

Ruth M. Ediger – Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, May 1996, Political Science
Dissertation: "The Role of the Church in the Fall of Communism: The Cases of East Germany, Poland, and Romania."
Major Field Areas: International Relations, Comparative Governments;
Subfield Areas: International Political Economy, International Security and Foreign Policy, European Politics, European Public Policy
- M.A., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, May 1991, Political Science
Thesis: "The Determinants of Family Planning Policy Effort in Eighty-Six Nations of the Developing World"
Major Field Areas: International Relations, Comparative Governments
- B.A., Pacific Lutheran University, June 1988, Cum Laude
History major, Political Science minor, and Certification for Secondary Education

POSITIONS HELD

- Associate Professor of Political Science and Geography at Seattle Pacific University, September 2002 to the present
- Assistant Professor of Political Science at Lee University, Cleveland, TN, January 1996 to May 2002.
- Political Science Teaching Assistant at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 1994.

COURSES TAUGHT:

AT SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (Sept. 2002 – present)

- GEO 1110 World Regional Geography
- POL 2330 International Relations
- POL 3125 Issue Seminar: International Law
- POL/GEO 3170 Geopolitics
- POL/GEO 4911 Adv. Seminar: The Global South
- POL/GEO 4911 Adv. Seminar: Women in Global Politics
- POL/HIS 3670 History of American Foreign Relations
- POL4899 Capstone: Women in Global Politics
- UCOR 2000 The West and the World

AT LEE UNIVERSITY (Jan. 1996 – May 2002)

- POL 195 Middle East Peace (Lee Summer Honors)
- POL 200 Understanding Contemporary Politics
- POL 211 American Government: National
- POL 212 American Government: State and Local
- POL 251 Current International Affairs
- POL 255 American Government: National, State, and Local
- POL 330 International Relations
- POL 332 US Foreign Policy and National Security
- POL 333 International Political Economy
- POL 334 International Law and Organizations
- POL 346 Global South: The Developing World
- POL 345 Comparative Governments
- POL 445 European Politics
- POL 460 Political Sociology (Team-Taught)
- POL 470/HIS 450 History of Political Thought
- POL 480 Study Tour of England, Scotland, and Ireland: British Politics (On location)
- HIS 516/ MLA 516 The Rise & Fall of Superpowers (Graduate course taught for the Master of Liberal Arts. Also cross-listed for undergraduate credit.)
- GST 101 Introduction to College Life

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN (1994)

- POL 100 American Government (At the University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Scholarship of Teaching Political Science and Geography: Geographic Literacy, Pedagogy, Curriculum Development, and Assessment, Women and Islam in Europe, Religion in Eastern Europe
- effective pedagogy, technology in the classroom, and geographic literacy

PEER REVIEWED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewed Publications

- “Curricular Commonalties for Undergraduate International Relations Courses: What Can We Learn by Comparing across Textbooks?” currently under review for the *Journal of Political Science Education*, per July 19, 2007 positive response from Editor-in-Chief.
- “History of an Institution as a Factor for Predicting Church Institutional Behavior: The Cases of the Catholic Church in Poland, the Orthodox Church in Romania, and the Protestant Churches in East Germany”

published in the September 2005 issue of the *East European Quarterly*. Vol.39, No.3, pp.299-328.

Peer Reviewed Presentations

- “Teaching in the World: Knowing the Location of the Nation-States Using a Computer Based Geoquiz Program” presented for the “Teaching with Technology I” track at the third-annual APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Washington, D.C., February 18-20, 2006.
- “The Creation of an Undergraduate International Relations Canon: Beginning the Dialog” presented at the 47th Annual International Studies Association Meeting, March 22-25, 2006 in San Diego, CA.
- “What Muslim Women Can Offer the West”, presented at the Christians in Political Science meeting June 5-7, 2003 Bethel College, St. Paul, MN.
- “The Church as a Viable Force in Shaping Eastern European Politics During the Fall of Communism: The Cases of East Germany, Poland, and Romania,” presented at the Conference of Scholars as sponsored by the Eastern Europe Institute of Waldorf College, biannual meeting March 1998.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Memberships

- Current member of the American Political Science Association (APSA)
 - Member of Section: Political Science Education

Guild Participation

- “2007 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summaries: Internationalizing the Curriculum I Track Summary” (with Shane Nordyke, Marcheta Lee Wright, and Michael Kuchinsky) published in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Vol. 40, No. 3, July 2007, 577-578.
- Appointed to serve as moderator for the 2007 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference: “Internationalizing the Curriculum” Track. February 9-11, 2007, in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- “2006 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summaries: Teaching with Technology I Track Summary” (with Donna Axel and Izabela M. Kaczorowska) published in *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Vol. 39, No. 3, July 2006, pp 535-536.

