

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Policy and Administration, (2002)

Mississippi State University

Specialization in rural administration; planning; and public budgeting and financial management

Dissertation: *A Contingency Theory Approach to Budget Preparation in Mayor-Board of Aldermen Municipalities in Mississippi*

M.S., Political Science with concentration in public administration, (1989)

The University of Southern Mississippi

Specialization in public management

B.S., Political Science and American Studies, (1978)

The University of Southern Mississippi

ADVANCED TRAINING

Senior Executive Institute

Weldon C. Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia (1990)

CERTIFICATION

American Institute of Certified Planners (Certificate #8071)

American Planning Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Commissioner for Government Relations, 2007 to present
Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, 2007 to present
Jackson State University

Assistant to the President for Government Relations, 2000-2001
The University of Southern Mississippi

Responsible for local, state, and federal relations for the university. Traveled extensively with the president, attended meetings of the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, and represented the university to constituencies both inside and outside the university community. This position served as the university's principal state legislative advocate.

Instructor, Department of Economic Development and Planning, 2000-2001
The University of Southern Mississippi

Taught two elective courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Department of Economic Development and Planning. Recruited internship opportunities for students in both degree programs.

Research and Development Coordinator, 1992-1993
John C. Stennis Institute of Government

Mississippi State University
Responsible for public policy research for the Mississippi legislature, state executive agencies, and not-for-profit organizations in diverse areas such as environmental program design, local government organization, land use, and neighborhood revitalization. Initiated funded research as a principal and co-principal investigator, testified before legislative committees, state executive agencies, and the legislative budget committee. Co-director of the Mississippi State Executive Development Institute.

Adjunct Professor, 1984-1987
Department of Geography and Area Development
The University of Southern Mississippi

As an adjunct professor, I designed an undergraduate and graduate level course to teach grant writing skills for non-profit and public sector grant programs. The course involved professional grant writers and managers interacting with the students, and required the student to volunteer time to assist in the research and /or preparation of a grant application. Recruited internship opportunities for

students, employed interns of the program, and served on an advisory committee of professionals advising the program.

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Courses Taught

Planning and Development Law
Physical Infrastructure for Planning and Development
Non-profit and Public Sector Grant Writing
Citizen Participation

Service to the University of Southern Mississippi

President's Cabinet

Served as a member of the president's cabinet, which consisted of the provost, vice-presidents, director of intercollegiate athletics, president of the faculty senate and staff council, student government president, and the director of public relations. The president's cabinet served as the president's principal advisors.

Expanded President's Cabinet

Served as member of the expanded cabinet, which included the president's cabinet membership, plus all of the university's deans and directors.

Legislative Weekend Committee, Chair

Chaired the committee responsible for planning the annual legislative weekend for legislators and public officials. Responsibilities included program planning, facilities coordination, travel and housing, and all related details.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Manager, Department of Corporate Information and Planning (2004 – 2007)

Interim Manager, Finance Department (2004-2007)

South Mississippi Electric Power Association
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Supervise information technology, corporate communication and marketing, government relations and the finance department with a total of 31 employees. SMEPA is a non-profit member-owned electric cooperative specializing in the generation and transmission of electricity to its eleven electric distribution cooperative owners. SMEPA has an annual budget of \$660 million and 283 employees.

Chief Administrative Officer, 2001-2004

City of Biloxi, Mississippi

Managed all city government departments. Implemented and managed a \$4 million construction management program for road construction. Biloxi had a \$200 million budget and 730 employees.

Director, Center for Member Programs, 1999-2000

National League of Cities
Washington, D. C.

Directed the association's international programs, provided technical assistance and training to state municipal leagues and insurance risk pools, and constituency groups.

Organizer, Jackson Medical Education District (JMED), 1998-1999

Jackson, Mississippi

Established the Jackson Medical Education District, an idea which resulted from a planning study to stabilize the neighborhoods surrounding Millsaps College, Belhaven College, St. Dominic's Health Center, the University Medical Center, and the Montgomery VA Hospital. Led the strategic planning effort which refocused JMED on real estate development issues and led to the hiring of the executive director.

