conversation Starters event at The Hive, Lafayette, LA, May 9, 2017. Broadcast began on AOC and on AOC Youtube channel beginning June 2, 2017.
 - Discussed, pictured and quoted in article titled “Hard Facts, True Stories, Real Talk” in *The Current* online magazine, June 2017
- Mentioned in *The Advertiser* newspaper online, “New forum seeks to educate, connect locals,” May 31, 2017
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Civil War was about slavery,” published by *The Donaldsonville Chief* newspaper online, May 19, 2017 and in print May 25, 2017
 - Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Civil War was about slavery,” published by *The Gonzalez Weekly Citizen* newspaper online, May 19, 2017 and in print May 25, 2017
 - Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Civil War was about slavery,” published by *The Advocate* newspaper online, May 16, 2017
 - Guest panelist on KRVS Radio half-hour radio show *Bayou to Beltway* about personal research and community presentations on black history in Lafayette Parish; show broadcast May 10 and May 13, 2017.
 - Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast titled “Grassroots conversation about race, other social issues starts in Lafayette,” May 9, 2017
 - Guest panelist on KRVS Radio half-hour radio show *Bayou to Beltway* about death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia; show broadcast May 10 and May 13, 2017.
 - Recorded and aired giving opening remarks at public bipartisan dialogue titled “The Elephant Room,” at Cite Des Arts, Lafayette Louisiana, February 20, 2017, shown on Acadiana Open Channel at various days and times, and available on their website.
 - Telephone interviewed by MSNBC national cable news network to gain information about the U.S. Senate filibuster “nuclear option,” February 2, 2017
 - Interviewed and quoted by KLFY-TV 10 news broadcast titled “Local expert weighs in on Donald Trump’s ‘nuclear option’ endorsement” February 1, 2017
 - Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast titled “UL responds to immigration ban; Trump’s order different from Obama’s” January 30, 2017
 - Interviewed and quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper, in story titled “Near the End: ‘Lesser-of-two-evils’ election creates political divide,” November 2, 2016
 - Guest panelist on KRVS Radio half-hour radio show *Bayou to Beltway* about 2016 presidential election; show broadcast live October 26, 2016 and rebroadcast October 29.
 - Mentioned and pictured on KATC-TV 3 online version, in story titled “Constitution Day at UL,” September 15, 2016
 - Guest panelist on KRVS Radio half-hour radio show *Bayou to Beltway* about meaning and importance of U.S. Constitution; show broadcast September 14 and 17, 2016

- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Covering I-49 “does it right”” published by *The Advertiser* newspaper online, May 24, 2016
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “I-49 public comment requires large open forums” published by *The Advertiser* newspaper online, May 10, 2016
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Refusing to stand during Pledge a value of freedom,” published by *The Advertiser* newspaper online, April 23, 2016
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Lafayette statues themselves erase history,” published by *The Advocate* newspaper online, March 27, 2016
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Flawed logic about the Alfred Mouton statue,” published by *The Independent* newspaper, March 10, 2016
- Wrote letter-to-the-editor titled “Civil War was indeed about slavery,” published by *The Advertiser* newspaper online, March 9, 2016
- Guest panelist on KRVS Radio half-hour radio show *Bayou to Beltway* about death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia; show broadcast February 24 and 27, 2015
- Mentioned and indirectly quoted in *The Advertiser* newspaper online version, in story titled “Place Mouton proposals in downtown Lafayette generate supporters and opponents,” December 15, 2015
- Interviewed and quoted by KRVS radio news broadcast story “Same-Sex Marriage,” October, 2014
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast titled “DHH warning clerks of court not to issue same-sex marriage licenses,” October 1, 2014
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Advertiser* newspaper article titled “Expert: Little clout for gay marriage ruling,” September 24, 2014
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast story “Court Unseals Ruling that Declares Ban Against Same-Sex Marriage Unconstitutional,” September 23, 2014
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “UL Celebrates Constitution Day” September 17, 2014
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast story “Judge upholds same-sex marriage ban in Louisiana,” September 3, 2014
- Interviewed and featured in “Be You” column, published in *The Advertiser* newspaper, July 16, 2014
- Eulogy for fellow UL professor Griff Blakewood published by *The Independent* newspaper, online edition, June 3, 2014
- Pictured in *The Advertiser* newspaper online article titled “Constitution Recital at UL,” September 7, 2013
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Stand-your-ground debate continues after verdict,” July 24, 2013.
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Landmark rulings receive mixed reviews,” July 10, 2013.
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “LGBT community awaits decision on DOMA, Prop 8”, April 10, 2013.
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “New Amendment Trumps Gun Ownership Laws,” November 28, 2012

- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Third Party Presidential Candidates Struggle for Spotlight,” October 17, 2012
- Discussed, pictured and quoted in article titled “First-ever Elephant Room Panel Discusses Afterlife” in *The Vermilion*, Oct. 3, 2012
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast story on civil rights education in Louisiana public schools, October 3, 2012
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Christian Nation Debate Revisited,” September 26, 2012
- Wrote Letter-to-the-editor titled “Ask whether a *just* god exists, not if god exists” published by *The Vermilion* newspaper, September 12, 2012
- Wrote Letter-to-the-editor titled “Discrimination is Hurtful,” published by *The Vermilion* newspaper, August 29, 2012
- Wrote Letter-to-the-editor titled “Political Science Professor responds to ‘An Open Mind’”, published by *The Vermilion* newspaper, March 7, 2012
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV 3 news broadcast story on civil rights education in Louisiana public schools, October 3, 2011
- Interviewed and quoted on KLFY-TV 10 news broadcast story on corporal punishment in Louisiana schools, November 10, 2011
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article regarding UL Constitution Day celebration, September 21, 2011
- Pictured and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Polisci Professors Debate Religion’s Influence on Society,” March 23, 2011
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV online in article titled “Reflecting on Arizona Shootings in Wake of MLK Day,” January 17, 2011
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Poli Sci professor’s hobby: Electronic Music,” April 21, 2010
- Interviewed by KATC-TV on U.S. Supreme Court Second Amendment case, *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, March 2, 2010
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV in news segment and on-line news article titled “School Board Looks to Enforce Language Policy,” October 14, 2009
- Interviewed and quoted by *Daily Advertiser* newspaper article titled “Judge Leaves Seat Vacant”, March 4, 2009
- Interviewed and quoted by *Daily Advertiser* newspaper article titled “Iraq War: Troops get strong support in Acadiana,” March 19, 2009
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Will Obama’s stimulus plan be enough?”, February 11, 2009
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Should Obama legalize marijuana? The debate rages,” January 14, 2009
- Interviewed and quoted by KLFY-TV in two-part special investigative series titled “Big Brother is Watching”, February 15 and February 23, 2008
- Interviewed and quoted by KPEL radio regarding controversy over President-elect Obama’s citizenship, December 5, 2008
- Interviewed and quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Political Science Film Series Relaunches” September 24, 2008

