

Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh – Curriculum Vitae

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Education

A.B.	University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	May 1974	Major: Political Science
M.A.	Stanford University	Dec. 1975	Major: Political Science
Ph.D.	University of California, Berkeley	Aug. 1985	Major: Political Science

Professional Appointments

Administration

2006-11 Associate Dean for the Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
1993-98 Director of the University of Connecticut's Honors Programs

Faculty Positions

1998-present Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut
1991-98 Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut
1985-91 Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Connecticut
1984-85 Visiting Lecturer, Dept. of Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis
summer 1983 Visiting Lecturer, Dept. of Political Science, University of California at Davis
spring 1983 Instructor, Dept. of Political Science, University of California at Berkeley

Teaching Subfields and Research Interests

Comparative Politics

Politics Economy
Social Movements and Political Protest
Nationalism and Nationalist Politics
Theoretical Approaches to Comparative Politics
Qualitative Methods (ethnography, paired-case strategy, comparative historical sociology....)

Political Theory

Democratic Theory
American Political Thought
Western Marxist Tradition
Political Thought in Literature, Film, and the Fine Arts

Scholarly Honors and Awards

Awards during College and Graduate School Years

University of Michigan Honors Program
 College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Class Honors 1971, 1972, 1973
 A.B. with High Distinction and Highest Honors in Political Science
 Phi Beta Kappa
 Stanford University Graduate Fellowship
 University of California Honors Society
 University of California Department of Political Science's Henry Robert Braden Graduate Fellowship
 Danforth Foundation Graduate Fellowship

Writing Awards

"John C. Donovan Prize" for best paper presented at the 1988 New England Political Science Association Meeting
 "1998 *Choice* Outstanding Academic Book Award" for Social Movements in Politics: A Comparative Study
 Chapter contributor to Edward Schatz's Political Ethnography: What Immersion Contributes to the Study of Power, winner of the 2010 "Giovanni Sartori Book Award" from the Qualitative and Multi-Methods Section of the American Political Science Association

Teaching Awards

University of Connecticut's 2005 "Teaching Fellow" Award (the most prestigious teaching award bestowed by the University of Connecticut)
 Outstanding Teaching Award 2006 (from the American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha)

Membership in Honorary Societies

Society for Values in Higher Education
 Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences
 Who's Who in American Education (also, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in America, and Who's Who in the World)

Scholarship

Journal Editorship

Editor-in-Chief, Polity (Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association), 2010-2015.

Authored Books

A Rebellious People: Basques, Protests, and Politics (Reno: University of Nevada Press, 1991), 260 pages.

(co-authored with John Rourke and Richard Hiskes) Direct Democracy and International Politics: Deciding International Issues through Referendums (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1992), 202 pages.

Social Movements in Politics: A Comparative Study (London and New York: Addison Wesley Longman, 1997), 269 pages.*

* Named a Choice Outstanding Academic Book

Social Movements in Politics: A Comparative Study, 2nd Edition (expanded and updated) (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), 273 pages. (This book adds to the first edition discussions of recent developments in Germany's Green, Poland's Solidarity, and Peru's Shining Path movements, and includes three previously unpublished chapters on the origins and evolution of social movements in Chiapas, Mexico.)

Edited Books

Social and Political Movements (Sage Library of Political Science) (London: Sage Publications, 2011).

Volume I: Theorizing about Movements after World War II, 421 pages.

Volume II: Emergence and Evolution of Political-Process Theory, 384 pages.

Volume III: Cultural Approaches, 391 pages.

Volume IV: Local Contexts and Global Circumstances, 430 pages.

(co-edited with Simon Stow) A Political Companion to John Steinbeck (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013), 373 pages.

Journal Articles

"Economic Changes and Surges in Micro-Nationalist Voting in Scotland and the Basque Region of Spain," Comparative Studies in Society and History 1989, 31(2): 318-39.

"Traditions of Protest and the High-School Student Movements in Spain and France in 1986-87," West European Politics 1989, 12(3): 220-37.

"Theorizing about Workplace Democracy: Robert Dahl and the Cooperatives of Mondragon," Journal of Theoretical Politics 1990, 2(1): 109-26.

