

John R. (Rob) Baker
Curriculum Vitae
2006

General Information and Education

Birth date: October 10, 1959 Birthplace: Springfield, Missouri

B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, 1982
(Political Science)

M.A. University of Missouri-Columbia, 1984 (Political Science)

Ph.D. University of Missouri-Columbia, 1987 (Political Science), Dissertation:
"Representation in State Legislatures: An Empirical Examination of the
Effects of Legislative Professionalization."

Teaching Experience

Wittenberg University—Professor (7/00 to present); Associate Professor (7/93-
6/00); Assistant Professor (7/88-6/93); Instructor (9/87-6/88)

University of Missouri-Columbia—Independent Teaching Assistant (9/85-5/87
and 9/83-5/84)

University of Missouri-Columbia—Teaching Assistant (9/82-5/83)

Central Methodist College—Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (9/80-5/82)

Professionally Related Experiences Other than Teaching

Acting City Manager, Slater Missouri (7/84-9/84)

Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, Slater, Missouri (8/81-7/84 &
9/84-12/85)

Co-Director, Wittenberg/ICMA Local Government Management Internship
Program, 2004-present.

Internship Program Coordinator, City of Grand Island, Nebraska (Summer 2000,
and Summer 1994)

Internship Program Coordinator, City of Fernandina Beach, Florida (Summer
1997)

Co-Chair of the Clark County Partnerships for Success (PFS) Strategic Planning
Process, 2004-2005.

Chair of the Springfield/Clark County Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) Steering Committee, 2005 to present.

President of the Board of Trustees, Rocking Horse Center Children's Health Care Center, 1998-2002; member of the Board 2002-present.

Member of the Springfield City Health Board, 1994-96

Member of the Clark County/Springfield, Ohio Health Districts Consolidation Feasibility Committee, 1995-96

Member of the Board of the Clark County Combined Health District, 1996-2002 (Vice-President, 1998-2002)

Chairperson of the Citizen's Advisory Review Board, Springfield, Ohio.

Coordinator several years for the City Government session of the Springfield Community Leadership Academy, Springfield, Ohio.

Chaired a panel on "Political Culture in Small Towns" at the 2005 annual meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, April 13-17, 2005.

Chaired a panel on "Public Policy in American Cities" at the 2004 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 15-18, 2004.

Served as a discussant and chaired a panel on "Bureaucratic Regulation and State Government Performance" at the 2001 meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 15-18, 2001.

Chaired a panel on "The Politics of School Finance Reform" at the 2000 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 27-30, 2000.

Chaired a panel on "City Voting and Political Coalitions" at the 1998 meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 3-6, 1998.

Chaired a panel on "Local Government Services and Finances in Turbulent Times" at the 1995 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 1-4, Tampa, Florida.

Discussant on a panel on the "1994 State Legislative Elections" at the 1995 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 1-4, Tampa, Florida.

Chaired a panel on "State Legislative Elections" at the 1993 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1993.

Guest Election Night Analyst, WBLY/WIZE Radio, Springfield, Ohio

Academic Awards and Honors

Melvin Laatsch Faculty Scholar, Wittenberg University, 2005-2006
The Outstanding Service to Springfield Award, Wittenberg University, 2004
The Merrill E. Gaddis Memorial Lecturer, Central Methodist College, 2003
Central Methodist College Alumni Association Young Alumni Award, 1994
Omicron Delta Kappa Award for Excellence in Teaching, Wittenberg University, 1990
Superior Graduate Achievement Award, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1986
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Missouri-Columbia, 1984
Human Relations Prize, Central Methodist College, 1982
Omicron Delta Kappa, 1982
Sigma Epsilon Pi Honorary, 1982
Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honorary, 1982
Pi Gamma Mu, 1982
4-Year Varsity Letter in Intercollegiate Athletics--Cross Country, 1979-1982

Memberships and Offices Held in Professional Associations

American Political Science Association
--State Politics Subgroup
--Urban Politics Subgroup
Midwest Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
National Association of Boards of Health (1994-2000)

Publications

Edited Books:

The Lanahan Readings in State and Local Government: Diversity, Innovation, and Rejuvenation. (Baltimore, MD: Lanahan Publishers, Inc., February 2001).

Readings on American Subnational Government: Diversity, Innovation, and Rejuvenation. (New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1993).

Refereed Articles:

“Recruitment to Small City Boards and Commissions: Individual versus Contextual Explanations,” *State and Local Government Review*, (Winter 2007): Forthcoming.

“A Lesson ‘In’ Government: Connecting Theory and Practice in the Study of Municipal Government,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, (April, 2003): 233-238. . [Also appears in the U.S. Department of Education’s Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC) database].

"Citizens' Knowledge of Foreign Affairs," with Stephen E. Bennett, Richard S. Flickinger, Staci Rhine, and Linda L.M. Bennett. *The Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics*. 1 (Spring, 1996): 10-21.

