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### **Current Position**

University of Richmond, Jepson School of Leadership Studies.

Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies (tenure-track position), appointed July 2005.

### **Education**

Ph.D. in Political Science, Harvard University, 2004. Dissertation Title: *Sprawl, Justice, and Citizenship: A Philosophical and Empirical Inquiry*. Thesis committee: Michael J. Sandel (chair), Robert D. Putnam, Ann Forsyth, J. Russell Muirhead.

M.A. in Religion, Union Theological Seminary, 1998. Concentration in Christian Ethics. Thesis title: *Is There a Light At the End of the Tunnel? An Examination of Proposed Explanations for Mainline Church Decline in the United States, Followed by An Exploration of Future Trajectories in Mainline Church Life*.

A.B. Brown University, 1992. Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude. Concentration in History and Religious Studies.

### **Teaching Experience**

Lecturer on Social Studies, Harvard University, 2004-05 academic year. Courses taught in urban politics and social theory.

Teaching Fellow in Government and Social Studies, Harvard University. 2000-01, 2002-03, 2003-04 academic years. Courses taught in moral reasoning, American politics, and social theory.

Thesis advisor for eleven undergraduate theses in Government and Social Studies, Harvard University, 2000-2005.

### **Work Experience**

Research Associate, Institute for Policy Studies and National Center for Economic and Security Alternatives (joint appointment), Washington, DC, 1992-1996.

Consultant, National Center for Economic and Security Alternatives, 1996-2003 .

Research Assistant, Professor Robert D. Putnam, Harvard University, 2000-2001.

## **Honors/Awards**

Co-winner, Harold D. Lasswell Award for best doctoral dissertation in public policy of 2004, awarded by the American Political Science Association, September 2005.

Hoopes Prize for thesis advising in conjunction with Scott Goldman's senior thesis "The Politics of NASCAR Nation," awarded by Harvard College, 2005.

Doctoral Fellow, Taubman Center for State and Local Government, Kennedy School of Government, 2003-04 academic year.

Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality and Social Policy, Kennedy School of Government, 2000-2004. (Dissertation support provided during 2001-02 academic year.)

Robert Wood Lynn award for graduating student with promise in an educational vocation, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 1998.

Awarded Presidential Scholarship for entering student, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 1996.

Elected Phi Beta Kappa as junior, 1991, Brown University.

## **Publications**

### ***Books***

*Making a Place for Community: Local Democracy in a Global Era.* 400 pages. (New York: Routledge Press), 2002. Co-authored with David Imbroscio and Gar Alperovitz. Comprehensive overview of policy strategies to stabilize the economic basis of American towns, cities, and regions.

*More Than a Game: Why North Carolina Basketball Means So Much To So Many.* 320 pages. (Cambridge: Economic Affairs Bureau), 2001. Sociological and ethical assessment of hard-core college basketball fans, combining autobiography, journalism, and ethnography.

*What Comes Next? A Preliminary Bibliography of Recent Proposals for a Different Society, With Critical Annotations.* 190 pages. (Washington: National Center for Economic and Security Alternatives), March 1998. Review and assessment of recent proposals for progressive social change: topics covered include Keynesian and post-Keynesian economics, market socialism, ecological critiques of capitalism, feminism, and liberation theology.

Associate author/contributing researcher, *The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb and the*

*Architecture of an American Myth.* (Principal author: Gar Alperovitz). (New York: Knopf), 1995.

### ***Book Chapters***

Co-author, "The Challenge of Urban Sprawl." With David Imbroscio and Gar Alperovitz. In Nancy Kleniewski, ed. *Cities and Society* (Oxford: Blackwell), 2004.

Co-author, "Ecological Sustainability--Some Elements of Longer Term System Change." With Gar Alperovitz and Alex Campbell. In edited volume, *Nature, Production, and Power*. (London: Edward Elgar Press), 2000.

