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Current Positions

Fulmer Professor of Political Science, Rhodes College, 2005-present; Professor, 1991-2005
Senior Fellow, Miller Center, University of Virginia, 2007-present
Senior Editor, American Presidential Elections series, University Press of Kansas, 2001-present; and Landmark Presidential Decisions series, University Press of Kansas

Previous Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 1984-91; Assistant Professor, 1979-84; visiting professor, 2008-09
Compton Visiting Professor of Politics, University of Virginia, 2010
Political Analyst, WMC-TV, Memphis, 1992-2006 and 2018-22; and WSMV, Nashville, 1987-90
Contributing Editor and Columnist, *Daily Memphian*, 2018-20
Senior Contributing Editor and Book Editor of the *Cook Political Report*, 2015-16
Editor, *The Washington Monthly*, 1977; Contributing Editor, 1978-80

Education

Ph.D. (1978) and M.A. (1974) in Political Science, Johns Hopkins University
B.A. (1971), College of William and Mary

Personal

Born June 11, 1949 in New Milford, N.J.; married to Linda Ezell Nelson; two grown children, Michael and Samuel

Awards and Honors

Richard E. Neustadt Award for Outstanding Book on the Presidency and Executive Politics published in previous year for *Resilient America: Electing Nixon in 1968, Channeling Dissent, and Dividing Government*, 2015. Awarded by the American Political Science Association.
V.O. Key Award for Outstanding Book on Southern Politics Published in Previous Year for *How the South Joined the Gambling Nation: The Politics of State Policy*

Innovation, 2009. Awarded by the Southern Political Science Association

Clarence Day Dean's Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity, Rhodes College, 2001

Benjamin Franklin Award in the category of History, Politics, and Philosophy for *The American Presidency: Origins and Development, 1776-1990*, 1991

Ellen Gregg Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, Vanderbilt University, 1989

Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in the College of Arts and Sciences, Vanderbilt University, 1987

Third Prize, E.P. Dutton Best Sports Stories Competition for "Behind the Scenes at Baltimore's Big Bowl," *Baltimore*, Vol. 71, No. 4 (April 1978), pp. 33-37. Reprinted in Irving T. Marsh and Edward Ehre, eds., *Best Sports Stories 1979* (New York: E.P. Dutton, 1979), pp. 76-83.

ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for music journalism and A.D. Emmart Prize for writing in the humanities for "How the Baltimore Symphony Got To Be So Good," *Baltimore*, Vol. 71, No. 9 (September 1978), pp. 70-77. Reprinted in the magazine's eightieth anniversary issue (October 1987), pp. 110-11, 142-43.

Community Service Award, Rhodes College Kinney Program, 1995

Courses Taught (* since 2011)

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics*
The American Presidency*
Southern Politics*
The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and Religion*
Senior Seminar in Political Science *
The Constitutional Convention*
American Political Culture
Public Administration

Board Memberships

Board of Advisers, Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy Studies, College of William and Mary, 1987-2003

Board of Advisers, AmericanPresident.org, a project of the Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2002-06

Board of Advisers, McConnell Center for Leadership Studies, University of Louisville, 2003-

Board of Directors, Humanities Tennessee, 2002-2006

Faculty-elected member, Board of Trustees, Rhodes College, 1994-97, 2000-03

Vestry, Calvary Episcopal Church, 1994-97, 2002-05, 2013-15

Books, Articles, Chapters, and Essays, by Topic

The American Presidency

"Fortas's Nominations: One Era Ends, Another Begins," *Journal of Supreme Court History*, Vol. 48, No. 2 (July 2023), pp. 239-257.

Vaulting Ambition: FDR's Campaign to Pack the Supreme Court and Tame the Executive Branch (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2023).

