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**A C A D E M I C B A C K G R O U N D**

**PhD (1988) Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA**

**MA (1978) Political Science, Ball State University, Muncie, IN**

**BA (1971) European History and Comparative Politics, Ball State University/**

**Butler University**

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| **2001-2014** | **Department Chair**  **Department of Political Science** | **Western Washington University**  **Bellingham, Washington** |
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| **2013-Present** | **Faculty Director**  **Palliative Care Initiative**  **Nursing Completion Program**  **Woodring College of Education** | **Western Washington University**  **Bellingham, Washington** |
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| **2005-2015** | **Ralph Munro Distinguished Professor of Civic Education and Director of the Munro Institute** | **Department of Political Science**  **Western Washington University**  **Bellingham, Washington** |
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| **2014-Present** | **Professor**  **Department of Political Science** | **Western Washington University**  **Bellingham, Washington** |
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| **1995-2014** | **Associate Professor**  **Department of Political Science** | **Western Washington University**  **Bellingham, Washington** |
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| **1989-1995** | **Assistant Professor**  **Department of Political Science** | **Western Washington University**  **Bellingham, Washington** |
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| **1988-1989** | **Acting Assistant Professor**  **Department of Political Science** | **University of Washington**  **Seattle, Washington** |
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| **1984-1985** | **Research Fellow** | **InterStudy Health Policy Studies Institute**  **Minneapolis, Minnesota.** |
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| **1978-1980** | **Instructor**  **Department of Political Science** | **Ball State University**  **Muncie, Indiana** |

**T E A C H I N G**

**AREAS OF ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION**

**Public Policy American Politics Women in Politics**

**WWU COURSES TAUGHT**

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| **PLSC 444** | **Administrative Internship** | **PLSC 503** | **Public Administration and Policy Core** |
| **PLSC 250** | **American Politics** | **PLSC 427** | **Public Policy and Analysis** |
| **PLSC 423** | **American Presidency** | **PLSC 521** | **Public Policy and the Future** |
| **PLSC 469** | **Feminist Political Theory** | **PLSC 431** | **Seminar in Public Policy: Marine Water Policy** |
| **PLSC 400** | **Independent Study** | **PLSC 397C** | **Special Topics in American Politics: Waterfront Development** |
| **UEP** | **Interdisciplinary Seminar in Adult Development and Aging** |  |  |
| **PLSC 417C** | **Marine Water Policy** | **PLSC 397F** | **Special Topics in Public Policy: Health Policy** |
| **PLSC 443** | **Legislative Internship** | **PLSC 417C** | **Special Topics in Public Policy: Waterfront Development** |
| **PLSC 497** | **The Munro Seminar** | **PLSC 345** | **Women and Politics** |
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**MASTER’S DEGREE AND UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES**

* **Member, Master’s Degree Comprehensive Examination Committees (4-6 yearly)**
* **Master’s Degree and Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees (served on or chaired)**

**ACADEMIC YEAR NUMBER AND COMMITTEE**

**2012 – Present Three MA Thesis Committees (chair of one)**

**2011 – 2012 Two MA Thesis Committees (chair of one)**

**2010 – 2011 Two MA Thesis Committees (chair of one)**

**2009 – 2010 Two MA Thesis Committees (chair of one)**

**2008 – 2009 Two MA Thesis Committees (chair of one)**

**2001 – 2002 Two University Honors Program Theses**

**2000 – 2001 One University Honors Program Thesis**

**1999 – 2000 One University Honors Program Thesis**

**GRANTS AND PROFESSIONAL LEAVE**

**WWU Bureau for Faculty Research Grants: 2009 ($5000), 2006 ($1000), 2005 ($1,250), 2004 ($1500), 2003 ($1000)**

**Professional Leave: “The Changing Character of Political Ambition Among Women Office Holders,” two quarters of leave awarded for 1998 – 1999 academic year**

**Gerontology Program Development Grant: “Integrating Gerontology to the Curriculum at Western,” (1997: $9000 shared with members of the Gerontology Advisory Committee and the Office of the Provost, Western Washington University)**

