

Curriculum Vitae  
of  
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**EDUCATION**

- 2021                      Doctor of Education, Educational Leadership  
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN  
Dissertation: *Perceptions of Roane State Community College Presidents  
on the Events Shaping the Institution's Leadership History*  
Advisor: Dr. Jill Channing
- 2007                      Master of Arts, Political Science  
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC  
Thesis: *Who Reads Blogs: An Examination of Blog Readers*  
Advisor: Dr. Phillip Ardoin
- 2004                      Bachelor of Arts, Political Science  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- 2001                      Associate of Science, General  
Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/EDUCATION**

- 2006-2010              Completed 18 graduate hours in History through Appalachian State  
University and Tennessee Technological University
- 2007                      Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CELTA),  
Teaching House, New York, NY

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2010-Present              Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN
- Professor of Political Science, 2022-Present
  - Service-Learning Coordinator, 2012-Present
  - Associate Professor of Political Science, 2017-2022
  - Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2011-2017
  - Adjunct Instructor, 2010-2011

- 2008-2009 E-Bo Young Talking Club, Mokpo, South Korea  
 - Foreign English Teacher, 2008-2009
- 2006-2007 Appalachian State University, Boone, NC  
 - Part time Graduate Assistant, 2006-2007
- 2003 Knoxville Journal, Knoxville, TN  
 - Freelance writer for *Knoxville Journal/East Tennessee Scene*

### **COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT**

Intro to Political Science	American Government
State and Local Government	Comparative World Politics
Early U.S. History	Modern U.S. History
Early Western Civilization	Service-Learning Practicum
Intro to Global Studies (Holocaust-focused course)	

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- Nov. 9, 2024 Daughters of the American Revolution, Avery Trace Chapter  
 “The Life of Marquis de Lafayette”
- Jun. 15, 2023 Harriman Rotary Club  
 “History of Harriman”
- Mar. 31, 2023 Roane State Arts & Lectures Committee, Princess Theatre  
 “History of Harriman”
- Feb. 11, 2023 Daughters of the American Revolution, Avery Trace Chapter  
 “History of Harriman”
- Mar. 24, 2022 Harriman Rotary Club  
 “Archibald Roane”
- Feb. 12, 2022 Daughters of the American Revolution, Avery Trace Chapter  
 “Archibald Roane”
- Apr. 10, 2021 Daughters of the American Revolution, Avery Trace Chapter  
 “The Tennessee Statehood Movement”
- Feb. 18, 2021 Harriman Rotary Club  
 “The ‘Lost State’ of Franklin”
- Aug. 8, 2019 Writers at Roane State Reading Series  
 “Harriman”

- Feb. 9, 2019 Daughters of the American Revolution, Avery Trace Chapter  
“The Presidencies of Garfield, Arthur, and McKinley”
- Oct. 21, 2016 Bowers Elementary School (fifth grade classes)  
“The Civil War”
- Sep. 15, 2016 Constitution Day at the Princess Theatre, Harriman, TN  
- Spoke about the U.S. Constitution and introduced film *Lincoln* for public showing
- Sep. 5, 2016 Hooray For Harriman Street Festival  
“The History of Harriman”
- Feb. 27, 2016 Roane State Symposium on Powerful Teaching  
“Local History in the Classroom”
- Jul. 7, 2014 Rockwood Rotary Club  
“Harriman”

### **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

- 2022-Present RSCC QEP Co-Chair  
- Served as Co-Chair with Debra Magil,
- 2015-2024 Faculty Senator for Social Science, Business and Education Division  
- Served as RSCC representative on TBR Faculty Sub-council, 2019-2024  
- Served as Parliamentarian, 2023-2024  
- Served on Benroth Award for Excellent Teaching, Tenure Review, and Zoom Survey committees
- 2011-2020 Faculty Advisor for Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL)  
- Organized and led student group to Nashville to participate in model state legislature, 2011-2019  
- Several students recognized for achievement
- 2012-President Service-Learning Committee (Chair)
- 2013-Present Community Service Committee (member)
- 2019-Present Arts & Lectures Committee (member)
- 2019-Present General Education & Assessment Committee (member)
- Fall 2023-Present TBR General Education Review

