

# Resume/Vitae:

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**EDUCATION:** **PH.D.** University of Minnesota (Minneapolis): March, 1979. **M.A.** March, 1976.

Major: **Political Science**; Supporting Program: India/China Area Studies.

Examination Areas: U.S. Constitutional Law, History of Political Thought, Comparative Politics.

Dissertation: "Soul Force & Social Change According to Mohandas K. Gandhi & Martin Luther King Jr."

**B.A.** Whitman College (Walla Walla, Washington): June, 1971 (Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, with Honors in Political Science & transfer credits from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee).

**High School Diploma** Highline High School (Burien/South Seattle/SeaTac, Washington): June, 1967.

**Elected Trustee (Zone 3), Portland Community College Board of Directors (2015-now).**

Co-Chair, PCC Board Committee on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (2018-now).

**Portland Community College: RETIRED Full-Time Political Science Instructor: 27 years (1988-2015).**

NOTE: Originally hired as full-time to a split-appointment, I have taught courses at **PCC Sylvania (1988-2003), PCC Rock Creek (1988-2011), PCC Cascade (2000-2015), and PCC S.E. (2004-2007 & 2013-15).**

2007-2010: **Portland State University:** Graduate-level courses taught on a part-time basis for the M.A. Program in Conflict Resolution and Political Science.

1985-87: **University of Northern Iowa:** full-time assistant Professor of Political Science.

1984-85: **Loyola University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago; Northwestern Illinois University:** part-time Instructor of Political Science teaching Judicial process, U.S. Security Policy, Politics of China & Japan.

1979-83: **Illinois Wesleyan University:** full-time Assistant Professor of Political Science.

1973-79: **University of Minnesota (Minneapolis):** Teaching Assistant & part-time Instructor of Political Science.

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR in India:** six months (November 29, 2009 to May 29, 2010).

PROJECT TITLE: "Teaching Peacebuilding for Social & Structural Change in Multicultural Societies & a Multipolar World".

COURSES TAUGHT: (at St. Thomas College, Palai, Kerala): *Gandhian Thought; American Government; International Issues.*  
(at Mahatma Gandhi University): *International Relations: Theory & Practice; Nonviolent Action.*

## **Other Training/Travel Experiences:**

Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) & Oregon Association of Community College (OCCA) events 2015-now.

Two weeks at a China Seminar at the East-West Center (University of Hawaii-Manoa) Title VII Grant: Summer, 2013.

Fulbright Scholar returning to the U.S. via Italy (one month), Israel & Palestine (one month), & Egypt (one month): 2010.

Invited Scholar to the International Association of Gandhian Studies Conference in New Delhi: 1987.

Delegate to the UNICEF International Seminar on Training for Nonviolent Action (3 weeks in Mexico): 1977.

Summer Peace Internship working with kids during the "troubles": Londonderry (Derry), Northern Ireland (2 months): 1974.

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship: to study "Experiments in Nonviolent Action" in India (6 months), & 1-4 weeks in Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Republic of S. Africa, Italy/Sicily, & Great Britain: 1971-72.

Exchange student attending Fisk University in Nashville, TN: autumn of 1969.

U.S. Senate Internship (in Washington, D.C. Office of U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson): Summer, 1969.

Orchard worker at Auvil Fruit Company, Orondo, Washington (with migrant workers from Mexico, Oklahoma, & elsewhere: 15 summers during the period of 1962-1981.

## **Other Awards/Honors:**

Elected President, Peace & Conflict Studies Consortium (Pacific Northwest regional association): April, 2007-2010.  
Outstanding Faculty Person of the Year Award (Portland Community College, Rock Creek ASPCC): 2006.  
Male Faculty of the Year Award (Portland Community College, Rock Creek ASPCC): 2000.  
Nominee for Portland Community College Faculty Excellence Award: 1992, 1998, 2003.  
Excellence in Teaching Award: Illinois Wesleyan University: 1982.  
All-expenses fellowship grant for graduate study in Political Science at the University of Minnesota: 1972-75.  
Ford Foundation Graduate School Fellowship recipient at the University of Minnesota: 1972-75.  
Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to study "Experiments in Nonviolent Action" abroad: 1971-72.  
Sloan Foundation Scholarship recipient at Whitman College: 1968-71.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN OREGON:**

**Montavilla Neighborhood Association** (January of 2014-2017): regularly attending meetings, Chair of the Board (2015-16), otherwise Vice Chair. Became more involved in the neighborhood where my family lives, on issues ranging from land use to transportation, affordable housing and crime issues.

**S.E. UPLIFT** (March of 2014-2016): attending meetings, serving as an active Board member (at large), having also gone to meetings of most of the 20 neighborhood associations with members elected to the S.E. Uplift Board as a means of facilitating communications and action among groups with common community concerns.

**82nd Ave. Improvement Coalition** (June of 2014-present): regularly attending meetings; serving as a Coordinating Committee member; assisting those who began efforts in January of 2013 to improve organizational structure; providing input into undertaking a \$200,000 study funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

**Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice** (2007-present): formerly called the "New Sanctuary Movement"; developing support networks for undocumented persons while seeking meaningful immigration reform via educational actions; supportive of the 2014 Safe Roads Campaign to defeat a referendum designed to repeal Oregon Driver Card legislation passed in Salem during the 2013 session.

**Ascension Catholic Church** (2004-present): assisting my wife in providing occasional educational programs as well as participating in various fundraising efforts (like the annual Spaghetti Dinner), and service activities associated with the Daybreak Homeless Shelter Network.

**Daybreak Homeless Shelter Network** (2004-2017): assisting homeless families in S.E. Portland in according to need; moving beds, serving meals, sleeping overnight, playing with kids, helping provide transportation between the day shelter and Ascension Church as part of the rotating evening host institution.

**PCC PACS Program** (1990-2015): facilitated establishment of Portland Community College (PCC) Peace & Conflict Studies (PACS) Program (1988-90), the first at any community college in the U.S.; PACS Program Chairperson or Co-Chairperson (1990-present); NEWSPEAK coordinator, fostering a "free speech" tradition at the Sylvania Campus by hosting weekly lunchtime events featuring controversial viewpoints and respectful dialogue (1998-2003), setting similar traditions Rock Creek (2004-2011), and at Cascade (2004-2005 & 2011-2015).

**PCSC** (1988-2017): Peace & Conflict Studies Consortium (previously the Oregon Peace Studies Consortium): Board member representing the PCC PACS Program (2004-present), helping organize annual regional gatherings and two national conferences; serving as President (2007-2010).

**DaVinci Middle School** (1998-2002): was among the 20 founding families who created, organized, and functionally serving as the staff for this Arts Magnet Charter School within the Portland Public School (PPS) District; also served on a PPS Committee to set up criteria to review applications to such all schools.

**Foster Parent Program** (1998-2000): my wife & I were trained as foster parents under emergency conditions, providing a home to an undocumented teenager, who we later supported to complete her high school and community college degrees, gain dual U.S./Mexican citizenship, and Margarita became a daughter to us.