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**EDUCATION**

Colorado State University; Fort Collins, Colorado  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Field Specialties: Public Administration; Environmental Policy; American Government.  
August 1999

University of Virginia; Charlottesville, Virginia  
M.A. in Public Administration. May 1991

University of Alaska; Anchorage, Alaska  
B.A. in Political Science. December 1988

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Central Michigan University  
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

**PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

Assigned primary responsibility for teaching courses in public administration; bureaucracies and organizational behavior; state and local government; and public policy. Served four years as department internship director, overseeing the placement and supervision of graduate and undergraduate interns. In 2003 assumed position of Public Administration Council chair and Master of Public Administration program director for main and off-campus programs. Appointed to position of Department chair in 2007. Tasked with assuming managerial responsibilities in aforementioned capacities; scholarly and creative activities; academic advisement; active service on numerous Department and University committees, general service to the academic profession and community; and other assigned duties. 1999 - present

Colorado State University  
Ft. Collins, Colorado

**INSTRUCTOR/GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT**

Assisted faculty in teaching undergraduate political science courses. Duties included preparation of lecture, quiz, and test materials; assignment grading. Performed research and administrative duties as assigned. In January 1998 assumed independent instructor duties. Tasked with developing and teaching own courses in subfield specialties.  
1996 - 1999

Land Stewardship Services  
Ft. Collins, Colorado

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE**

Performed research and analysis to facilitate comprehensive planning and management of public lands. Principal areas of analysis included development of implementation and management strategies for state forest lands; facilitated state and local agencies in the fashioning resources use vision plans; advised state/local agencies concerning compliance with applicable resources protection statutes and regulations. Facilitated development of cooperative intergovernmental ties and public-private partnerships among stakeholders.  
1997 - 1998

USDA Agriculture Research Service

**GRADUATE INTERN, SAFETY HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT**

Served as graduate intern for the regional division of Safety, Health & Environment. Provided technical and administrative support to the program director and regional environmental officer. Specific duties included research of applicable regulatory compliance issues; preparation of training materials/training seminar support for field offices; maintenance of compliance records, both hard copies and data base files. Recipient of a merit bonus award for outstanding job performance. 1996 – 1997

National Park Service  
Anchorage, Alaska

**RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYST**

Performed research and analysis of park service administrative operations, policies, and decision making. Principal areas of analysis included oil/hazardous spill prevention and contingency planning; environmental threat mitigation; intergovernmental and cross-cultural outreach; cultural resources preservation; resources management and protection. Served as cultural resources compliance officer for national parks throughout Alaska. Assigned as team project leader for cultural resources assessment survey Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. 1992 - 1995

Regional Citizens' Advisory Council for Prince William Sound  
Anchorage, Alaska

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

As specified in Oil Pollution Act of 1990, RCAC's mission is to ensure safe operation of trans-Alaska pipeline terminal and tanker traffic to minimize environmental impacts. Charged with increasing public awareness of industry spill response capabilities; informing public about actual and potential environmental impacts of oil terminal/tanker operations. Responsible for long-range planning; cross-cultural outreach with Native spill zone communities; special project oversight; annual budget preparation. 1992 - 1993

University of Alaska Anchorage  
Anchorage, Alaska

**ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE-HISTORY**

Responsible for teaching undergraduate political science courses in American government, public administration, state and local government, and American institutions; Alaska and regional history courses. Specific duties included curriculum development; lecturing; paper and test grading; student advising. Collateral tasks include participation in professional development workshops; societies; seminars and research pertinent to fields of expertise. 1992 – 1995

**TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Undergraduate level courses:** Introduction to American Government and Politics; Introduction to Public Administration; State and Local Government; Lobbying and Interest Group Behavior; the American Chief Executive; Internship in Government and Politics; Introduction to Environmental Studies; Alaska History.

**Graduate level courses:** American State Government and Administration; Organizational Theory in Public Administration; Intergovernmental Relations; Foundations of Public Administration; Internship in Government and Politics; American Public Policy & Policy Analysis; Environmental Policy & Politics; Public Personnel Management and Administration; Managing Modern Local Government.

**Administrative positions:**

- Chair, Political Science Department, 2007 – present.
- Chair, Public Administration Council, 2003 – 2007.
- Director Master of Public Administration Program, 2003 – 2007.
- Director, Political Science Department Student Internship Program, 2000 – 2003.
- Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society), 2000 – 2004.