“Citizens’ Knowledge and Perceptions of Legislatures in Canada, Britain, and the United States,” with Linda L.M. Bennett, Stephen E. Bennett, and Richard S. Flickinger. *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. Vol. 2, No. 2 (Summer, 1996): 44-62.

"Government in the Twilight Zone: Motivations of Volunteers to Small City Boards and Commissions," *State and Local Government Review*. 26 (Spring, 1994): 119-128.

"Exploring the 'Missing Link': Political Culture as an Explanation of the Occupational Status and Diversity of State Legislators in Thirty States", *Western Political Quarterly*. 43 (September, 1990): 597-611.

"Winning in House-Senate Conferences: The 'Revised Theory' and the Problem of Countertrending Conferences", with John J. Carter. *Southeastern Political Review*. XV (Fall, 1987): 145-154.

"Why Do U.S. State Legislators Vacate Their Seats?," with Wayne L. Francis. *Legislative Studies Quarterly*. 11 (February, 1986): 119-126.

"The Relationship Between Ideology and Votes on Environmental Legislation in the U.S. Senate: Some Preliminary Conclusions", *Athenaeum Society Review*. (Spring, 1985): 59-77.

"The Impact of Congressional Reforms on the Pattern of Dominance in House-Senate Conferences", with John J. Carter and Carl E. Greeson. *Athenaeum Society Review*. (Fall, 1984): 21-36.

Review Essays, Book Chapters, and Op-Ed Pieces:

“Helping Prepare the Next Generation.” *PM: Public Management*. (January/February, 2006): 15-16.

“Time to Reconsider the Electoral College.” *Springfield News-Sun*. (October 31, 2004): 13A.

"Privatization as the Criterion of Efficiency in Urban Transportation," a review of Clifford Winston and Chad Shirley. 1998. *Alternate Route: Toward Efficient Urban*

Transportation (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press), *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*. 11 (April, 2001): 265-268.

“Government in the Twilight Zone: Motivations of Volunteers to Small City Boards and Commissions.” In Mark Holzer (Ed.), *Public Service: Callings, Commitments, and Contributions* (pp. 165-179), Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2000.

"Citizen Participation and Neighborhood Organizations," *Urban Affairs Review*. 30 (July, 1995): 880-888.

Papers Prepared/Presented

“The Ties that Bond and Bridge: Social Capitalists and Variations in Social Capital Among Small Town Activists.” Presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Western Social Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, April 2005.

“Self-Recruitment to Small City Boards and Commissions: Individual versus Contextual Explanations.” Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2004.

“Social Capitalists and Variations in Social Capital: Conceptualizing Distinctions Among Small Town Activists.” Presented as the 2003 Merrill E. Gaddis Memorial Lecture, Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, October 6, 2003. Also presented as the 2004 Wittenberg University Quest & Question Lecture, January 24, 2004.

“Regionalism, Inter-local Cooperation and Economic Development: Strategies for Successful Public-Private Partnerships.” Presented at the 5th International Yangtze Development Forum, Shanghai, P.R. China, November 23-24, 2002.

“A Lesson ‘In’ Government: Connecting Theory and Practice in the Study of Municipal Government.” Presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2001.

"Neighborhoods, Grassroots Organizations, and City Government: The Politics of Neighborhood Mobilization and Collective Action in Springfield, Ohio," with Scott R. Meinke. Presented at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, November 1998.

"Political Fragmentation, Elasticity, and Center-Fringe Conflict." A chapter contributed to a study of Springfield and Clark County, Ohio by the Wittenberg Urban Studies Faculty titled *Updating the Dream*, March 1997.

"The Impact of Personal Characteristics and Mass Media Exposure on Citizens' Knowledge of Foreign Affairs: A Five-Nation Study," with Stephen E. Bennett, Richard S. Flickinger, Staci Rhine, and Linda L.M. Bennett. Presented at the 1995 Annual

Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 31-September 3, 1995.

"Do Our Disciplines' Dominant Paradigms Present Gender Dilemmas?: Lessons From Public Administration." Presentation made as part of the Wray Symposia on Human Diversity, Wittenberg University, April 13, 1995.

"Looking At Legislatures: Citizens' Knowledge and Perceptions of Legislatures in Canada, Great Britain, and the United States," with Linda L.M. Bennett, Stephen E. Bennett, and Richard Flickinger. Presented at the 16th International Congress of the International Political Science Association (RC8: 2), Berlin, Germany, August 21-25, 1994.

"The Quest for a Congressional Seat: Nonincumbent Candidates in the 1990 U.S. House Primary Elections", with Linda L.M. Bennett. Presented at the 1991 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 29-September 1, 1991.

"Government in the Pits: Explaining Recruitment to Small City Boards and Commissions". Presented at the 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 1990.

"From Nation to State: Exploring the Linkages Between Declining Marginality in the U.S. House and State Legislative Elections", with Linda L.M. Bennett. Presented at the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1989.

