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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Public Administration and Public Policy, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, May 2003.

Dissertation: Local Government Form as Paradigm: A Perspective on Structural Change

Master of Public Administration, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, March 1993.

Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Management, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, March 1991.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Clinical Associate Professor, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas, September 1, 2007 to present.

Teach five (5) on-line graduate courses annually in the Master of Public Affairs program in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences.

Clinical Assistant Professor, The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas, September 1, 2005 - August 31, 2007.

Teach five (5) on-line graduate courses annually in the Master of Public Affairs program in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences.

Assistant City Manager, City of Auburn, Alabama, October 1, 1997 – September 22, 2005.

Served as the assistant Chief Executive Officer for the City of Auburn. Handled all citizen complaints and perform follow-up actions. Conducted policy research and compiled information used by the City Manager and City Council in decision making. Served as Acting City Manager in the absence of the City Manager. Attended all City Council meetings, Department Head meetings and other meetings as requested. Assisted in maintaining coordination and communication among all City departments to insure goals and projects were carried out. Monitored all actions taken to address citizen complaints that originated in the City Manager's office. Was responsible for all aspects of the City's monthly citizen newsletter.

Assistant to the City Manager, City of Auburn, Alabama, April 1, 1994 – September 30, 1997.

Served as assistant to the Chief Executive Officer for the City of Auburn. Handled all citizen complaints and perform follow-up actions. Conducted research and compile information used by the City Manager and City Council members in decision making. Attended all City Council meetings, Department Head meetings, and other meetings as requested. Served as Acting City Manager in the absence of the City Manager. Assisted in maintaining coordination and communication among all city departments to insure goals and projects were carried out. Assisted City Manager and Finance Director with annual budget preparation. Prepared the annual Capital Improvement Program. Prepared application and coordinated all grant-related activities for a State of Alabama Department of Archives and History grant to improve municipal records retention.

Economic Development Officer, City of Auburn, Alabama, October 1993 - March 1994.

Performed professional and technical tasks relating to the recruitment and retention of business and industry, including overseeing the City's Revolving Loan applications, preparing State of Alabama site grant applications, and assisting with other industrial projects. Managed the Auburn Housing Assistance Network, a group of non-profit and volunteer organizations dedicated to improving the housing conditions in Auburn. Assisted the Community Development Project Manager in coordinating the City's Affordable Housing program and the Community Development Block Grant program.

Full-time staff intern, Economic Development Department, City of Auburn, June 1992 - September 1993.

Created the Auburn Housing Assistance Network. Assisted with all aspects of the City of Auburn's Affordable Housing program and the application process and administration of the 1991 & 1993 Community Development Block Grants.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

All aspects of municipal government including economic development, charters, and form of government.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Society for Public Administration (ASPA)

Phi Kappa Phi honorary (top 5% of Ph.D. graduating class)

Pi Alpha Alpha honorary (public administration honorary)

Pi Sigma Alpha honorary (political science honorary)

Sigma Iota Epsilon honorary Charter Member (business management honorary)

Rho Lambda honorary (leadership and academic honorary)

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Public Administration Review Editors' Choice Award, 2005.

Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Political Science, Auburn University, Spring 2002.

Pi Alpha Alpha Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, Fall 2002.

City of Auburn Management Innovation Award, October 2000.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN ORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT, INVESTIGATION, AND RESEARCH

- ***BOOKS***

Wendy L. Hassett and Douglas J. Watson, 2007. Civic Battles: When Cities Change Their Form of Government. PrAcademics Press. ISBN 0-9668864-2-9.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett, eds., June 2003. Local Government Management: Current Issues and Best Practices. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe, Inc.

- ***REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES***

Douglas J. Watson, Wendy L. Hassett, and Floun'say R. Caver, 2006. "Form of Government and Community Values: The Case of Tuskegee, Alabama." Politics and Policy 34(4): 794-813.

Wendy L. Hassett and Donna M. Handley, 2006. "Hurricane Katrina: Mississippi's Response." Public Works Management & Policy 10(4): 295-305.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett, 2005. "Capitalizing on Student Workers: The City of Auburn's Student Employment Programs." Review of Public Personnel Administration 25(2): 181-192.

Douglas J. Watson, Donna M. Handley, and Wendy L. Hassett, 2005. "Financial Distress and Municipal Bankruptcy: The Case of Prichard, Alabama," Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management 17(2).

Douglas J. Watson, Wendy L. Hassett, and Donna M. Handley, January 2005. "The ASPA Journals: Who is Publishing?" Journal of Public Affairs Education 11(1).

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett, March/April 2004. "Career Paths of City Managers in America's Largest Council-Manager Cities." Public Administration Review 64(2): 192-199.

Wendy L. Hassett and Douglas J. Watson, Winter 2003. "Citizen Surveys: A Component of the Budgetary Process." Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management 15(4): 525-541.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett, January/February 2003. "Long-Serving City Managers: Why Do They Stay?" Public Administration Review 63(1): 71-78.