- Appointed RSCC representative for History for TBR General Education reform, tasked with choosing learning outcomes for History courses (term begins fall 2023)
- Spr.-Summer 2023 Tennessee Board of Regents Course Developer
- Developed Competency Based Education (CBE) course for Modern U.S. History
- Spring 2023 "The Cure For Hate: Bearing Witness to Auschwitz" with Tony McAleer
- Coordinated with Melanie Hildebrandt, former FBI Special Agent Cynthia Deitle, and the Tennessee Holocaust Commission to organize event
- Summer 2019 Search Committee for tenure track History position (member)
- Feb. 20, 2018 Political Science AA & AS TTP Review
- Represented Roane State and helped revise and update Tennessee Transfer Pathway for Political Science
- May 12, 2017 Tennessee Service-Learning Consortium
- Served as Roane State representative
- Feb. 25, 2016 General Education/TTP Common Course Identifiers Meeting
- Served as Roane State representative for TBR effort to create common course rubrics, numbers, and titles for all social science general education courses

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- 2023-Present The Arc of Anderson County
- Board member
- 2023-Present Tennessee Holocaust Commission
- Teaching Fellow
- 2015-2017, 2019 Boy Scout Merit Badge College
- Taught course for Citizenship of the World, 2015-2017 and Citizenship of the Nation, 2019

### **GRANTS**

- 2023 Summer Instructional Grant to revise Intro to Political Science
- 2019 Summer Instructional Grant to revise American Government courses with service-learning component

- 2018 Summer Instructional Grant to revise Intro to Political Science courses with service-learning component
- 2017 Title III Innovation Grant, with Nancy Hamilton, to add service-learning project to all COLS 1010 sections
- 2013 President's Imagination Mini Grant to host a Service-Learning Summit of area nonprofit organization to discuss needs

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Sept. 20, 2024 Attended "Breaking the Iron Cage: Educating Students Living in Poverty" workshop by Dr. Donna Beegle," Roane State Oak Ridge campus
- Mar. 19, 2024 Attended "Revisiting the Holocaust Perpetrators: Ordinary Men as Killers" lecture by Dr. Christopher Browning (attended at Middle Tennessee State University
- Feb. 28, 2024 Attended webinar "Israel and the Problem of Antisemitism" with Dr. Michael Berenbaum
- Oct. 20-21, 2023 Tennessee Holocaust Commission event "Holocaust by Bullets" Educator Training
- Workshop led by Yahad-In Unum's field and education experts, Ewa Schaller and Todd Hennessy
  - Attended in Johnson City
- Jun. 4-6, 2023 Tennessee Holocaust Commission Summer Institute
- Theme "Women of the Holocaust: Resistance, Rescue, and Remembrance"
  - Speakers included Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Christina Chavarria, Louis B. "Benno" Kimmelman, Dr. Miriam Klein Kassenoff, Anna Salton Eisen, Sheri Rosenblum, Dr. Marlene Warshawski Yahalom, and others
  - Attended in Nashville, TN
- Oct. 26, 2022 RSCC Arts & Lectures event
- "Historical Horror and the History of Halloween" lecture by David Adkins
- Sept. 15, 2022 RSCC Constitution Day Event by RSCC Arts & Lectures Committee
- "Roman Influences on the U.S. Constitution" lecture by Casey Cobb
- Sept. 14, 2022 Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy
- A Conversation with Former Tennessee Governors Haslam and Bredesen