Federal Department of Education Funded Workshops for Teachers

- (Scheduled) December 5, 2007 – “Constitution Study/Methodologies” workshop for the third year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching Our Past for the Future* for the Thorp School District: Grade 5 Strand. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- (Scheduled) December 5, 2007 – “Constitution Study/Writing/Compromises” workshop for the third year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching Our Past for the Future* for the Thorp School District: Grade 5

Strand. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.

- September 20, 2007 – “Explorers” workshop for the third year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching Our Past for the Future* for the Thorp School District: Grade 5 Strand. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- February 7, 2007 – “World War I” workshop for the second year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching Our Past for the Future* for the Thorp School District: Junior High Strand. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- February 7, 2007 – “World War II” workshop for the second year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching Our Past for the Future* for the Thorp School District: Junior High Strand. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- August 15-17, 2006 – Federal Department of Education’s Thorp Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching American History at Fort Worden State Park* summer workshop for teachers. Topics included *Maps and Geography, Landmarks of the US, and Government*. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, Port Townsend, WA.
- April 19, 2006 – “US Foreign Policy: JFK to GWB” workshop for the first year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *Teaching Our Past for the Future* for the Thorpe School District. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- February 1, 2006 – “World Trade: Pacific Rim/Latin America” workshop for the third year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *America’s Past Kindles Our Future* for the Thorp School District. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- October 5, 2005 – “Gulf Wars I & II” workshop for the third year of the Federal Department of Education’s Thorp Teaching American History Grant: *America’s Past Kindles Our Future* for the Thorp School District. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- February 1, 2005 – “American/European Relations” workshop for the second year of the Federal Department of Education’s Teaching American History Grant: *America’s Past Kindles Our Future* for the Thorpe School District. Tom Christian, Grant Director. Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.

Curriculum and Technological Development

- 1997-2005 – Created and up-dated a computer based testing system for learning the countries of the world and their capitals as well as

major geographic features.

- 1997-2001 – Assisted in the development and continuation of an annual Lee U. England/Scotland Study Tour in May including the creation of British Politics class. This program accommodated up to 30 students annually and lasted for about 18 days in May. The creation and maintenance of a Study Tour website was also included.
- 1999 – Developed Political Science Major and the classes needed to service it including classes in the Presidency, the Congress, The Judiciary, State and Local Government, European Politics, Current International Affairs, Current Domestic Affairs, and a Capstone Course in Political Science. Recommended that a second person be hired who could teach the American and theory classes.
- 1997 – Developed Political Science Minor for Lee U. and created the classes needed to service it including Comparative Governments, International Relations, History of Political Thought and the revamping of the existing American Government class.
- Created a course web page for students and those outside Lee University to inform them of Lee's course offerings.
- 1997-2002 – Supervised the creation and up dating of the Lee University Political Science discipline web pages.
- Created a course for the Lee U. Masters in Liberal Arts for the fall 1999 called "The Rise and Fall of Super Powers."
- Review of manuscript "Casebook for International Relations: Snapshots of the Future" for Longman Publishing, September/October 2001

Other Professional Activities

- Academic Referee for the education and curriculum section of *PS Political Science and Politics*, 2005-present
- Liberty Fund Colloquium Participant, "Private and Public Liberties: Constant, Tocqueville, and Bryce," Charleston, South Carolina, January 31 – February 3, 2002.
- Liberty Fund Colloquium Participant, "Liberty and Cultural Renewal in the Political Thought of Francis Graham Wilson," Savannah, Georgia, November 29 – December 2, 2001.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2007 – Who's Who Among America's Teachers
- 2006 – My UCOR2000 "The West and the World" course was identified as a example of best practices in a national study of World History courses conducted by the Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR) on behalf of the College Board. A total of 57 courses from across the country were reviewed.
- 2002 – Received Tenure at Lee University
- 2000 – Who's Who Among America's Teachers
- 2000 – Who's Who in the World

- 1999 – International Who’s Who of Professionals
- 1998 – Nominated by the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department for the University-wide Excellence in Advising Award, Lee University