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Union College
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Education:

Ph.D., The New School, Public and Urban Policy

Dissertation: “The Shifting Politics of Economic Development in the City of Beacon and Poughkeepsie: Implications for Small City Economic Development”

M.Phil, The New School, Public and Urban Policy

MPA, Marist College, Public Administration

Thesis: “Open Source Solutions in the Public Sector: The Case of Sakai”

B.A., Marist College, Political Science

Academic Administrative Experience:

10/11- Present

UNION COLLEGE

Schenectady, New York

Chief of Staff – Office of the President

- Oversee the areas of the Office of the President, Institutional Research Campus Diversity, and The Kelly Adirondack Research Center.
- Manage the day-to-day operations of the Office of the President and provide guidance and advice to the President’s Senior Staff.
- Provide advice and support to the President.
- Supervise support staff in the President’s Office – plan, staffs, evaluates and direct work of the office.
- Serve as an official representative of the College to community, local, state, and federal officials.

10/2011 – Present

Director of the Kelly Adirondack Research Center

- Provide overall strategic leadership and management for the Center.
- Develop resources to support the research agenda and public programming.
- Oversee the general operations of the lecture/concert series, the photo and art exhibition series, the summer research fellows, the faculty fellows, Adirondack Week, the lunch and learn series, and the Adirondack Mini-Term.

8/04-10/11

MARIST COLLEGE

Poughkeepsie, New York

Assistant to the President/Presidential Fellow – Office of the President

- Assisted with the daily administrative functions and operational activities in the Office of the President.
- Staffed and prepared the President for on-campus and community events and meetings with various constituents, including student groups, the Alumni Executive Board, and external businesses, organizations, and governmental officials.
- Conducted background and issues research to prepare the President for meetings with various constituencies.
- Served as the President’s liaison for building strategic relationships with students, faculty, staff, alumni, governmental officials, corporate and non-profit organizations and community leaders.

1/07-10/11

Program Director, Marist Africa

- Developed the curriculum for short-term academic service-learning experiences to South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, and Ghana.
- Built strategic relationships in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, and Ghana with scholars, governmental officials, colleges and universities, nonprofits, and business leaders in order to enhance the educational experience of students.

Academic Appointments:

MARIST COLLEGE

Adjunct Professor, Political Science, January 2007- October 2011
 Program Director, Marist Africa Programs, January 2007-October 2011
 Adjunct Professor, Public Administration & Policy, August 2006- present

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate

American National Government
 Freshman Forum
 Perspectives on Social Institutions (Hybrid)
 South African Culture, History, and Politics
 Ghana: Politics, Entrepreneurship, and Community Development
 Sophomore Research Seminar: Adirondacks (Spring 2015)

Graduate

Global Issues in Public Administration (Hybrid)
 Introduction to Public Administration (Hybrid)
 Management of Non-Profit Organizations (Hybrid)
 Program, Planning, and Evaluation (Hybrid)
 Organizational Theory and Change (Online)

Books

Forthcoming: *Small City Politics and Economic Development*

Paper Presentations/Invited Talks/Publications:

“Can Poughkeepsie Do It?” *Poughkeepsie Journal*, April 2014

“Downtown Poughkeepsie?” *Poughkeepsie Journal*, March 2014

“The Shifting Politics of Economic Development in the cities of Beacon and Poughkeepsie: Revisiting Regime Theory.” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference. October 2011.

“The Economic Impact of the Arts and Culture in the Hudson Valley.” Art, Culture, and Media in our Communities panel discussion at the Cuneen Hackett Culture Center. April 2011.

“The Changing Politics of Economic Development in Beacon and Poughkeepsie, New York: Revisiting Regime Theory.” Mid-West Political Science Association Annual National Conference. March 2011.

“The Power of Service.” The Dutchess Outreach, Inc. Fourth Annual Brunch. Poughkeepsie, New York, September 2010.

“Regimes and Urban Politics.” The New School Master’s class on The Political Economy of the City, New York, New York, Fall 2009.

Moderator, Panel Discussion. *Economic Development in the State of New York*. New York Governor’s College, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York July 2009.