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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Public and Nonprofit Financial Management
- Grant Research, Proposal Writing, and Grant Writing Training
- Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation
- Local Government Finance and Budgeting

EDUCATION

Ph. D. Public Administration, 1991

Martin School of Public Administration - University of Kentucky

Area of specialization: Public Finance

Master of Public Administration, 1988

Martin School of Public Administration - University of Kentucky

Area of specialization: Health Administration

Bachelor of Health Science, 1979

College of Allied Health - University of Kentucky

Area of specialization: Medical Technology

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2026-current	Director of Graduate Studies – MPFM, MPA, MPP Lecturer and Director, Online Programs Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky
2016-2026	Lecturer and Director, Online Programs Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky
2015-2016	Program Consultant Martin School of Public Policy and Administration University of Kentucky
2011-2014	Mayor, City of Glasgow, Kentucky
2008-2010	Glasgow City Council Member
2004-2010	Grant Writer – Resource Associates
2003-2008	Director - Office of Grant Oversight City of Glasgow- Glasgow, Kentucky
2001-2008	Director -Renaissance/Main Street, City of Glasgow, Glasgow, Kentucky.
2000-2005	Adjunct Professor and Director of Program Development Martin School of Public Policy and Administration - University of Kentucky

1999-2000	Adjunct Faculty and Program Consultant School of Public Administration and Policy - University of Arizona
1995-1999	Assistant Director School of Public Administration and Policy - University of Arizona
1994-1999	Adjunct Associate Professor School of Public Administration and Policy - University of Arizona
1992-1994	Adjunct Professor Martin School of Public Administration & Patterson School of International Diplomacy and Commerce University of Kentucky
1988-1991	Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant Martin School of Public Administration - University of Kentucky
1988	Legislative Research Commission Health/Welfare Legislative Analyst - Frankfort, Kentucky
1980-1988	Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Kentucky:

Tax Administration (Graduate) 2023 - current
Tax Policy (Graduate) 2017-2023
Grant Planning and Management 2021-current
Municipal Securities (Graduate) 2019-current
Capstone (Graduate) 2019-current
Public Financial Management (Graduate) 2004-05, 2015-2018
Budgeting for Local Governments (Graduate Course) 2001
Public Funds Management (Graduate Course) 2001
Program Evaluation (Graduate) 1999-2001
Statistical Methods (Graduate) 1989-1991
Financial Management for the Public Sector (Graduate) 1991
Decision Analysis (Graduate) 1992-1993
Management Accounting: For-Profit and Non-Profit Accounting (Graduate) 1992-1993
Quantitative Methods (Graduate) 1992-1999

University of Arizona:

Public/Nonprofit Financial Management (Graduate Web-based Course) 1999
Financial Management for Public and Nonprofit Sectors (Graduate/Undergraduate) 1994-1999
Program Evaluation (Graduate) 1994-1998
Special Topics in Financial Management: Public Sector Budgeting (Graduate) 1994-1998
Statistical Decision-Making (Graduate) 1994-1998

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Director of Graduate Studies – MPA, MPP, MPFM – 2026 - current
- Pilot Program UK Invests Incentive – Public Financial Management – 2023 – currently active
- Online Programs Steering Committee – 2023 - current

- Director of Graduate Certificate 2016-present
- Martin School Admission Committee – 2016-present
- Martin School Admissions Committee 1999-2000
- Arizona State Director, National Student Mock Election Program 1997-1999
- Chair, University of Arizona, MPA Admissions Committee 1994-1999
- Academic Advisor for MPA students in Public/Nonprofit Financial Mgt. 1994-1999
- Academic Advisor for MPA students, undecided 1994-1999
- Academic Advisor for Undergraduate Public Administration Majors 1994-1999
- Internship Coordinator for MPA students 1995-1999
- Ph.D. Major Committee Member, University of Arizona 1997-1999 Ph.D.
- Minor Committee Member, University of Arizona 1995-1999
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Outstanding Paper Review Committee, Washington, D.C., November 1998