### ***Reports***

Lead author, *Making Communities Count*, Report on innovative community development policies published by The Democracy Collaborative at the University of Maryland, Fall 2003.

Co-author, *The Index of Environmental Trends: An Assessment of Twenty-one Key Environmental Indicators in Nine Industrialized Nations Over The Past 25 Years*. (Washington: Sage Communications), 1995. 80 pages.

### ***Academic Publications and Papers***

"Towards a Morally Coherent Anti-Sprawl Politics: Community Land Trusts as an Alternative to Gentrification," Conference Paper, Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, CA, March 2005.

"The Relationship Between Workplace Democracy and Economic Democracy: Three Views," Conference Paper, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2004.

"Sprawl and Civic Participation," Conference Paper, Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Washington, DC, March 2004.

"The Triple Threat to Community," *Indicators: The Journal of Social Affairs*, Spring 2003. With David Imbroscio and Gar Alperovitz.

"Local Policy Responses to Globalization: Place-based Ownership Models of Economic Enterprise," *Policy Studies Journal*, February 2003. With David Imbroscio and Gar Alperovitz.

"Sprawl, Politics, and Participation: A Preliminary Analysis," *National Civic Review*, Fall 2002.

"The Usefulness--And Limitations--of Social Capital as an Analytic Tool for Progressives,"

*Antipode*, Fall 2002.

“Is Employee Ownership a Road to Anywhere? (That is, Anywhere Economic Democrats Want to Go?” Paper presented at The Democracy Collaborative conference, University of Maryland, January 2002. Revised, October 2002.

“Toward the Economic Stabilization of America's Urban Communities: Policy and Institutional Alternatives in the Global Era.” Co-authored with Gar Alperovitz and David Imbroscio. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., September 2000.

"Monica, Bill, and Evil," *Cross Currents*, Summer 1999. (Review essay critiquing two books by academic ethicists on the Clinton-Lewinsky affair.)

Respondent on panel on "Alternatives to Capitalism," Pacific Sociology Association meetings, April 1999, Portland, Oregon.

Response to Harry Boyte's essay on "Public Work" in *The Good Society* (journal of the publication of the Committee on the Political Economy of the Good Society, University of Maryland), Fall 1999.

Book Review of David Imbroscio's *Reconstructing City Politics*, in *Review of Radical Political Economy*, Summer 1999.

"Disney-fied and Mesmerized: A Political and Economic Critique of the Walt Disney Company." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion, November 1998, Orlando, Florida. (Part of joint presentation with Aana Vigen.)

"True Prophecy? An Analysis and Critique of the Mainline Church's Social Witness," *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, 1997, Vol. 2.

Book Review of Larry Rasmussen's *Earth Ethics, Earth Community* in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, 1996 (September 1997).

### ***Journalistic Writing***

“Brits Lose One to Capitalism,” *Boston Globe*, May 22, 2005. (Article on takeover of Manchester United by American investor Malcom Glazer.)

“Manchester United, Inc: This is No Way to Run a Soccer Team,” published by Common Dreams ([www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)), May 18, 2004.

“Death of the Progressive Dream? Time For a Bottom-Up Strategy,” *Dollars & Sense*, November/December 2004.

“James Madison Favored a Global Test,” published by Common Dreams ([www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)), October 7, 2004.

“Boston’s Pen of Shame,” published by Common Dreams ([www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)), July 28, 2004.

“What George W. Bush Could (But Probably Won’t) Learn From Ronald Reagan,” published by Common Dreams ([www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)), June 7, 2004.

Interview with Joel Bakan, author of *The Corporation*, published by *Dollars & Sense* online, May 2004.

"How Alan Greenspan Let Ideology Trump Fiscal Sanity," *Dollars & Sense*, March/April 2004.

“Institution of Higher Learning,” *Chapel Hill News* (N.C.), February 28, 2004. (Profile of Burgess McSwain, long-time academic adviser to men’s basketball team at University of North Carolina.)

