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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, 2000, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

M.A., Political Science, 1997, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

B.A., Political Science, 1993, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Honors

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Administrative Appointments

Chair, Political Science, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, July 2012-present

The department's programs include an undergraduate major and minor in political science and an undergraduate minor in geography. The department also provides all core faculty members for the master of public administration program and makes substantial contributions to the master of environmental studies program. Specific duties and outcomes include:

- Led creation and adoption of departmental by-laws
- Created department's "Intellectual Life Committee" to coordinate department's guest speakers and Convocation of Majors Event
- Led efforts to finalize and adopt department's first Tenure and Promotion Guidelines
- Reorganized office to provide better customer service to department's constituents
- Led hiring and training of new administrative coordinator in department
- Enhanced department's social media presence, creating department Facebook and LinkedIn pages
- Helped move department newsletter from print to online
- Created new faculty mentoring program to provide support to tenure-track faculty
- Hired student workers to provide additional administrative support to faculty
- Led department's efforts to rework learning outcomes and create a new mission statement
- Created ad hoc "Student Recruitment and Retention Committee" to develop a more systematic approach to student recruitment and retention
- Collaborated with Communication Department to coordinate College's "Bully Pulpit Series" which included visits by presidential candidates
- Hosted and coordinated the 2015 Charleston Mayoral Debate which was broadcast live on WCIV-TV ABC News 4
- Created alumni mentorship program to connect students with alumni mentors

Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, June 2011-June 2012

As Interim Dean, I oversaw 11 academic departments, 5 interdisciplinary majors, and 8 interdisciplinary programs. The College includes approximately 2,000 undergraduate majors and graduate students and 180 fulltime faculty.

Faculty Athletics Representative, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, April 2003-June 2012

As the Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR), I report directly to the chancellor and serve as the liaison between the faculty and the Department of Athletics. I represent the university as the voting member at Southern Conference meetings and serve as an ex-officio member of the University Athletics Committee. Specific duties and outcomes include:

- Selection by NCAA Management Council as a member of the NCAA Honors Committee and served as chair in 2009-2010
- Member of steering committee for successful NCAA Self-Study
- Chair of search for Western Carolina University Director of Athletics
- Elected Vice-President of the Southern Conference in 2009 and President in 2011
- Member of search committee for Southern Conference Commissioner
- Member of numerous search committees for coaching and administrative positions in the Department of Athletics
- Work with student-athletes to apply for and receive post-graduate scholarships
- Creation of post-graduate scholarships website for student athletes
- Chair of the Southern Conference Graduate Scholarship Committee, redesign of procedures
- Active participation in Southern Conference committee work that included membership on Finance, Investment, Cross Country, Television, Constitution & Bylaws, and Graduate Scholarship committees
- Design and implementation of online student-athlete satisfaction survey
- Attendance at weekly management team meetings for the Department of Athletics
- Membership on the Athletics Hall of Fame Committee

Department Head, Political Science and Public Affairs. Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, January 2008-June 2011

As Department Head, I supervised 15 full-time and part-time faculty and an administrative support specialist. The department has approximately 100 undergraduate majors and 50 graduate Master of Public Affairs students. The department includes the MPA degree, the BA and BS in Political Science, a minor in political science, and a minor in international studies. The department also includes the Public Policy Institute and the Local Government Training Program. Specific duties and outcomes include:

- Implementation of the university's Quality Enhancement Plan as a pilot department
- Service on the College of Arts and Sciences Department Head Council
- Led redesign of department Collegial Review Document
- Engaged department in proactive planning process
- Organized departmental newsletter for alumni
- Maintained relationships with alumni and departmental financial supporters
- Created departmental teaching committee to review and improve instruction

- Created departmental recruitment committee to increase the quality and quantity of students in our undergraduate and graduate program
- Budget officer for the department
- Founded departmental Political Science Club
- Worked with students on Political Palooza Event
- Redesigned department's Portfolio Course
- Hired full-time and part-time faculty members
- Spearheaded department's assessment initiatives
- Organized student trip to Washington, D.C.