BOARDS AND PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Barren River Animal Welfare Association, Board of Directors, President	2017-present
Glasgow Historic Preservation Commission, Chair	2021-2026
Sustainable Glasgow, Founder/Treasurer	2008-2011

Serve by Office or Appointment

Center for Renewable Energy Res & Environmental Stewardship	2013-2016
Local Government Representative – Appointed by Governor Steve Beshear	
Kentucky League of Cities - Elected by Peer Members of KLC	2012-2016
Kentucky League of Cities Insurance Services Elected by Peer Members of KLC	2012-2016
Glasgow/Barren Industrial Development Economic Authority (IDEA)	2011-2016
Glasgow Water and Sewer Commission	2011-2016
Housing Authority of Glasgow	2011-2016
Barren Information Technology (BITS)	2011-2016
Barren Metcalfe Emergency Medical Services	2011-2016
Barren Metcalfe Ambulance Service	2011-2016
South Central Kentucky Cultural Center	2011-2016
Barren County YMCA	2011-2016

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association Workshops - 2025
- Trees Lexington – Strategic Planning Workshop - 2021
- Emerge Kentucky – Strategic Planning Workshop – 2021
- International Center of Kentucky – Bowling Green - 2016
- Presentations at State/Regional Conferences including Glasgow's Landfill Methane Recovery Project
 - 2014 Governor's Energy Conference – Lexington
 - 2014 Department for Local Government Conference – Lexington
 - 2014 Mammoth Cave Water Resources Council
 - 2013 Sierra Club – Mammoth Cave Group Presentations to Local/Regional Groups
 - 2011-2014 including:
 - Glasgow Rotary
 - Glasgow Barren County Chamber of Commerce
- Council for Exceptional Children, Bowling Green, Ky. 2006-2007 (Consulting Contract)
- United Way of Southern Kentucky, Bowling Green, KY 2004, 2005

- National Main Street Conference, Albuquerque, NM 2004
- United Way of the Bluegrass, Lexington KY 2003
- Nonprofit Leadership Initiative, University of Kentucky, 2003-2010
- Evaluation of POLIS On-Line Course Instruction, 1999
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C. October, 1999
- Graduate Education in Program Evaluation 1996 - Arizona Evaluation Network

GRANT EXPERIENCE

Through my education and work history, I have extensive experience in grant writing, grant training, and grant administration. In addition, I am familiar with a wide variety of funding sources both in the public and private sectors. I have a great deal of experience working with state and federal government funding agencies. As Mayor, I secured over \$2.5 million in grants in 4 years.

Selected approved grant contracts (approximate amounts) include:

- Transportation Alternatives Program (\$775,000)
- Kentucky Pride (multiple contracts - \$250,000+)
- Recreational Trails/Land and Water Grants (multiple - \$100,000+)
- Community Development Block Grant (\$500,000)
- Community Economic Development Grant (\$195,000)
- Transportation Enhancement Act TEA-21 (\$750,000 – three contracts)
- Kentucky Highway Safety (\$52,000)
- Homeland Security Grants – Various (\$80,000)
- 2004 Assistance to Fire Fighters (\$28,500)
- 2004 Urban Forestry Grant (\$6,000)
- Various Corporate Grants (\$50,000)
- Kentucky Oral History Grant (\$3,000)
- 2004 FEMA Recovery Funds (\$87,000)
- Kentucky Heritage Council (\$10,000)
- Downtown Revitalization (\$426,000)

GRANT WORKSHOPS

- United Way of Bluegrass 2001-2003
- United Way of Southern Kentucky 2003-2005
- University of Kentucky's Nonprofit Leadership Initiative 2000-2004
- Kentucky League of Cities: Recreation Session 2005
- Kentucky Main Street Conference 2006