**Education Grant, St. Luke’s Hospital, Bellingham, WA (1995: $1000)**

**HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS**

**External Reviewer for the Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota at Duluth, 2008**

**University Representative, “Colloquium on National and Community Service,” Washington, DC, January 12-13, 1995**

**Co-Chair and Participant, Program Advisory Committee in Gerontology, WWU Extended Programs (1995 – 1998)**

**Co-Chair, University Commission on Women, WWU (1990 – 1996)**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Hybrid Education Certification, Western Washington University Center for Instructional Innovation (2012)**

**S C H O L A R L Y A C T I V I T Y**

**R E F E R E E D P U B L I C A T I O N S**

**Edited VolumeS**

**Voices of a New Century: A Feminist Anthology (Sara Weir and Constance Faulkner, editors). Boston: Allyn and Bacon, October, 2003.**

**Book Chapters**

**“Argentina’s Women Leaders: Past, Present and Future,” chapter in Women as Political Leaders, Michael A. Genovese and Janie Steckenrider (Editors), March, 2013.**

**“Fulfilling the Promise: From Governor Ladies to Chief Executives and Beyond,” in Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders? 5th Edition, Lois Duke Whitaker (Editor), California: Prentice-Hall, August 2010.**

**“Women Governors in the 21st Century: the Emergence of the Charismatic Outsider,” in Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders? 4th Edition, Lois Duke Whitaker (Editor), California: Prentice-Hall, February 2005.**

**"Feminist Theory," in Ideology and Political Life, 3rd Edition, Kenneth Hoover (Editor) New York: Wadworth Press. August 2000,**

**"The Feminist Face of State Executive Leadership: Women as Governors," in Women in Politics: Outsiders or Insiders? 3rd Edition, Lois Duke Whitaker (Editor), California: Prentice-Hall, November 1998.**

**“Women as Governors: State Executive Leadership with a Feminist Face?” in Women in Politics: Insiders and Outsiders, 2nd Edition, Lois Lovelace Duke (Editor), California: Prentice-Hall, November 1995.**

**“Perónisma: Isabel Perón and Politics of Argentina,” in Women as National Leaders, Michael Genovese (Editor), California: Sage Publications, 1993.**

**“Attitudes, Preferences and Policy Change in Long-term Care,” in Family Support and Long Term Care, Minnesota: Interstudy, Health Policy Studies Institute, 1984.**

**“Unwrapping the Blanket Primary,” (co-authored with Richard C. Kelley) in The Politics of Sub-national Governance, Joseph Zimmerman and Deidre Zimmerman (Editors), New York: University Press, 1983. (Reprinted from invited essay in Washington Public Policy Notes, 1981)**

**Book Reviews**

**Kathleen Dolan, Voting For Women (Boulder Co: Westview Press, 2003) in Perspectives on Politics, Summer 2004.**

**Susan Heckman, Moral Voices: Carol Gilligan and Feminist Moral Theory (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1995) in American Political Science Review, June 1996.**

**Sue Thomas, “How Women Legislate” (New York: Oxford University Press, 1994). In Policy Currents. November, 1994.**

**Winnie Tom (Editor), “The Effects of Feminist Approaches on Research Methodologies.” Ontario, Canada: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1989, in Women and Politics, Summer, 1993.**

**CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION**

**Presenter and Invited Participant, Northwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. December 2008. “Performance of Women in 2008 Election,” in “Women in Politics,” Roundtable Discussion. Portland, OR.**

**Invited Participant, Symposium on the First Woman President. March 2005. “The Charismatic Outsider: The Pathway to the Presidency for Women?” Sienna College, Albany New York.**

**Presenter, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. March 2004. “Widening the Bottleneck: Women, Charisma and the Governorship,” Portland OR.**

**Discussant and Chair, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. March 2003. “Gubernatorial Contests,” Denver CO.**

**Discussant and Chair, Pacific Northwest Political Science Association. October 2002. “Feminist Theory in the New Century,” Bellevue, WA.**

**Presenter and Discussant, American Political Science Association. September 2000. "The Spirit of Olmstead,” San Francisco, CA.**

**Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 1998. "Institutional Effects of Representation," Boston, MA.**

**Western Political Science Association Meeting. March 1997. “The Governorship as a Pathway to the Presidency for Women: A Four Stage Model,” Tucson, AZ.**

**American Political Science Association. September 1995. “Women and State Executive Leadership: A Pathway to the Presidency?” Chicago, IL.**