Associate Dean, Graduate School and Research. Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, July 2005-December 2007

I served as the chief operations officer for the Graduate School and reported directly to the Dean. My areas of responsibility included marketing and promotions, student recruitment, student services, admissions, curriculum development and review, academic policy development, and Banner operations. I analyzed, evaluated, and created policies/procedures to improve management functions throughout the Graduate School. I worked independently in a decision-making environment based upon data and policy and supervised six employees. Specific duties and outcomes included:

- Management of continued enrollment growth in Graduate School
- Creation of recruitment plan and management of recruitment budget for Graduate School
- Collaboration with program directors on recruitment activities
- Development of plan to provide recruitment dollars directly to program directors
- Creation of online graduate student orientation
- Development of new procedures for processing applications
- Redesign of admission categories for Graduate School
- Development of new Graduate School information booklet
- Worked with public relations to develop consistent publications for every graduate program
- Successful coordination of Banner implementation for unit, serving as functional lead
- Creation of a Technology Applications Analyst position in the Graduate School
- Primary author of Graduate School's SACS standards, member of SACS Compliance Committee
- Successful planning and implementation of the Graduate Research Symposium
- Design and implementation of Graduate School customer satisfaction survey
- Redesign and maintenance of the Graduate School website
- Service on university strategic planning committee
- Implementation of comprehensive prospect management and online application software

Master of Public Affairs Director, Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, North Carolina, January 2003-June 2005

As the Master of Public Affairs (MPA) program director, I managed the graduate program and served as the advisor and primary contact person for over 50 graduate students. Specific duties and outcomes include:

- Successful external review during the 2004-2005 academic year
- Management of enrollment management functions for program
- Creation of updated recruitment strategies for program
- Management of MPA budget

- Creation and implementation of curriculum changes including the development of new courses

Faculty Positions

Professor (with tenure), Political Science, College of Charleston, 2012-present

Professor (with tenure), Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University, 2011-2012

Associate Professor (with tenure), Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University, 2006-2011

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Political Science and Public Affairs, Western Carolina University, 2000-2006

Instructor, Emory University, Department of Political Science, 1997-1998

COURSES TAUGHT

American Government and Politics (undergraduate)
 Political Analysis (undergraduate)
 Active Citizenship: Making a Difference in Your Community (undergraduate)
 State and Local Government (undergraduate)
 The Presidency (undergraduate)
 Revitalizing Urban Neighborhoods (undergraduate)
 Portfolio (undergraduate)
 Campaigns and Elections (undergraduate)
 Doing Research in Politics (undergraduate)
 Public Administration (undergraduate/online)
 Regional Identity and Politics (undergraduate/graduate)
 Southern Politics (undergraduate/graduate)
 American Political Parties (undergraduate/graduate)
 Research Methods for Public Affairs (graduate)
 Budgetary Processes (graduate)
 Managing Financial Resources (graduate)
 Research and Quantitative Methods for Public Administration (graduate)

SCHOLARLY WORK

Books

Cooper, Christopher and H. Gibbs Knotts. *The Resilience of Southern Identity: Why the South Still Matters in the Minds of its People*, Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming.

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- Cooper, Christopher A., H. Gibbs Knotts, and C. Don Livingston. 2010. "Appalachian Identity and Policy Opinions." *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, 16: 26-41.
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Huffman, Scott H., H. Gibbs Knotts, and Seth C. McKee. "Minority Republicans in the Palmetto State." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2015.

Cooper, Christopher A., and H. Gibbs Knotts. "The Bluest Red State in America: Exploring North Carolina's Political Past, Present, and Future." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2014.

Cooper, Christopher A., and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Appointed Senators: Treadmill to Oblivion or Elevator to Power." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2014.