43: Inside the Presidency of George W. Bush, coeditor with Barbara A. Perry and Russell L. Riley (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2022). Author of Chapter 1, "George W. Bush's Elections: 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2008," pp. 34-60; and Chapter 3, "Day of Fire: An Oral History Perspective on 9/11," pp. 84-106

"Day of Fire: An Oral History Perspective on the Bush White House on 9/11," *Congress and the Presidency*, Fall 2021

The Presidency: Facing Constitutional Crossroads, coeditor with Barbara A. Perry (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021). Author of "Presidential Crossroads," pp. 1-6; and "Crossroads of the (C)onstitutional Presidency: How Ten Extraconstitutional Landmarks Shaped the Office," pp. 28-48. Abridged version in "The 'Small-Constitutional Presidency': Changing the Unwritten Rules of Presidential Leadership, in Miller Center, *Toward a More Responsible and Effective Presidency* (Charlottesville: Miller Center, 2023), pp. 40-41.

The Presidency and the Political System, 12th ed., editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2021; 1st ed., 1984; 2nd ed., 1988; 3rd ed., 1991; 4th ed., 1995; 5th ed., 1998; 6th ed., 2000; 7th ed., 2003; 8th ed., 2006; 9th ed., 2010; 10th ed., 2014; 11th ed., 2018). Author of "'The Firing, Retiring, and Expiring of Presidents': Impeachment, Disability, Resignation, Death, and the American Presidency from the Constitutional Convention and Donald Trump," pp. 663-694; "The Psychological Presidency," pp.199-225; and, in previous editions, "Evaluating the Presidency" (1st through 8th eds.) and, with Thomas Tillman, "The Presidency, The Bureaucracy, and Foreign Policy: Lessons from Cambodia" (1st ed.). "The Psychological Presidency" reprinted in F. R. Harris, ed., *Readings on the Body Politic* (Glenview, Ill.: Scott, Foresman and Co., 1987), pp. 378-84.

Debating the Presidency: Conflicting Perspectives on the American Executive, 5th ed., coeditor with Richard J. Ellis (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2021; 4th ed., 2018; 3rd ed., 2015; 2nd ed., 2010; 1st. ed., 2006). Author of "Pro: National Primary," pp. 38-44, and of short essays introducing seven chapters.

The American Presidency: Origins and Development, 1776-2014, 9th ed., with Sidney M. Milkis (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2023; 1st ed., 1990; 2nd ed., 1994; 3rd ed., 1999; 4th ed., 2003; 5th ed., 2008; 6th ed., 2011; 7th ed.,

2015); Chinese edition, 2008); 8th ed., 2020.

Trump: The First Two Years Year (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2019). Updated edition of *Trump's First Year* (University of Virginia Press, 2018).

"Lost Confidence: The Democratic Party, the Vietnam War, and the 1968 Election," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 48, No. 3 (September 2018)

The Evolving Presidency: Addresses, Cases, Letters, Reports, Resolutions, Essays, Transcripts, and Other Landmark Documents, 1787-2017, 6th. ed., editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2019; 1st ed., 1998; 2nd ed., 2004; 3rd ed., 2008; 4th ed., 2011; 5th ed., 2015). Author of sixty short essays introducing the documents.

"The Constitution's Blooper Reel: Fixing Our Founders' Mistakes," *New York Times* op-ed page (December 29, 2017)

Crucible: The President's First Year, coeditor with Jeffrey Chidester and Stefanie Abbott Georgakis (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2018). Author of "Donald Trump's First Year: Decreasing Influence without Increasing Effectiveness," pp. 16-53; "Ten Lessons from Presidential Oral History," pp. 67-73; and "Presidential Precedents: Recent Approaches to Fostering Opportunity," pp. 161-167; and "Presidents and Opportunity" reprinted in Guian McKee and Cristina Lopez-Gottardi Chao, *American Dreams: Opportunity and Mobility* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, e-book, 2017).

"Redivided Government and the Politics of the Budgetary Process during the Clinton Years: An Oral History Perspective," *Congress and the Presidency*, No 43, Vol. 3 (September-December 2016), pp. 300-323.

42: Inside the Bill Clinton Presidency, coeditor with Barbara A. Perry and Russell L. Riley (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2016). Author of Chapter 1, "Redividing Government: National Elections in the Clinton Years and Beyond," pp. 152-173. Featured selection of the History Book Club, August 2016.