- Mar. 10-11, 2022 Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Advising Academy
- Attended sessions Finding Balance in an Unbalanced World: Evidence-based strategies to be more satisfied and successful in key areas of life; A Nudge to Reconnect: New Perspectives on Outreach to Adult Students; The Importance of Self-Care: Addressing Burnout and Compassion Fatigue in Higher Education; Managing in a Time of Crisis: Challenges Facing Advising Professionals; Academic Advisor Burnout: Why Is It Necessary to Identify and Address It!; and Career Competencies and the Advising Experience
- Feb. 15-18, 2022 Achieving the Dream 2022 Conference
- Attended virtual sessions “Building Anti-Racist, Equitable, and Economically Vibrant Communities,” “Reimagining Systems for Equity and Community Well-Being,” “A Conversation with the 2022 DREAM Scholars,” “Elevating a Student-Focused Accessed Agenda,” “Building a Three-Step Bridge Program for Adult English-Language Learners,” “Middle College Momentum: Minimizing the Melt,” and “Catalyzing Transfer Initiative: Leveraging Partnerships in Support of Equitable Outcomes”
- Oct. 8, 2021 Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy
- Baker Café with Dr. Bob Kronick, Professor in the Educational Psychology & Counseling Department and Former Director of University-Assisted Community Schools
  - Attended discussion on rural and urban poverty
- Oct. 6, 2021 Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy
- “Faith in Politics: Southern Political Battles Past and Present” lecture by former state Senator Roy Herron
- 2020-2021 TBR Advising Academy
- Completed advising training with the Advising Resource Center (ARC)
  - Topics and guest speakers covered areas including Admission and Records, Financial Aid, Graduation, DegreeWorks, Education, and Allied Health
  - Received a grant-funded stipend to work for ARC for 20 hours during June, 2021
- Apr. 22, 2021 “Politics and the Pandemic” webinar with Thomas Patterson, PhD
- Apr. 21, 2021 East Tennessee Historical Society Brownbag Event
- “Desperately Seeking Nancy: A Search to Learn More about Nancy, Jonesborough Abolitionist Elihu Embree’s Enslaved Woman” presentation by Anne G’Fellers Mason

Jan. 15, 2021	Degree Works Training Session, Advising Resource Center (ARC), Roane State
Jan. 11, 2021	TBR High Impact Practices Statewide Conference - “Small Teaching/Distracted Learners”; “Incorporating International Education in Virtual Environments”; “Small Teaching Online”; “Student Voices Project”; and “Managing Service Learning”
Sept. 16, 2020	East Tennessee State University Constitution Day event - “Equality and The Constitution: From Civil War to Black Lives Matter” lecture by Stewart Harris, J.D.
Feb. 16-19, 2020	Achieving the Dream 2020 Conference, National Harbor, MD - “The Future of Teaching and Learning: Collaborating Across Institutional Divides”; “Las Vias: A Pathway to Graduation Creates Equity at a Rural Community College”; “High Impact Practices and Equity: Pathways to Student Success in General Education Implementation”; “Fostering Campus Climates that Support Student Political Learning and Engagement”; “Early College & Dual Enrollment”; “A Tale of Two Colleges: Changes for Success at a Large Urban College and a Mid-Sized Rural College in Tennessee”; “Upward Mobility: A Tale of Two Colleges”; “Excellence in Teaching = Increased Student Success”; and “Keeping the Promise: The Financial Sustainability of the College Promise Movement”
Jul. 15-16, 2019	High Impact Practices (HIPs) Summer Institute, Chattanooga State Community College
May 7-8, 2019	Ed Tech Academy, Roane State
Jan. 11, 2018	TBR High Impact Practices Statewide Conference, Franklin, TN
Oct. 4, 2017	2017 TBR High Impact Practice FLC Regional Drive-In, Walters State Community College
Dec. 12, 2016	ePortfolio and Service Data Platform (SRVC) Training, Pellissippi State Community College
Feb. 22, 2016	Pellissippi State Community College Regional Service-Learning Event “Using High-Impact Civic Engagement to Ignite Student Learning” - “TNCC Service-Learning Faculty Champions Panel on Innovative Service-Learning Projects That Work” (panelist)
Aug. 6, 2015	Service-Learning Regional Event, Chattanooga State

- “Collective Sharing: Service-Learning Best Practices and Challenges”  
(panelist)

2013-2014 Paul Goldberg Leadership Institute (2014 graduate)

### **PUBLISHED WORKS**

Sept. 15, 2021 “The Yarb Doctor of Kingston,” *Roane County News*

May 2021 *Perceptions of Roane State Community College Presidents on the Events Shaping the Institution’s Leadership History*. (Doctoral dissertation, East Tennessee State University)

Mar. 2015 Book Review: *The Devil is Here in These Hills: West Virginia’s Coal Miners and Their Battle for Freedom*. Appalachianhistory.net.

Apr. 2014 *Harriman*, Arcadia Publishing

May 2007 *Who Reads Blogs: An Examination of Blog Readers* (Master’s thesis, Appalachian State University)

### **COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

East Tennessee Historical Society  
Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association (ORHPA)  
Tennessee Historical Society  
Pi Gamma Mu  
Pi Sigma Alpha