



INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND POLICY RESEARCH

December 7, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to recommend Professor Christopher Witko as the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research representative on the State Planning Education Advisory Committee. Professor Witko is a member of the USC political science department and since 2013 has been the director of the University's Masters of Public Administration program.

His research interests include public finance, agency decision-making, and government contracting. In his role as director of the MPA program, he is extensively involved in developing the curriculum and providing instruction for graduate students seeking a professional career in the public sector.

A copy of Professor Witko's curriculum vitae is enclosed. He can be contacted at (803) 777-4547 or by e-mail at WitkoC@mailbox.sc.edu.

Please contact me at (803) 777-4566 or by e-mail at oldendick-bob@sc.edu if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Faculty Positions

- The University of South Carolina, Department of Political Science
Associate Professor, Fall 2013-Present
- Saint Louis University, Departments of Political Science and Public Policy Studies
(Secondary Appointment)
Associate Professor, Fall 2010-Spring 2013
Assistant Professor, Fall 2007-Summer 2010
- California State University Sacramento, Government Department
Assistant Professor, Fall 2003-Summer 2007

Administrative Positions

- Director, Masters of Public Administration Program
The University of South Carolina
Fall 2013-Present
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Political Science
Saint Louis University
Summer 2010-Spring 2013

Education

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ph.D., Political Science, 2003
Major: American Government.
Minors: Public Policy and Methodology.
- State University of New York, Albany, M.A., Political Science, 1998

- State University of New York, Plattsburgh, B.A., Political Science, 1996

Publications

Articles

- Witko, Christopher. "The Politics of Financialization in the United States, 1949-2005." Accepted for publication at *British Journal of Political Science*.
- Kelly, Nathan J. and Christopher Witko. "Government Ideology and Unemployment in the U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 14(4): 389-413.
- Enns, Peter K., Nathan J. Kelly, Jana Morgan, Thomas Volscho, and Christopher Witko. 2014. "Conditional Status Quo Bias and Top Income Shares: How U.S. Political Institutions Benefit the Rich." *The Journal of Politics* 76(2): 289-303.
- Peters, Kristen E., Jin Huang, Michael G. Vaughn and Christopher Witko. 2014. "Breastfeeding and Trajectories of Children's Cognitive Development." *Developmental Science* 17(3): 452-461.
- Franko, Willam F., Caroline Tolbert and Christopher Witko. 2013. "Inequality, Self-Interest and Public Support for "Robin Hood" Tax Policies." *Political Research Quarterly* 66(4): 922-936.
- Gill, Jeff and Christopher Witko. 2013. "Bayesian Analytical Methods: A Methodological Prescription for Public Administration." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 23(2): 457-494.
- Witko, Christopher. 2013. "Party Government and Variation in Corporate Influence on Agency Decisionmaking: OSHA Regulation, 1981-2006." *Social Science Quarterly* 94(4): 894-911.
- Peters, Kristen E., Jin Huang, Michael G. Vaughn and Christopher Witko. 2013. "Does Breastfeeding Contribute to the Racial Gap in Reading and Math Test Scores?" *Annals of Epidemiology* 23(10): 646-651.
- Vaughn, Michael G. and Christopher Witko. 2013. "Does the Amount of School Choice Matter for Student Engagement?" *The Social Science Journal* 50(1): 23-33.
- Kelly, Nathan J. and Christopher Witko. 2012. "Federalism and American Inequality." *Journal of Politics* 74(2): 414-26.
- Witko, Christopher. 2011. "Campaign Contributions, Access and Government Contracting." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 21(4): 761-78.

- Witko, Christopher and Adam J. Newmark. 2010. "The Strange Disappearance of Investment in Human and Physical Capital in the U.S. States." *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* 20(1): 215-32.
- Witko, Christopher. 2009. "The Ecology of Party-Organized Interest Relationships." *Polity* 41(2): 211-34.
- Cox, James H. and Christopher Witko. 2008. "School Choice and the Creation of Social Capital Reexamined." *American Journal of Political Science* 52(1): 142-55.
- Witko, Christopher and Sally Friedman. 2008. "Business Backgrounds and Congressional Decision-making." *Congress and the Presidency* 35(1): 71-86.
- Witko, Christopher. 2007. "Explaining Increases in the Stringency of State Campaign Finance Regulation, 1992-2002." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7(4): 370-94.
- Newmark, Adam J. and Christopher Witko. 2007. "Pollution, Politics and Preferences for Environmental Spending in the States." *Review of Policy Research* 24(4): 291-308.
- Witko, Christopher. 2006. "PACs, Issue Context and Congressional Decision-making." *Political Research Quarterly* 59(2): 283-95.
- Witko, Christopher. 2005. "Measuring the Stringency of State Campaign Finance Regulation." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 5(3): 295-310.
- Witko, Christopher and Adam J. Newmark. 2005. "Business Mobilization and Public Policy in the U.S. States." *Social Science Quarterly* 86(2): 356-367.
- Witko, Christopher. 2003. "Cold War Belligerence and U.S. Public Opinion Toward Defense Spending." *American Politics Research* 31(4): 379-403.