"Advice for the Next President: How to Ace the First Year in Office," *Politico* (October 15, 2015): http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/10/presidents-how-to-ace-the-first-year-in-office-213251. Reprinted by Bloomberg Government (September 7, 2016): https://about.bgov.com/blog/ten-lessons-presidential-oral-history-new-president-need-not-reinvent-wheel/ and in *Illuminations* (Spring 2021), 14-15.

41: Inside the George H.W. Bush Presidency, coeditor with Barbara A. Perry (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2014). Author of Chapter 1, "George Bush: Texan, Conservative," pp. 27-47. Featured alternate selection of the History Book Club.

"Too Much Information" (review essay on books by Robert A. Caro), *Claremont Review of Books*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Winter 2012/2013), pp. 39-43

Guide to the Presidency and Executive Branch, 5th. ed., editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 2013; 1st ed., 1988; 2nd ed., 1996; 3rd ed., 2003; 4th ed., 2008). Author of Chapter 1, "Constitutional Beginnings," pp. 3-67, Chapter 3, "History of the Vice Presidency," pp. 227-44, Chapter 4, "Rating the Presidents," pp. 245-51, Chapter 5, "The Electoral Process and Taking Office," pp.255-378 (with Charles C. Euchner and John Anthony Maltese), Chapter 7, "Selection by Succession," pp. 467-81, Chapter 9, "Removal of the President and the Vice President" (with Margaret Jane Wyszomirski), pp. 483-533, Chapter 22, "Office of the Vice President," pp. 1153-1163, Chapter 34, "Former Presidents," pp.1651-64, and Appendix, "Documents and Texts" (introductory essays for each document), pp. 1839-1917

"Eisenhower as Statesman" (review of recent books on Eisenhower), *Claremont Review of Books*, Vol. 12, No. 3 (Summer 2012), pp. 60-63

"Person and Office: Presidents, the Presidency, and Foreign Policy," in James M. McCormick and Eugene Wittkopf, eds., *Domestic Sources of American Foreign Policy: Insights and Evidence*, 7th ed. Rowman and Littlefield, 2012); 5th ed. (2008); 4th ed. (2004).

"Featured Review" of Charles C. Thach Jr., *The Creation of the Presidency, 1775-1789: A Study in Constitutional History* in *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 39, No. 1 (January-April 2012), pp. 100-103.

Governing at Home: The White House and Domestic Policymaking, coeditor with Russell L. Riley (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2011). Author of Chapter 1, "Domestic Policy, Domestic Policy Advisers, and the American Presidency," pp. 1-23.

The President's Words: Speeches and Speechwriting in the Modern White House, coeditor with Russell L. Riley (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2010). Author of Chapter 1, "Speeches, Speechwriters, and the American Presidency," pp. 1-26.

"Neustadt's 'Presidential Power' at 50," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (April 2, 2010), pp. B6-8. Reprinted in History News Network (http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/124970.html).

"Richard Cheney and Power of the Modern Vice Presidency," in Steven E. Schier, ed., *Ambition and Division: Legacies of the George W. Bush Presidency* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009), pp. 172-189

"Presidential Power: The Unitary Executive in Theory and Practice," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (March 21, 2008), pp. B16-17. Reprinted in History News Network (http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/48636.html)

"Lincoln, Religion, and Presidential Leadership," in Terry L. Price and J. Thomas Wren, eds., *The Values of Presidential Leadership* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 13-33. Originally presented at the Conference on Presidential Leadership, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond, 2005

"Constitutional Change and the Modern Presidency: The Twentieth, Twenty-second, and Twenty-fifth Amendments to the Constitution," in Pierre Lagayette, ed., *L'empire de l'executif: la presidence des Etats Unis de Franklin Roosevelt a George W. Bush (1933-2006)* [*Executive Supremacy: The American Presidency from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush*] (Paris: Presses de l'Universite Paris—Sorbonne, 2007), pp. 63-85

"Nixon's Final Campaign," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (July 19, 2007), pp. B6-7. Reprinted in History News Network (http://hnn.us/roundup/entries/41138.html)

"Constitutional Qualifications for President," in James P. Pfiffner and Roger H. Davidson, eds., *Understanding the Presidency*, 4th ed. (Pearson Longman, 2007), pp. 14-22