- Discussed and quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Philosophy Club Debates Censorship”, October 15, 2008
- Interviewed and quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article titled “Hiring of Controversial Politician Sparks Discussion”, March 5, 2008
- Interviewed by *The Vermilion* newspaper article involving youth vote in the 2008 presidential election, October 30, 2008
- Interviewed and quoted by KATC-TV report on hate speech, January 28, 2008
- Interviewed and quoted by KLFY-TV report on youth vote in the 2008 presidential election, October 7, 2008
- Interviewed and quoted in *The Vermillion* newspaper article “Getting involved in UL politics”, published September 5, 2007
- Interviewed by the *Daily Advertiser* newspaper regarding legal liability for tainted food sold publicly, Feb. 16, 2007,
- Interviewed by FOX-15 TV regarding Lafayette’s proposed bicycle and recreation trail, 2007
- Interviewed and quoted in *Daily Advertiser* newspaper on-line story “Trail Backers Push Forward” regarding Lafayette’s proposed bicycle and recreation trail, July 16, 2007
- Interviewed by the *Daily Advertiser* newspaper on the Senate Vote on the Iraq War, September 18, 2007
- Letter to the editor of the *Daily Advertiser*, published September 21, 2007, titled “Authement will do right thing with the horse farm.”
- Quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article “Community gives input on UL presidential search”, September 19, 2007
- Interviewed and quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article “State law turns public smoking to ashes”, January 17, 2007.
- Interviewed and quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article “Did you Know? Midterm Elections are Nov. 7”, October 25, 2006
- Interviewed by *Daily Advertiser* newspaper on religion and politics, August 4, 2006
- Solo guest on Acadiana Open Channel (AOC) cable TV hour-long show “News from the Underground”, discussed Constitutional Law for most of the hour, May 1, 2006
- Interviewed, quoted, and pictured by *Daily Advertiser* newspaper cover story “Celebrating Bill of Rights,” December 15, 2005
- Guest presenter, “Top Public Myths Surrounding the U.S. Supreme Court” to Lafayette High School Civics Class, November 10, 2005
- Quoted in *The Vermilion* newspaper article “Philosophy debate deals with Bible, homosexuality” November 9, 2005
- Interviewed by the Baton Rouge *Advocate* newspaper regarding government response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, November 3, 2005
- Interviewed on “Louisiana Live” radio show analyzing current news, November 2, 2005
- Interviewed on “Louisiana Live” radio show analyzing current news, October 26, 2005
- Interviewed on “Louisiana Live” radio show analyzing current news, March 3, 2005
- Interviewed on Acadiana Open Channel (AOC) cable TV show “Current Issues”, February 15, 2005

- Interviewed on Acadiana Open Channel (AOC) cable TV show “Current Issues”, February 3, 2005
- Wrote letter to the editor of the *Vermilion*, untitled, published April 20, 2005.
- Wrote letter to the editor of the *Vermilion*, untitled, published April 6, 2005.
- Wrote letter to the editor of the *Vermilion*, untitled, published March 2, 2005.
- Guest Speaker on Acadiana Open Channel (AOC) cable TV public information segment “Law and Policy Regarding Same Sex Marriage”, various airtimes during the week of September 1, 2004
- Interviewed and quoted by *The Vermilion* newspaper article “Vermilion Q&A w/Prof. Rick Swanson,” September 29, 2004
- Interviewed for KRVS-FM news show Louisiana Focus, September 22, 2004.
- Interviewed by KLFY-TV channel 10 on U.S. Vice-President Dick Cheney’s visit to Lafayette, airdate September 16, 2004
- Interview and quoted by KATC -TV in news segment on understanding opinion polls; airdate November 5, 2003
- Solo guest on Acadiana Open Channel (AOC) cable TV show “News from the Underground” discussing government surveillance, airdate Spring 2003

Public Presentations

- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Leadership Lafayette Foundation Day*, Leadership Institute of Acadiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, Mar. 15, 2019
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Foundation Day*, Lafayette Junior Leadership (sponsored by Leadership Institute of Acadiana), Lafayette, Louisiana, Mar. 13, 2019.
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Black History Month Event*, The Black Element, Lafayette, Louisiana, Feb. 27, 2019
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Social Security Administration Black History Day Event*, Social Security Administration Office, Lafayette, Louisiana, Feb. 27, 2019
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Leadership Lafayette Foundation Day*, Leadership Institute of Acadiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, Mar. 16, 2018
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Black History Month Event*, Southwest Louisiana Community College, Lafayette, Louisiana, Feb. 21, 2018
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts,” Lafayette Public High School, Lafayette, Louisiana, Feb. 6, 2018
- Guest presenter, “Slavery to Jim Crow in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at *Beyond Black History* speaker series, Lafayette Public Library downtown branch, Lafayette, Louisiana, Oct. 17, 2017

