

## **Curriculum Vitae**

**William Lester**  
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### **Education**

Ph.D., Texas Tech University, political science (2000)

M.P.A., Texas Tech University (1996)

B.A., University of Texas (1990)

Lifetime Texas Public School Teaching Certificate (1990)

### **Academic Experience**

Professor, Jacksonville State University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (2014-present)

Associate Professor, Jacksonville State University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (2008-2014)

Assistant Professor, Jacksonville State University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (2005-2008)

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of North Florida, Department of Political Science and Public Administration (2004-2005)

Assistant Professor, Howard Payne University (2000-2004)

Lecturer, Howard Payne University (1999-2000)

M.P.A. Program Advisor, Texas Tech University (1997-1999)

### **Publications**

2019. *Transforming Disaster Response: Federalism and Leadership*. ASPA Series, New York: Routledge.

2012. Disaster response 2020: A look into the future. In *Networked governance: The future of intergovernmental management*. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

2010. Mary Parker Follett and transforming disaster response. *Public Voices*, Volume XI, Number 2, 70-76.

2008. Candidate filing fees, County of Allegheny v. ACLU, Hatch Act, Santa Fe v. Dole, and Shay's rebellion. In *Encyclopedia of the United States Constitution*. New York: CQ Press/Facts On File, Inc.

2008. Student religious Expression within Public Schools. In *Church and State Issues in America Today*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.

2007. Transformational leadership and NIMS. *The Public Manager*. 36 (3), 11-16.

2007. The National Incident Management System (NIMS), federalism, and leadership. *Public Administration Review*, Supplement 67, 84-93. (Dan Krejci, co-author)

2007. Diversity and inequality: Theories and applications. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 40 (3), 587-588. (Jacki Fitzpatrick, Dan Krejci, Kendra Stewart and Christopher Whitt, co-authors)

2006. Incorporating ethnic and cross-cultural diversity in university teaching. *Reaching Through Teaching*. 18 (1), 5-19. (Dan Krejci, co-author)

2003. *Everson v. Board of Education* ( Julie Smith, co-author), Anthony Campolo (Sarah Gossman, co-author), Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. CQ Press/Facts On File, Inc.

### **Conference Papers and Participation**

“Transformation and Leadership in Disaster Response: Collaboration and Hurricanes,” Lightning Talk: Public Policy and the Politics of Crisis, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2018, submitted and available for panel without personal attendance)

“Transformational Leadership and Disaster Response,” Northwestern University, Distance Learning Symposia, Chicago, Illinois (October 2017)

Chair, Symposia: Exploring Collaboration and Coproduction, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2016)

“Transformation, Collaboration, and Systemic Processes in Public Organizations,” Symposia: Exploring Collaboration and Coproduction, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2016)

Chair, Panel: Leadership and Ownership in Public Service Organizations, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2014)

“Russian Public Policy and Administration: Leadership, Students, and the Future,” Panel: Comparative Bureaucracy, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (April 2014)

Panel: Turning Outward with the Fulbright Program, NASPAA 2013 Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. (October 2013)

“Russian Students and Collaboration,” Fulbright Program in Russia, English-taught programs at higher education institutions and schools of Saratov region, Stolypin Volga Region Institute of Administration Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Saratov, Russia, (May 2013)

“Collaboration and Challenges: Overcoming Together,” Fulbright Program in Russia: 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Successful Academic Exchanges, Hotel Marriot Courtyard, Moscow, Russia and Moscow Institute of Steel and Alloys (MISiS), Moscow, Russia (April 2013)

Chair, Panel: Challenges of Disaster and Emergency Management and Lessons Learned, Northeast Conference on Public Administration, Boston, Massachusetts, (November 2012)

“Leadership, Collaboration, and Systems: Setting the Stage for Overcoming Large and Wicked Problems,” Panel: Challenges of Disaster and Emergency Management and Lessons Learned, Northeast Conference on Public Administration, Boston, Massachusetts, (November 2012)

Chair, Panel: The Success and Failure of Public Leadership, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, (April 2012)

“Collaborative Public Leadership: Transformation, Government, and NGOs,” Panel: Influencing the Outcomes of Networks and Collaboration, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, (April 2012)

“Transformational Leadership and Collaborative Systems: Disaster Response and Wicked Problems,” Panel: Leadership, APPAM International Academic Conference, Improving the Effectiveness of Public Services, Moscow, Russia (June 2011)

“The Role of Transformative Leadership in Addressing Issues of Social Justice,” Panel: Social Justice through Ethical Leadership in Disasters, ASPA Annual Conference 2011: Public Administration Without Borders, Baltimore, Maryland (March 2011)

“Disaster Response 2020: A Look into the Future,” Special ASPA Symposium on Intergovernmental Relations in 2020: Theory and Practice, ASPA Annual Conference 2010: Invigorating Public Service for Change, San Jose, California (April 2010)

