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BA, Stanford University, 1966  
Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1972

- Outstanding Professor, San José State University, 1997-1998
- Chair, Department of Political Science, San José State University, 1994-2002.
- Executive Director, CommUniverCity San José (a service learning collaborative), 2005-2008.
- Professor of Political Science, San José State University since 1970. Specializing in state and local politics and internships.
- Austen Warburton Award for Distinguished Scholarship, College of Social Sciences, SJSU, 2007.
- Voted Professor of the Year by Political Science Class of 2006.
- Founder and Organizer, Don Edwards Lecture Series, 1995 to date (featuring speakers including Don Edwards, Norman Mineta, Barbara Boxer, Kevin Starr, Mervin Field, Gloria Steinem, Studs Terkel, Erin Brockovich, Dolores Huerta and Haynes Johnson.)
- Director, SJSU Field Work in Politics (Internships). Creation, development and supervision of extensive political internship program.
- SJSU Coordinator, Sacramento Semester Intern Program, Panetta Congressional Internship Program, SJSU Poli Sci Congressional Internship Program.
- Co-Founder, SJSU Semester in England; Director, 1992; Associate Director 1987-1990; Faculty Selection Committee 1993-2000.

- Founding Executive Director, CommUniverCity San José, 2005-2007.

### **ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Urban and Regional Planning (teaching Introduction to the City and serving on the department personnel committee), 2003 to date.
- Search Committee, Director of the Center for Service Learning, 2007.
- Search Committee, Associate Vice President for Government and Community Relations, 2006.
- Presidential Search Committee, San José State University, 2003-2004.
- Coordinator, Department of Political Science Step-to-College Unitrack Program for Mt. Pleasant High School, San José, 2002-2004.
- University Tenure and Retention Committee, 2002-2003.
- Decanal Search Committee, College of Social Sciences, 2002.
- Housing Allocation Task Force, SJSU, 2001-2002.
- Governing Board, Institute of Social Responsibility, Ethics and Education, 1999-2006
- Presidential Search Committee, San José State University, 1994.
- Decanal Search Committee, College of Social Work, 1994.
- Assistant Chairman, Department of Political Science, San José State University, 1977-1985 and 1993.

### **FUNDRAISING**

- CommUniverCity San José, 2005-2007: \$145,000.
- The Don Edwards Lecture in Politics and History: over \$82,000.
- Political Science Alumni Association: over \$5,000.
- Political Science Alumni Association Scholarship: over \$49,000.
- Political Science Alumni Network Excellence Endowment: over \$50,000.
- Washington Internship Scholarship for SJSU Poli Sci Majors: over \$110,000.
- Assisting donors for Brazil, Francis, Gilbert, Kunsman, McCraw, Rinn and Young Pol Sci Scholarships: over \$325,000.

## PUBLICATIONS

- *California Politics and Government: A Practical Approach*, with Larry N. Gerston, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2009.
- *Local Politics: A Practical Guide to Governing at the Grassroots*, Belmont: Wadsworth, 1995; Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2006 (co-authored by Tom Hogen-Esch).
- *Projecting Politics*, with Peter Haas, Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2005.
- *Recall! California's Political Earthquake*, with Larry N. Gerston, Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, February 2004.

"Throughout the summer and early fall of 2003, the world watched as California shuddered through an unprecedented political earthquake. No one watched more carefully -- or better understood what they were seeing -- than veteran political scientists Larry N. Gerston and Terry Christensen. The result is a tour de force of informed reportage that is at once instant history and political science of the highest order." -- Kevin Starr, Professor of History, University of Southern California