- Guest presenter, “A Brief Overview of the U.S. Constitution” at meeting of Concerned Citizens for Good Government, Lafayette, Louisiana, Oct. 16, 2017
- Guest presenter, “Black Civil Rights History in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana: Myths and Facts” at meeting of the Rotary Club of Lafayette, Lafayette, LA, Sep. 28, 2017
- Guest speaker, “Race and the Power of Historical Honesty,” at TEDxVermilionStreet, September 9, 2017, Lafayette, Louisiana. Video available on YouTube.
- Guest presenter, “The Origins and Effects of Jim Crow in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana” at meeting of the 705 leadership organization, Lafayette, LA, Sep. 21, 2017
- Guest presenter, “Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1724-1971: Myths and Facts” at UL-Lafayette Constitution Day, held on the UL Campus, Lafayette, LA, Sep. 14, 2017
- Guest panelist, “The Jim Crow Monuments Controversy” at UL-Lafayette Constitution Day, held on the UL Campus, Lafayette, LA, Sep. 14, 2017
- Presented Opening Remarks and read part of Constitution at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 14, 2017
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1724-1971” at Junior Leadership Lafayette, held at Lafayette Science Museum, Lafayette, Louisiana, Sep. 13, 2017
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1724-1971” sponsored by Z-105.9 radio, at The Clifton Chenier Center, Lafayette, Louisiana, September 12, 2017
- Guest speaker, “Race and the Power of Historical Honesty,” TEDxVermilionStreet, at Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, Louisiana, September 9, 2017
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1800-1971” at Conversation Starters, held at The Hive, Lafayette, LA, May 9, 2017
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1800-1970” at Move the Mindset, held at Lafayette Public Library, May 1, 2017
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1800-1970” at UL student chapter of NAACP, held on UL campus, April 6, 2017
- Guest presenter, “The History of Black Civil Rights in Lafayette Parish, 1800-1970” as part of public Saloom Chair Speaker Series, held on UL Campus, March 15, 2017
- Guest presenter, “Hidden Foundations: The Early History of Racial Politics in Lafayette Parish,” at Leadership Lafayette Foundation Day, sponsored by Leadership Institute of Acadiana, Lafayette, Louisiana, March 8, 2017.
- Presented Open Remarks at public bipartisan dialogue titled “The Elephant Room,” at Cite Des Arts, Lafayette, Louisiana, February 20, 2017
- Presented Opening Remarks and read part of Constitution at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 15, 2016
- Guest judge, UL-Lafayette Moot Court Team Spring Showcase, held on UL Campus April 14, 2016
- Guest presenter, “How Pre-Law Clubs Can Help Students Decide Whether to Apply to Law School?” at The Louisiana Pre-Law Leadership Conference, held at and sponsored by Southern University Law School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 12, 2016

- Guest presenter, “Thinking about and Preparing for Law School” sponsored by McNeese University Law and Politics Society, held on campus of McNeese University in Lake Charles, Louisiana, March 11, 2016
- Presented Opening Remarks and read part of Constitution at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 17, 2015
 - Guest presenter, “Is Law School for You” sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus October 25, 2015
- Co-presenter (With Ryan Teten) of “Peer Mentoring and Creating Student Connections” at faculty workshop titled “Retention Strategies at Student Engagement Summit, held on UL campus March 24, 2015
- Presenter in public debate titled “Is Same-Sex Marriage Protected under the U.S. Constitution,” as part of UL’s Constitution Day events, held on the UL campus, Sep. 17, 2014
- Presented Opening Remarks at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 17, 2014
- Provided main eulogy for Dr. Griff Blakewood, fellow UL professor, at public memorial service at Lafayette’s Park at the Horse Farm, June 1, 2014
- Guest presenter, “Experience of a New Online Teacher” at UL Online Course Design Practicum (CDP) Orientation, May 13, 2014.
- Guest panelist, “Going Online: Fears about Student Learning, Cheating, and Instructor Performance” at Share Fair 2014, sponsored by UL Office of Distance Learning, held on UL campus, February 18, 2014.
- Host and Moderator for public debate titled “Should the Second Amendment be Repealed?” as part of UL’ official Constitution Day celebrations, Sep. 17, 2013.
- Presented Opening Remarks and read part of Constitution at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 17, 2013
- Guest presenter, “Top 12 Myths of Practicing Law” sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus October 25, 2012
- Guest presenter, “Do you want to go to law school?” and “How to get into law school?”, sponsored by the UL Law Club, held on UL campus, October 17, 2012
- Guest presenter, “The Government Shutdown and the Debt Ceiling,” sponsored by the UL Law Club, held on UL campus, October 3, 2012
- Panelist in Public Roundtable “What Happens to Us When We Die” sponsored by *The Elephant Room* interfaith dialogue, held at Cité des Arts, downtown Lafayette, Sept. 23, 2012.
- Presenter in public debate titled “Was the U.S. Founded as a Christian Nation” as part of UL’s Constitution Day events, held on the UL campus, Sep. 17, 2012
- Presented Opening Remarks and read part of Constitution at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 17, 2012
- Guest presenter, “Is Law School for You” and “How to Get into Law School” sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus, September 13, 2012
- Panelist on Career Preparation Information for local Fifth-Grade students held on the UL campus, sponsored by Americorp, May 8, 2012.

