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Educational History

Ph.D., November 16, 1993

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Political Economy and Government

Dissertation: "The Political Economy of Environmental Citizen Groups"

J.D., May 21, 1983

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, CA

B.S., June 2, 1980

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, Economics and Civil Engineering (two degrees)

Professional Experience

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

- Political Science Program Head, 2007-
- Professor, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2006-

Iowa State University, Ames, IA

- Director, Public Policy and Administration Program, 2005-06
- Professor, Department of Political Science, 2005-06
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2000-05

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- Visiting Scholar, The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 2004-05

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

- Assistant Professor, Department of Resource Development, 2000
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 1993-99

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- Instructor, Kennedy School of Government, 1991
- Teaching Assistant, Departments of Government and Economics and Kennedy School of Government, 1990-92

United States Postal Service, Washington, DC

- Contract Attorney, 1990
- Attorney, Rates Division, 1983-89

Research Interests

Political Economy (fiscal policy, governance and finance of higher education, civil society)
American Politics (institutions and processes, political and civic organizations, campaign finance)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
American Economic Association.

Honors and Other Recognitions

Iowa State University Department of Political Science, Alumni Award for Senior Faculty Excellence, 2005.

Member, *California Law Review*, 1982-1983

Member, Chi Epsilon, 1979

Awards and Fellowships

Iowa State University, Faculty Professional Development Assignment, 2004-05.

Predocctoral fellowship, Harvard-MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy, 1992-93.

Achievements in Original Investigation and Research

Grants

National Science Foundation Award SES-0418129, "National Party Committees, Competitive Elections, and State Autonomy Before and After the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002," 2004-08. \$86,370.

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant. "Congressional Parties and Campaign Finance: Improving Democratic Performance" with Matthew Potoski, 2003-04. \$2,500.

Michigan State University, Program in Political Institutions and Public Choice, "Institutions and Decision Making in Higher Education," 1995-96. Less than \$5,000.

Michigan State University All-University Research Grant, "State Governance Systems and Pricing Policies in Public Higher Education," 1994-95. \$3,831.

Michigan State University Nonprofit Research Initiative Grant, "State Level Funding Changes to Michigan Nonprofits: 1989-1993," with F.K. Marsh, 1994. Less than \$5,000.

Journal Articles, Refereed

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 2010. "Transparency and Accountability: Empirical Results for U.S. States." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 22(October):379-406.

Lowry, Robert C. 2009. "Reauthorization of the Federal Higher Education Act and Accountability for Student Learning: The Dog That Didn't Bark." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 39(Summer): 506-526.

Lowry, Robert C. 2007 "The Political Economy of Public Universities in the United States: A Review Essay." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7(Fall):303-324.

Lowry, Robert C. 2005. "Explaining the Variation in Organized Civil Society Across States and Time." *The Journal of Politics* 67(May):574-594.

- Summarized and extended in "Assessing the Effects of Church and State on Organized Civil Society," *International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law*: 7(September, 2005): http://www.icnl.org/knowledge/ijnl/vol7iss4/art_2.htm

Lowry, Robert C. and Matthew Potoski. 2004. "Organized Interests and the Politics of Discretionary Federal Grants." *The Journal of Politics* 66(May):513-533.

Lowry, Robert C. 2004. "Markets, Governance and University Priorities: Evidence on Undergraduate Education and Research." *Economics of Governance*: 5(April):29-51.

Lowry, Robert C. 2001. "Governmental Structure, Trustee Selection, and Public University Prices and Spending: Multiple Means to Similar Ends." *American Journal of Political Science*, 45(October): 845-861.

- Abridged version published as: "Effects of State Postsecondary Education Structures on Public University Prices and Spending." *New Directions for Institutional Research* 119(Fall, 2003):41-53.

Lowry, Robert C. 2001. "The Effects of State Political Interests and Campus Outputs on Public University Revenues." *Economics of Education Review* 20(April):105-119.

Lowry, Robert C. and James E. Alt. 2001. "A Visible Hand? Bond Markets, Political Parties, Balanced Budget Laws, and State Government Debt." *Economics & Politics* 13(March):49-72.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 2000. "A Dynamic Model of State Budget Outcomes Under Divided Partisan Government." *The Journal of Politics* 62(November):1035-1069.

Lowry, Robert C. 1999. "Foundation Patronage Toward Citizen Groups and Think Tanks: Who Gets Grants?" *The Journal of Politics* 63(August):758-776.

Lowry, Robert C. 1998. "All Hazardous Waste Politics is Local: Grassroots Advocacy and Public Participation in Siting and Cleanup Decisions" *Policy Studies Journal* 26(Winter):748-759.

Lowry, Robert C., James E. Alt and Karen E. Ferree. 1998. "Fiscal Policy Outcomes and Electoral Accountability in American States." *American Political Science Review* 92(December):759-774.

Lowry, Robert C. 1998. "Religion and the Demand for Membership in Environmental Citizen Groups." *Public Choice* 94(March):223-240.