"From Revolutionary Dreams to Organizational Fragmentation: Disputes over Violence within ETA and Sendero Luminoso," Terrorism and Political Violence 2002, 14(4): 66-92.

"John Steinbeck on the Political Capacities of Everyday Folk: Moms, Reds, and Ma Joad's Revolt," Polity 2004, 36(4): 595-618.

(co-authored with Marek Payerhin) "On Movement Frames and Negotiated Identities: The Case of Poland's First Solidarity Congress," Social Movement Studies 2006, 5(2): 91-115.

"Political Prophecy in Contemporary American Literature: The Left-Conservative Vision of Norman Mailer," The Review of Politics 2007, 69(4): 625-49.

"Crossing Frontiers: Theoretical Innovations in the Study of Social Movements," International Political Science Review 2008, 29(5): 525-41.

(co-authored with Amy Fried) "Preparing to Fight the Good Fight: Advice from Two Associate Deans to Faculty Friends," PS: Political Science and Politics 2009, 42(1): 149-53.

"For What Do We Cheer? Nietzsche, Moral Stands, and Social Movement Research," New Political Science 2013, 35(3): 492-506.

Book Chapters

"The Political Thought of Basque Businessmen, 1976-1980" in William A. Douglass, ed., Basque Politics: A Case Study in Ethnic Nationalism (New York: Associated Faculty Press, 1985), 265-83.

"Santiago Carrillo and Eurocommunism" in David Wilsford, ed., Political Leaders of Contemporary Western Europe (Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1995), 57-64.

"Spanish Revolution and Counter Revolution" in James Defronzo, ed., Revolutionary Movements in World History: From 1750 to the Present, Volume 3 (New York: ABC-CLIO, 2006), 824-40.

"When Nationalists Are Not Separatists: Discarding and Recovering Academic Theories While Doing Fieldwork in the Basque Region of Spain" in Edward Schatz, ed., Political Ethnography: What Immersion Contributes to the Study of Power* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009), 97-117.

*Political Ethnography was co-recipient of the 2001 "Giovanni Sartori Book Award" from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of the American Political Science Association.

"Revolutionary Conservative, or Conservative Revolutionary? John Steinbeck and The Grapes of Wrath" in Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh and Simon Stow, eds., A Political Companion to John Steinbeck (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013), 19-48.

"Retelling an American Political Tale: A Comparison of Literary, Cinematic, and Musical Versions of The Grapes of Wrath" in Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh and Simon Stow, eds., A Political Companion to John Steinbeck (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013), 268-90.

Encyclopedia Essays

“Human Rights, Ethical Analysis of and in Public Policy” in Jack Rabin, ed., The Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy (New York: Marcel Dekker, 2003), 201-205.

“Farm Workers Labor Movements” in Immanuel Ness, ed., The Encyclopedia of American Social Movements, Volume 3 (Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2004), 822-34.

“Just War” in Jack Rabin, ed., The Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy, 2nd edition (New York: Taylor & Francis, 2005), www.dekker.com, article no. 120024396, pp. 1-5.

“César Chávez and the United Farm Workers” in Immanuel Ness, ed. The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present (Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing, 2009), 660-4.

“Dolores Huerta” in Immanuel Ness, ed. The International Encyclopedia of Revolution and Protest: 1500 to the Present (Oxford, England: Blackwell Publishing, 2009), 1609-10.

“Eurocommunism” in Michael Gibbons, ed., Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Political Thought (New York: Blackwell Publishing (forthcoming)).

Book Reviews

S. Eisenstadt, L.Roniger, and A. Seligman, eds., *Centre Formation, Protest Movements, and Class Structure in Europe and the United States* for American Political Science Review 1988, 829(2): 654-55.

G. Arrighi, T. Hopkins, and I. Wallerstein, *Antisystemic Movements* and I. Wallerstein, *Modern World-System III: The Second Era of Great Expansion of the Capitalist World-Economy, 1730-1840s* for Comparative Political Studies 1991, 24(1): 133-37.

A. Markovits and P. Gorski, *The German Left: Red, Green and Beyond* for Comparative Political Studies 1995, 28(1): 155-59.

J. Medrano, *Divided Nations: Class, Politics, and Nationalism in the Basque Region and Catalonia* for Comparative Political Studies 1996, 29(5): 592-95.