"Political Culture as Explanation: An Examination of the Relationship Between State Political Culture and the Representativeness of the Lower Houses of Twenty-Six State Legislatures". Presented at the 1988 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, November 1988.

"The Effects of Professionalization on Representation in State Legislatures: An Empirical Test of Conventional Wisdom". Presented at the 1988 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Houston, TX, March 1988.

"Winning in House-Senate Conferences: The 'Revised Theory' and the Problem of Countertrending Conferences", with John J. Carter. Presented at the 1986 Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, March 1986.

"Factors Affecting State Legislator Decisions to Bid or Not Bid for Re-election", with Wayne L. Francis. Presented at the 1985 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, August 1985.

"Chamber Dominance in House-Senate Conferences: Who Wins, Who Loses,

and Why?", with John J. Carter. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, Houston, TX, March 1985.

Grant Applications Submitted/Awarded

Fulbright Fellowship Grant to Teach, Consult, and Conduct Research in Sri Lanka, August 2001 (awarded, but not funded).

American Political Science Association Travel Grant to attend the 1994 Meeting of the International Political Science Association, August 21-25, Berlin, Germany.

Faculty Research Fund Board Grants. Wittenberg University, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1998. (Co-applicant on two of the grants with Linda L.M. Bennett).

Numerous Faculty Development Board Professional Enrichment Grants, Wittenberg University.

Teaching (Last Five Years)

Have arranged and begun a partnership with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to sponsor a competitive grant process for cities around the country to be awarded an undergraduate internship program, April 2004. Inaugural program was launched in Meredith, NH, Summer, 2005.

Taught a WittSem, Fall 2005—American Democracy: Problems and Prospects
SCED 200L: American Democracy—Problems and Prospects (Fall 2001)

Revised City Government Internship Program in Grand Island, Nebraska, Summer, 2000. Recruited Professor Jeff Ankrom to help and provide additional expertise.

Innovations: I continue to use the simulation technique in my State and Local Government, and Urban Politics courses.

Contributions to Interdepartmental Courses: I continue to teach in the URBN 171 course, which is team-taught by the Urban Studies Faculty

New Course: HONRS 300S: American Democracy—Problems and Prospects. Developed this during the summer of 1996 and taught in the fall of 1996.

New Course—City Government Internship Program in Grand Island, Nebraska, Summer 1994. Also revised and offered again in Fernandina Beach, FL, Summer 1997.

Honors Section of Common Learning in Fall 1998.

Workshops Attended Related to Teaching:

- (1) ESRI Workshop on ArcGIS I, January 16-17, 2006.
- (2) ICPSR Summer Program—5 day Workshop on Categorical Data Analysis, University of Michigan, June 1999 (Funded with TEABLE money)
- (3) Participated in workshop on GIS taught by Olga Medvedkov, Wittenberg University, June 1999 (Funded with TEAGLE money)
- (4) The Association of American Law Schools and American Political Science Association Workshop on New Strategies for Inner Cities, January 1998, San Francisco, CA
- (5) The Ohio Urban University Program Fall Forum, October 1997, Columbus, Ohio
- (6) WEBCT course, Ohio State University, November 2000

Academic Contacts with Students Outside the Classroom

Field Experience for URBN 171 Course

I have supervised several internships over the years

I advised the Political Science Honorary—Pi Sigma Alpha for 13 years;
Currently advise the group again.

Polis House Advisory Committee—1998-99

Committee Assignments (Since 1994)

Strategic Planning Task Group on Building Community, Spring 2004.

Faculty Personnel Board (2000 to present; chair 2001-2002)

Chairperson of EPC Task Force on Community Service Requirement,
1997-98

Chairperson of EPC Task Force on Service Learning, 1996

Urban Studies Committee, 1987-present, Chair, 1994-96

Diversity Advisory Committee, 1997-2004.

Task Force/Search Committee on Campus Ministry and Church Relations,
1997-98

Athletic Policy Committee, 1994-96; 2004-present

Faculty Executive Board, 1994-95

Hollenbeck Hall Planning/Steering Committee, 1997-2000

Community Service Advisory Committee, 2004-Present

African Studies Committee, 2002-present

Other Contributions to the University (Since 1994)

Moderator for Several Election Debates during Election year cycles
Made a presentation to the Wittenberg Guild on the 2000 Election
Chair of the Political Science Department, 1996-2002; Acting Chair,
2003-04.

Director of Urban Studies Program, 1994-96

Presentation to the Board of Directors About the City Management
Internship Program, Fall 1997, and Winter 2005

Panel Participant for EPC Forum on Community Service Requirement,
October 1999

Taught First-Year Advising Section of POLI 101, Fall 1994

Taught WittSem, Fall 2004 and Fall 2006

Participant in the Preparing Future Faculty Members Program, The Ohio State University