- *Politics in the Golden State: The California Connection*, with Larry N. Gerston, Boston: Little, Brown, 1984. Second Edition, Glenview, Illinois: Scott/Foresman, Little, Brown, 1988.
- *Reel Politics: American Political Movies from the Birth of a Nation to Platoon*, New York: Blackwell, 1987.
- *Movers and Shakers: The Study of Community Power*, with Philip J. Trounstine, New York: St. Martin's Press, 1982.
- *Reliable Sources: A Handbook for Political Research in San José and Santa Clara County*, San José: Fidelity Press, 1980 and 1991.
- *Neighbourhood Survival: The Struggle for Covent Garden*, Dorset, England: Prism, 1979.
- "Initiatives as Catalysts for Racial Politics," with Larry N. Gerston, *Racial and Ethnic Politics in California, Volume III*, eds. Bruce M. Cain and Sandra Bass, Berkeley: Institute for Governmental Studies, 2008.
- "CommUniverCity San José: Building a Partnership for Service and Learning," with Melinda Jackson, David Redlawsk and Tom Rice, eds., *Service Learning and Government Partners*, Ames, IA: University of Iowa Press, 2008.
- "San José Becomes the Capital of Silicon Valley," (a political history of San José since 1970), *An Anthology of San José: Reflections of the Past*, Encinitas, CA: Heritage Publishing, 1997.

- “*Rambo and the New Patriotism in 1980s Action Films*” in *Examining Popular Culture: Americans’ Views About War*, San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 2001.
- Chapters in Richard L. Sutter, ed., *Internationalizing the California State University*, Long Beach: CSU, 1992; D.T. Herbert and R.J. Johnston, eds., *Geography and the Urban Environment*, New York: John Wiley, 1981; Dorothy Buckton James, ed., *Analyzing Poverty Policy*, Lexington, MA: Lexington Books, 1975.
- Articles for scholarly journals: *College Teaching*, *Cities*, *The Political Quarterly* (UK), *The Californians*, *California Journal*, *The Journal of Policy Studies*, *Landscape*, *Urban Land*, *Urban Affairs Quarterly*, *Western Political Quarterly*, *Teaching Political Science*, *Publius*, *San José Studies*, *Education Concerns* (UK).
- Opinion and Op Ed Columns for *Pacific News Service*, *The Spartan Daily*, *The Independent Weekly*, *The Oakland Tribune*, *The San Francisco Examiner*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Business Journal*, *Silicon Valley Biz Inc.*, and *The San José Mercury News*.
- “The Way in San José,” (on the city’s 1998 mayoral election), *California Journal*, February 1998.
- “A profile of California’s history and politics,” KQED’s Ballot Box (online), 2002.
- “In 2005 Expect Political Pugnacity,” *California Faculty*, March 2005.
- “Voice of Reform Revives a Great Commonwealth Club Tradition,” with Zabrae Valentine, *The Commonwealth*, September 15, 2005.
- “A Behind the Scenes Look at the Politics of Political Party Conventions,” *The Commonwealth*, October 2005.

#### **Op Ed Pieces, 2000-2008**

- “Valley came out winner in election,” *Silicon Valley Business Ink*, November 24, 2000.
- “Crossing boundaries for a better downtown,” *Silicon Valley Business Ink*, September 24, 2001.
- “The right way to redistrict,” *San José Mercury News*, January 11, 2002.
- “Recall politics: A natural evolution,” *Silicon Valley Business Ink*, September 7, 2003.
- “Power of the People: A Coalition Victory,” *San José Mercury News*, November 12, 2003.
- “State’s crisis demands overhaul of government,” *San José Mercury News*, February 17, 2004.
- “Governor needs to take broader view with budget,” *Spartan Daily*, March 11, 2004.
- “Near-term political choices have long-term significance,” *Silicon Valley Biz Ink*, July 23-29, 2004.
- “Full disclosure of outside income...” *San José Mercury News*, August 20, 2006.
- “Absentee voting,” *San José Mercury News*, October 10, 2006.
- “Immigration status shouldn’t stymie students,” *San José Mercury News*, November 2, 2007.
- “Prop. 11 will bring fairness, equity to redistricting,” with Janet Flammang, *San José Mercury News*, September 22, 2008.

## RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- SJSU Representative and Participant, CEOs for Cities Conference on Next Generation Cities, Pittsburgh, PA, May 13-15, 2008.
- Lead Presenter, “CommUniverCity San José: A Partnership for Service, Learning and Empowerment,” American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, San José, CA, February 23, 2008.
- Lead Presenter, “CommUniverCity San José: A Community/University/City Collaborative,” Tenth Annual Continuums of Service Conference, San José, CA, April 13, 2007.
- Lead Presenter, “CommUniverCity San José: A Partnership for Service, Learning and Empowerment,” 2007 WASC Annual Conference, San José, CA, April 19, 2007.
- Chair, Chancellor Search Committee, San José/Evergreen Community College District, 2005.
- “Schwarzenegger and the Veto: Legislating through the Back Door,” paper and panel discussant for the Western Political Science Association Conference, March 20, 2005.
- Frequent media interviews for newspapers from the *San José Mercury News*, the *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *San Diego Union Tribune* to *USA Today* as well as television (KNTV, KGO, KRON, KPIX, etc.).
- Frequent political commentary for KLIV radio, San José, since October 2003.
- California Faculty Association, Statewide Political Action and Legislative Committee, 2003-date.
- Consultant, City of San José Council Salary Setting Commission, 2003, 2005.
- External Program Reviewer, Department of Political Science, California State University, San Luis Obispo, April 2004.
- Consultant, Charter Review Committee, City of Oakland, June 2003.
- External Program Reviewer, Department of Political Science, Santa Clara University, May 2003.
- External Program Reviewer, Department of Political Science, California State University, Hayward, March 2003.
- Invited Participant, Scholars Conference on Civic Education, Center for Civic Education, Washington, DC, May 31-June 3, 2002.

- Co-Founder and Trainer, Labor/Community Leadership Institute, since 1997.
- Organizer and Moderator, Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Stanford University and San José State University, January 31 and February 1, 2002. In cooperation with Colorado University and Metropolitan State University, Denver; funded by a grant by the American Political Science Association.
- Organizer, Moderator and Coordinator, Local Officials Leadership Academy. A training program for new and on-going council members and their staffs, including ethics, media, working with bureaucracy, etc. January 2001. Continuing work with Santa Clara County Cities Association, 2004-2005.
- Planning Committee, Eighth Annual California Policy Issues Conference of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs, Los Angeles, CA, November 15, 2000.
- Panelist, “Herding Cats? Challenges of Governing California’s Major Regions,” Eighth Annual California Policy Issues Conference of the Pat Brown Institute, Los Angeles, CA, November 15, 2000.
- Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 24-26, 2000. Local Politics Section Coordinator (5 panels with 26 participants, selection of papers, panel chairs and discussants); Chair, Roundtable on High Tech and Politics; Participant, Roundtable on Labor and Politics; Participant, CSU Chairs on Assessment; Local Arrangements Committee – fundraising (\$6200) and organizing reception.
- Community Outreach Coordinator and Hearing Panelist, California Faculty Association Hearing on the Future of the California State University, March 14, 2000.
- External Program Reviewer, Department of Government, California State University, Sacramento, April 1998.
- Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion Committee, Santa Clara University, Fall 1997.
- Research grants from the National Science Foundation, Sourrisseau Academy and University Foundation; numerous Lottery Grants.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Austen Warburton Award for Distinguished Scholarship, College of Social Sciences, SJSU, 2007.
- Friend of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, SJSU, 2007.
- Voted Professor of the Year by Political Science Class of 2006.
- Meritorious Service Award, San José State University College of Social Sciences, 2005.
- San José State University Nominee for the CSU Wang Family Excellence Award in Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Services, 2004.
- “Community Activist Extraordinaire,” United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County, October 18, 2003.
- American Leadership Forum (ALF) Fellow, Class of 2002-2003.
- Moccasin Award for Community Service, City Year San José/Silicon Valley, 2000.
- Starfish Award and Team Hero, City Year San José/Silicon Valley Young Heroes (the “Terry Christensen Team” of 12-13 year olds did community service for 14 Saturdays), 1999.
- Outstanding Professor, San José State University, 1997-1998.
- Outstanding Faculty Person, 1997-1998, Disability Resource Center.
- Performance Salary Step Increase for “exceptional performance in professional attainment,” SJSU, 1996, 1997.
- San José State University Presidential Special Recognition Award, 1997.
- Project Interchange (Israel) Fellow, 1995.
- Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award, SJSU, 1984, 1988, 1990.
- “Best Professor,” in “Best of the (San Francisco) Peninsula,” *Peninsula Magazine*, January 1987.
- Bill Casey Memorial Award for best contribution to *San José Studies*, V. 10 (1984).
- Movers and Shakers Award, Santa Clara County AFL-CIO, 1982.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Chair, Program Committee, Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley Forum, since 1997.
- Advisory Committee, Commonwealth Club Silicon Valley, since 2004.
- Statewide Steering Committee, “Voices of Reform: Improving California Governance,” Commonwealth Club of California, 2004-2007.
- Horace Mann Elementary School Foundation Advisory Board, 2004-2009.
- Co-Convener and Instructor, Labor/Community Leadership Institute (Working Partnerships Leadership Institute as of 2005), a program for union and community leaders and legislative staffers through the SJSU Professional Development Center, since 1997.
- Delegate, Santa Clara County Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 1973-2006.
- Advisory Board, City Year San José/Silicon Valley, 1997-2005.
- SJSU Faculty Liaison, Step-to-College/Unitrack Program, Mt. Pleasant High School, 2002-2005.
- Advisor and ALF Liaison, Downtown College Prep Internship Program, 2003-2004.
- Scholarship Awards Judge, Laborers’ International Union Local 270, 2004, 2007, 2008.
- Judge, Vietnamese Spring Parade, February 1, 2004.
- Selection Committee, American Leadership Forum, 2003.
- San José City Council Redistricting Committee, 2001.
- San José Downtown Strategy Task Force, 2000-2001.
- Transition Advisory Task Force for San José Mayor Ron Gonzales, December 1998-January 1999.
- Redevelopment Advisory Task Force for San José Mayor Ron Gonzales, February 1999 to April 1999.
- Co-Chair, Community Celebration and Swearing in of San José Councilwoman Cindy Chavez, February 4, 1999.