**Service Committees:**

- Dean's Advisory Council, 2007 – present.
- University Council of Chairs, 2007 – present.
- Sabbatical Committee. College of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences (HSBS) Central Michigan University, 2008.
- Presidential – Academic Senate Task Force on CMU's Off-Campus Programs, 2006.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee. College of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences (HSBS) Central Michigan University, 2006.
- Master of Science in Administration Executive Council. Central Michigan University, 2004 – 2007.
- Policy Committee. Department of Political Science Central Michigan University, 2004 – present.
- Off-Campus Program Directors Council. Central Michigan University, 2004 – 2007.
- Faculty Association Executive Board. Central Michigan University, 2003 – present.
- Environmental Studies Council. Central Michigan University, 1999 – present.
- School Improvement Committee. Mount Pleasant Public School District, 2003 – 2006.

- University Recreation Program Review Steering Committee. Central Michigan University, 2002 – 2003.

## **SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES & OTHER MEANS OF MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES**

### **Dissertation and Thesis**

Kurtz, Rick S. "Policy Change in Resources Protection Statutes for Federal Public Lands: Testing the Punctuated Equilibrium Model." Ph.D. diss., Colorado State University, 1999.

Kurtz, Rick S. "The Path to Native Sovereignty: An Analysis of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act." M.A. thesis. University of Virginia, 1991.

### **Professional Panel or Symposium Convener; Professional Journal Convener, Editor, or Reviewer**

Kurtz, Rick S. and Richard L. Jarashow. Co-conveners. *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Selendang Ayu – A Human and Environmental Tragedy*. Bermuda, June 12-13, 2008.

Peer Manuscript Reviewer. *The American Review of Public Administration*. 2009.

Peer Manuscript Reviewer. *The Social Science Journal*. Spring 2003 – present.

Peer Manuscript Reviewer. *Policy Studies Journal*. 2007.

Associate Editor. *The Social Science Journal*. Spring 2003 – Fall 2007.

Panel Participant. "New Chairs Workshop," *American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference*, February 8-9, 2007.

Kurtz, Rick S. and Richard L. Jarashow. Co-conveners. *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Morris J. Berman – Environmental Disaster or Legal Test Case?* Bermuda, June 7-9, 2007.

Kurtz, Rick S. and Richard L. Jarashow. Co-conveners. *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Exxon Valdez – A Watershed in U.S. Oil Pollution Response*, Bermuda, June 7-9, 2006.

Kurtz, Rick S. and William P. Browne. Co-editors. "Crisis Management – Crisis Response Symposium," *Review of Policy Research*, 21:2, 2004.

Panel Discussant. "Studying the Politics of Crises and Disasters," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, March 27-29, 2003.

### **Professional Journals and Projects**

Principal Project Investigator. Gateway Communities Economic Development Policy Project. Project involves 56 participating communities across 18 states, a co-investigator academic team, graduate and undergraduate students. Project available at: [www.chsbs.cmich.edu/Political\\_Science/gateways](http://www.chsbs.cmich.edu/Political_Science/gateways). 2003 – present.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Public Lands Policy & Economic Trends in Gateway Communities.” *Review of Policy Research*, under review.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Culture, Regulation, and Oil Pipeline Integrity: The 2006 BP North Slope Crisis.” *Administration & Society*, under review.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Regulation across Organizational Networks: Oil and Natural Gas Operations in the Inter-Mountain West.” *The Social Science Journal*, under review.

Kurtz Rick S. “Oil Pollution Act of 1990.” In M. Lindstrom (Ed.), *The U.S. Government and the Environment: A Reference Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, forthcoming.

Kurtz, Rick S. “The M/V *Selendang Ayu* Disaster: Linkages between Policy Change, Gaps, and Crises.” *The Social Science Journal*, 45:4, 2008.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Cross-Culture Relationships on the Southeast Alaska Frontier: The Glacier Bay Case,” *Journal of the West*, Spring 2008.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Coastal Oil Spill Preparedness and Response: The *Morris J. Berman* Incident,” *Review of Policy Research*, 25:5, 2008.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Policy Dilemma in National Parks: A Case Study of Glacier Bay,” *Journal of the West*, Summer 2006.

Kurtz, Rick S. “The Federal Concessioner System: Linking Policy to Opportunities for Local Service Providers,” *Review of Policy Research*, 23:2, 2006.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Historic Preservation: A Statutory Vehicle for Disparate Agendas,” *The Social Science Journal*, 43:1, 2006.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Coastal Oil Pollution, Spills, Crisis, and Policy Change,” *Review of Policy Research*, 21:2, 2004.

Kurtz, Rick S. and William P. Browne. “Crisis Management – Crisis Response: An Introduction to the Symposium,” *Review of Policy Research*, 21:2, 2004.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Disputing Wilderness on the Canadian-American Frontier: The Case of Glacier Bay National Park,” *Journal of the West*, 43:1, 2004.