Douglas J. Watson, Wendy L. Hassett, Jerry Davis, and Robert E. Thomas, December 2002. "Use of Industrial Engineering in Measuring Police Manpower: A Small City Case Study." Public Performance & Management Review 26(2): 132-147.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett, October 2002. "Capital-Intensive Privatization: Returning to Public Ownership." Public Works Management & Policy 7(2): 115-123.

Wendy L. Hassett and Douglas J. Watson, September/October 2002. "Long-Serving City Managers: Practical Application of the Academic Literature." Public Administration Review 62(5): 622-629.

- ***NON-REFEREED ARTICLES***

Wendy L. Hassett. 2011. "Reviewing a City Charter." National Civic Review 100(2): 48-57.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett. 2004. "Career Paths: Ways to the Top." Public Management, 86(6): 15-18.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett. 2003. "The 20-Year Manager: Factors of Longevity." Public Management, 85(9): 22-25.

Wendy L. Hassett. 2002. "Citizen Newsletters: Are they Worth the Trouble?" Public Management, 84(3): 20-23. (Reprinted in Alabama Municipal Journal, June 2002, 59(12): 5-6, 15-16.)

- ***BOOK CHAPTERS***

Wendy L Hassett. 2010. Spokane: Development Debate Sparks Government Debate, pp. 47-62. In More than Mayor or Manager: Campaigns to Change Form of Government in America's Large Cities, edited by James H. Svara and Douglas J. Watson. Georgetown University Press: Washington D.C.

Wendy L. Hassett. 2010. Hartford: Politics Trumps Professionalism, pp. 63-80.In More than Mayor or Manager: Campaigns to Change Form of Government in America's Large Cities, edited by James H. Svara and Douglas J. Watson. Georgetown University Press: Washington D.C.

Wendy L. Hassett. 2008. From Conflict to Cooperation: Auburn, Alabama, pp. 213 - 232. In The Facilitative Leader in City Hall: Reexamining the Scope and Contributions, by James H. Svara. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group.

Note: Part of the American Society for Public Administration Series in Public Administration and Public Policy.

Wendy L. Hassett. 2008. The 'Shrinking' Strategy of Youngstown, pp. 109-124. In Building the Local Economy: Cases in Economic Development, edited by Douglas J. Watson and John C. Morris. Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Wendy L. Hassett. 2004. Career Advancement Choices of Female Managers in U.S. Local Governments, pp. 131-150. In Equity in the Workplace: Gendering Workplace Policy Analysis, edited by Heidi Gottfried and Laura Reese. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Douglas J. Watson, Robert J. Juster, and Wendy L. Hassett. 2002. Growth Management. In Alabama Issues, edited by James Seroka and Thomas Vocino. Auburn, AL: Center for Governmental Services.

Douglas J. Watson and Wendy L. Hassett. 1997. Conflict Comes to Daphne. In Innovative Governments: Creative Approaches to Local Problems edited by Douglas J. Watson. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

- ***CONFERENCE INVOLVEMENT AND INVITED PRESENTATION***

Panelist, "Promoting Positive Relations Between Facilitative Mayors and City Administrators." Annual Conference of The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) in Dallas, TX, March 2008.

Roundtable Speaker, "The Challenges of Balancing Work and Family: Advice from the Experts," co-sponsored with the Committee on the Status of Women at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, January 2006.

Invited Participant, International City/County Management Association (ICMA) sponsored focus group, "Academics and Local Government Managers who Teach," ASPA Conference in Milwaukee, WI, April 2005.

Panelist, "Hiring and Promotion: Lessons from the Field," at the Alabama Public Affairs Forum, "Advancing Women in Public Administration," in Montgomery, AL, April 2003.

Panelist, "An Examination of the Career Advancement Choices of Female Managers in Local Government." Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, April 2002.

- ***PUBLISHED REPORT***

Guide for Charter Commissions, Sixth Edition. 2011. National Civic League, Denver, CO.

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY CITIZENSHIP

Participant, UTD Learning Management Systems online faculty focus group, UTD (2011)

Member, UTD Committee on Distance Learning (9/1/07 – 8/31/09)

Board of Editors (2003-2008), Public Administration Review.

Reviewer of manuscripts for Public Administration Review, Review of Public Personnel Administration, Journal of Women, Politics & Public Policy, and Public Works Management & Policy.

Past committee member, International City-County Management Association (ICMA) Committee on Assistants.

- ***COURSES DEVELOPED***

The University of Texas at Dallas (public affairs graduate courses):

- *Local Economic Development.*
- *Information Systems in Policy Environments.*
- *Quality and Productivity Improvement in Government.*
- *Local Government Ethics.*
- *Ethics, Culture, and Public Responsibility*

Auburn University:

- *Administrative Leadership (undergraduate and graduate), Fall 2004.*
- *Introduction to American Government (undergraduate), April 1991-June 1992.*