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Education

Emory University, Ph.D. in Political Science, 1980.

University of South Carolina, M.A. in Political Science, 1973.

University of the South, A.B. in Political Science, 1968.

Fields of Specialization

American political institutions, judicial politics and public law, comparative judicial systems and judicial administration, and the influence of informal institutions on policymaking.

Academic Appointments

April, 1991 - Present

Professor of Political Science, Chairman, Department of Political Science, LaGrange College.

September, 1977 - June, 1979

Instructor of Political Science, Division of Social Sciences, Oxford College of Emory University.

September, 1976 - June, 1977

Instructor of Political Science, Department of History and Political Science, LaGrange College.

Courses Taught: Introduction to American Government, Comparative Politics, Research Methods in Political Science, American Constitutional Law: Institutions, American Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights, State and Local Government, American Judicial Institutions, Public Administration and Public Policy, Congress and the Presidency, The Politics of Development, States and Politics in Developed Areas, States and Politics in Africa, Political Geography, Introduction to Political Theory, Senior Seminar in Political Science, Law and Lawyers, Utopias and Dystopias, Creating Political Order, The American Experience.

Publications

Articles

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "Why the Devil Couldn't Beat Daniel Webster: Absolutes, Contradictions, and the Transference of American Legal Institutions." *New Politics* 28: 245 - 60.

Brenda Thomas, Tracy Lightcap, and Lydia Rosencrantz. 2005. "Taming the Hydra: A Triangulation to Assessing an Interdisciplinary Core Curriculum." *Essays in Education* 15 (Fall 2005).

Tracy Lightcap. 2003. "Issue Environments and Institutionalization: Structural Change in U.S. State Judicial Institutions 1975 - 95." *Justice System Journal* 24 (2): 183 - 204.

Tracy Lightcap. 2002. "Uncertainty and Utopia." *Peace Review* 14 (2): 169 - 74.

Tracy Lightcap. 1999. "Toward an Internally Valid Measure of the Attitudes of U.S. Supreme Court Justices." *American Review of Politics* 20: 75 - 97.

Tracy Lightcap. 1984. "The Unionization of State Judicial Systems: A Test of Alternative Perspectives." *The Justice System Journal* 9 (1): 40 - 51.

James Larson and Tracy Lightcap. 1969. "Collective Bargaining and the Public Service." *University of South Carolina Governmental Review* 11 (4): 1 - 6.

Monographs

Judicial Council of Georgia. 1983. *Caseload Summary Report 1971 - 1981 for Georgia's Four Main Trial Courts*. Atlanta: Administrative Office of the Courts.

Judicial Council of Georgia. 1982. *Case Time Sequence Study: A Study of the Average Times Taken to Process Cases in Georgia Superior Courts in FY1980*. Atlanta: Administrative Office of the Courts.

Short Articles, Communications, and Reviews

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. Review of *Inequality and Democracy* by Lawrence Jacobs and Theda Skocpol (eds.). *The Law and Politics Book Review* 16 (6): 465 - 68.

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "Constitutionalism." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, ed. Thomas M Leonard. New York: Routledge.

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "Civil Rights." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, ed. Thomas M Leonard. New York: Routledge.

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "Public Sector Reform." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, ed. Thomas M Leonard. New York: Routledge.

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "Julius Nyrere." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, ed. Thomas M Leonard. New York: Routledge.

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "Amilcar Cabral." In *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, ed. Thomas M Leonard. New York: Routledge.

Tracy Lightcap. 2005. Review of *Hobbes on Law* by ed. Claire Finkelstein. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 15 (11): 1001 - 4.

Tracy Lightcap. 2005. Review of *Coping in Politics with Indeterminate Norms: A Theory of Enlightened Localism* by Benjamin Gregg. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 15 (1): 18 - 21.

Tracy Lightcap. 2004. Review of *Regulation in the States* by Paul Teske. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 14 (6): 465 - 68.

Tracy Lightcap. 2001. Review of *An Introduction To the American Legal System* by John M. Scheb and John M. Scheb II. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 11 (2): 110 - 12.

Tracy Lightcap. 2000. Review of *Why Lawyers Derail Justice: Probing the Roots of Legal Injustices* by John C. Anderson. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 10 (2): 115 - 18.

Tracy Lightcap. 1999. "Comparative Politics." In *Comparative Government and Politics*, ed. Frank Wilson. APSA Political Science Course Syllabi Collections. Washington: APSA.

Tracy Lightcap. 1997. Review of *South Africa: Designing New Political Institutions* eds. Murray Faure and Jan-Erik Lane. *The Law and Politics Book Review* 7 (7): 372 - 75.

Tracy Lightcap. 1990. "Statistical Programs for Apple's Macintosh Line." *P.S.* 23 (2): 138 - 40.

Presentations

Tracy Lightcap. 2006. "From the Lubuyanka to Abu Ghraib: Political Time, Political Crises, Informal Institutions, and the Adoption of "Extreme Measures" of Interrogation in the United States and the Soviet Union." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Bend, OR.

