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### **Research and Teaching Interests**

Political Economy (fiscal policy and institutions, civil society, governance and finance of postsecondary education)  
American Politics (state and local government, political parties and interest groups, campaign finance, public policy)

### **Professional Positions**

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX  
Political Science Program Head, 2007-  
Professor, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2006-

Iowa State University, Ames, IA  
Director, Public Policy and Administration Program, 2005-06  
Professor, Department of Political Science, 2005-06  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2000-05

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Visiting Scholar, The Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 2004-05

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Assistant Professor, Department of Resource Development, 2000  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 1993-99

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Instructor, Kennedy School of Government, 1991  
Teaching Assistant, Departments of Government and Economics and Kennedy School of Government, 1990-92

United States Postal Service, Washington, DC  
Attorney, Rates Division, 1983-89

## Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Ph.D., Political Economy and Government, 1993

Dissertation: "The Political Economy of Environmental Citizen Groups"

Dissertation committee: Joseph Kalt (chair), Kenneth Shepsle, Robert Stavins

Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, CA

J.D., 1983

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

B.S., Economics, 1980

B.S., Civil Engineering, 1980

## Publications, Papers and Presentations

### Book Chapters

Lowry, Robert C. N.d. "The Context of State Public Policymaking: Why is Mississippi Still so Different from Maine?" In *The Oxford Handbook of State and Local Government Politics*, Donald Haider-Markel (ed.). New York, NY: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

Lowry, Robert C. and Alisa Hicklin Fryar 2012. "The Politics of Higher Education." In Virginia H. Gray, Russell L. Hanson, and Thad Kousser (eds), *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*, 405-435. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

Lowry, Robert C. 2012. "Fiscal Policy in the American States." In Virginia H. Gray, Russell L. Hanson, and Thad Kousser (eds), *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*, 309-338. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 10<sup>th</sup> edition.

Lowry, Robert C. 2009. "Incomplete Contracts and the Political Economy of the Privatized Public University." In Christopher C. Morphew and Peter D. Eckel (eds.) *Privatizing the Public University: Perspectives from across the Academy*, 33-59. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press.

Lowry, Robert C. 2008. "Fiscal Policy in the American States." In Virginia Gray and Russell L. Hanson (eds.), *Politics in the American States: A Comparative Analysis*, 287-315. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 9<sup>th</sup> edition.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Lowry, Robert C. N.d. "Public Welfare Spending and Private Social Services in U.S. States." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*: forthcoming.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 2010. "Transparency and Accountability: Empirical Results for U.S. States." *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 22(October):379-406.

Lowry, Robert C. 2009. "Reauthorization of the Federal Higher Education Act and Accountability for Student Learning: The Dog That Didn't Bark." *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 39(Summer):506-526.

Lowry, Robert C. 2007 "The Political Economy of Public Universities in the United States: A Review Essay." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 7(Fall):303-324.

Lowry, Robert C. 2005. "Explaining the Variation in Organized Civil Society across States and Time." *The Journal of Politics* 67(May):574-594.

- Summarized and extended in "Assessing the Effects of Church and State on Organized Civil Society," *International Journal of Not-for-Profit Law*: 7(September, 2005): [http://www.icnl.org/knowledge/ijnl/vol7iss4/art\\_2.htm](http://www.icnl.org/knowledge/ijnl/vol7iss4/art_2.htm)

Lowry, Robert C. and Matthew Potoski. 2004. "Organized Interests and the Politics of Discretionary Federal Grants." *The Journal of Politics* 66(May):513-533.

Lowry, Robert C. 2004. "Markets, Governance and University Priorities: Evidence on Undergraduate Education and Research." *Economics of Governance*: 5(April):29-51.

Lowry, Robert C. 2001. "Governmental Structure, Trustee Selection, and Public University Prices and Spending: Multiple Means to Similar Ends." *American Journal of Political Science*, 45(October):845-861.

- Abridged version published as: "Effects of State Postsecondary Education Structures on Public University Prices and Spending." *New Directions for Institutional Research* 119(Fall, 2003):41-53.