Cooper, Christopher A., and H. Gibbs Knotts. "The Resilience of Southern Identity." Presented at the Southern American Studies Association, February 2013.

Cooper, Christopher A., and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Who's a Southerner?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2013.

Cooper, Christopher A., and H. Gibbs Knotts, and Hope Alwine. "Surveying the South: Revisiting the Southern Focus Poll in 2011." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2012.

Cooper, Christopher A., H. Gibbs Knotts, and Hope Alwine. "What's in a Name? The Search for Meaning in 'Southern' and 'Dixie' Business Names." Presented at the North Carolina Political Science Association, February 2011.

Cooper, Christopher, and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Love 'Em or Hate 'Em: Opinions of Southerners between 1964 and 2008." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2010.

Cooper, Christopher, Katy Elders, and H. Gibbs Knotts. "The Geography of Social Identity in Appalachia." Presented at the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 2010.

Cooper, Christopher, H. Gibbs Knotts, and C. Don Livingston. "Overlapping Identities: Investigating the Causes and Consequences of Social Identity in the South." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2008.

Cooper, Christopher, Moshe Hapsel, and H. Gibbs Knotts. "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Voterfiles for State Politics Research." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2008.

Cooper, Christopher, Moshe Hapsel, and H. Gibbs Knotts. "The Impact of Diverse Contexts on Racial Attitudes: Evaluating Threat and Contact among Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 2007.

Knotts, H. Gibbs. "Using Technology to Recruit and Retain Graduate Students." Presentation at the Faculty Enrichment and Education Day (FEED), Western Carolina University, February 21, 2007.

Cooper, Christopher and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Voice of the People: Analyzing Letters to the Editor in American Newspapers." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2005.

Cooper, Christopher and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Beyond Dixie: Region, Race, and Support for the South Carolina Confederate Flag." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 2005.

Cooper, Christopher and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Defining Dixie: Searching for a Better Measure of the Modern Political South." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2004, and the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 2004.

Abramowitz, Alan I. and H. Gibbs Knotts. "Ideological Realignment in the U.S. Electorate: A Comparison of Northern and Southern White Voters in the Pre-Reagan, Reagan, and Post-Reagan Eras." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2004.

Knotts, H. Gibbs and Moshe Haspel. "The Impact of Neighborhood Change on Voter Turnout." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003.

Knotts, H. Gibbs. "Grassroots Republicanism: Local Level Office holding in North Carolina." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Political Science Association, March 2003.

Abramowitz, Alan I., Susan Allen, H. Gibbs Knotts, and Kyle L. Saunders. "Racial Attitudes, Ideology, and the Rise of Republican Identification Among Southern Whites, 1982-2000." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2002.

Haspel, Moshe and H. Gibbs Knotts. "The Cost of Voting Revisited." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2002.

Knotts, H. Gibbs. "Majoring in Political Science: A Competitive Choice in an Information-Based Economy." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2001.

Knotts, H. Gibbs and Michael J. Rich. "Does Civic Community Make a Difference: The Impact of Social Capital on Neighborhood Investment." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 1999.

Knotts, H. Gibbs. "Revitalizing Urban Neighborhoods: Civic Traditions in Modern Atlanta." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, October 1998.

Knotts, H. Gibbs. "Social Capital and Community Development Corporations: Vehicles for Neighborhood Revitalization?" Presented at the 1997 Aspen Doctoral Seminar and The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 1997.

Knotts, H. Gibbs and Eleanor C. Main. "Teaching Ph.D. Students to Teach Political Science: The Emory TATTO Program." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 1997.

Knotts, H. Gibbs. "Suburbia: The Key to the Republican Realignment in the South?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 1995.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Board of Governor's Teaching Award, Western Carolina University, 2009-2010, gave commencement address at 2010 Graduate School Commencement.

University Scholar, Western Carolina University, 2009-2010.

