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Education:

BA, Government, Oberlin College, 1965
PhD, Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1972

Professional Experience:

Professor, School of Public Affairs, American University, 1983-present
Director, School of Public Affairs PhD Program, 1990-present
Associate Professor, School of Government and Public Administration, American University, 1978-83
Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Administration, American University, 1973-78
Assistant Professor, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 1970-1973
Private Consultant on Statistics, Research Design, Survey Research and Program Evaluation, 1972-present

Publications:

“Methodologies for Aggregating Data in Education Research,” National Institute of Education, Contract C-74-0122, Sept. 1974-Aug. 1975, ERIC document 143-674
“Expenditure Effects of Federal Aid: Data Aggregation and the Risks of Uncertainty,” Publius 5 (Fall, 1975): 137-160.
“Across the Great Divide: Inferring Individual Level Behavior From Aggregate Data,” (with A. Lichtman), Political Methodology, 3(4), 1976: 411-439.
“Schools or Students: Aggregation Problems in the Study of Student Achievement.” Evaluation Studies Review Annual 2: 270-298. Sage Publications, Inc. (1977)
Ecological Inference (with A. Lichtman). Sage University Paper Series on Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences. Beverly Hills: Sage Publications, Inc., 1977
“Ecological Regression vs. Homogeneous Units: A Specification Analysis,” (with A. Lichtman), Social Science History, 1978.
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“The Section 8-Existing Housing Program’s Administrative Fee Structure: A Formal Model of Bureau Behavior with Empirical Evidence.” Public Choice 39 (1983): 371-386.
“The Impact of Complexity and Reform on Congressional Committee Output,” (with S. Hammond). Political Behavior 4 (3), 1982: 237-263.

- “Negotiation, Compliance and Environmental Regulation,” (with C. Kerwin). Journal of Politics, August 1985: 854-880.
- “An Anatomy of Complexity in Public Bureaus,” (with C. Kerwin). Policy Studies Review, Aug. 1987: 26-42.
- “Money and Access: Some Empirical Evidence.” Journal of Politics, Nov. 1986: 1052-1062.
- “Show Horses, Work Horses, and Dead Horses,” (with L. Sigelman). American Politics Quarterly, Jan. 1989: 80-95.
- “Wage Differentials Among Regulated, Private, and Government Sectors: A Case Study” (with I. Broder). Eastern Economic Journal 15(3), July-Sept. 1989: 189-201.
- “The Political Efficacy of Lobbying and Money: Gun Control in the House, 1986” (with M. Lotwis). Legislative Studies Qtrly 15 (3), Aug. 1990: 413-440.
- “Factors Influencing the Use of Health Evaluation Research in Congress” (with J. Boyer). Evaluation Review 15 (5), Oct. 1991: 507-532.
- “PAC’s, Lobbies, and Political Conflict: The Case of Gun Control.” Public Choice 77 (3), Nov. 1993: 551-572.
- “Grounded Beefs: Monopoly Prices, Minority Business, and the Price of Hamburgers at U.S. Airports” (with L. Wilson). Public Administration Review 54 (3), May/June 1994: 259-264.
- “Estimating the Impact of Regulatory Enforcement: Practical Implications of Positive Political Theory.” Evaluation Review 18 (5), Oct. 1994: 543-573.
- “The Validity of Student Evaluations of Teaching.” PS: Political Science and Politics 27 (3), Sept. 1994: 545-553.
- “Shirking and Ideology: Defense in the Senate.” Congress and The Presidency 22 (1), Spring 1995: 35-56.
- “Rethinking Ward and At-Large Elections: Total Spending, the Number of Locations of Selected City Services, and Policy Types” (with P. Crewson and C.N. Brasher). Public Choice 88, 1996: 275-293.
- An Evaluation of Negotiated Rule-Making at the Environmental Protection Agency: Phase I (with C. Kerwin). Report for the Administrative Conference of the U.S., August 1995.
- “Pay, Productivity and Public Sector: The Case of Electrical Engineers” (with G. Lewis), Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory 8(3), July 1998: 391-412..
- “Involuntary Commitment: An Investigation of the Clinician’s Decision-Making Process,” (with Nancy Engleman, David Jobes, and Allan Berman), Psychiatric Services (A Journal of the American Psychiatric Association) 49(7), July 1998: 941-945.
- “The Impact of Teaching Evaluations on Retention: Some Quantitative Evidence” (with K. Snider), Social Science Quarterly 80(3), Sept. 1999: 457-472.
- “Politics, Rules, and Death Row: Why States Eschew or Execute Executions,”