Lowry, Robert C. 2001. "The Effects of State Political Interests and Campus Outputs on Public University Revenues." *Economics of Education Review* 20(April):105-119.

Lowry, Robert C. and James E. Alt. 2001. "A Visible Hand? Bond Markets, Political Parties, Balanced Budget Laws, and State Government Debt." *Economics & Politics* 13(March):49-72.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 2000. "A Dynamic Model of State Budget Outcomes Under Divided Partisan Government." *The Journal of Politics* 62(November):1035-1069.

Lowry, Robert C. 1999. "Foundation Patronage Toward Citizen Groups and Think Tanks: Who Gets Grants?" *The Journal of Politics* 63(August):758-776.

Lowry, Robert C. 1998. "All Hazardous Waste Politics is Local: Grassroots Advocacy and Public Participation in Siting and Cleanup Decisions" *Policy Studies Journal* 26(Winter):748-759.

Lowry, Robert C., James E. Alt and Karen E. Ferree. 1998. "Fiscal Policy Outcomes and Electoral Accountability in American States." *American Political Science Review* 92(December):759-774.

Lowry, Robert C. 1998. "Religion and the Demand for Membership in Environmental Citizen Groups." *Public Choice* 94(March):223-240.

Lowry, Robert C. 1997. "The Private Production of Public Goods: Organizational Maintenance, Managers' Objectives, and Collective Goals." *American Political Science Review* 92(June):308-323.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 1994. "Divided Government, Fiscal Institutions and Budget Deficits: Evidence From the States." *American Political Science Review* 88(December):811-828.

### Other Academic Publications

Lowry, Robert C. 2010. "Fiscal Policy." In George Thomas Kurian (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Vol. 2, 594-595. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Lowry, Robert C. 2008. "Political Action Committees." In Donald G. Haider-Markel (ed.) *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, Vol. 2, 896-900. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Lowry, Robert C. 2008. "Taxation." In Donald G. Haider-Markel (ed.) *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions*, Vol. 2, 989-991. Washington, DC: CQ Press.

Lowry, Robert C. 2004. "What Explains Credible Apologies? A Comment on Yap's 'Non-Electoral Responsiveness Mechanisms.'" *British Journal of Political Science*: 34(April):368-371.

Alt, James E. and Robert C. Lowry. 2003. "Party Differences in State Budget Outcomes Are There After All: Response to 'Reexamining the Dynamic Model of Divided Partisan Government'" *The Journal of Politics* 65(May):491-497.

Lowry, Robert C. and Brian D. Silver. 1996. "A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: Political Science Department Reputation and the Reputation of the University." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 29(June):161-167.

Lowry, Robert C. 1995. "Nonprofit Organizations and Public Policy." *Policy Studies Review* 14(Spring/Summer):107-116.

Symposium editor, "Nonprofit Organizations and Public Policy." *Policy Studies Review* 14(Spring/Summer, 1995): 107-246.

### Book Reviews

Review of Robert G. Boatright, "Interest Groups and Campaign Finance Reform in the United States and Canada." *Party Politics*: forthcoming.

Review of David M. Primo, "Rules and Restraint: Government Spending and the Design of Institutions." *Political Science Quarterly*, 123(Fall, 2008):549-551.

Review of James M. Poterba and Jürgen von Hagen (eds.) "Fiscal Institutions and Fiscal Performance." *Journal of Economics/Zeitschrift für Nationalökonomie*, 72(2000):233-235.

Review of Walter Hettich and Stanley L. Winer, "Democratic Choice and Taxation: A Theoretical and Empirical Analysis." *American Political Science Review*, 94(March, 2000):175.

Review of Robert D. Reischauer (ed.) "Setting National Priorities: Budget Choices for the Next Century." *Political Science Quarterly*, 112(Winter, 1997-1998):712-713.

Lowry, Robert C. "Federalism and the Balanced Budget Amendment." *Public Budgeting and Finance*, 17(Fall, 1997):101-103.