Book Chapters

- Witko, Christopher. 2013. "When does Money buy Votes? Campaign Contributions and Policy-making." In *New Directions in Interest Group Politics*, Matt Grossmann, ed. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Witko, Christopher. 2013. "Regulating Interest Groups in the States." In *CQ's Guide to State Politics*, Dyck, Joshua and Richard Niemi, eds. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly.
- Witko, Christopher. 2011. "Professional Associations", p. 271-82, in *CQ's Guide to Interest Groups and Lobbying*, Francia, Peter L., Burdette Loomis and Dara Strolovitch, eds. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly.
- Witko, Christopher. 2010. "The California Legislature and Decline of Majority Rule," p. 60-77, in *Remaking California: Reclaiming the Public Good*, R. Jeffrey Lustig, ed. Berkeley, CA: Heyday Press.

- Friedman, Sally with Christopher Witko. 2007. "National Parties, Individual Choices," p. 80-138, in *Dilemmas of Representation: Local Politics, National Factors, and the Home Styles of Modern U.S. Congress Members* by Sally Friedman. Albany, N.Y.: SUNY Press.

Other Publications

- Witko, Christopher. 2012. "The Impact of Campaign Contributions on Congressional Behavior." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Rick Vaelely. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Witko, Christopher. 2008. "Political Action Committees," in *The Encyclopedia of Campaigns, Elections and Electoral Behavior*, Kenneth Warren, ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Friedman, Sally, Christopher Witko, et al. 1999. "Dilemmas of Representation: The Home Styles of New York State Representatives in the 1990's." in *Extension of Remarks 22: 2-4*. APSA Legislative Studies Section.
- Janis Veeder, Christopher Witko et al. 1998. "Alternative Commutation by Commuter Rail: An Examination of the Reverse and Intra-suburban Commuting Programs of the Five Commuter Railroads with Recommendations for Increased Intermodal Suburban Transit Usage." NY State Senate Commission on Critical Transportation Choices.

Awards and Grants

- Norwegian Research Council - "Party-Interest Group Relationships in Contemporary Democracies." Core Research Team Member (Principal Investigator is Elin H. Allern, University of Oslo), 2015-2018 (7 million NOK, approx. \$1.2 million US).
- Russell Sage Foundation - "Campaign Funding, Political Rhetoric, and the Public (Non)Response to Rising Inequality." Co-principal Investigator (with Peter K. Enns, Nathan J. Kelly and Jana Morgan), August 2013-August 2016 (\$192,163).
- Saint Louis University President's Research Fund - "Evaluating Institutions and Outcomes in State Supreme Courts." Co-principal Investigator (with Matthew Hall, Jason Windett and Michael Wolff), 2012-2013 Academic Year (\$49,636).
- Charter School Sponsorship Faculty Grant Program - "School Choice, Exit and Voice." Saint Louis University, Summer 2012 (\$3,500).
- Provost's Faculty Research Leave - "Corporate-Party Relationships and Public Policy, 1979-2006." Saint Louis University, Fall 2009 (One Semester Leave with Full Pay).
- Summer Research Award - "School Choice, School Institutions and Student Achievement." Saint Louis University, Summer 2009 (\$3,500).

- Faculty Travel Grant, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, California State University, Sacramento, 2004 (\$1,500).
- Graduate Student Travel Grant, State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association, 2003 (\$250).
- Summer Research Grant, American Politics Research Group, University of North Carolina, 2000 and 2002. (\$3,000 each time)

Recent Research and Conference Presentations (*Invited Presentation)