Executive Director, 1994-1998

Mississippi Municipal League
Jackson, Mississippi

Served as the association's principal advocate before the Mississippi legislature, state and federal elected and appointed officials, and state executive agencies. Responsibilities included government relations, board relations, technical assistance and training, and annual conferences and workshops. Significant legislative accomplishments include \$13 million of funding for the Municipal Crime Prevention Program, creation of the Safe Drinking Water revolving loan fund, modernized state purchasing rules, and the protection of municipal authority.

Director of Planning and Development, 1993-1994

City of Jackson

Directed the planning and community development, code services, and economic development divisions of city government, and in January 1994 simultaneously served as the mayor's operations coordinator. Designed and led the process resulting in Jackson's designation as an *Enterprise Community* by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Chief Administrative Officer, 1989-1992

City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Designed and implemented the national award winning ***Neighborhood Improvement Program***, introduced community-oriented policing, and a comprehensive strategy for at-risk youth. Managed all city departments, including serving as public safety director. Hattiesburg was recognized by the U. S. Conference of Mayor's as *America's Most Livable Small City* in 1992 and was an *All-America City* finalist in 1991. Hattiesburg achieved ICMA general management recognition in 1991.

Executive Director, 1988-1989

Pat Harrison Waterway District

Led the district's recovery from the findings of an investigative audit conducted by the State Auditor of Public Accounts. Reorganized agency financial and personnel management and internal controls, resolved a long-standing environmental lawsuit related to a proposed federal flood control project on the Okatoma Creek, and completed the first comprehensive maintenance plan for the districts parks and flood control structures.

Director of Planning and Community Development, 1986-1988

Acting Director of Public Safety

City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Completed a comprehensive land use plan, adopted a unified development ordinance, the first metropolitan transportation plan, and a comprehensive annexation plan and ordinance. Staffed the city council initiative the reorganized the community's approach to economic development, while serving as the director of public safety directly supervising emergency management, police, and fire departments.

Consultant, 1984-1986

Owned a firm specializing in local government consulting specializing in community development, strategic planning and management, and problem-solving. The consulting practice continues to the present on a limited basis.

Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, 1980-1984

Federal Programs Coordinator

Obtained federal and state funding totaling \$8.4 million for city projects.

Staff Consultant, 1979-1980

Morris and McDaniel, Inc.

Jackson, Mississippi

Served as a staff consultant for the public personnel consulting firm.

APPLIED RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Study of the City of Biloxi for the Biloxi Bay Business Council. With Ed Clynch and Martin Wiseman. John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University, 1992.

Revitalizing the Neighborhoods of Greenville, Mississippi. Community/Economic Development Center, Mississippi State University, 1992. (Principal Investigator)

Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Greenville, Mississippi. Community/Economic Development Center, Mississippi State University, 1992.

Local Governments of Mississippi: A Study of the Revenues and Expenditures. Co-Principal Investigator With Martin Wiseman. John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University, 1992.

1993 Legislative Policy Series. Co-Editor with Martin Wiseman. 1992.

Strategies to Improve the Municipal Court Fine Collections in the City of Meridian, Mississippi. John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University, 1993.

Air Emissions Survey and Report for Title V Implementation. Principal Investigator. Mississippi Manufacturers Association. 1993.

“Neighborhood Service Delivery,” ICMA Management Information Service Report. International City-County Management Association, Washington, D. C., 1993.

Governing Tupelo: The First 90 Days Under the Mayor-Council Form of Government. Tupelo Charter Commission, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University, 1993.

Mississippi Title V Fee Demonstration. Principal Investigator. Clean Air Advisory Committee, Department of Environmental Quality. State of Mississippi. 1993

Strategies to Reduce and Contain the Costs of the Title V Program in Mississippi. Clean Air Advisory Committee, Department of Environmental Quality. State of Mississippi, 1993.

Modern Local Government in Mississippi: Service Delivery and Organizational Structure. Co-Principal Investigator with Martin Wiseman. John C. Stennis Institute of Government. December 1993.

“Planning, Zoning, and Neighborhoods,” Chapter Ten. Handbook for Mississippi Municipal Officials. Mississippi State Cooperative Extension Service. 1997.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Technical Assistance for Local Government in Mississippi. panelist, Mississippi ASPA Chapter Annual Conference, 1982.

Managing Mass Transit in a Section 18 Community, panelist, Mississippi Public Transit Association Annual Conference, 1983.

Mayor-Council Form of Government in Mississippi: The Verdict is Out, panelist. Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, 1989.

