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Director, Environmental Studies Program, Bowdoin College

Build Bowdoin's environmental studies program.

Teach courses on environmental policy and governance in the Environmental Studies Program and the Government Department.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Chicago

B.A. in Economics, magna cum laude, Harvard University

Recent Professional Activities

- Evaluated the Pew Center on Global Climate Change (with Michael McCabe).
- Evaluated the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology (with Adrienne Massey).
- Assessed 16 U.S. Forest Service watershed innovation projects (with Bob Doppelt et al.)
- Researched state regulation of commercial fisheries; recommended changes in Maine (with Anne Hayden and Robin Alden).
- Evaluated the design and implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act's designation of Marine Protected Areas for the California Commission on Fish and Game (with Michael Harty).
- Reviewed performance management systems of the Marine Sanctuaries Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Project director, National Academy of Public Administration).

Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration

Panel member, Project on New Source Review, 2002-03

Panel chair, Project on Regulatory Preemption in the New Economy, 2003-05

Panel member, Review of EPA's Community Action for a Renewed Environment Program

Panel member, Assessment of Institutional Options for Developing and Reporting on National Environmental Indicators

Executive Committee, Council of Environmental Deans and Directors, National Council on Science and the Environment, 2003-06; Policy Committee 2006-

Advisory Committee on Bay Management, Maine Natural Resources Cabinet, 2004-06

Member, Science Advisory Panel to the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, 2002-05

Evaluation Team, Northwest Straits Initiative (Puget Sound WA), 2003-04

Board Member, Androscoggin River Alliance, Maine Rivers, Conservation Law Foundation (state program)

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Director, Center for the Economy and the Environment National Academy for Public Administration

Directed three projects requested on a bipartisan basis by the Appropriations Committees of Congress and supported by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- Risk analysis, relations with states and communities, agency management and organization, and regulatory strategies.
- Regulatory innovation at EPA, program budgeting, and EPA management.
- Evaluations of 50 innovation efforts by EPA, state environmental agencies, community groups, and businesses, with recommendations for strategies to support continued reform.

Convened federal and local officials to develop federal strategies for addressing sprawl (for the Joyce and MacArthur Foundations and the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality).

Evaluated the national marine sanctuaries program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as well as marine governance in California ports and the Florida Keys for the National Academy of Science

Reassessed the federal role in economic development; presented recommendations to a national conference of local and national leaders.

Director, State Policy Program, Aspen Institute

Developed a grantmaking program on rural development for the Ford and W.K Kellogg Foundations

National Governors' Association

Policy Studies Director for Economics, Trade, and Agriculture

State of Colorado

Director, Governor's Office of Policy Research

Assistant to the Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources

Acting Director, Colorado Division of Mines

BOOKS

Civic Environmentalism: Alternatives to Regulation in States and Communities, CQ Press, 1994.

A Brighter Future for Rural America? Strategies for Communities and States (with Sandra Batie and Kim Norris), National Governors' Association, 1988.

Shifting Responsibilities: Federalism in Economic Development, National Governors' Association, 1987.

SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

“Civic Environmentalism” in *Environmental Governance Reconsidered: Challenges, Choices, And Opportunities*, ed. Robert Durand, Rosemary O’Leary, and Dan Fiorino, MIT Press, 2004.

“Clean Air and the Politics of Coal”, (with Lee Paddock), *Issues in Sciences and Technology*, Winter 2003.