Lowry, Robert C. 1997. "The Private Production of Public Goods: Organizational Maintenance, Managers' Objectives, and Collective Goals." *American Political Science Review* 92(June):308-323.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 1994. "Divided Government, Fiscal Institutions and Budget Deficits: Evidence From the States." *American Political Science Review* 88(December):811-828.

Journal Articles, Non-Refereed

Lowry, Robert C. 2004. "What Explains Credible Apologies? A Comment on Yap's 'Non-Electoral Responsiveness Mechanisms.'" *British Journal of Political Science*: 34(April):368-371.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 2003. "Party Differences in State Budget Outcomes Are There After All: Response to 'Reexamining the Dynamic Model of Divided Partisan Government'" *The Journal of Politics* 65(May):491-497.

Lowry, Robert C. and Brian D. Silver. 1996. "A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: Political Science Department Reputation and the Reputation of the University." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 29(June):161-167.

Lowry, Robert C. 1995. "Nonprofit Organizations and Public Policy." *Policy Studies Review* 14(Spring/Summer):107-116.

Book Chapters

Lowry, Robert C. _____. "The Context of State Public Policymaking: Why is Mississippi Still so Different from Maine?" In *The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government Politics*, Donald Haider-Markel (ed.). New York, NY: Oxford University Press. In press.

Lowry, Robert C. 2009. "Incomplete Contracts and the Political Economy of the Privatized Public University." In Christopher C. Morpew and Peter D. Eckel (eds.) *Privatizing the Public University: Perspectives from across the Academy*, 33-59. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Lowry, Robert C. 2008. "Fiscal Policy in the American States." In Virginia Gray and Russell L. Hanson (eds.) *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*, 287-315. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 9th edition.

Invited Talks/Presentations, Nonrefereed

"Global Dialogue on Federalism: USA Roundtable," sponsored by the Forum of Federations. University of Central Arkansas, November 6, 2009.

Symposium on State and Local Politics, Center for the Study of Law and Politics, Gould School of Law, University of Southern California, April 2, 2008.

“Incomplete Contracts and the Political Economy of the Privatized Public University.” State of the Art Conference on The Privatization of the Public Research University, Institute for Higher Education, University of Georgia, September 7-9, 2006.

“Understanding the Whole Package: Public Welfare Spending and Private Social Services in American States,” University of Texas at Dallas, December 1, 2004.

Research conference, “Financing Higher Education Institutions in the 21st Century,” Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, May 22-23, 2001.

Research conference, “It’s Better to Rely on Well-designed Institutions than on Well-behaved People,” University of California, Los Angeles, May 18-19, 2001.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

American Political Science Association, 1993-96, 1998, 2001-03, 2005-07, 2009

Annual Conference on the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, East Lansing, MI, 1998

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 1998, 2001

Conference on State Politics and Policy, 2001, 2002, 2010

Midwest Political Science Association, 1994-2008, 2010

National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Political Economics, Cambridge, MA, 1992

National Public Management Research Conference, Texas A&M University, 1999

Northeastern Political Science Association, 1992

Public Choice Society, 1996

Southern Economic Association, 1993

Southern Political Science Association, 2008

Other Written Works

Entry on “Fiscal Policy.” *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010.

Entries on "Political Action Committees" and "Taxation." *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, 896-900, 989-991. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2008.

Book review of David M. Primo, "Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions." *Political Science Quarterly*, 123(Fall, 2008):549-551.

Book review of James M. Poterba and Jürgen von Hagen (eds.) “Fiscal Institutions and Fiscal Performance.” *Journal of Economics/Zeitschrift für Nationalökonomie*, 72(2000):233-235.

Book review of Walter Hettich and Stanley L. Winer, "Democratic Choice and Taxation: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis." *American Political Science Review*, 94(March, 2000):175.

Book review of Robert D. Reischauer (ed.) "Setting National Priorities: Budget Choices for the Next Century." *Political Science Quarterly*, 112(Winter, 1997-1998):712-713.

Book review: "Federalism and the Balanced Budget Amendment." *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 17(Fall, 1997):101-103.

Book review of William R. Keech, "Economic Politics: The Costs of Democracy." *The Journal of Politics* 58(February, 1996):237-238.

Symposium editor, "Nonprofit Organizations and Public Policy." *Policy Studies Review* 14(Spring/Summer, 1995): 107-246.

Works in Progress

"Mobilizing Money: Political Action Committees and Political Participation"

"Donor Choice in a Political Marketplace: Itemized Campaign Contributions to National Parties and Federal Candidates"

"Intraparty Fiscal Federalism Before and After the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act."

"The Dynamic Relationship between State Party Organizational Strength and Electoral Outcomes."

