

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Politics, Oxford University, 1977
- Graduate Study, Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School Of Public and International Affairs, 1974-75
- B.A., University of Virginia, 1974, Honors Program in Government and Foreign Affairs

## Publications, Books, and Monographs:

1. *THE YEAR OF OBAMA: How Barack Obama Won the White House* New York: Pearson Longman, 2010
2. *GET IN THE BOOTH: A Citizen's Guide to the 2008 Elections* New York: Pearson Longman, 2008
3. *A MORE PERFECT CONSTITUTION* New York: Walker & Co., 2007

4. *THE SIXTH YEAR ITCH: The Rise and Fall of the George W. Bush Presidency* New York: Pearson Longman, 2007.
5. *GET IN THE BOOTH: A Citizen's Guide to the 2006 Midterm Elections* New York: Pearson Longman, 2007
6. *DIVIDED STATES OF AMERICA: The Slash and Burn Politics of the 2004 Presidential Election* New York: Pearson Longman, 2005.
7. *GET IN THE BOOTH: A Voter's Guide to the 2004 Election* New York: Pearson Longman, 2004.
8. *MIDTERM MADNESS: The Elections of 2002* New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003.
9. *Sabato's Crystal Ball* - Interactive election forecast and analysis website, launched in September 2002 ([www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball](http://www.centerforpolitics.org/crystalball))
10. *OVERTIME! The Election 2000 Thriller* New York: Longman, 2001.
11. *DANGEROUS DEMOCRACY: The Battle over Ballot Initiatives in America* (edited with Bruce Larson and Howard Ernst) New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001.
12. *PEEPSHOW: Media and Politics in an Age of Scandal* (with Mark Stencel and S. Robert Lichter) New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000.
13. *FEEDING FRENZY: How Attack Journalism Has Transformed American Politics* New York: The Free Press, 1991 (Updated Paperback edition in 1993 and New Edition by Lanahan Press in 2000).
14. *THE PARTY'S JUST BEGUN: Shaping Political Parties for America's Future* Boston, MA: Little, Brown, and Co., 1987 (Second edition co-authored by Bruce Larson published by Addison Wesley Longman in 2001).
15. *AMERICAN GOVERNMENT: Continuity and Change* (5<sup>th</sup> edition with Karen O'Connor) New York: Addison Wesley Longman, 2000.
16. *DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS: The Persistence of Corruption in American Politics* (with Glenn R. Simpson) New York: Random House/Times Books, 1996.
17. *TOWARD THE MILLENNIUM: The Elections of 1996* Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon, 1997.
18. *VIRGINIA GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS: Readings and Comments* Charlottesville, VA: U. Va. Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, 1998.

Fourth Revised Ed.

19. *CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS: A Reader in Modern American Politics*  
Boston, MA: Little Brown/Scott Foresman, 1989.
20. *PAYING FOR ELECTIONS: The Campaign Finance Thicket*  
New York: The Twentieth Century Fund, 1989.
21. *THE 1988 ELECTIONS IN AMERICA: The Change That Masks Continuity*  
Glenview, Ill: Scott Foresman & Co., 1987.
22. *PAC POWER: Inside the World of Political Action Committees*  
New York: W.W. Norton, 1984 (Revised Edition 1985).
23. *GOODBYE TO GOODTIME CHARLIE: The American Governorship Transformed (Second Edition)* Washington: Congressional Press, 1983.
24. *THE RISE OF POLITICAL CONSULTANTS: New Ways of Winning Elections*  
New York: Basic Books, 1981.
25. *THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY IN VIRGINIA: Tantamount to Election No Longer* Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1977.
26. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1995-1998*  
Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Center for Public Service, 1998.
27. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1991-1994*  
Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Center for Public Service, 1995.
28. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1987-1990*  
Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Center for Public Service, 1991.
29. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1983-1986*  
Charlottesville, VA: Institute of Government, University of Virginia, 1987.
30. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1979-1982*  
Charlottesville, VA: Institute of Government, University of Virginia, 1983.
31. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1975-1978*  
Charlottesville, VA: Institute of Government, University of Virginia, 1979.
32. *VIRGINIA VOTES, 1969-1974*  
Charlottesville, VA: Institute of Government, University of Virginia, 1976.
33. *AFTERMATH OF ARMAGEDDON: An Analysis of the 1973 Virginia Gubernatorial Election* Charlottesville: Institute of Government, University of Virginia, 1975.