- Participated in public forum and made recommendations regarding the City of Lafayette's proposed Comprehensive Plan, at the Lafayette Public Library, April 16, 2012.
- Presenter in public debate titled "Atheism v. Theism v. Agnosticism" sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on the UL campus, Feb. 1, 2012
- Guest presenter, "Law School Personal Statement Workshop" sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus, October 13, 2011
- Guest presenter, "Is Law School for You" and "How to Get into Law School" sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus September 1, 2011
- Guest debater in debate titled "Is Religion a Net Positive or Net Negative for Political Society", sponsored by UL Political Science Club, held on the UL campus March 21, 2011
- Guest presenter, "What is the Tea Party?" sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on the UL campus, October 13, 2011
- Guest presenter, "The Global Debt Crisis" sponsored by the UL Political Science Club, October 25, 2011
- Presented Opening Remarks and read part of Constitution at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on the UL campus, September 17, 2011
- Guest presenter, "An Overview of the Federal Recognition Process for Native American Tribes" at Native American Culture Day, held at regional folklife heritage park Vermilionville, September 17, 2011
- Gave guest presentation on political issues in student writing to First-Year Writing students at teaching workshop for English graduate students, March 2, 2011
- Guest presenter, "Succeeding at the LSAT" sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus November 18, 2010
- Guest presenter, "The Dangers of Ideology" sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on the UL campus, October 21, 2010
- Gave guest presentations titled "Is Law School for You" and "How to Get into Law School" sponsored by UL Law Club, September 23, 2010
- Gave guest presentation titled "The U.S. Founders' Views of Religion" U.S. at meeting of Attakapas Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, September 16, 2010
- Guest presenter, "Is Law School for You" and "How to Get into Law School" sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus, September 24, 2009
- Guest presenter, "Succeeding at the LSAT" and "Writing a Personal Statement" sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus February 19, 2009
- Guest presenter, "Was the U.S. founded as a Christian Nation" at Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Lafayette, held at Cité des Arts, downtown Lafayette, February 15, 2009
- Guest presenter, "Do I Want to Go to Law School" and "How to Get Into Law School" sponsored by UL Law Club, held on the UL campus, September 18, 2008
- Guest presenter, "Succeeding at the LSAT" and "Writing a Personal Statement" to UL Law Club, held on the UL campus, March 6, 2008
- Guest presenter, "Democracy, Education, and Participation" at UL University Program Council (UPC) event, 2008
- Guest presenter, "The Injustice of Hell" sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on UL campus, Nov. 13, 2008.