"LBJ's Waxing and Waning Reputation," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (August 11, 2006), B8-9. Abridged in History News Network (http://hnn.us), August 8, 2008

"Elections and Achievement: Campaigns and Governing in the Reagan Era," in Paul G. Kengor and Peter Schweizer, *The Reagan Presidency: Assessing the Man and His Legacy* (Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), pp. 5-23

"Hail to the Sheaf: Presidential Libraries," *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Chronicle Review section (November 12, 2004), pp. B15-17. Abridged in History News Network (http://hnn.us), November 19, 2004

"George W. Bush and Congress: The Electoral Connection," in Gary L. Gregg II and Mark J. Rozell, eds., *Considering the Bush Presidency* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 141-159. Reprinted in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 32, No. 2 (Summer 2003), pp. 157-63.

"Anatomy of a Rally 'Round the Flag Effect: George W. Bush and the War on Terrorism," with Marc J. Hetherington, *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (January 2003), pp. 37-42

"Power Dark, Power Bright: Robert A. Caro, Robert Moses, and Lyndon Johnson," *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 79, No. 1 (Winter 2003), pp. 1-16

"The President as Potentate," *American Prospect*, Vol. 12, No. 19 (November 5, 2001), pp. 42-46. Review essay on Richard Reeves, *President Nixon: Alone in the White House*, and Larry Berman, *No Peace, No Honor: Nixon, Kissinger, and Betrayal in Vietnam*.

"Ol' Red, White, and Blue Eyes: Frank Sinatra and the American Presidency," *Popular Music and Society*, Vol. 24, No. 4 (Winter 2000), pp. 79-102. Reprinted as "Frank Sinatra and Presidential Politics" in Stanislao G. Pugliese, editor, *Frank Sinatra: History, Identity, and Italian-American Culture* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004), pp. 47-70. Originally presented at the Hofstra University Conference on Frank Sinatra, 1999.

"Where Have You Gone, Franklin Roosevelt?" *American Prospect* (November 6, 2000), pp. 51-53. Review essay of Marc Landy and Sidney M. Milkis, *Presidential Greatness*, and Fred I. Greenstein, *The Presidential Difference: Leadership Style from FDR to Clinton*.

"A Curse of the Vice Presidency?" *American Prospect* (July 31, 2000), pp. 20-24. Reprinted in Richard M. Valelly, ed., *Princeton Readings in American Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009), pp. 129-135.

"Why the Media Love Presidents and Presidents Hate the Media," *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 75, No. 2 (Spring 2000), pp. 255-68. Reprinted in *Vital Speeches of the Day*, Vol. 65, No. 17 (June 15, 1999). Originally presented as the M. L. Seidman Town Hall Lecture, Rhodes College, 1999.

"Bill Clinton and the Politics of Second Terms," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (Fall 1998), 786-792

"The Plural Executive Redux," *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Spring 1998), pp. 79-89

"Kennedy and Achilles: A Classical Approach to Political Science," *PS: Political Science and Politics*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (September 1996), pp. 505-10. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1995.

"La Presidencia: Clinton y el ciclo de la politica y las politicas," *Estados Unidos: Informe Trimestral*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (1993), pp. 19-37

"Nelson A. Rockefeller and the American Vice Presidency," in Bernard J. Firestone and Alexej Ugrinsky, eds., *Gerald R. Ford and the Politics of Post-Watergate America* (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1993), pp. 139-59. Originally

presented at the Hofstra University Conference on the Ford Presidency, 1989.

Historic Documents on the Presidency, 1776-1989, editor. (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1989). Author of seventy-four short essays introducing the documents.

"Is There a Postmodern Presidency?: A Review Essay," *Congress and the Presidency*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (Autumn 1989), pp. 155-62. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1989.

A Heartbeat Away (Washington: Brookings Institution, 1988)

"The President and the Court: Reinterpreting the Court-Packing Episode of 1937," *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 103, No. 2 (Summer 1988), pp. 267-93. Reprinted in Kermit L. Hall, ed., *Major Problems in American Constitutional History*, Vol. 2 (Lexington, Mass.: D.C. Heath, 1992), pp. 226-41; in Hall, ed., *Equal Justice Under the Law: The Supreme Court in American Society*, Vol. 3 ((New York: Carlson Publishing, 1996); and in Hall, ed., *The Supreme Court in Modern Society* (Garland Publishing, 2000). Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, 1986, and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1986.