- “The San José Mayoral Debate,” Program Committee Chair, co-sponsored by the Silicon Valley Forum of the Commonwealth Club of California and the San José Mercury News, San José Repertory Theatre, May 11, 1998.
- “The Senatorial Debate,” campus coordinator for a debate of the major contenders for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senator, co-sponsored by the San José Mercury News, May 28, 1998.
- “The San José Mayoral Debate,” Program Committee Chair and Moderator, co-sponsored by the Silicon Valley Forum of the Commonwealth Club of California and the San José Mercury News, October 1998.
- Charter Revision Committee, Santa Clara County, 1997-1998.
- Co-Chair, Eureka! Symposium on the California Budget (hosting 100 community leaders), March 21, 1997.
- Community Charter Group, Council on Tax and Fiscal Policy, Joint Venture/Silicon Valley, 1997.
- Board of Directors, Campaign Ethics Foundation, since 1997. Co-host, Campaign Ethics Forum, April 29, 1997.
- Local Government Commentary for Cupertino’s Live Election Coverage, November 4, 1997.
- Military Academy Nominations Panel, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, 1995-1997.
- Extra Share Committee for allocating Progressive Way funds to nonprofit organizations, 1996.
- Staff volunteer for Don Foster, MP, UK House of Commons, 1992-1993.
- Consultant, San José Redistricting Committee, 1991.
- Anchor/commentator, “The Propositions,” a ten-part series on the 1988 California ballot measures for KTEH-TV.
- President, Board of Directors, Communication Advocates (providing public relations for non-profit organizations), 1982-1985.
- Downtown Working Review Committee, a blue-ribbon advisory group on redevelopment in San José, 1980-1983.
- San José Film Festival, President 1982-1983; Vice President, 1984; Advisor, 1985.
- Consultant, scriptwriter and co-host, “Cafe San José,” (public affairs pilot program that later became a series), KTEH-TV, San José, 1982.