D. Conversi, *The Basques, the Catalans, and Spain: Alternative Routes to Nationalist Mobilization* for American Political Science Review 2000, 94(1): 207-8.

S. Hug, *Voices of Europe: Citizens, Referendums, and European Integration* for Perspectives on Politics 2003, 1(3): 621-2.

N. Bermeo, *Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times: The Citizenry and the Breakdown of Democracy* for Comparative Political Studies 2004, 37(8): 989-93.

“Respecting Our Past” (review of M. Robbins, *Against the Vietnam War: Writings by Activists, Revised Edition*) for H-1960s, H-Net Book Reviews in the Humanities & Social Sciences March, 2008.

“Neoliberalism and Its Social-Movement Foes” (review of J. Smith, *Social Movements for Global Democracy*) for International Studies Review 2009, 11(4): 623-5.

“Rise of the Right: Exploring Conservative Movements in the United States” (reviews of Z. Munson, *The Making of Pro-Life Activists: How Social Movement Mobilization Works* and T. Fetner, *How the Religious Right Shaped Lesbian and Gay Activism*) for Social Movement Studies 2009, 8(4): 455-59.

J. Zulaika, *Terrorism: The Self-Fulfilling Prophecy* for Anthropological Quarterly 2010, 83(4): 931-36.

R. Vazquez, *Politics, Culture, and Sociability in the Basque Nationalists Party* for Perspectives on Politics 2013, 11(1): 338-9.

Research Notes, Conference Proceedings, and Other Miscellaneous Publications

“Ranking Departments: A Response to Frank Way,” PS: Political Science and Politics 1987, 20(3): 619.

“Some Quotidian Meanings of ‘Frame’ and ‘Framing’ and Some Non-Democratic Tendencies in Social-Movement Theory” in Colin Barker and Mike Tyldesley, eds., Proceedings of the Sixth International Conference on Social Movements: Alternative Futures and Political Protest, Volume II (Manchester, England: Manchester Metropolitan University, 2000), pp. 1-13.

“Losing Critical Distance: Hopes and Fears of Left Journalism in the United States and the Zapatista Movement” (co-authored with Andrew Pieper) in Colin Barker and Mike Tyldesley, eds., Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference on Social Movements: Alternative Futures and Political Protest, Volume I (Manchester, England: Manchester Metropolitan University, 2003), pp. 158-74.

“On Frames and Narratives” in the IPSA Committee on Concepts and Methods Political Methodology Working Paper Series, co-sponsored by the International Political Science Association and the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (Mexico City, Mexico), October 2009, Working Paper #21.

Conference Papers

“The Puzzling ‘Transformation’ of the Spanish State” (Third International Conference of Europeanists; Washington, DC: March 1982)

“The Asociaciones de Vecinos in the Basque Region of Spain, 1964-1980: A Study in Neighborhood Politics” (American Political Science Association Convention; New Orleans, LA: September 1985)

“Micronationalist Movements and Semi-Peripheral Economies: Early Tests of a Theory” (American Political Science Association Convention; Washington, DC: September 1986)

“Traditions of Protest: An Inquiry into the Origins of the Spanish Student Movement, 1986-1987” (American Political Science Association Convention; Chicago, IL: September, 1987)

“Theorizing about Workplace Democracy: Robert Dahl and the Cooperatives of Mondragon” (New England Political Science Association Convention; Cambridge, MA: 1988)*

***received the John C. Donovan Prize for best paper delivered at the 1988 New England Political Science Association convention.**

“Young Voters in Times of High Unemployment: The Post-Materialist Thesis Reconsidered” (American Political Science Association Convention; Atlanta, GA: September 1989)

“Power, Protest, and Industrial Decline in Glasgow, 1970-1985” (American Political Science Association Convention; San Francisco, CA: September 1990)

“Political Spectacle and Industrial Decline: Murray Edelman and the 1989 Scottish Constitutional Convention” (Western Political Science Association Convention; Seattle, WA: March 1991)

“Cultural Autonomy and Urban Political Movements: Reflections on Murray Edelman’s Theory of Political Spectacle” (Second International Workshop on Social Movement Theory; sponsored by the American Sociological Association; San Diego, CA: June 1992)