"Rossiter Revisited," introduction to new edition of Clinton Rossiter, *The American Presidency* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987), pp. ix-xix

"Constitutional Qualifications for President," *Presidential Studies Quarterly,* Vol. 17, No. 2 (Spring 1987), pp. 383-99. Reprinted in Thomas E. Cronin, ed., *Inventing the American Presidency* (Lawrence, Kansas: University Press of Kansas, 1989), pp. 13-32. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, 1986.

"Institutional and Political Aspects of Second-Term Presidencies," *Presidency Research*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Spring 1986), pp. 19-23. Originally presented at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Political Science Association, 1986.

"Two Steps Forward (Is) One Step Back: Post-Neustadt Presidential Scholarship," *Presidency Research*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Spring 1985), pp. 22-27

Presidents, Politics and Policy, with Erwin C. Hargrove (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press and New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1984)

"The White House, Bureaucracy, and Foreign Policy: Lessons from Cambodia," *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 56, No. 2 (Spring 1980), pp. 650-67

"James David Barber and the Psychological Presidency," *Virginia Quarterly Review*, Vol. 56, No. 4 (Autumn 1980), pp. 650-67. Reprinted in Thomas E. Cronin, ed,

Rethinking the Presidency (Boston: Little, Brown, 1982), pp. 75-86; in Robert DiClerico, ed., *Analyzing the Presidency* (Guilford, Conn.: Dushkin Publishing Group, 1985), pp. 34-44, and 2nd ed. (1990), pp. 36-42; and in William David Pederson, ed., *The "Barberian" Presidency: Theoretical and Empirical Readings* (New York: Peter Lang, 1989), pp. 93-110.

"Leaders Who Follow and Leaders Worth Following," *Washington Monthly*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (March 1979), pp. 52-55. Review essay of James MacGregor Burns, *Leadership*.

Presidential Selection

The Elections of 2020, editor (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021). Author of Chapter 1, "The Setting: Who Can Be President?"

Clinton's Elections: 1992, 1996, and the Birth of a New Era of Governance (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2020).

"The 2016 Election in Print: Clinton Defeats Trump—Not!" (review essay of fourteen books on the election), *Claremont Review of Books* (CRB Digital), April 10, 2018: https://www.claremont.org/crb/basicpage/the-2016-election-in-print/

Resilient America: Electing Nixon in 1968, Channeling Dissent, and Dividing Government, revised and expanded edition (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2017); original edition, 2014.

The Elections of 2016, editor (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2017). Author of Chapter 1, "Broadening the Presidential Talent Pool: For Better and Worse."

"Thwarted Realignment: George W. Bush, the Republican Party, and the Elections of 2008-2008," in Meena Bose, ed., *The George W. Bush Presidency: The Constitution, Politics, and Policymaking* (New York: Nova Science publishers, 2016), pp. 73-86

"Clinton's Elections: Redividing Government in the 1990s," *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (June 2016), pp. 457-472. Originally presented at the Symposium on the Clinton Presidency, William J. Clinton Presidential Library, November 2014.

"The Elections of 2004" website, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, http://cphcmp.smu.edu/2004election/ (posted November 2014)

"The Thrill is Gone" (review of recent books on the 2012 election), in *Claremont Review of Books*, Vol. 13, No. 4 (Fall 2013), pp. 8-14

The Elections of 2012, editor (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2014). Author of Chapter 1, "2013 and Beyond: Barack Obama and the Perils of Second-Term Presidents," pp. 1-20

The Elections of 2008, editor (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010). Author of Chapter 1, "The Setting: Diversifying the Presidential Talent Pool," pp. 1-21

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The Elections of 2004, editor (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2005). Author of Chapter 1, "The Setting: George W. Bush, Majority President," pp. 1-17.

The Elections of 2000, editor. (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2001). Author of Chapter 3, "The Election: Ordinary Politics, Extraordinary Outcome," pp. 55-91 and Chapter 9, "The Post-election Election: Politics by Other Means," pp. 211-224.