Tracy Lightcap. 2005. "Issue Environments and Judicial Professionalism in U.S. State Court Systems: 1975 - 2000." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association, New Orleans.

Tracy Lightcap. 2004. "Why the Devil Couldn't Beat Daniel Webster: Absolutes, Contradictions, and the Transfer of American Legal Institutions." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political

Science Association, Chicago.

Tracy Lightcap. 2003. "Why the Devil Couldn't Beat Daniel Webster: Absolutes and Contradictions in American Legal Culture." Presented to the Faculty of Philosophy, Kilment Ohridsky University of Sophia, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Tracy Lightcap. 2002. "Institutionalization and Indifference: Structural Change in U.S. State Judicial Institutions." Presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah. Selected for James D. McBrayer Award as best paper delivered at GPSA 2002 annual meeting.

Tracy Lightcap. 2002. "Of Research Methods, Science Shops, and Political Activism as a Teaching Method." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston.

Tracy Lightcap. 2000. "Crucial and Routine Decisions: Why the Attitudinal Model of U.S. Supreme Court Decisionmaking Works the Way It Does." Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas. (Substantial revision of the paper below.)

Tracy Lightcap. 1999. "Crucial and Routine Decisions: Why the Attitudinal Model of U.S. Supreme Court Decisionmaking Works the Way It Does." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta.

Tracy Lightcap. 1997. "On the Measurement of Judicial Attitudes." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston.

Tracy Lightcap. 1996. "Structural Change in U.S. State Judicial Institutions: An Ecological Approach." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston.

Tracy Lightcap. 1995. "An Ecological Model of Structural Change in U.S. State Judicial Institutions." Presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Toronto.

Tracy Lightcap. 1993. "*Chinatown*: A Template For Data Analysis."

Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

Tracy Lightcap. 1993. "Ideological Cohesion, Group Polarity, and the Decision To Invoke Judicial Review." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago.

Tracy Lightcap. 1990. "Trends in Structural Change in State Judicial Institutions: 1972 - 1987." Presented at the Second National Conference on Court Management, Phoenix. Third prize winner in national open competition for papers on court management.

Tracy Lightcap and Holly Sparrow. 1986. "Judicial Councils, Judicial Commissions, and Judicial Reform." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

Grants and Awards

John R. Hines Undergraduate Research Award. Inaugural Recipient. LaGrange College, 2005.

APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha Certificate For Outstanding Teaching in Political Science. 2005.

James D. McBrayer Award for Best Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, 2002.

APSA Small Research Grant Program. "Issues in the Measurement of Judicial Attitudes." 1995 - 1996.

NSF Grant No. DUE-9451157. "A Social Science Computer Laboratory to Improve Undergraduate Research Skills." 1994 - 1996.

LaGrange College Summer Research Grant. "Study At the University of Essex Summer School For Data Analysis and Collection." 1993.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science

Association, Southern Political Science Association, Georgia Political Science Association, American Judicature Society.

Other Professional Appointments

January, 1980 - March 1991

Research Associate (Statistician), Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts.

Responsible for design and analysis for evaluation, general research projects. Supervised research teams. Prepared reports on projects for clients. Developed and oversaw of data collection efforts. Developed and consulted on computer applications for research.

Additional Activities

1995. C-SPAN in the Classroom, Washington, D.C. 19th Annual Seminar for Professors.

1994. San Francisco State University. NSF Advanced Workshop for Social Science Faculty on Exploratory Data Analysis Using Microcomputers.

1993. University of Essex. Summer School for Social Science Data Analysis and Collection. Courses: Causal Models and Structural Equations; Mathematics for Social Scientists.

1992. The Ohio State University. NSF Political Science Faculty Workshop for Undergraduate Instruction in Data Analysis in Political Science.

1988. Institute of Court Management. Certified Court Records Manager.

1987. Georgia Institute of Technology. Certified Dbase 3 Programmer.

Selected Administrative and Service Activities

- Chair, Department of Political Science.
- Chair, LaGrange College American Experience Core Course Course

(multidisciplinary junior year core course) Development Task Force.

- Served as statistical consultant and analyst for community needs survey conducted by the Center for Community Studies. Results of analysis used in final reports, media releases.
- Consulted with local government, non-profit businesses concerning database management applications, database design.
- Chaired LaGrange College Athletics Task Force (one of five task forces examining college performance).
- Served as chair of the Good of the Order Committee and the Pre-Law Advising Committee and on Academic Support Committee and Admissions Committee.
- Organized and chaired open panel presentation on the 2000 presidential election.
- Chaired open panel presentation on the disaster of 11 September 2001.
- Presented main programs for Sigma (LaGrange College science society) and for faculty research contact programs.
- Sponsor undergraduate research presentations.
- Organized Law Week presentations involving contact programs for Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals and Superior Court judges, and prominent attorneys.
- Supervise LaGrange College Capitol Hill Internship Program.