“Bridge Over Troubled Water: Social Origins of a Collective Action in Portugal” (co-authored with Michael Baum, American Political Science Association Convention; Chicago, IL: September 1995)

“Some Quotidian Meanings of ‘Frame’ and ‘Framing’ and Some Non-Democratic Prejudices in Social-Movement Theory” (Sixth International Conference on Social Movements: Alternative Futures and Political Protest; Manchester, England; April 2000)

“Moms, Reds, and Ma Joad’s Revolt: John Steinbeck on Resistance to America’s Emerging Capitalist Order” (American Political Science Association Convention; Washington, D.C., September 2000)

“How Do Social Movements Create Identities? The Politics of Framing and Poland’s First Solidarity Congress” (co-authored with Marek Payerhin; American Political Science Association; San Francisco, California; September 2001)

“How the Left Sees Distant Events: U.S. Journals and the Zapatistas” (co-authored with Andrew Pieper; Western Political Science Association Convention; Long Beach, California; March 2002)

“Comparative Politics as a Literary Genre: End of the Gothic Period?” (Western Political Science Association Convention; Denver, Colorado; March 2003)

“George and His Devils: Four Theories of Demonization and the Rhetoric of U.S. Foreign Policy” (co-authored with Patricia Triplett; New England Political Science Association Meeting; Providence, Rhode Island; May 2003)

“Negotiating with the State: Mexico’s Zapatistas and the Challenge of Articulating Social-Movement Demands” (Western Political Science Association Meeting; Portland, Oregon; March 2004)

“Tom Joad and the Evolution of American Political Culture: Revision and Revivification of Steinbeck’s Story in the Art of John Ford, Woody Guthrie, and Bruce Springsteen” (American Political Science Association Meeting; Chicago, Illinois; September 2004)

“Why Do Some Indigenous People Oppose the Zapatistas? Class Formations and the Limits of the Polity Model of Social-Movement Politics” (Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting; Boston, Massachusetts; November 2004)

“Containing Subversive Ideas: Cinematic Re-Telling of John Steinbeck’s Anti-Capitalist Tale” (Western Political Science Association Meeting; Oakland, California; March 2005)

“Politics and Hope, and Contemporary Conservative Thought: The Cases of Irving Kristol and Norman Mailer” (Western Political Science Association Meeting; Albuquerque, New Mexico; March 2006)

“Norman Mailer’s Fear of the Wad: A Neglected Conservative Critique of American Politics and Society” (Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting; Boston, Massachusetts; November 2006)

“‘Luck’ in the Redirection of Social Movement Activism: Context, Contingency and ETA’s Asambleas” (Western Political Science Association Meeting; Las Vegas, Nevada; March 2007)

“When Nationalists Are Not Separatists: Discarding and Recovering Academic Theories While Doing Fieldwork in the Basque Region of Spain” (Midwest Political Science Association Meeting; Chicago, Illinois; April 2007)

“The Anti-Individualist Vision of Garry Wills” (Midwest Political Science Association Meeting; Chicago, Illinois; April 2008)

“Garry Wills: Democratic Conservative” (Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting; Boston, Massachusetts; November 2008)

“When Democracy Turns Ugly: Steinbeck on Mobs in Modern American” (Southern Political Science Association Meeting; New Orleans, Louisiana; January 2009)

“On Frames and Narratives: Two Modes of Experiencing and Interpreting Politics” (American Political Science Association Meeting; Toronto, Canada; August 2009)

“On Frames and Narratives: Two Modes of Experiencing and Interpreting Politics” (American Political Science Association Meeting; Toronto, Canada; September 2009)

“Uncovering Meta-Narratives in Non-Narrative Exposition: New York Times Coverage of Post-Election Protests in Iran” (American Political Science Association Meeting; Washington D.C.; September 2010)

“Placing Political Pronouncements in Cultural Context: A Comparison of Ricoeur’s Theory of Narrative and Žižek’s Vision of Habit” (American Political Science Association Meeting; New Orleans, Louisiana; August 2012)

“Alternative Journalism in the United States and the Zapatista Uprising of 1994: Rediscovering Noble Savages?” (Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting; Boston, Massachusetts; November 2012)