The Elections of 1996, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1997). Author of Chapter 1, "1997 and Beyond: The Perils of Second-Term Presidents," pp. 1-13, and Chapter 3, "The Election: Turbulence and Tranquility in Contemporary American Politics," pp. 44-80.

The Elections of 1992, editor. (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1993). Author of Chapter 6, "The Presidency: Clinton and the Cycle of Politics and Policy," pp. 125-52, Chapter 8, "Conclusion: Some Things Old, Some Things New," pp. 183-92.

Historic Documents on Presidential Elections 1787-1988, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly, 1992). Author of seventy short essays introducing the documents.

The Elections of 1988, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1989). Author of Chapter 8, "Constitutional Aspects of the Elections," pp. 181-210. Chapter 8 reprinted in Peter Woll and Robert H. Binstock, *America's Political System*, 5th ed. (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1991), pp. 205-209.

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The Elections of 1984, editor (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1985). Author of Chapter 5, "Foreign Policy: Dominance and Decisiveness in Presidential Elections," with Stephen Hess, pp. 129-54, and Chapter 7, "The Presidency: Reagan and the Cycle of Politics and Policy," with Erwin C. Hargrove, pp. 189-214

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Member, President's Expressive Speech Working Group, 2019-20
Chair, President's Task Force on the Future of Intercollegiate Athletics at Rhodes, 2001-03
Chair, Tenure and Promotions Committee, 1995-97

Organizer, Rhodes Sesquicentennial Conference on Teaching the Humanities, 1998
Chair, Appeals Committee, 1995, 2010-present; member, 1992-95, 2003-06, 2009-12
Chair, American politics search committee, 2011
Member, Board of Trustees Committee on Students and Campus Life, 1992-95, 2002-03; Committee on Development, 1995-97, 2000-01, 2003-05; Committee on Board Directions and Leadership, 2002-03
Faculty Associate, Rhodes baseball team, 2004-07
Faculty member, British Studies at Oxford, 1992, 1997, 2001, 2005
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Member, Departments and Programs Assessments Committee, 2015-present
Faculty representative, Truman Scholarships, 2003-04
Founders' Day Convocation lecturer, 1993; M. L. Seidman Town Hall lecturer, 1994, 1999; Speaker, numerous campus, community, admissions, development, trustee, and alumni events

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Political Science Department: Director of Internship Program, 1979-89; Chair, Introductory Studies Committee, 1987-89
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Interviewer, Clinton and Bush Oral History Projects, University of Virginia, 2005-present
Organizer and moderator, White House Speechwriters symposium, Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2008
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Book reviews for various professional journals, including the *American Political Science Review, American Historical Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Southern History*, *American Journal of Legal Education*, *Tennessee Historical Quarterly,* and *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*

Guest lecturer at various colleges and universities, including University of Virginia, Rice University, Princeton University, Bowdoin College, University of Texas at Austin, United States Air Force Academy, Vanderbilt University, United States Military Academy, University of Richmond, Brandeis University, University of Maryland, Washington and Lee University, Claremont-McKenna College, Centre College, Providence College, Arizona State University, University of Mississippi, University of Kentucky, College of the Holy Cross, and University of Louisville

Outside evaluator, Boston University Core Curriculum, 2000; Providence College Western Civilization program, 2006; various political science departments, including Macalester College and Calvin College

Interviews on local, regional and national television and radio programs and national newspapers and magazines, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, National Public Radio (various programs), NBC, CNN, C-Span

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External reviewer of tenure and promotion candidates, various colleges and universities including Cornell University and the University of Delaware

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Editor, special issue on the presidency for the *Magazine of History*, published by the Organization of American Historians, Summer 1997

Aspen Scholar, Aspen Institute, 1998

Section Organizer, "Presidency Research" panels, American Political Science Association, 1991; "Executive Politics" panels, Southern Political Science Association, 1989

Editor, *Presidency Research*, 1984-86

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Coordinating producer and host, “Informed Sources,” WKNO-TV, Memphis, Tenn., 1993-94
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