North Carolina Civic Education Consortium/Z Smith Reynolds Foundation, 2009, grant award of \$6,000 to support youth engagement event.

Summer Research Grant, Western Carolina University, 2005, \$5000 to support research on "Letters to the Editor."

Finalist, Dean's Graduate Program Director Award, Western Carolina University, 2004-2005.

Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, Western Carolina University, 2003-2004

Teaching-Research Award, Research and Graduate Studies, Western Carolina University, 2003-2004

Finalist, College of Arts and Sciences Teaching Award, Western Carolina University, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005

Finalist, Hunter Scholar, Western Carolina University, 2002-2003

Olympic Torchbearer, Asheville, NC, December 2001

Research Grant, The Horowitz Foundation, 2001. Grant award of \$2,000 to support research.

Doctoral Dissertation Grant, The Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, 1997-1998. Grant award of \$20,000 to support dissertation research.

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Emory University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Fall 1997 and Spring 1998. Awarded in university-wide competition to recognize excellence in teaching.

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, The Aspen Institute Doctoral Seminar and The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, December 3-6, 1997.

Carl Pforzheimer Fellowship, National Civic League Annual Conference on Governance, Atlanta, Georgia, 1993.

James H. Weaver Post Graduate Scholarship, presented by the Atlantic Coast Conference, 1993.

Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1993.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Faculty Distance Education (DE) Readiness Course, Spring 2014.

Faculty Technology Institute, College of Charleston, Summer 2013

Boyer Retreat, Facilitator, Summer 2011

Summer Institute for Teaching and Learning, Summer 2011

Harvard University's Management Development Program, Summer 2007

Council of Graduate Schools, Summer Workshop, 2006

Management and Supervisory Essentials (MASE) training, Western Carolina University, 2005

E-Learning Retreat, Western Carolina University, 2004

Level I and Level II WebCT Instructor, Western Carolina University, 2004

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Summer 1994 and Summer 1995

COMMITTEE SERVICE

College of Charleston

Faculty Curriculum Committee, Chair (2015-present)

Distance Education Steering Committee (2015-present)

Master of Public Administration Admissions Committee (2012-2015)

Geography Committee (2013-2015)

Department of History Tenure and Promotion Panel (2013-2014)

Faculty Research and Development Committee (2012-2013)

Western Carolina University

North Carolina Internship Council (2009-2011)

North Carolina Political Science Association, Executive Committee (2009-2011)

Southern Conference, President (2011-2012)