"O'Neill's Failed Bid for African Relief Shows One-Sidedness of Bush Strategy," published by Common Dreams ([www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)), January 22, 2004.

Book review of Ken Estey's *Toward a Protestant Labor Ethic* and Cynthia Moe-Lobeda's *Globalization and God*, *Dollars & Sense*, January/February 2004.

"Why The Peace Movement Must Persist," *Dollars & Sense*, July/August 2003.

“Doing the Right Thing at UNC,” *Chapel Hill News* (N.C.), April 6, 2003. (Article on basketball coaching transition at the University of North Carolina.)

“Primer: Local Economic Stability and Democracy,” *Dollars & Sense*, November/December 2002.

Book review of James Cooke Brown’s *The Job Market of the Future*, *Dollars & Sense*, November/December 2002.

“Who Wants To Be a Cheerleader for a Sweatshop?” *Dollars & Sense Magazine*, July/August 2002.

“Half-English, All Internationalist,” (Music Review of Billy Bragg’s *England, Half English*), *Dollars & Sense*, July/August 2002.

“Millions Mull Social Utopia, But Within Limits,” *Dollars & Sense*, November/December 2001. (Review essay on sim-city style computer games.)

“Labor and Democracy in South Africa: Where to Now?” *Dollars & Sense*, September/October

2001. (Sidebar on South Africa's economic strategy.)

A Why Social Movements Are Good For Your Health, @ *Dollars & Sense*, May/June 2001.

Co-author, "Why Americans Aren't Happy," with Robert Putnam, op-ed published in *Le Monde*, November 2000. Reprinted in numerous European newspapers.

"Capital Hill: Fighting Big Money In Politics and Society," *Dollars & Sense*, July/August 2000.

"Global Inequality: The Real Y2K Crisis," *Dollars & Sense*, January/February 2000. (Discussion of the United Nations Human Development Report.)

Book Review of Walter LaFeber's *Michael Jordan and the New Global Capitalism*, *Dollars & Sense*, November/December 1999.

"What An Environmentally Sustainable Economy Looks Like," *Dollars & Sense*, July/August, 1999.

"Guns or the Environment?" *Dollars & Sense*, May/June 1999. (Report on recent study showing discrepancy between government support for arms sales and for support for environmental technologies.)

Book Review of Michael Shuman's *Going Local!* in *Dollars & Sense*, May/June 1999.

"Civics Lesson," *The Chapel Hill News* (NC), January 1, 1999. (Article about the Clinton impeachment.)

"Bad As They Wanna Be," (Article on reforming college sports), *The Nation*, August 10-17, 1998. This article has been reprinted in successive editions of Robert Funk, ed. *Strategies for College Writing* (Prentice Hall), a widely used textbook.

Music Review of Billy Bragg and Wilco's "Mermaid Avenue," *In These Times*, July 26, 1998.

"Do You Know Where Your Next Paycheck is Coming From?" *Tikkun*, January/February 1998.

"Church-Based Economic Development: Perspective and Prognosis," *Religious Socialism*, Fall 1997.

Book review of William Greider's *One World, Ready or Not?: The Manic Logic of Global Capitalism*, in *Sojourners*, September/October 1997.

"The Content of Ethical Impact Reports: A Two-Tiered Proposal," *Tikkun*, July/August 1997.

"Campaign Finance Reform Alone Won't Restore Our Democracy," *Ashland Daily Press* (Wisconsin), August 5, 1997.

"Economic Strategies for Meaning," *Tikkun*, March-April 1997.

"Strategies for Disarmament," *The Nation*, January 1997. With Gar Alperovitz and Alex Campbell.

"Campaign Funds and Human Rights," *The Witness*, December 1996.

Book Review of Nathan McCall's *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America*, in *Monthly Review*, March 1996.

"Buying Down the Nukes: A Modest Proposal," *The Nation*, January 1996. With Gar Alperovitz and Kai Bird.