Kurtz, Rick S. “Organizational Culture, Decision Making, and Integrity: The National Park Service and *Exxon Valdez*,” *Public Integrity*, 5:4, 2003.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Commercial Salmon Operations in the Glacier Bay Region: An Industry in Microcosm," *Journal of the West* 36:2, 1997.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Spill Planning, Preparedness, and Response Capabilities for Public Land Managers." In *Prevention, Response, and Oversight Five Years After the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill: Proceedings of an International Conference, March 23-25, 1994*, by Alaska Sea Grant College Program. Fairbanks, Alaska: University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1995.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Cultural Resources Protection and Oil Spill Mitigation After the *Exxon Valdez* Disaster," *George Wright Forum* 12:2, 1995.

### **Studies and Reports**

Environmental Safety Services Incorporated. "Technological Disaster Prevention and Mitigation: A Case Study Based Comparison of High Reliability and Normal Accident Theory." by Rick S. Kurtz, Loveland, CO.: ESSI, 1999.

Land Stewardship Services. *Cultural Resources Vision Plan for the Colorado State Forest*. by Rick S. Kurtz and Jeff R. Jones, Fort Collins, CO.: Land Stewardship Services, 1998.

Department of Interior, National Park Service. *Lessons to be Learned: The NPS Administrative History and Analysis of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill*. by Rick S. Kurtz, NPS, 1995.

Department of Interior, National Park Service. *Historic Resources Study for Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve*. by Rick S. Kurtz, Anchorage: NPS, 1995.

### **Conferences and Symposiums**

Kurtz, Rick S. "Organizational Deviance, Culture, and Disaster: The *M/V Selendang Ayu* Tragedy." *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Selendang Ayu – A Human and Environmental Tragedy*. Bermuda, June 12-13, 2008.

Kurtz, Rick S. "The *M/V Selendang Ayu* Disaster: Linkages between Policy Change, Gaps, and Crises." *Western Political Science Association (WPSA) Annual Conference*, March 20-22, 2008. San Diego, California.

Kurtz, Rick S. "High Reliability and Organizational Performance in Spill Response: The Morris J. Berman Incident." *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Morris J. Berman – Environmental Disaster or Legal Test Case?* Bermuda, June 7-9, 2007.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Coastal Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response: The *Morris J. Berman* Incident." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, March 8-10, 2007.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Lessons Learned in Spill Response and Clean up: A Look Back at Exxon Valdez." *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Exxon Valdez – A Watershed in U.S. Oil Pollution Response*, Bermuda, June 7-9, 2006.

Kurtz, Rick S. "The Federal Concessioner System: Linking Policy to Opportunities for Local Service Providers." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Albuquerque, March 16-18, 2006.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Economic Development Trends in Gateway Communities." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Oakland, March 17-20, 2005.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Gateway Communities, and Economic Development Vision Formulation." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Portland, March 11-13, 2004.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Gateway Communities, Economic Development, and Environmentalism." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, March 27-29, 2003.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Preservation or Pleasure: Policy Duality in National Parks." *American Political Science Association Conference*, Boston, August 28-31, 2002.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Organizational Culture and Agency Decision Making: The National Park Service and Exxon Valdez." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Long Beach, March 21-24, 2002.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Crisis and Policy Change in the Coastal Oil Pollution Issue Arena." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, March 15-18, 2001.

Kurtz, Rick S. and Douglas Roscoe. "The Evolution of Pro-Environmental Land Use Policy: The Role of Committee Dynamics." *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, April 19-22, 2001.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Assessing Policy Change in the Federal Historic Preservation Issue Arena." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Jose, March 23-26, 2000.

Kurtz, Rick S. "The Exxon Valdez Disaster: A Case Study of High Reliability Run Amuck." *Western Social Science Association Conference*, Denver, April 15-18, 1998.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Mitigating Urban Growth Impacts upon Agricultural Land." *Western Social Science Association Conference*, Denver, April 15-18, 1998.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Recreation Concessions Policy for Federal Lands." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Tucson, March 14-16, 1997.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Influences and Contributions of State Agricultural Experiment Stations in the American West." *Western Lands: Rocks, Rails and Ranching*: Laramie, Sept 26-28, 1996.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Glacier Bay National Park: A Case Study of the Impact of Cross-Boundary Confrontations on Public Recreation Lands." *On Brotherly Terms: Canadian-American Relations West of the Rockies*: Seattle, September 12-14, 1996.

Kurtz, Rick S. "Historic Site Protection in Response to Technological Disasters." *Management of Disaster Mitigation Response Programs for Historic Sites*: San Francisco, June 1995.