- Guest presenter, “Explaining the Separation of Church and State” at Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Lafayette, held at Cité des Arts, downtown Lafayette, November 2, 2008
- Guest presenter in public debate titled “Censorship: Boon or Bust,” sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on the UL campus, October 9, 2008.
- Guest presenter, “Explaining the Separation of Church and State” at Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Lafayette worship service, held at Cité des Arts, downtown Lafayette, November 2, 2008
- Guest presenter, “Democracy, Education, and Leadership” at University Program Council (UPC), UL campus, March 13, 2008
- Guest Presenter, “Do I Want to Go to Law School” and “How to Get Into Law School,” sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus, September 20, 2007
- Guest presenter, “The Law School Experience,” sponsored by UL Law Club, held on UL campus, April 26, 2007
- Guest presenter, “The Meaning of Life,” to UL Honors Program Seminar, held on UL campus, September 20, 2007
- Presented opening remarks at official UL celebration of Constitution Day, held on UL campus, September 17, 2007.
- Guest presenter, “Free Speech and Tolerance” sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on UL campus September 27, 2007.
- Guest presenter, “The Meaning of Life” sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, held on UL campus, March 8, 2007.
- Gave guest talk titled “Top Ten Myths of Legal Practice” to UL Lafayette Law Club, November 9, 2006
- Guest debater, “Should Gay Marriage Be Legalized?” sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, Oct. 26, 2006.
- Gave guest talk titled “Getting in to Law School” to UL Lafayette Law Club, September 14, 2006
- Gave guest talks titled “Writing a Personal Statement” and “Succeeding at the LSAT” to UL-Lafayette Law Club, November 17, 2005
- Guest debater on “Does the Bible Condemn Homosexuality?” in public debate sponsored by UL-Lafayette Philosophy Club, November 3, 2005
- Gave guest talk titled “Getting Into Law School” to UL-Lafayette Law Club, September 15, 2005
- Guest Presentation “Writing a Personal Statement” and “Succeeding at the LSAT” sponsored by UL-Lafayette Law Club, April 21, 2005
- Guest Presentation “Top Ten Myths of Legal Practice” sponsored by UL-Lafayette Law Club, February 17, 2005
- Guest debater in public debate “Was the U.S. founded as a Christian Nation”, sponsored by the UL Philosophy Club, held on the UL campus, November 10, 2004
- Guest debater in public debate on “Gay Marriage”, sponsored by the UL Philosophy Club, held on the UL campus, September 15, 2004.
- Guest debater in public debate on “Gay Marriage”, sponsored by the UL Philosophy Club, March 18, 2004.

- Guest presenter, “War and Civil Liberties” at symposium titled “The Real Costs of War” held on UL-Lafayette Campus, April 16, 2003.
- Guest presenter, "Civil Rights and Constitutional Law" sponsored by UL Philosophy Club, Feb. 7, 2002.

Other Public Participation

- Invited to, and participated in, United Way of Acadiana “Community Conversation” to help determine the organization’s priorities for the next 10-year period, Jan. 17, 2019
- Provided professional consultation to Vermilionville Living History and Folk Life Park on creation of new wall timeline museum display of black civil rights history in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, which debuted Spring 2018
- Met with editorial board of *Daily Advertiser* newspaper (Lafayette, Louisiana), gave written information and oral presentation about local black history, and provided written list of ways the newspaper could promote greater racial dialogue in the community, Sep. 6, 2017.
- Submitted first written draft of a proposed of “Lafayette Truth and Reconciliation Project” to local organizations and community leaders, late September, 2017, including at a working group/executive committee of Move the Mindset, September 28, 2017.
- Assistant speaker coach for several speakers at TEDxVermilionStreet, September 9, 2017, Lafayette, Louisiana
- Participated in rally held downtown Lafayette, Louisiana, sponsored by coalition of local civic organizations, in support of moving the public statue of Confederate General Alfred Mouton to a museum, August 23, 2017
- One of key organizers of public bipartisan dialogue titled “The Elephant Room,” held at Cite Des Arts, Lafayette Louisiana, February 20, 2017
- Attended and provided citizen input at several -I49 Lafayette Connector design meetings, including Community Work Group (CWG) and neighborhood charrette; submitted new semi-depressed covered highway design proposal to Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development that became one of two final design choices in Fall of 2016; submitted several formal written public comments during comment phase of project.
- Extensively assisted in coaching TEDx VermilionStreet speaker Anne Swanson for her performance at TEDxVermilionStreet, Lafayette, Louisiana, September 10, 2016
- Provided written memos to Lafayette City-Parish Council on the historical basis of the U.S. Civil War and arguments for moving the statue of Confederate General Alfred Mouton at the Council’s public meeting on February 23, 2016 about possibly moving the statue.
- Provided citizen input to the Lafayette Downtown Development Authority at a public meeting on its proposed renovation of Place Mouton, December 15, 2015
- Presented three-hour Continuing Education Unit (CEU) workshop titled “Spirituality for the Unbeliever,” to Louisiana Association for Spiritual, Religious and Ethical Values in Counseling (LASERVIC), a division of the Louisiana Counseling Association (LCA), at the Lafayette Public Library, Carencro branch, March 7, 2015

