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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Florida State University (2002)
Department of Political Science

Dissertation :Politics of Fresh Water Resources. Ph.D. dissertation, The Florida State University, 2002.

M.S., Florida State University (1998)
Department of Political Science

M.A., University of Akron (1996)
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B.A. University of Akron (1994)
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ACADEMIC AWARDS

2000 George W. Pruet Jr. Award winner for paper entitled "Water Scarcity and the Opportunity and Willingness of States to Engage in Violent Conflict." The award is given by the Florida State Department of Political Science and recognizes the best graduate student paper of the year.

1999 Clogg Scholarship Recipient at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.

1999 Advanced Teaching Certificate from Program of Instructional Excellence.

1998 Program Scholar at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.

1998 Florida State University Department of Political Science Scholarship to attend the 1998 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Lamar University, 2008 to present
Assistant Professor, Lamar University: 2002 to 2008
Instructor, Florida State University: 1998 to 2002
Research Assistant, Florida State University: 1998 to 2002
Teaching Assistant, Florida State University: 1996-1997
Research Assistant, University of Akron: 1994-1996
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SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Thomas E. Sowers II and James P. Nelson. 2016. "The Timing of Presidential Scandals: The Role of Economics, Divided Government and the Media," *Open Journal of Political Science* 6, 83-94.

Paul Hensel, Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Thomas Sowers and Clayton L. Thyne. 2015 "Bones of Contention: Comparing Territorial, Maritime, and River Issues" with. 2014. In *Conflict, War, and Peace: An Introduction to Scientific Research*. Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and John A. Vasquez eds. Los Angeles: Sage.

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Hensel, Paul R., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, Thomas E. Sowers II, and Clayton Thyne. 2008. "Bones of Contention: Comparing Territorial, , Maritime and River Issues." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52(1): 117-143.

Vanderleeuw, James, and Thomas E. Sowers II. 2007 "Race, Roll-Off, and Racial Transition: The Influence of Political Change on Racial Group Voter Roll-Off in Urban Elections." *Social Science Quarterly* 88(4): 937-952.

Hensel, Paul R., Sara McLaughlin Mitchell and Thomas E. Sowers II. 2006. "Conflict Management of Riparian Disputes: A Regional Comparison of Dispute Resolution," *Political Geography* 25 (4) : 383-411.

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