### **Grants and Contracts**

Recipient; Marine Pollution Prevention and Response Research & Presentation Award 2008. Ship Insurance and Guaranty Company. \$2500. Funding supported research and travel associated with conference paper titled: "Organizational Deviance, Culture, and Disaster: The *M/V Selendang Ayu* Tragedy." *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Selendang Ayu – A Human and Environmental Tragedy*. Bermuda, June 12-13, 2008.

Recipient; Faculty Research Award 2008. Central Michigan University. \$2732. Funding supports research associated with project titled: "Surface Minerals Extraction and Transportation: Linkages between Public Policy and Organizational Behavior."

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2008. Central Michigan University. \$600. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "The *M/V Selendang Ayu* Disaster: Linkages between Policy Change, Gaps, and Crises." Western Political Science Association (WPSA) annual conference March 20-22, 2008. San Diego, California.

Recipient; Marine Pollution Prevention and Response Research & Presentation Award 2007. Ship Insurance and Guaranty Company. \$2500. Funding supported research and travel associated with conference paper titled: "High Reliability and Organizational Performance in Spill Response: The Morris J. Berman Incident." *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Morris J. Berman – Environmental Disaster or Legal Test Case?* Bermuda, June 7-9, 2007.

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2007. Central Michigan University. \$1,000. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Coastal Oil Spill Prevention, Preparedness, and Response: The *Morris J. Berman* Incident." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, March 8-10, 2007.

Recipient; Public School Playground Improvement Grant Award 2006. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. \$52,000. Funding supported the purchase and construction of a turn-key play-scape system for the Pullen Elementary School, Mount Pleasant Public School District.

Recipient; Marine Pollution Prevention and Response Research & Presentation Award 2006. Ship Insurance and Guaranty Company. \$2500. Funding supported research and travel associated with conference paper titled: "Lessons Learned in Spill Response and Clean up: A Look Back at Exxon Valdez." *SIGCO Oil Pollution Seminar, Exxon Valdez – A Watershed in U.S. Oil Pollution Response*, Bermuda, June 7-9, 2006.

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2006. Central Michigan University. \$1,000. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "The Federal Concessioner System: Linking Policy to Opportunities for Local Service Providers." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2005. Central Michigan University. \$805. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Economic Development Trends in Gateway Communities." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2004. Central Michigan University. \$850. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Gateway Communities, and Economic Development Vision Formulation." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Faculty Research Award 2003. Central Michigan University. \$3167. Funding supports research associated with project titled: "Economic Development Policy in Gateway Communities."

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2003. Central Michigan University. \$450. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Gateway Communities, Economic Development, and Environmentalism." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2002. Central Michigan University. \$850. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Organizational Culture and Agency Decision Making: The National Park Service and *Exxon Valdez*." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2001. Central Michigan University. \$850. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Crisis and Policy Change in the Coastal Oil Pollution Issue Arena." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Faculty Research and Premier Display Award 2000. Central Michigan University. \$629. Funding supported travel and research associated with conference paper titled: "Assessing Policy Change in the Federal Historic Preservation Arena." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting.*

Recipient; Environmental Safety Research Grant 1999. Environmental Safety Investigations Incorporated, Loveland, Colorado 80538. \$600. Funding supported completion of report titled: "Technological Disaster Prevention and Mitigation: A Case Study Based Comparison of High Reliability and Normal Accident Theory."

Recipient; Gardner Brock Miller Dissertation Research Grant 1998-1999. Colorado State University. \$375. Funding helped support completion of Ph.D. dissertation, 1999.

Recipient; Conference Travel Grant 1998. Colorado State University \$100. Conference paper presentation titled: "The *Exxon Valdez* Disaster: A Case Study of High Reliability Run Amuck." *Western Social Science Association Conference*.

Co-Recipient; State of Colorado Historic Research Fund Grant. 1997-1998. \$5,000. Funding supported field research and production of report titled: *Cultural Resources Vision Plan for the Colorado State Forest*.

Recipient; Conference Travel Grant 1997. Colorado State University. \$150. Paper titled: "Recreation Concessions Policy for Federal Lands." *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Paper integrated as primary chapter in Ph.D. dissertation.

Recipient; Conference Travel Grant 1996. Colorado State University. \$150. Conference paper titled: "Glacier Bay National Park: A Case Study of the Impact of Cross-Boundary Confrontations on Public Recreation Lands." *On Brotherly Terms: Canadian-American Relations West of the Rockies*.

Recipient; Conference Travel Grant 1996. State of Wyoming Historical Society. \$250. Conference paper titled: "Influences and Contributions of State Agricultural Experiment Stations in the American West." *Western Lands: Rocks, Rails and Ranching*.