- Social Science Quarterly 80(4), Dec. 1999: 629-647 (lead article).
- “Regulatory Negotiation versus Conventional Rulemaking: Claims and Counter-claims” (with Cornelius Kerwin), Jnl. Public Administration Research and Theory, 10 (3), 2000: 599-632.
- “Ownership, Empowerment and Productivity: Some Empirical Evidence on The Causes and Consequences of Employee Discretion,” Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 19 (3), 2000: 427-449.
- “Regulatory Negotiation and the Legitimacy Benefit.” (with Jody Freeman). New York University Environmental Law Jnl., 9(1), 2000: 60-151.
- “Regulatory Negotiation and the Legitimacy Benefit.” (with Jody Freeman) (Reprint). Environmental Law Reporter (June, 2001).
- “Responsive Bureaus, Equity and Regulatory Negotiation: An Empirical View”, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 21(3), Summer 2002: 449-466.
- “Sports in School: Source of Amity or Antipathy?” (with R. Bess), Social Science Quarterly 83(2), June 2002: 436-454.
- “Why Do White Americans Support the Death Penalty?” (with Joe Soss and Alan Metelko), Journal of Politics 65 (2), May 2003: 397-421.
- "Bureaucratic Discretion." In Charles K. Rowley and Friedrich Schneider, eds., Encyclopedia of Public Choice, Vol. II, pp. 53-58. Kluwer, Sept. 2003.
- "Private Governments: The Efficiency and Accountability of Residential Community Associations" (with K. Spotswood-Bright), Social Science Quarterly 85 (3), Sept. 2004: 640-659.
- “Trust and Productivity in the Workplace: Cops, Collusion, Communication, and Cooperation” (with C. Jorstad) Political Research Quarterly, 57 (1), March 2004: 65-79.
- "Controlling Residential Community Associations," Regulation Magazine, March 2005 Revised version of "Private Governments..."
- “Public School Music: Notes on the Public Provision of a Quasi-Private Good” Public Choice, 121 (#1-2), Oct. 2004: 83-98 (in print Jan. 2005).
- Public Program Evaluation: A Statistical Guide (with C. Felbinger) (M.E. Sharpe, Inc.), Sept., 2006.
- "Management by Results: Student Evaluation of Faculty Teaching and the Mismeasurement of Performance." Forthcoming, Economics of Education Review

In progress:

- "The Temporal and Social Foundations of Corruption" (with J. Jin), under review
- "Deconstructing Women's Policy in the US States" (with K. Cowell), under review.
- “Controlling Federal Agencies: The Impact of External Controls on Worker Discretion and Productivity.” (for APPAM Conference in Nov. 2006).
- “The Effectiveness of Mothers Against Drunk Driving: Replication without Reptition.” (with Shea Cronin). For presentation (invited) at the State

Politics and Policy Convention, Austin, Texas, Feb. 2006.

"Does Music Make You Smarter? A Quantitative Analysis of Participation in School Music Programs."

Book Review:

Review of Brent Flyvbjerg, "Making Social Science Matter", Public Choice 113 (2002): 495-499.

Honors and Awards:

Hooker Distinguished Visiting Professor, January 2002, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario.

Invited speaker, Dept. of Economics, SUNY-Binghamton, Dec. 2, 2005.

Presented

"The Temporal and Social Foundations of Corruption" (with J. Jin).

Keynote Speaker, Southern Evaluation Association, Feb. 2006.

Practitioner experience:

Survey Research, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, 1989-present
Evaluation of regulatory negotiation, Administrative Conference of the United States, 1995-1996. 2 reports:

Kerwin, Cornelius M. and Laura I. Langbein (1995). "An Evaluation of Negotiated Rulemaking at the Environmental Protection Agency, Phase I." Washington, D.C.: Advisory Commission of the U.S.

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"Evaluating Community Educational Programs A Primer for Practitioners," Public Education Network, 1998.

"Designing Useful Surveys: A Primer for Community Public Education," Public Education Network, 1998.

Presentation at EPA: "Regulatory Negotiation versus Conventional Rulemaking: Claims and Counter-claims" (with Cornelius Kerwin and Jody Freeman) (April 14, 2001)

Presentation at IRS Office of Program Evaluation and Risk Analysis: "Designing Useful Surveys." July 2004.

Presentation at IRS Office of Program Evaluation and Risk Analysis: "Analyzing Survey Data: Beyond Frequencies and Crosstabs." Jan. 2005.

"Public Participation in Rulemaking: The Case of Negotiated Rules."

Presented at National Research Council study of public participation.

Member of Workshop Panel, Feb. 2005.

Workshop, Southeastern Evaluation Association, Statistical Methods for Research

Designs, Feb. 2006.

Musical experience:

Performing member (by audition), Friday Morning Music Club (Chamber Clarinet)

Member, Rockville Concert Band, Northern Virginia Grand Military Band

Member, Noteworthy Clarinet Quartet; Laropa Ensemble; Montrose Ensemble

Free lance musician. Recent performances: Ruddigore, orchestra; Once Upon a Mattress, orchestra; Mikado, orchestra; Patience, orchestra; Zoo and Trial By Jury, orchestra; Iolanthe, orchestra; HMS Pinafore, orchestra; also Desert Song, Mikado, Yeoman of the Guard, Gypsy Baron, Princess Ida, orchestra.