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Biographical Statement

Professor of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida (UCF) since 1985. Previously, he was a tenured faculty member at both State University of New York - Binghamton and Governors State University in Illinois. He has served as Master of Public Administration Degree Program Director at three universities, and Department Chair and Director of Policy Research Institutes at two of them.

His specialties are government budgeting and local government management, and he has published three books and numerous journal articles. He served as Editor for the SUNY Press series on Public Administration for over a decade. He has also worked with over 75 Florida cities and counties as a trainer and consultant specializing in goal-setting, strategic planning, performance budgeting, improved program management, and leadership training. Last, but not least, he once served two terms as an elected (and re-elected!) city council member!

In recent years, he has focused on teaching, developing web courses, and creating new courses on "Nonprofit Resource Development" and "Nonprofit Financial Management." His Ph.D. is from Brandeis University.

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Current Positions

Professor of Public Administration, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, 1990 - present.
President, The Public Management Group Inc. (government training and consulting, 1993 - present).

Previous Faculty Positions

Associate Professor, UCF, 1985-1990 (tenured 1987)
Associate Professor, State University of New York at Binghamton, 1980-1985 (tenured 1982)
University Professor (all faculty at same rank) Governors State University, 1973-1980 (tenured 1978)

Education

Ph.D., Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass, 1978; *Public Interest Groups and American Bureaucracy*.
B.A., Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1969

Selected Professional Affiliations / Service

General Editor, Public Administration Series, State University of New York Press (16 books)
Member: Government Finance Officers Association, Florida Government Finance Officers
Presentations: Florida Government Finance Officers, Florida Innovation Group, Florida Planning and Zoning Annual Conference, Florida Sheriffs Association, International Personnel Management Assn, American Society for Public Administration National & Regional.

Selected Publications

Governing New York State, State University of New York Press, Albany, New York, 1994 (3rd Edition). Co-editor, author of several chapters (1st edition 1983, 2nd 1988, 3rd 1994).
Practical Government Budgeting: A Workbook for Public Managers, State University of New York Press, Albany, New York, 1990. Co-author with Susan L. Riley.
Over a dozen articles in journals including *Policy Studies Journal*, *American Society for Public Administration Management Science*, *Journal of Police Science and Administration* *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, and *State and Local Government Review*.

Selected Courses Taught

Public Management, Administrative Theory, Fiscal Management, Public Budgeting, Reengineering, Non-Profit Management ... Outstanding Teacher Awards at all three universities where I have taught.