- *"The Politics of Financialization in the United States." 2014. Politics Program, Sheffield Hallam University, Sheffield, U.K., October.
- "Developing Measures of the Ideology of Congressional Rhetoric Over Time." 2014 (with Peter Enns, Nate Kelly, Jana Morgan, and Jayce Prince). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August.
- "Industry Power and Electoral Incentives: How the Mass Public (Sometimes) Gets Represented in Regulatory Politics." 2014 (with Susan Miller and Neal Woods). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August.
- *"Still So Happy Together? The Evolving Relationship between the Democratic Party and Labor Unions." 2014. Parties and Trade Unions Workshop, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, April.
- "The Ideological Content of Congressional Rhetoric Over Time." 2014 (with Peter Enns, Nate Kelly and Jana Morgan). Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April.
- "Buying Justice? Campaign Contributions and Judicial Decisionmaking in the States." 2013 (with Matt Hall and Jason Windett). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, January.
- *"Federalism, State Institutions and the Effect of Government on Employment in the United States." 2012. Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, March 6th.
- "A Bayesian Spatio-Temporal Hierarchical Model of Partisan Effects on Deindustrialization at the State Level." 2012. (with Jeff Gill). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January.
- "Accountability Reforms and the Narrowing of the Curriculum." 2012. (with James H. Cox). Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January.

- *"School Accountability Reforms and the Narrowing of the Curriculum." 2011. Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri, October 7th.
- *"Exit, Voice and School Choice." 2011. Department of Political Science, University of Georgia, September 16th.
- "Accountability and the "Narrowing" of the Curriculum." 2011 (with James H. Cox). Paper Presented at the State Politics and Policy Conference, Dartmouth University, June.
- "Exit, Voice and School Choice." 2010 (with James H. Cox). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September.
- "Federalism and American Inequality." 2010 (with Nathan J. Kelly). Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September.
- "Public Opinion, Political Parties and State Budgets: A Meta-Analysis." 2009. (with Adam J. Newmark). Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April.
- "School Choice, Institutions and Student Achievement." 2009. (with James H. Cox). Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April.

Courses Taught

General Research Methods (MA and Undergrad); Quantitative Research Methods (MA and MPA); Environmental Politics and Policy (MA); Business and American Politics and Policy (MA); U.S. Institutions (MA); Intro to American Government; California State and Local Government; U.S. Labor Politics (Ind. Study); U.S. State and Local Government; Political Parties and Interest Groups (MA and Undergrad); Problems of Representation; The Legislative Process; Politics, Policy and Inequality in America.

University and Department Service

- Advisor, Masters of Public Administration Student Association, Fall 2014-Present.
- Member, Faculty Annual Review Committee (U of SC), Fall 2013-Present.
- Member, Department of Political Science Advisory Committee (U of SC), Fall 2013-Present.
- Member, Political Science Department Advisory Committee (U of SC), Fall 2013-Present.
- Chair, Policy Analysis Faculty Search Committee, University of South Carolina, Fall 2014.

- Chair, State Politics and Policy Faculty Search Committee, Saint Louis University, Fall 2011.
- Member, Several Search Committees at SLU and CSU, Sacramento.
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Saint Louis University, 2010-2012.
- Member, College of Arts and Sciences Finance Committee, Saint Louis University, 2008.
- Member, Labor Studies Program Faculty Advisory Council, CSU, Sacramento, 2005-2007.
- Member, Outstanding Service Award Committee, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, CSU, Sacramento, 2005.
- Member, Government Department Curriculum Committee, CSU, Sacramento, 2003-2007.
- Graduate Student Representative, University of North Carolina, U.S. National Institutions Search Committee, 2002.

Professional Service

- Manuscript Reviewer: Policy Studies Journal, Journal of Policy History, Journal of Politics, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Politics Research, Social Science Quarterly, State Politics and Policy Quarterly, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science (partial list)
- Panel Chair and Discussant, APSA Annual Meeting 2013
- APSA Annual Meeting Program Committee Member (State Politics and Policy Section Chair), 2013
- Member, Best Conference Paper Committee, APSA State Politics and Policy Section
- Panel Chair and Discussant, SPSA Annual Meeting, 2012
- Discussant, State Politics and Policy Conference, 2011
- Discussant, APSA Annual Meeting, 2010
- Panel Chair and Discussant, MPSA Annual Meeting, 2008-09
- Panel Discussant, WPSA Annual Meeting, 2009

Related Professional Experience

- Summer 2000-Spring 2002 - White House 2001 Project (Nomination Forms Online), with Professor Terry Sullivan.
- Summer 2001-Spring 2002 - Assisted in the preparation of a survey of interest group activity in the American states, with Professors David Lowery and Virginia Gray.
- Summer 1998-Summer 1999 - Youth Programs Specialist, Suffolk County Department of Labor, Hauppauge, NY.
- Summer 1996 and Summer 1997 (and part time during academic year) - Analyst, New York State Senate Legislative Commission on Critical Transportation Choices (Senator Norman J. Levy, Chair), Albany, NY.
- Spring 1996 - Intern, The Campaign for New Priorities, Washington, D.C
- Summer 1995 - Intern, The New York State Dormitory Authority, Albany, NY.