### **Academic Articles and Book Chapters:**

1. "Politics: America's Missing Constitutional Link," *The Virginia Quarterly Review* 82, No. 4 (Summer 2006)
2. "The 1996 General Assembly Elections in Virginia," *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 73 No. 2 (February 1997).
3. "The 1996 Presidential and Congressional Contests in Virginia: A Status Quo Election with Spice," *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 73, No. 2 (February 1997).
4. "June 10, 1997: What if Virginia held an election and nobody came?" *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 73, No. 5 (August 1997).
5. "The 1994 Election in Virginia: The Senate Race from Hell, Part 1: The Nomination Process & The General Election," *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 71 (February 1995).
6. "Virginia's 1993 Elections: The 12-Year Itch Returns," *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 70 (January 1994).
7. "The 1991 Elections in Virginia: A Status Quo in the Year of Change, Parts 1 and 2," *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 69 (January & February 1993).
8. "The Keys to the Governor's Mansion in 1993," *The University of Virginia Newsletter* 69 (October 1993).
9. "Talk Back! A Call for Television Ombudsmen," *Forbes Media Critic* 1 (October 1993): 56-61.
10. "Media Tilt?" *Campaigns and Elections* 14 (September 1993): 16-20.
11. "Open Season: How the News Media Cover Presidential Campaigns in the Age of Attack Journalism," in Matthew D. McCubbins (ed.), *Under the Watchful Eye: Managing Presidential Campaigns in the Television Era*. (Washington: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1992).
12. "The 1991 General Assembly Elections," *University of Virginia Newsletter* 68 (January 1992).
13. "The 1990 Midterm Congressional Elections," *University of Virginia Newsletter* 67 (January 1991).

14. "Virginia: A Republican Encore in the Old Dominion," in Robert P. Steed et al., editors, *The 1988 Presidential Election in the South: Continuity Amidst Change in Southern Party Politics* (New York: Praeger, 1991).
15. "Virginia Governor's Race, 1989" (Three parts), University of Virginia Newsletter 66 (July, January, February, 1990).
16. Contributor to *Dictionary of Political Institutions* (Basil Blackwell, 1989).
17. Member, Board of Contributing Editors to *Encyclopedia of American Political Parties* (Garland Press, 1989).
18. "Magic... or Blue Smoke and Mirrors? Reflections on New Technologies and Trends in the Political Consultant Trade," with David Beiler, in Joel L. Swerdlow, editor *Media Technology and the Vote* (Washington: The Annenberg Washington Program, 1988).
19. "The 1988 Presidential Election in Virginia," University of Virginia Newsletter 65 (December 1988).
20. "New South Governors and the Governorship," in James F. Lea (ed.), *Contemporary Southern Politics: Continuity and Change* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1988).
21. "Real and Imagined Corruption in Campaign Financing," in James Reichley (ed.), *Elections American Style* (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1987).
22. "Leadership and Management in Virginia Government: Attracting the Best from Courthouse to Statehouse," in Joseph L. Fisher and Richard T. Mayer (ed.), *Virginia Alternatives for the 1990's: Selected Issues in Public Policy* (Fairfax: George Mason University Press, 1987).
23. "PACs, Parties, and Presidents," in L. Patrick Devlin (ed.), *Political Persuasion on Presidential Campaigns* (New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Books, 1987).
24. "Virginia General Assembly Elections in 1987," University of Virginia Newsletter 64 (December 1987).
25. "Virginia Elections in 1986: Drift to Democrats Continues," University of Virginia Newsletter 63 (December 1986).
26. "The 1985 Statewide Election in Virginia: History Quietly Writ Large," University of Virginia Newsletter 62 (January 1986).
27. "The 1984 Presidential Election in Virginia" in Robert P. Steed et al., editors, *The 1984 Presidential Election in the South: Patterns of Southern Party Politics* (New York: Praeger, 1985): 276-300.