- Provided citizen input to Lafayette City-Parish Government (LCG) input at three stages of public meetings for the new, tentatively titled Lafayette Central Park (formerly known as “the Horse Farm”), meetings held at various locations in Lafayette, Louisiana, 2013.
- Provided citizen input to the Lafayette City-Parish Government (LCG) at a public meeting on its proposed comprehensive plan, held at the Rosa Parks Transportation Center, 2012.
- Helped create and distribute Constitution Quiz as part of UL’s Constitution Day celebration events, Sep. 17, 2012
- Helped judge winning writer in student essay contest as part of UL’s Constitution Day celebration events, Sep. 17, 2012.
- Played role of groom in public re-creation of 1800’s Cajun wedding at Vermilionville Living History Museum and Folklife Park, Lafayette, LA, February 12, 2010
- Played role of late 1800’s/early 1900’s Cajun home host in filming of scenes for doctoral student documentary film project on Cajun/Creole music, film location Vermilionville Living History Museum and Folklife Park, Lafayette, LA, August 1, 2010
- Primary organizer and primary proctor of 6-film publicly invited Politics Film Series on UL Campus, Fall 2007, and repeated again in Spring 2008 and Fall 2008 with different films.
- Worked extensively in 2007 as part of local grassroots organization Save the Horse Farm, to preserve a large parcel of undeveloped public property as permanent urban greenspace
- Judge for Region VI Social Studies Fair, High-School and Middle-School levels, held at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette, March 24, 2007
- Proctor for Louisiana regional High School Literary Rally, held at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette, Louisiana, March 17, 2007
- Volunteered 6 hours collecting garbage and recycling at Festivals Acadians, Lafayette, Louisiana, October 14, 2006
- Performed approximately 50 hours of staffing local Red Cross information desk at the Cajundome evacuee shelter in Lafayette, Louisiana for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, September 5 through October 5, 2005
- Judged Region VI Social Studies Fair, High-School and Middle-School levels, held at Blackham Coliseum in Lafayette, Louisiana, March 12, 2005

HONORS AND AWARDS

- UL-Lafayette Sabbatical Leave, Fall 2018
- QM (Quality Matters) Certification 2012; Recertifications 2014, 2019
- QM (Quality Matters) Certification for Online Course POLS 387 Constitutional Law, 2014
- UL-Lafayette Office of Distance Learning, Online Course Design Award (\$2500), 2013
- ULearn Certification in Online Course Design, 2013
- ULearn Certification in Online Teaching, 2012
- UL-Lafayette Academic Success Center, Outstanding Advisor Award, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Anthony Moroux/BORSF Endowed Professorship in Political Science, 2008-date
- UL-Lafayette Summer Research Fellowship (\$4800.00), Summer, 2002.

- UL-Lafayette Services for Students with Disabilities Beacon Club Outstanding Professor Award, 2004.
- Malcom E. Jewell Award for Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student, U. Kentucky Spring 2001
- S. Sydney Ulmer Award for Best Paper by a Political Science Graduate Student, U. Kentucky, Spring 2001
- S. Sydney Ulmer American Politics Award, U. Kentucky Department of Political Science, Fall 1999
- University of Kentucky Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship, Spring 1999
- Various offices in the University of Kentucky Political Science Graduate Student Association, 1996-2000
- Southern Illinois University Law Journal Casenote and Comment Editor, 1993-94
- Southern Illinois University Law Journal, Best Casenote and Comment Editor Award, 1994
- Southern Illinois University Law Journal, Staff Member (by Invitation) 1992-93
- Southern Illinois University School of Law, National Environmental Moot Court Team, 1992- 1994
- National Environmental Moot Court Team, member of National Semi-Finalist Team, 1994
- National Environmental Moot Court Team, member of National Quarter-Finalist Team, 1993
- Deans List, Southern Illinois School of Law, 1992-1994
- Illinois Bar Foundation Scholarship, 1992-1993
- Southern Illinois University School of Law, Deans Club Scholarship, 1992-93
- American Jurisprudence Award (Top Grade in First-Year Law School Class) for six courses, 1992.