Local Government Reform, panelist, Hattiesburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Leadership for a New Century program. 1990.

Recreation Development in the Flood Plain: The Hidden Community Asset, panelist, Southeastern Conference of the National Recreation and Park Association, 1990.

Mississippi Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, member, 1990-1994.

Interlocal Cooperation. Presentation to the annual meeting of the Mississippi Local Government Management Association, 1991.

ICMA National Workshop on Ethics, state association representative, 1991.

Annexation in Mississippi: The Hattiesburg Decision. Presentation to the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Mississippi Municipal Association. 1992

Public Policy Education. Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, 1992.

Expert Witness before the Mississippi Public Service Commission regarding the granting of a franchise to a rural water district abutting the city limits of Greenville, Mississippi.

Strategic Solution Workshop on Municipal Court Fine Collections: City of Meridian, Mississippi, 1993.

Title V Fee Demonstration Cost and Analysis. Presentation, Mississippi Manufacturers Association. 1993.

Neighborhoods in the Livable Community. Livable Communities Conference, Meridian, Mississippi, 1993.

City Halls and Neighborhoods—the Key Public-Private Partnership. Neighborhoods USA National Conference, 1993.

Neighborhood Improvement. Mississippi Municipal Association Annual Conference, 1993.

Mississippi Title V Fee Demonstration: Commission on Environmental Quality, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, 1993.

Neighborhood Watch: First Step in Neighborhood Development. City of Clinton, Mississippi. 1994.

Human Resource Management for the 90's. County Road Manager training program, Center for Technology Transfer, Jackson State University, 1994.

Effective Local Government. Hattiesburg Area Development Partnership. Leaders for a New Century Program, 1994.

Public Policy Formulation—the State Legislative Process. State of Mississippi. Certified Public Management Program. 1995.

Post-Bureaucratic Paradigm. Mississippi State Executive Development Institute, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi State University, 1994-1998.

Mississippi Small Town Development Act. National League of Cities, State Municipal League Directors Summer Workshop, 1995.

Dynamics of Small Town Survival. Mississippi Rural Development Council, 1995.

Working with City Hall. Mississippi Urban Forestry Conference, 1995.

Disjointed Incrementalism—Federal and State Small Town Policy Making. Mississippi Economic Development Council, 1996.

Devolution and the Small Town. Mississippi Association of Planning and Development Districts Annual Meeting, 1996.

Planning for Neighborhoods. American Planning Association National Leadership Conference and Four-State Conference, 1996.

Enterprise-Wide Computing for Local Governments. The World Bank, Washington, D.C., 1999.

The Future of Local Government. The Wyoming Association of Municipalities, 1999.

Municipal Leadership Challenges. Mississippi Municipal League, 1999.

Technology Enterprise Opportunities. National League of Cities, State League Directors Summer Workshop, 1999.

Innovation in Municipal Government Awards, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, 2001.

Municipal Organization. Mississippi Municipal League, 2001.

Hurricane Katrina Recovery. G & T Cooperatives, Finance and Accounting Meeting, 2006.

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mississippi Water Resources Planning Task Force, 1988-1989.

Pine Belt Regional Solid Waste Authority, Chairman, 1989-1992.

Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Board, 1994-1998.

Governor's Task Force on Water and Wastewater, 1994-1998.

Mississippi Main Street Board of Directors, 1994-1999

Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Board of Directors, 1997-1999

Census 2000 State Complete Count Committee, 1998-1999

Harrison County 911 Commission, 2002-2004.

Forrest County Industrial Park Commission, 2005 to present

John C. Stennis Institute of Government Advisory Council, 2005 to present

MPPA Advisory Committee, Mississippi State University, 2002 to present

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners

American Society for Public Administration

Mississippi Economic Development Council

Omicron Delta Kappa, The University of Southern Mississippi

Pi Alpha Alpha, Mississippi State University Chapter

HONORS AND AWARDS

Eagle Scout

Local Public Administrator of the Year, Mississippi ASPA Chapter, 1983.

City Employee of the Year, Hattiesburg Jaycees, 1982.

National Distinguished Service Award, Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America

Mississippi ASPA Chapter, Presidential Citation

Alpha Tau Omega, Alumni of the Year, The University of Southern Mississippi.

REFERENCES

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