

Curriculum Vita  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Political Science, August 1999. University of Texas, Austin, Texas.  
B.A. in Political Science, May 1988. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, California.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Chair of Department of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2014 - present.  
Graduate Director for Masters of Public Administration program, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University, 2008 – present.  
Graduate Director for Masters of Public Administration program and Masters of Political Science program, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University. 2008 – Summer 2014.  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University. 2006 – present.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University. 2000 – 2006.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University. 1999- 2000.

**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

“Getting Registered and Getting to the Polls: The Impact of Voter Registration Strategy & Information Provision on Turnout of College Students.” With Stacy Ulbig, Associate Professor, Sam Houston State University. *PS: Political Science and Politics*. (2011), 44: 544-551

“Women’s Political Leadership in the Middle East.” With Mitzi Mahoney, Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University. Summer *Advancing Women in Leadership*. 2007

“Citizenship and Service Learning.” *Academic Exchange Quarterly*. Spring 2006 (Editors Choice Award)

## **TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND REPORTS**

### ***International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Huntsville Survey 2003***

Survey results were used by Huntsville City Manager to provide a comparative analysis of the city’s services and evaluate how well the city was fulfilling governing standards

### ***Huntsville Focus Group Interviewing 2002***

The 2001 – 2002 Huntsville Residential Survey identified minority-city government relations as an area in need of attention. Focus group interviews were conducted to obtain more detailed information regarding the nature of the problem. Focus group survey information led to the creation of a permanent committee to improve city-minority relations in Huntsville.

### ***Huntsville Residential Survey 2001 - 2002***

Conducted city wide survey regarding residential satisfaction of city services. Wrote survey report and delivered survey presentation to city manager, city council members, and city department directors

## **AWARDS**

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Award for Outstanding Department Service 2009

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Award for Outstanding Department Teaching 2008

College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Award for Outstanding Department Research 2006

Huntsville Parks and Recreation Outdoor Reach Program Volunteer Award, 2005

College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Award for Outstanding Contributions, 2001 - 2002

The Texas Omicron Chapter of Alpha Chi Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Success of a Student, 2001

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (PAST FIVE YEARS ONLY)**

*Micro-Financing, Women, and Regional Development.* 2nd International Regional Development Conference. May 16 – 17, 2013: Elazig, Turkey.

*Democracy and Open Online Learning.* Alliance of Universities for Democracy 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference October 13 – 15, 2013: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Andrew Bennett, Peter Cooper, Tamara Waggener and John Newbold *Cross Cultural Collaboration and Online Higher Education.* Conference Roundtable for the AUDEM 2011 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference. November 2011: Dubrovnik Croatia;

*College Students, Voter Turnout, and Local Elections.* 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Alliance of Universities for Democracy 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, November 8 – 11, 2010: Pecs, Hungary.

Stacy Ulbig and Tamara Waggener, *Post-Election Strategies for Engagement: Analyzing Election Data.* 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National American Democracy Project National Meeting, June 11 – 13, 2009: Baltimore, Maryland.

Tamara Waggener and Melinda Kovacs, *Moving out of Silence: The Transformation of Women's Voices in the Movement Towards Democracy.* 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Alliance of Universities for Democracy 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. November 8 – 11, 2009: Bursa, Turkey.

## **COMMITTEE AND SERVICE WORK (PAST FIVE YEARS ONLY)**

### ***University***

Member, SHSU Graduate Council, Sam Houston State University. 2010 - present

Member, TRIES Advisory and Editorial Board, Sam Houston State University. 2009 – present.

SACS Assessment Coordinator for College of Arts and Sciences, Sam Houston State University, spring and summer, 2010.

Member, Faculty Senate, Sam Houston State University. 2007 – 2008.

***Department***

Chair, Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University. 2008 – present.

Member, Search Committee – Public Administration Position. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University, 2009.

Director, SACS Assessment, Department of Political, Sam Houston State University. 2006 – 2009.

Member, Personnel Committee. Department of Political Science, Sam Houston State University. 2006 – 2008.

Director, Political Engagement Project, Sam Houston State University. 2006 – 2007.