“Taking Stands and the Study of Social Movements” (Western Political Science Association Meeting; Hollywood, California; March 2012)

“Can We Escape the Cave? Paul Ricoeur, Slavoj Žižek, and the Challenge of Seeing Ourselves Honestly” (Midwest Political Science Association Meeting; Chicago, Illinois; April 2013)

Invited Lectures

Harvard University: “Traditions of Protest and the High-School Student Movements in Spain and France in 1986-1987” (hosted by the Center for European Studies, December 1988)

Princeton University: “Basque Nationalism, Political Violence, and Social-Movement Theory” (hosted by the Department of Political Science, April 1997)

University of California at Berkeley: “The Democratic Optimism of Hanna Pitkin” (hosted by the Department of Political Science, February 1999)

University of Washington: “Towers of Babel? Theoretical Disagreements and Organizational Splits within Social Movements at the Close of the Twentieth Century” (hosted by the Departments of Political Science and Sociology, September 2002)

University at Albany, SUNY: “Taking Sides and the Study of Social Movements” (hosted by the Department of Political Science, June, 2012)

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

1. Comparative Politics

Introduction to Comparative Politics (lower-division undergraduate class)
 Economic Inequality and Political Power (upper-division undergraduate class)
 Comparative Revolutions and Revolutionary Regimes (upper-division undergraduate class)
 Comparative Political Movements (upper-division undergraduate class)

Theoretical Traditions in Comparative Politics (graduate seminar)
 Comparative Political Parties (graduate seminar)
 Class Conflict and Political Processes in Advanced Capitalist Societies (graduate seminar)
 Comparative Social Movements in an Age of Globalization (graduate seminar)

2. History of Political Thought

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought: Thucydides through Machiavelli (upper-division undergraduate class)
 Modern Political Thought: More through Nietzsche (upper-division undergraduate class)
 Western Marxism (upper-division undergraduate class)
 American Political Thought in Literature (upper-division undergraduate class)
 Senior Honors Seminar (upper-division undergraduate class)

Nature of Political Inquiry (graduate seminar)
 European Social and Political Thought in the Twentieth Century (graduate seminar)
 American Political Thought and Ideology (graduate seminar)

Doctoral Theses Supervised (primary advisor)

Katalin I. Farkas (Ph.D. 1994) “Decentralization and Democratization: The Case of Hungary”

Marek Payerhin (Ph.D. 1996) “Intellectuals in Search of a Social Movement: The Political and Strategic Choices of KOR”

Andrew L. Pieper (Ph.D. 2007) “Competing Traditions? Religion and the American Left, 1977-2000”

José Enrique Mora Torres (Ph.D. 2010) “The Political Incorporation of Pentecostals in Panama, Puerto Rico, and Brazil: A Comparative Analysis”

Selected Professional Service

Editorial Services

Editor-in-Chief

Polity (2010-2015)

Editorial Boards

New Political Science (1981-83)

Social Movement Studies (2008-13)

Reviewer of Articles for Professional Journals

American Political Science Review (twice)

Anthropological Quarterly

Comparative Politics (nine times)

Comparative Studies in Society and History (twice)

Ethnic and Racial Studies

Government and Opposition (twice)

International Political Science Review

International Studies Perspectives

International Studies Review (twice)

Mobilization (twice)

Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

New Political Science (four times)

Perspectives on Politics (twice)

Politics & Gender

Polity (thrice)

Quebec Studies

Social Movement Studies (four times)

Social Science Journal

Reviewer of Book Manuscripts for Academic Presses

Continuum Books

Manchester University Press (United Kingdom)

Prentice Hall

SUNY (State University of New York) Press

University of Nevada Press (eight times)

Westview Press (twice)

Reviewer for Grants, Programs, and Promotion Decisions

Grant Reviewer

National Endowment for the Humanities (1993-94)

National Science Foundation (2002-03)

Institute of International Education (Fulbright-Hays Program) (2006, 2007, 2011)

“External Reviewer” for Promotion-and-Tenure Cases

American University
 Arizona State University
 Notre Dame University
 Providence College (twice)
 Rutgers University
 Swarthmore College
 University at Albany, SUNY
 University of Nevada, Reno
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia

Member of External-Assessment Teams for Political Science Departments

Baruch College, The City University of New York
 University of Maine
 University at Albany, SUNY

Service within Scholarly Organizations**American Political Science Association**

Graduate Education and Professional Development Committee (later re-named the Department Services Committee), 2003-06
 Rowman & Littlefield Award for Innovative Teaching in Political Science Committee, 2002-03
 Conference Papers: 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012
 Roundtable Participant: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012
 Panel Chair: 1987, 1994, 1998, 2006
 Panel Discussant: 1993, 1994, 1998, 2001, 2008, 2010, 2011

New England Political Science Association

Executive Council, 1988-90, 1990-92
 Section organizer for annual conference: 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2010
 Conference Papers: 1988, 1995, 2002, 2003, 2005
 Panel Chair: 1989, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1999, 2010
 Panel Discussant: 1989, 1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2010

Western Political Science Association

Section organizer for annual conference: 2003, 2012
 Conference Papers: 1991, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2013
 Roundtable Participant: 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013
 Panel Chair: 1993, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2013
 Panel Discussant: 1987, 1993, 1994, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013

(In addition, have served as a panel discussant at two **Midwestern Political Science Association** meetings, three **Northeastern Political Science Association** meetings, one

Southern Political Science Association Meeting, one **Northeastern Sociological Association** meeting, and one **Social Science History Association** meeting; and have presented papers at three **Midwest Political Science Association** meetings, four **Northeastern Political Science Association** meetings, one **Southern Political Science Association Meeting**, and two **Frontiers of Social-Movement Theory** meetings, which are sponsored by the American Sociological Association)

**Selected Leadership Positions at the University of Connecticut
(does not include paid administrative positions)**

University Level

Chair of the University Senate Executive Committee, 2001-02, 2004-05, 2013-14
 Member of the University Senate Executive Committee, 2000-03, 2004-07, 2011-2014
 Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, 2008-12
 Chair of the Committee of Three (a consultative faculty committee serving the President at the final stage of promotion-and-tenure controversies and also in formal faculty grievances filed against the Administration), 2001-02, 2005-06
 Member of the Committee of Three, 1999-2002, 2003-06, 2011-2014
 Chair of the University Senate Scholastic Standards Committee, 2003-04
 Chair of the University Senate Budget Committee, 2012
 Chair of the Trustees, Administrators, Faculty, and Students (“TAFS”) Committee, 2001-02, 2004-05
 Chair of the Scholars’ Day Planning Committee, 1994-98
 Co-chair of the Nutmeg Scholarship Selection Committee, 1993-98
 Association of American University Professors (AAUP) Executive Committee, 2003-04
 Graduate Faculty Council, 1988-93
 University Senate, 1991-98, 1999-2007, 2008-14
 Undergraduate Enrollment Management Committee, 1995-97
 University Master Plan Committee, 2003-05
 President of the University of Connecticut’s Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, 2008-10

College Level

Chair of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Committee on Committees, 2000-01; and member of the CLAS Committee on Committees, 1999-2001, 2003-05
 Chair of the Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) Planning Committee, 2006-07
 Chair of Search Committee for the Director of the CLAS Social Science Research Institute, 2008
 CLAS Dean 5-Year Review Committee, 2001-02
 College Academic Strategic Plan Committee, 2005-06
 Individualized Major Oversight Committee, 1994-98
 American Studies Program Executive Committee, 2002-05
 Humanities Institute Advisory Board, 2007-09
 Human Rights Institute Advisory Board, 2007-10
 Chair of Search Committees for the Head of the English Department (2008-09), for the Head of the Economics Department (2009-10), for the Head of the Psychology Department (2010-11), for the Director of the Humanities Institute (2008-09), and for Director of the

Urban and Community Studies Program (2010-11)
Public Art Committee, 2008-10

Department Level

Political Science Executive Committee, 1986-91, 1992-96, 1997-98, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2012-13

Director of the Undergraduate Honors Program, 1988-92

Chair of the Political Science Promotion-and-Tenure Committee, 2002-03, 2012-13

Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, 2003-04

Chair of six faculty-search committees (for tenure-track positions in African-American Politics, Comparative Politics, and Latina/o Politics)