28. "1983 Virginia General Assembly Elections: Stability, for a Change," University of Virginia Newsletter 60 (February 1984).
29. "New Campaign Techniques and the American Party System," in Vernon Bogdanor (ed.), *Parties and Democracy in Britain and America* (New York: Paeger, 1984).
30. "The 1982 U.S. Senate and House Elections in Virginia," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter (February 1983).
31. "Parties, PACs and Independent Groups," in Thomas E. Mann and Norman Ornstein (eds.), *The American Elections of 1982* (Washington: American Enterprise Institute, 1983).
32. "Political Consultants and the New Campaign Technology," in Allan Cigler and Burdette Loomis, *The Changing Nature of Interest Groups* (Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1983).
33. "TV Politics: The Influence of Television in Political Campaigns," *Vital Issues* 32 (November 1982).
34. "The 1981 Gubernatorial Election in Virginia," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 58 (February 1982).
35. "Public Opinion and Gubernatorial Power," *State Government* 55 (Autumn 1982).
36. "Virginia Politics: A Republican Dream Come True," in John V. Moeser (ed.), *A Virginia Profile: 1960-2000* (Palisades, NJ: Commonwealth Books, 1981).
37. "The Governors and Public Opinion," *State Government* 54 (Summer 1981): 109-113.
38. All Articles in *State Opinion Report*, a quarterly newsletter of the National Governor's Association (1981-1983).
39. "Virginia General Assembly Elections, 1979," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 56 (March 1980).
40. "Gubernatorial Clemency: A Time of Trial?" *State Government* 53 (Winter 1980): 40-43.
41. "Gubernatorial Politics and the New Campaign Technology," *State Government* 53 (Summer 1980):148-152.

42. "The 1978 Virginia Congressional Elections," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 55 (March 1979).
43. "Governor's Office Careers: A New Breed Emerges," State Government 52 (Summer 1979): 95-102.
44. "The Governorship as Pathway to the Presidency," National Civic Review 67 (December 1978): 512-518.
45. "Virginia General Assembly Elections, 1975: Some Change, Much Continuity," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 53 (January 1977).
46. "Elections, 1976: Virginia Seceded from the Solid South," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 54 (September 1977).
47. "Virginia Congressional Elections in 1974: The Year of the Democrats," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 53 (January 1977).
48. "Virginia Politics in 1973: The State Elections," Institute of Government, University of Virginia Newsletter 50 (August 1974). Reprinted in Weldon Cooper and Thomas Morris, *Virginia Government and Politics*. (First Edition) Charlottesville: University of Virginia, 1976.
49. "Virginia's Urban Areas: Flexing Political Muscle," Virginia Town and City (September 1974).

### **Popular Articles:**

1. Many dozen articles on American politics appearing in *The Economist*, *Washington Post*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Miami Herald*, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *Atlanta Constitution*, *Boston Globe*, etc.
2. "A Yank at Oxford for the Bicentennial," *Virginia Quarterly Review* 52 (Summer 1976): 476-485.