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING

- Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children 2005, 2018
- National Student Parent Mock Election, University of Arizona 1999-2001
- Tucson Soccer Association, Grant Development and Fundraising, 1999
- Evaluation of the Water Works Program, Pew Charitable Trust, Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, University of Arizona, Senior Advisor 1997-1998
- City of Tucson, Performance Budgeting Strategies and Transition 1995-1998

CERTIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

- Ky Coalition Against Domestic Violence - Committed to Peace in Ky Homes Award 2014
- Level II – Excellence in City Government Certification 2014

- Certified Main Street Manager 2004 -2011
- Kentucky Certified Grant Administrator 2003-2010

ASSOCIATIONS (past and current)

- Grant Professionals Association
- American Evaluation Association
- Arizona Evaluation Network
- Association for Budgeting and Financial Management
- Arizona City/County Managers Association
- American Society for Public Administration

PUBLICATIONS AND ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “State Pension and Legacy Funding: The ARC and Other Issues” in association with the Volcker Alliance, co-author Merl Hackbart American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) 2019 Conference
- Truth and Integrity of State Debt Management – Assessment of Best Practices” “in association with the Volcker Alliance, co-author Merl Hackbart, Western Social Sciences 2018 Conference
- “State Debt Liabilities: Oversight and Management” in association with the Volcker Alliance, co-author Merl Hackbart, Association for Budgeting and Financial Management 2018 Conference.
- “Truth and Integrity of State Debt Issues” in association with the Volcker Alliance, co-author Merl Hackbart, American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) 2017 Conference
- Truth and Integrity of State Debt Management: Impact of Debt Processes on the Truth and Integrity of State Budgeting and Finance” in association with the Volcker Alliance, co-author Merl Hackbart, Association of Budgeting and Financial Management 2017 Conference.
- “Small Town Policy Makers”, Public Administration Review, March/April Vol 76, No. 2, 2016
- "Debt and Duty: Accountability and Efficiency in State Debt Management", Merl Hackbart, James Leigland, Rhonda Riherd, Marysia Reid, for National Association of State Treasurers, Lexington: Ky, Council of State Governments, 1990.
- "Analysis of State Debt Management and Its Impact Upon Debt Activity" Summer, 1995, Public Budgeting and Finance
- "Program Evaluation and Budget Analysis" City of Tucson Executive - Training Program, University of Arizona, Fall 1995.
- Capital Budgeting and Debt Management Interaction”, American Society for Public Administration, Public Budgeting and Financial Management, Washington, D.C., October 1992.
- Impact of Debt Financing Upon State Debt Activities". American Society for Public Administration Joint Kentucky Economic Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, September 1991.
- "Debt and Duty: Accountability and Efficiency in State Debt Management," National Association of State Treasurers, National Meeting, Waterville, New Hampshire, August 1991.
- "Questions of State Debt Management: Oversight and Control," National Association of State Treasurers, Southern Regional Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, May 1991.
- “Handicapped Student Accessibility to Services on Campus” U.S. Department of Education, Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Lexington, Ky 1988

EVALUATION/CONSULTING PROJECTS SUPERVISED (selected examples)

- Manchester Family Service Center, Lexington, KY 1999
- City of Tucson, Senior Programming Resource Mapping and Needs Assessment, 1999
- Tucson Fire Department, Education Program Outcome Study, 1999

- Brewster Center, Domestic Violence Services/Tucson Police Department: Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Center Pilot Project 1997
- Carondelet Health Network: Youth Sexuality Programs 1997
- Community Partnership of Southern Arizona: An Evaluation of an Integration Pilot Study 1997
- Pio Decimo: Expansion of Phase II Transitional Housing Program 1996
- Amphitheater Extension Programs, Inc: Evaluation of P.A.L. After-school Programs 1996
- City of Tucson: Evaluation of Youth Program 1997
- Westcenter: Outcome Study of Drug Treatment Program 1996
- Tucson Center for Women and Children: Case Study of Volunteer Programs 1996
- Pio Decimo: South Tucson Gang Prevention Program 1998