**Western Social Science Association. April 1994. “Caregiving and Everyday Resistance,” Albuquerque, NM.**

**American Political Science Association. September 1992. “Social Autonomy and Chronic Disability: Caregivers as Guides to Policy Reform,” Chicago, IL.**

**Western Political Science Association. March 1991. “Perónism: Isabel Perón and the Politics of Argentina,” Seattle, WA.**

**American Political Science Association Meeting. September, 1990. “Reconsidering Qualitative Research: Long Interviews, Focus Groups and Participant Observation.” San Francisco, CA.**

**Presentations**

**Instructor/moderator, “Governance in Challenging Economic Times,” Munro Seminar, June 2012 (available TVW archives, Munro Institute)**

**Instructor/moderator, “Governance in Challenging Economic Times,” Munro Seminar, June 2011 (available TVW archives, Munro Institute)**

**Moderator, “Free Speech in Public Schools,” guest speaker, Mary Beth Tinker, Munro Seminar, April, 2010.**

**Moderator, “Local Candidate Debate,” Munro Institute for Civic Education, Bellingham City Council chambers, November 2010.**

**Invited Speaker, “Healing Healthcare: Where Do We Go from Here?” YWCA, Bellingham, WA, November 2009**

**Panelist, "Presidential Electoral College vs. Nat'l Popular Vote,” forum is sponsored by League of Women Voters of Bellingham/Whatcom County and the Whatcom County Republican, Democratic and Libertarian Parties. October 2009**

**Moderator, “The role of the court system in American society,” forum sponsored by the Ralph Munro Institute for Civic Education, the Whatcom Bar Association and the city of Bellingham. September 2009.**

**Invited Speaker, “This Little Light of Mine: Finding My Voice as a Cancer Survivor.” Memorial Ceremony, Western Students Against Cancer, Relay for Life, May 2007.**

**Invited Speaker, “Women and Poverty,” YWCA Social Issues Series, Bellingham, WA, September 2005**

**Invited Speaker, Annual Leadership Breakfast, YWCA, Bellingham, WA, May 2005**

**Invited Guest Commentator, KVOS TV Channel 12, Bellingham, WA, Presidential Election Coverage, November and December, 2004 and 2008**

**Invited Guest Commentator, KGMI Radio, Bellingham, WA, Presidential Election Coverage, November and December, 2004 and 2008**

**Invited Guest Commentator, KUOW Radio, Seattle, NPR, Presidential Election Coverage, November and December, 2004.**

**“When Are You Coming to See Me?” Western Washington University, Turning Points Lecture Series, January, 2003.**

**P O L I C Y, P R O G R A M AND L E A D E R S H I P**

**WWU POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

**Faculty Director, Palliative Care Initiative (2013 – Present)**

**Director, Ralph Munro Institute (2005 – 2015)**

**Member, Political Theory Search Committee (2004 – 2005 and 2007 – 2008)**

**Chair, Department of Political Science (2001 – 2014)**

**Chair, Personnel Committee (2001 – 2014)**

**Chair, Budget Committee (2001 – 2014)**

**Member, Legislative Intern Committee (2000 – 2014)**

**Internship Coordinator (1993 – 2010)**

**Legislative Internship Committee (1990 – 2014)**

**Social Science Education Advisor for Political Science (1989 – 2004)**

**WWU COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

**Member, Dean and Chairs Council (2001 – 2014)**

**Member, Faculty Senate (2013 – Present)**

**Member, Special Committee on the status of the Women’s Studies program (2011)**

**Member, Special Committee on the status of the Music Library (2010)**

**Member, Departmentally Related Activities Council (DRAC) (2009 – 2014)**

**Member, Cold Beverage Committee (2005 – 2009)**

**Member, Graduate Council (2003)**

**Member, DAC Steering Committee (2002 – 2007 and 2009 – 2011)**

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

**American Political Science Association**

**Western Political Science Association**

**Western Political Science Association Women’s Caucus**

**Pacific Northwest Political Science Association**

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

**Manuscript reviewer, American Political Science Review, Ethnic Studies Review and The Political Research Quarterly**

**Manuscript reviewer, Lynne Rienner Publishers**

**Manuscript reviewer, McGraw-Hill Publishers**