### **Experience:**

1. Currently a University Professor (from July 1, 2000, one of only ten at U.Va.), the Robert Kent Gooch Professor of Politics at The University of Virginia (from September 1, 1992), and Director of the Center for Politics at U. Va. (from May 1, 1998); Assistant Professor of Government, 1978-1983; Associate Professor of Government, 1983-1988; Professor of Government, 1988-1992.
2. Tutor in American Government and Institutions at Oxford University, January 1977-July 1978. Lecturer in Politics at New College, Oxford, January 1978-July 1978. Taught British undergraduates (first year through final year) in the

- Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) program. Returned during U. Va. Leave as Visiting Lecturer in Politics, New College, Oxford (Trinity term, 1980).
3. Lecturer for U.S. Embassy, London on American government, politics, and foreign affairs, September 1975-July 1978. Delivered speeches at around a dozen engagements per year throughout Great Britain.
  4. Research Assistant, Institute of Government, University of Virginia (Summers of 1974, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1982).
  5. Intern, Office of the Governor, New Jersey (September 1974-January 1975).
  6. Intern, Gallup Poll, Inc. (February-May 1975).
  7. General research and writing as the American consultant in government and politics for International Publishers, Inc. of the United Kingdom, 1976-1977.

**Honors and Awards As a Student:**

1. Rhodes Scholar.
2. Danforth Scholar.
3. Phi Beta Kappa.
4. Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Eta Sigma; Raven Society.
5. Robert Kent Gooch Scholar, University of Virginia.
6. Echols Scholar, University of Virginia.
7. Recipient, Princeton University Merit Stipend.
8. Recipient, G.E.X. Scholarship.
9. Recipient, Roma Club Scholarship.
10. Recipient, U. Va. Class of 1953 Academic Prize.
11. Student Council President, University of Virginia (1973-74); Student Council Vice-President (1972-73).
12. Member, Virginia Commission for Children and Youth (Gubernatorial Appointment, 1971-1972).
13. Member, (Virginia) Governor's Youth Council (Gubernatorial Appointment).

14. Recipient, The U. Va. Alumni Association Distinguished Student Award (1974).
15. Recipient, The Raven Award (U. Va., 1974).
16. Recipient, The Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award (U. Va., 1974).
17. Recipient, Commendation Award, Charlottesville, Virginia City Council (1974).

### **Honors and Awards As a Faculty Member:**

1. Deemed by *The Wall Street Journal* to be “the most quoted college professor in the land.” Dubbed “America’s favorite political scientist” by Fox News Channel, and “the Dr. Phil of American politics” by *Washingtonian* magazine.
2. Recipient, University of Virginia “Thomas Jefferson Award” – given to one person each year since 1955.
3. Recipient, “Virginian of the Year” Award—2001 (Virginia Press Association).
4. Recipient, Virginia State Council of Higher Education’s Outstanding Professor Award (1993).
5. Recipient, The University of Virginia Alumni Association’s Distinguished Professor Award for 2000 (given to one professor each year who has taught for at least 15 years). The only person ever to have received all the U.Va. Alumni Association’s faculty and student achievement awards.
6. Recipient, Alumni Board of Trustees Young Teacher Award (1981).
7. Selected one of ten “All-Time Favorite U.Va. Teachers” by Alumni News (1999).
8. Recipient, Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Alumnus Award (2001).
9. Recipient of numerous grants and fellowships including:
  - i. N.E.H. Fellowship (1980)
  - ii. American Philosophical Association grants (1979, 1983, and 1986)
  - iii. Moody Grant, L.B.J. Foundation (1980)
  - iv. University of Virginia Research Policy Council Grants (1980, 1983, 1986 & 1989)
  - v. Kellogg National Fellowship (1983-1986)
  - vi. Earhart Foundation grants (1983-1986)
  - vii. Gerald R. Ford Foundation grant (1989)
  - viii. Sesquicentennial Fellow, University of Virginia (for fall 1989)

- ix. Fellow, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy (1990)
  - x. Gray Foundation grant (1995)
  - xi. Joyce Foundation grant (1995)
  - xii. Stuart Foundation grant (1995)
  - xiii. Virginia Power Foundation grant (1996)
10. Appointed Guest Scholar, the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. (Fall Semester 1980).
  11. Selected as editor of *State Opinion Report* by National Governor's Association (Gubernatorial Appointment, 1981-1984).
  12. Speaker for U.S. Information Agency abroad.