- California Democratic Party State Central Committee, 1980-1982.
- Chair, Neighborhoods for District Elections, 1978.
- Consultant, San José Charter Review Committee, 1976, 1977.
- Chair, Central San José General Plan citizen review, 1975-1976.
- Chair, Central San José Projects 75, a citizen review of San José capital improvement needs, 1974-1975.

### **RECENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (2007-2009 Only)**

#### **2007**

- “The Mayor’s Race, 2006,” Building Trades Council, January 11, 2007.
- “Intro to San José,” for City Year Silicon Valley, January 29, 2007.
- Moderator, Po Bronson Book Talk, Commonwealth Club, January 29, 2007.
- “Redistricting in San José” for League of Women Voters, January 30, 2007.
- “Implications of the 2006 Election for 2008,” Democratic Women’s Forum, February 6, 2007.
- “The Progressive Reforms and Impacts Today (California Politics),” American Studies, February 13, 2007.
- “Intro to City Government,” San José Leadership High School Forum, February 14, 2007.
- “Power and Politics in Silicon Valley,” Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute, February 28, 2007.
- “Can California Be Governed?” League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara County, Annual Meeting, May 12, 2007.
- “The Mysteries of Outreach,” for the Housing Action Coalition, June 8, 2007.
- “Introduction to CommUniverCity and Service Learning,” two workshops for Values of Informed Civic Engagement (VOICE), Student Advisory Council for Congressman Mike Honda, June 9, 2007.
- “Can California Be Governed?” Saratoga Rotary, August 17, 2007.
- “What Is Democracy and Can We Teach It?” Keynote Address for Project Citizen Workshop (for high school teachers), October 20, 2007.
- “Introduction to San José and Silicon Valley,” City Year/Silicon Valley Leadership Development Day, November 1, 2007.

#### **2008**

- “What to Watch for in the Presidential Primaries,” for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Breakfast Club, January 17, 2008.
- “Power and Influence in Silicon Valley,” for Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute, February 6, 2007.

- “The California Primary and the Presidential Election,” for the Evergreen Democratic Club, February 13, 2007.
- “California and the Great Race: The Presidential Election of 2008,” for the Saratoga Men’s Club, February 19, 2007.
- “California Politics,” for American Studies at SJSU, February 21, 2008.
- “Young and in Politics,” MC for SJSU Democratic Caucus Forum, February 27, 2008.
- “*Stop-Loss*: A Conversation with Director Kimberly Peirce,” Moderator, March 5, 2008.
- Santa Clara County Supervisorial District 2 Candidate Forum, Moderator, Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits, March 6, 2008.
- “Power Analysis: Silicon Valley,” for LeaderNet (WPUSA), April 3, 2008.
- “Introduction to San José and Silicon Valley,” AmeriCorps Bridging Borders, SJSU, April 4, 2008.
- “Regional Governance,” Leadership Los Gatos, June 6, 2008.
- Community Stakeholder Panel, Silicon Valley Leadership Group Retreat, July 29, 2008.
- “Silicon Valley Politics,” South Bay Labor Council, August 6, 2008.
- Interviewer, Glenna Matthews “The New Majority-Minority City,” Great Cities Speaker Series, August 18, 2008.
- “The Conventions,” for the North San José Rotary, August 5, 2008.
- “The Current Campaign: What to Watch,” Evergreen Democratic Club, October 7, 2008.
- “Understanding American Elections,” SJSU International House, October 23, 2008.
- “Exploring Careers in Government,” Panel Moderator, SJSU, October 29, 2008.
- “Political Salon: The Propositions,” Host, LeaderNet Alumni, October 29, 2008.
- “Election 2008,” commentary for KLIV and KPFA radio stations, November 4, 2008.
- “Election 2008,” Democratic Television (DTV), November 8, 2008.
- “Election 2008: The Future of the Parties,” Democratic Century Club, November 14, 2008.
- “Election 2008: Campaign v. Karma,” Santa Clara Democratic Club, November 17, 2008.

## **2009**

- “Silicon Valley Power and Politics,” APALI (De Anza), February 7, 2009.