"No More Clevelands: What Every Community Can Learn from the Green Bay Packers," Op-ed distributed by Knight-Ridder newspapers, November 1995.

"Counting Public Money," *Cleveland Plain Dealer* and other Knight-Ridder newspapers, January 1995. (Article on the balanced budget amendment and the idea of a federal capital budget.)

"Piece by Piece: Grassroots Building Blocks of a New Economy," in *Who Is My Neighbor? An Economics Study Guide*. (Washington: Sojourners), 1994. With Dawn Nakano.

Music Review of Bob Dylan's "World Gone Wrong." in *Sojourners*, March, 1994.

### **Public Speaking/Appearances**

Panel presentation at post-election forum sponsored by Massachusetts Global Action, November 2004.

Panel presentation on state and local economic development strategies, Boston Social Forum, July 24, 2004.

WBUR (NPR) radio interview pertaining to *Making a Place for Community: Local Democracy in a Global Era*, October 2002.

Panel Presentation, "Sprawl, Politics, and Participation: A Preliminary Analysis," American Political Science Association annual meetings, Boston, September 2002.

Numerous radio interviews and book signings pertaining to *More Than a Game: Why North Carolina Basketball Means So Much to So Many*, 2001-2004 .

Panel presentation: "What Can Social Capital and Communitarian Theory Contribute to Urban Analysis?," Urban Affairs Association annual meetings, Detroit, April 2001.

Presentation to Ethical Society of Boston on "Political Economy and Ecology," April 9, 2000.

AM radio, Springfield, MA, July 18, 1998. Discussion of *What Comes Next? Proposals for A Different Society*.

WBAI-FM radio, New York City, May 27, 1998. Discussion of *What Comes Next?*

Speaker at conference on "Attaining Global Peace," Teachers' College, New York, March 1998.

Paper given, World Council of Churches "Theology of Life" consultation, Union Theological Seminary, April 1998.

Panel speaker at The Other Economic Summit, Denver, June 20-22, 1997.

Speaker at New York Regional Conference on Ethics and Meaning, February 1997.

Speaker at National Conference on Ethics and Meaning, Washington, DC, April 1996.

Appearance on C-SPAN debate on the balanced budget amendment, January 1996.

Lecture to Community Sustainability Research Institute, Washington, DC, January 1995.

Numerous radio interviews pertaining to the *Index of Environmental Trends*, April 1995.

Panelist on forum on civil society and democracy, American Political Science Association annual meetings, New York, September 1, 1994.

Profiled in *Chapel Hill (NC) News*, June 10, 1998; December 30, 2001; *Raleigh News and Observer*, December 11, 2001; *The Independent Weekly (NC)*, February 6, 2002; *Brown Alumni Monthly*, March 2002.

### **Unpublished Seminar Papers**

"Habermas on Constitutional Patriotism: A Critique"

"Cosmopolitan Communitarianism: A Balanced Approach to Trade and Globalization"

"Did Globalization Kill European Regional Policy, and If Not, Who Did?"

"Inequality, Communism, and the Goodness of Humanity" (Rousseau and Marx)

"Sports and Social Capital: Golden Wand or Double-Edged Sword?"

"Adam Smith and Contemporary Ecological Economists"

“Kant, Smith, and Mill on Friendship”

“Heaven, Hell, and Theodicy in Contemporary Christian Theology”

“Temple Food and the Boundaries of Community in Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians”

### **Other Activities**

Associate, *Dollars & Sense* (Boston, MA), 2005-.

Member of Editorial Collective, *Dollars & Sense*, 1998--2005.

Board Member, Cross Currents/Association for Religion and Intellectual Life (New York, NY), 1999-present.

Basketball columnist, *Inside Carolina* magazine and *uncbasketball.com*, 1995-2005.

Member and church school teacher, Christ Church Cambridge (Episcopal), 1998-2005.

Student member of search committee to select 16th President of Union Theological Seminary, New York (Dr. Joseph C. Hough), 1997-1999.