Southern Conference, Vice President (2009-2011)
Southern Conference, Finance Committee (2009-2012)
Southern Conference, Investment Committee (2009-2012)
University Merit Pay Process Review Task Force (2008-2009)
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2008-2009)
Political Science and Public Affairs, MPA Director Search Committee (2008-2009)
Political Science and Public Affairs, International/Comparative Search Committee (2008-2009)
Political Science and Public Affairs, Recruitment Committee (2008-2011)
Political Science and Public Affairs, Teaching Committee (2008-2011)
College of Arts and Sciences, Department Head Council (2008-2011)
University Tenure and Promotion Committee (2008-2011)
Political Science and Public Affairs, Public Administration Search Committee (2007-2008)
University, Institutional Research and Planning Director Search, Chair (2008)
Educational Outreach, Distance Learning Advisory Committee, (2007)
Center for Entrepreneurship Director Search Committee, (2007)
University Football Task Force (2007)
Southern Conference, Television Committee (2006-2007)
University, Graduate Council (2005-2007)
NC TEACH Advisory Committee (2005-2007)
University Banner Implementation Committee (2005-2007)
College of Education and Allied Professionals, Professional Education Council (2005-2007)
NCAA Honors Committee (2005-2009), Chair (2009)
University, Hall of Fame Committee (2006-2012)
Southern Conference, Nominations and Bylaws Revision Committee (2005-2012)
University Jacob Medford Service Learning Scholarship Committee, Chair (2005-2008)
Southern Conference, Ad-hoc Committee on Sportsmanship and Service, Chair (2005-2006)
University Graduation Fair Committee (2005-2006)
University SACS Compliance Committee, (2005-2007)
Southern Conference, Graduate Scholarship Committee (2003-2008), Chair (2004-2008)
Southern Conference, Cross Country Committee (2003-2012)
University Athletics Committee (2003-2012)
Educational Outreach, Associate Dean Search Committee (2006)
Educational Outreach, Director of Military Education Search Committee (2006)
University International Recruitment Subcommittee (2005-2006)
University Enrollment Management Committee (2005-2006), Steering Committee (2005-2006)
University Academic Problems Committee, Chair (2005)
Southern Conference, Commissioner Search Committee (2005)
University Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness Search Committee (2005)
University First Year Cabinet (2004-2005)
University Graduation Committee (2004-2005)
University Director of Athletics Search Committee, Chair (2004)
University Strategic Planning Committee (2003-2006)
University Athletics Department Self Study Steering Committee (2003-2004)
University Athletics Department Self Study Gender and Minority Equity Committee (2003-2004)
Faculty Marshal for University Commencement Exercises (2002-2005), Chief Marshal (2005)
College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Advisory Committee (2002-2005)
University Microgrant Committee (2002-2005), Chair (2004-2005)
University Benefits Committee (2002)
University Jail Safety Summit Planning Committee (2002-2003)
University Service Learning Advisory Committee (2002-2003)
College of Arts and Sciences, Strategic Planning Committee (2002-2005)

Political Science and Public Affairs, American Politics Search Committee (2002-2003)
College of Arts and Sciences, General Education Committee (2001-2002)
College of Arts and Sciences, Student Recruitment Committee (2001-2002)
Political Science and Public Affairs, Constitutional Law Search Committee (2001-2002)
Political Science and Public Affairs/Center for Regional Development, Polling and Public Administration Search Committee (2001-2002)
University Search Committee for Director of Local Government Relations (2001-2002)
University Scholarship Committee (2000-2001)
College of Education and Allied Professions Incentive Fund Committee (2000-2002)
Political Science and Public Affairs, Department Head Search Committee (2000-2001)
Political Science and Public Affairs, Pre-law Advisor (2000-2002)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

External reviewer for departments at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (Fall 2015) and Auburn University at Montgomery (Spring 2015), member of V.O. Key Award's Committee given to the best book in Southern politics (2013-2014), Executive Committee North Carolina Political Science Association (2010-2011), and reviewer for journals and book publishers including the *American Politics Research*, *American Review of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Journal of Politics*, *Longman Publishers*, *Oxford University Press*, *Political Behavior*, *Politics & Policy*, *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Public Performance and Management Review*, *Urban Affairs Review*.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentations to groups including Charleston Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Charleston, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina Local Government Budget Association, Second Home Symposium, North Carolina Retired School Personnel, WCU Alumni in Albermarle, Sylva Rotary, Brevard Rotary, John Locke Foundation, City Lights Books, Quail Ridge Books, Haywood Community College, Mayland Community College, Western Carolina University Foundation Board, and Leadership Highlands.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Frequent contributor to media outlets including the BBC, France24, Global TV News (Canada), Al Jazeera American, Agence France-Presse, National Public Radio, FOX News, FOX Business, MSNBC, KUT News, CNN.com, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Boston Globe, the Boston Herald, Newsweek, USA Today, The Washington Post, the National Journal, U.S. News & World Report, the Christian Science Monitor, McClatchy, Reuters, the Associated Press, the Washington Examiner, the News & Observer, the Asheville Citizen-Times, the Smoky Mountain News, The Post and Courier, Charleston City Paper, The State, the Weekly Surge, the Augusta Chronicle, WLOS-Asheville, WCSC-Charleston, WTAT-Charleston, WCIV-Charleston, WCBD-Charleston, and others.