"Public Welfare Spending and Private Social Services in U.S. States"

"Fiscal Policy in the American States" (revised and updated version)

"The Politics of Higher Education"

Professional and University Citizenship

Professional activities and committees

Executive Council, Section on State Politics and Policy, American Political Science Association, 2008-2010

Editorial boards

- *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 2005-
- *American Journal of Political Science*, 2006-2009

Award committees

- Best Paper and Best Graduate Student Paper on State Politics and Policy presented at the 2008 meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Party Politics Award, APSA Section on Political Organizations and Parties, 2006

- Robert H. Durr Award for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem in political science, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003

Mentor, W.T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program, 2008-

Chair and discussant at various professional conferences. Recent participation includes:

Discussant

American Political Science Association 2007-10

Midwest Political Science Association 2007, 2009, 2010

Chair

American Political Science Association 2006

Midwest Political Science Association 2009, 2010

Ad hoc reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Congress and the Presidency*; *Economics & Politics*; *Economics of Education Review*; *Economics of Governance*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*; *The Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *National Tax Journal*; *Party Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics & Policy*; *Politique Americaine*; *Public Choice*; *Public Budgeting and Finance*; *Public Finance and Management*; *Public Finance Review*; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *State and Local Government Review*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; McGraw-Hill Books, College Division; SAGE Publications; W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.; the National Science Foundation; The Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund.

Program or departmental activities and committees

The University of Texas at Dallas:

- Political Science Program Committee, 2007-
- Political Science Ph.D. qualifying exams committee, 2007-
- Public law faculty search committee (chair), 2008-2009
- Fred Hill Endowed Scholarship Award committee, 2009-

Iowa State University:

- Department of Political Science Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2001-04, 2005-06
- Department of Political Science Director of Graduate Education (MA Program), 2001-04
- Department of Political Science Graduate Committee, 2000-04
- Department of Political Science Council, 2001-02
- Department of Political Science ad hoc committee on MPA governance, 2001
- Department of Political Science Faculty Awards Committee, 2000-01

Michigan State University:

- Department of Political Science Advisory Committee, 1995-96
- Department of Political Science Curriculum Committee, 1996-98
- Department of Political Science Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee, 1996-99
- Program in Public Policy and Administration Admissions Committee, 1997, 1998-99
- Program in Public Policy and Administration Advisory Committee, 1994-96, 1997-98

School or college activities and committees

The University of Texas at Dallas

- School of EPPS Executive Committee, 2007-
- School of EPPS Faculty Personnel Review Committee, 2006-08
- School of EPPS ad hoc Professor (Promotion) Review Committee, 2007, 2008 (chair)
- School of EPPS ad hoc Tenure Review Committee, 2009
- School of EPPS ad hoc Third-Year Review Committee, 2007 (chair)
- School of Arts & Humanities ad hoc Third-Year Review Committee, 2010

Iowa State University:

- Principal Investigator, "Iowa State Caucus Study," funded by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Political Science, and the Institute for Social and Behavioral Research, November, 2003.

Michigan State University:

- College of Social Sciences Graduate Committee, 1995-99
- Nonprofit Specialization Steering Committee, 1996-99

Courses developed

The University of Texas at Dallas:

- American Public Policy (undergraduate)
- Political Parties and Interest Groups (undergraduate)
- Politics and Business (undergraduate)
- Empirical Democratic Theory (graduate)
- Local and State Government and Politics (graduate)
- Political and Civic Organizations (graduate)
- Proseminar in Decision Making and Public Management (graduate)
- Public Choice (graduate)

Iowa State University:

- American Government: Institutions and Policies (undergraduate)
- Introduction to Empirical Political Research (undergraduate)
- Introduction to Political Economy (undergraduate)
- Political Parties and Interest Groups (undergraduate)
- Public Choice (undergraduate)
- Political Analysis and Research (graduate)
- Politics and Management of Nonprofit Organizations (graduate)

Michigan State University:

- Political Parties and Interest Groups (undergraduate)
- Politics of the Environment (undergraduate)
- Public Choice (undergraduate)
- Regulatory Politics and Policy (undergraduate)
- Proseminar on Nonprofit Organizations (graduate)
- Proseminar on Formal Theory (graduate)
- Research Seminar on Positive Theory and Political Economy (graduate)

University activities and committees

The University of Texas at Dallas:

- Committee on Qualifications of Academic Personnel, 2008-2010
- External Examination Chair, School of Management, 2007, 2008
- Occasional judge, moot court, mock trial and mediation competitions

Iowa State University

- Faculty Senate, 2002-04
- College of Agriculture, ad hoc search committee for agricultural law position, 2003-04
- Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Food Safety and Security, 2003-06
- Co-PI, “Science and Policy Seminar Series & Summer Institute,” funded by the Iowa State University Agronomy Endowment, 2002-04
- Occasional panelist and guest host, “Talk of Iowa” call-in show, WOI Radio
- More than 80 interviews with print, radio and television media

Michigan State University

- Instructor, College of Veterinary Medicine, “Science, Politics and Animal Health Policy Fellowship Program,” 1998-1999