**Service and Activities:**

1. Founder and Director, U. Va. Center for Politics (1998-present).  
[www.goodpolitics.org](http://www.goodpolitics.org)
2. Member, U. Va. Faculty Senate (1982-1986, 1987-1991); Executive Council (1987-1988).
3. Department of Government and Foreign Affairs Undergraduate Adviser (1982-2001); Director, Government Honors Program (1980-2001).
4. Chairman, U. Va. Algernon Sydney Sullivan Committee (1986-1999).
5. Chairman, U. Va. Thomas Jefferson Award Committee (1994-2000).
6. Academic Advisory Board, *Journal of Law and Politics*.
7. Member, U.S. Senate Campaign Finance Reform Panel (1990) (Appointed by Majority and Minority Leaders of the U.S. Senate).
8. Member, Governor's Commission on Campaign Finance Reform, Government Accountability, and Ethics. Appointed by Governor Douglas Wilder.
9. Appointed to the Governor's Commission to Increase Voter Registration (1983-1984). Appointed by Governor Chuck Robb.
10. Appointed to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education (1998-2000). Appointed by Governor Jim Gilmore.
11. Member, Board of Directors, Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (1999-present). Appointed by Governor Jim Gilmore.

12. Chairman, Madison House Board of Directors (1981); Member of Board (1979 to 1985).
13. Treasurer, Friends of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library (1978-1979).
14. Adviser to WCVE-TV (PBS, Richmond) for Living History Makers series on Virginia Governors (1979-1985); Governors' Conference Television series (1998-present).
15. Adviser to WBRA-TV (PBS, Roanoke) and Virginia Public Telecommunications Council on production of television program on Virginia executive branch (1979-1980); moderator of television series on Virginia government produced for the State Department of Education (1984-1985).
16. Election night commentator, Virginia News Network and WWBT-TV, Richmond.
17. About one hundred speeches and presentations made each year to university, statewide, and national groups.
18. Estimated yearly number of radio and television interviews is around 5,000.
19. Director of the Virginia Poll, a statewide survey of public opinion (1980-1981).
20. Repeated testimony before several U.S. House and Senate committees on campaign finance.
21. Past Member of Executive Council, Southern Political Science Association; Past Chairman of SPSA Investments Committee.
22. Member, National Commission for the Renewal of American Democracy (Appointed by the National Association of Secretaries of State).
23. Advisory Committee, John F. Kennedy Library Foundation Profile in Courage Award (1991-1996).
24. Nominating Committee, John Heinz Foundation Award (1995-present).
25. Executive Advisory Board, *Campaigns and Elections* Magazine (1994-present).
26. University Fellow, U. Va. College at Wise (2001).
27. Advisory Board, George Washington University Semester-in-Washington Program (2000-present).
28. Board of Directors, Presidential Classroom (2001-present).

29. Member, Leadership Development Committee, Virginia State Board of Education (2001)
30. Member, Virginia General Assembly Joint Subcommittee to Study Virginia's Election Process and Voting Technologies (2001). Appointed by House Speaker S. Vance Wilkins.
31. Board of Advisors, Center for Media and Public Affairs (1994-present).
32. Editorial Board, *Harvard International Journal of Press and Politics* (1994-present).
33. Editorial Board, *Madison Review* (1993-present).
34. Advisory Board, Institute for State Policy Studies (1996-present).
35. Advisory Board, National League of Women Voters "*Money, Politics, and Public Voice*" Project (1995-1996).
36. Advisory Board, PlanetGov.Com.

**Courses Taught:**

1. At Oxford University: American Politics and American Foreign Policy
2. At the University of Virginia: PLAP 101, Introduction to American Government (400+ students); PLAP 436, Campaigns and Elections; PLAP 545, Virginia Government and Politics, Honors Program—American Politics.