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## **I. Educational Credentials**

- Ph.D.** Political Science, Vanderbilt University, April 1996  
Qualifying examinations completed April 1994.  
Fields: American Politics, Comparative Politics.  
Dissertation: "Campaign Promises and Racial Policy: Gubernatorial Politics and School Desegregation" (Advisor: Richard Pride).
- B.A.** Political Science, The University of Alabama-Huntsville, May 1991.  
(Highest Undergraduate Achievement in Political Science)

## **II. Employment History**

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Belmont University (2003-present)  
Associate Professor of Political Science, The University of Tennessee/Martin (1996-2002)  
Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University (1992-1995)

## **III. Honors and Awards**

### **2002:**

Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching (College of Business and Public Affairs)  
Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Advising (College of Business and Public Affairs)

### **2001:**

University of Tennessee National Alumni Award for Outstanding Teaching (UT System award)  
Award for Outstanding Service (College of Business and Public Affairs)  
Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching (College of Business and Public Affairs)

### **1999:**

Outstanding Advisor Award (University-wide award)  
Outstanding Faculty in the School of Arts and Science (Student Government Association)  
Excellence in Education Award (Student Government Association)

### **1991-1998:**

Outstanding Faculty in the School of Arts and Science (Student Government Association- 1998)  
Outstanding Faculty in the School of Arts and Science (Student Government Association- 1997)  
Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year Award— Vanderbilt University (1994)  
Alpha Omicron Pi Professor of the Month (November 1996).  
J Leiper Freeman Memorial Award for Dissertation Research- VU (1996)  
Graduate Fellowship in Southern Studies- VU (1995-1996)  
Vanderbilt University Graduate fellowship (1991-1995)

## **IV. Scholarly Activity**

- May, V. 2000. "Politics, Internet Assignments, and Civic Knowledge." *College Teaching* 48(2): 43-46.
- May, V. 1999. "The Triumph of Rhetoric over Policy: Gubernatorial Politics in the American South, 1967-1972." *Southeastern Political Review* 27(3): 579-606.
- Pride, R. and V. May. 1999. "Neighborhood Schools Again? Race, Educational Interest, and Traditional Values." *Urban Education* 34(3): 389-410.
- May, V. 1999. "Cultural Politics and Professional Wrestling." *Studies in Popular Culture* 21(3): 79-93.
- May, V. 1998. "Promoting Good by Being Quiet: Racial Moderation in Tennessee, 1967-1971." *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* (56): 278-293.

## V. Professional Conferences:

- May, V. "Southern Governors in the Late Civil Rights Period: Race, Rhetoric, and Results." Presented at the National Social Science Association meeting, April 10, 2001.
- May, V. "Politics, Internet Assignments, and Civic Knowledge." Presented at the National Social Science Association meeting, March 27, 2000.
- May, V. "Cultural Politics and Professional Wrestling." Presented at the Popular Culture Association Meeting in the South, October 10, 1998.
- May, V. "The Triumph of Symbolism over Policy: Gubernatorial Politics in the American South, 1966-1972." Presented at the Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 5-6, 1998.
- May, V. "Campaign Promises and Racial Policy: Gubernatorial Rhetoric in Tennessee and Georgia." Presented at the Tennessee Conference of Historians, October 4, 1997.
- May, V. "Gubernatorial Skill and Racial Moderation." Presented at the Tennessee Political Science Association, Nashville, April 12-13, 1996.
- May, V. "The New South: Factors of Institutional Change." Panel discussant at the Southwestern Social Science Association, Dallas, March 23, 1995.

## VI. Teaching/Advising Development Activities (1996- 2002)

- Designed new course entitled "Presidential Elections in the New Millennium."  
(Team taught with Dr. Dan McDonough in Summer 2000)
- Designed Civil Rights Travel Study (Spring Semester 2000)
- Directed Senior Honors Project for Graduating Honors Students (1998-2000)
- Freshman Studies Advisor (1998-2000)
- Advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha and the Political Science Club (1996-2001)
- Faculty Advisor for Truman Scholarship (1998-2000)
- Prepared Brochures for Department:  
"Graduate School: A Manual for Undergraduate Students" (with Dr. A.C. Carls- 1998)  
"Preparing for Law School" (with Dr. Theodore Mosch- 1998)  
"Internships in Political Science" (1998)
- Faculty Multimedia Workshop (1997)
- Research Assistant: "The Second Reconstruction of Mobile: School Desegregation, Textbooks, and Voting Rights." (1997)

## VII. Courses Taught

- Graduate School** (Teaching Assistant): American Government; Congress; Ethics and Public Policy; Public Opinion and Voting Behavior.
- Assistant/Associate Professor:** American Government; Political Theory; Civil Rights Movement; American Presidency; Intergovernmental Relations; Financing Public Policy; Administrative Law.

## VIII. References

Dr. John Overby  
Chair, Management, Marketing and Political Science  
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Dr. Ted Mosch  
Professor of Political Science  
University of Tennessee at Martin  
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Dr. Dan McDonough  
Associate Professor of History  
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Dr. Richard Pride  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
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