“The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Religious Nonprofit Organizations: Training and Decentralization” at the Symposium: Accountability and Performance Measurement in the Hollow State: A Reflective Dialogue on the Evolving Role of Nonprofits in Public Service Delivery, ASPA/ARNOVA, Cleveland, Ohio (October 2008)

“Cooperation versus Collaboration: The Need to Transform Disaster Response” Paper presented at Minnowbrook III: The Future of Public Administration, Public Management, and Public Service Around the World, Lake Placid, New York (September 2008)

“Mary Parker Follett and Transforming Disaster Response” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, Nashville, Tennessee (September 2007)

Discussant, “Challenges to Effective Policy Making in the Global Environment” panel at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, Montgomery, Alabama (March 2007)

“Incorporating Ethnic and Cross-Cultural Diversity in the Political Science Curriculum,” (co-presenter, Dan Krejci) Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference on Teaching and Learning, Charlotte, North Carolina (February 2007)

Discussant, “The Politics and Policies of Disaster and Emergency Relief” panel at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2007).

“The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Federalism,” (co-presenter, Dan Krejci) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana (January 2007)

Co-chair (Tim Barnett), “First Amendment Jurisprudence” panel at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (April 2006)

“Ethnic and Cross-Cultural Diversity in University Teaching: The Theory of Confrontation,” (co-presenter, Dan Krejci) Paper presented at the 13th Annual Georgia Conference on College & University Teaching, Kennesaw State University (March 2006)

“Federalism and Disaster Response: How Transformative Leadership Can Help to Bridge the Gap,” (co-presenter, Dan Krejci) Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia (January 2006)

“The American Taliban?” Paper presented at Religion and Politics in the Modern World, 2002 Civitas Alumni Conference, Bolger Center, Potomac, Maryland, (June 2002)

### **Editorial and Review Work**

Editorial Board, *Public Voices*, (May 2008-present)

Manuscript review, *Publius*, (March 2008)

Manuscript review, *The Challenge of Democracy, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition*, (August 2007)

Manuscript review, *Public Administration Review*, (April 2007)

Manuscript reviewer, *International Journal of Organizational Theory and Behavior Special Symposium: Workplace Aggression*, (April 2006)

Editor, *The Texas Journal of Public Policy and Free Enterprise*, (2000-2004)

## Projects

*Louisiana Community Development Initiative: Emergency Management*, teaching module developed for the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (Lawson Veasey and Dan Krejci, co-authors) (2008)

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), site visitor training, 2007 NASPAA Annual Conference, October 11-13, Seattle, Washington

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), site visitor training, 2006 NASPAA Annual Conference, October 19-21, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Planned and executed the Howard Payne University Brand Chair conference entitled “Education: Choice In America?” (April 2003). with Tim Lambert (President of the Texas Home School Coalition), Charles Glenn (Boston University--considered one of the nation’s leading proponents of educational vouchers), Mike Feinberg (KIPP Foundation--a leading expert on the charter school movement), and John P. O’Sullivan (Coalition for Public Schools--a leader in the movement against charter schools and education vouchers)

Planned and executed the Howard Payne University Brand Chair conference entitled “Terrorism: The State of the Conflict” (April 2002) with Vice Admiral Mike Ratliff (former head of naval intelligence), Lt. General Terry Scott (former commander of U.S. Army Special Forces), Will Inboden (a *Civitas* Scholar specializing in American politics at Yale University), Colonel Keith Pavlischek (an expert on “Just War Theory” and Director of the *Civitas* Program at The Center for Public Justice), James Turner Johnson (Rutgers University—an expert on Islam and the concept of Jihad), and Hillel Fradkin (President of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.)

Planned and executed the Howard Payne University Brand Chair conference entitled “Government and Faith Communities: Allies to Serve the Needy?” with Stanley Carlson-Thies (White House Office of Community and Faith-based Initiatives), Marvin Olasky (University of Texas and editor of *World*), Weston Ware (Baptist General Convention of Texas), Ken Isaacs (Samaritan’s Purse), Sharon Zambricki (Texas Department of Human Services) (February 2001)

**Honors**

Fulbright Core Scholar, 2013, Lecturing and Research, National Research University-Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia

Minnowbrook III, 2008, Lake Placid, New York (every 20 year gathering by invitation of leading public administration scholars)

*Civitas* Fellow in conjunction with The Pew Charitable Trusts, The Center for Public Justice, The American Enterprise Institute, and The Brookings Institution (Summer 1999)

**Professional Memberships**

American Society for Public Administration  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Alabama Political Science Association  
American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association

**Academic and Research Interests**

Public Policy and Administration  
American Politics  
Religion and Politics