Review of William R. Keech, "Economic Politics: The Costs of Democracy." *The Journal of Politics*, 58(February, 1996):237-238.

### Invited Presentations

Political Parties and Civil Society in Federal Countries

Global Dialogue on Federalism: USA Roundtable, sponsored by the Forum of Federations. University of Central Arkansas, November 6, 2009.

“Transparency and Accountability: Evidence for U.S. States,” with James E. Alt. Symposium on State and Local Politics, Center for the Study of Law and Politics, Gould School of Law, University of Southern California, April 2, 2008.

“Incomplete Contracts and the Political Economy of the Privatized Public University.” State of the Art Conference on the Privatization of the Public Research University, Institute for Higher Education, University of Georgia, September 7-9, 2006.

“Understanding the Whole Package: Public Welfare Spending and Private Social Services in American States,” University of Texas at Dallas, December 1, 2004.

Research conference, “Financing Higher Education Institutions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Cornell Higher Education Research Institute, May 22-23, 2001.

Research conference, “It’s Better to Rely on Well-designed Institutions than on Well-behaved People,” University of California, Los Angeles, May 18-19, 2001.

### Conference Papers

American Political Science Association, 1993-96, 1998, 2001-03, 2005-07, 2009

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 1998, 2001

Midwest Political Science Association, 1994-2008, 2010

National Bureau of Economic Research Conference on Political Economics, Cambridge, MA, 1992

National Public Management Research Conference, Texas A&M University, 1999

Northeastern Political Science Association, 1992

Public Choice Society, 1996

Annual Conference on the Scientific Study of Judicial Politics, East Lansing, MI, 1998

Southern Economic Association, 1993

Southern Political Science Association, 2008

State Politics and Policy Conference, 2001, 2002, 2010

### Work in Progress

"Mobilizing Money: Political Action Committees and Political Participation"

"Allocating Campaign Contributions in a Constrained Marketplace: The Effects of Opportunity Costs, Positive Spillovers, and Campaign Finance Regulations."

"Intraparty Fiscal Federalism Before and After the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act."

"The Dynamic Relationship between State Party Organizational Strength and Electoral Outcomes."

### **Grants, Honors and Awards**

Iowa State University Department of Political Science, Alumni Award for Senior Faculty Excellence, 2005.

Iowa State University, Faculty Professional Development Assignment, 2004-05.

National Science Foundation Award SES-0418129, "National Party Committees, Competitive Elections, and State Autonomy Before and After the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002," 2004-08. \$86,370.

American Political Science Association Small Research Grant. "Congressional Parties and Campaign Finance: Improving Democratic Performance" with Matthew Potoski, 2003-04. \$2,500.

Michigan State University, Program in Political Institutions and Public Choice, "Institutions and Decision Making in Higher Education," 1995-96.

Michigan State University All-University Research Grant, "State Governance Systems and Pricing Policies in Public Higher Education," 1994-95, \$3,831.

Michigan State University Nonprofit Research Initiative Grant, "State Level Funding Changes to Michigan Nonprofits: 1989-1993," with F.K. Marsh, 1994.

Predocctoral fellowship, Harvard-MIT Research Training Group in Positive Political Economy, 1992-93.

Member, *California Law Review*, 1982-83

Member, Chi Epsilon (national civil engineering honor society), 1979

### **Instruction**

#### Courses Taught at UT Dallas

American Public Policy (undergraduate)  
 Political Parties and Interest Groups (undergraduate)  
 Politics and Business (undergraduate)  
 Empirical Democratic Theory (graduate)  
 Introduction to Quantitative Methods (graduate)  
 Local and State Government and Politics (graduate)  
 Political and Civic Organizations (graduate)

Proseminar in Decision Making and Public Management (graduate)  
 Public Choice (graduate)  
 Research Seminar in Political Science (graduate)

#### Other Courses Taught

American Government: Institutions and Policies (undergraduate)  
 Introduction to Empirical Political Research (undergraduate)  
 Introduction to Political Economy (undergraduate)  
 Politics of the Environment (undergraduate)  
 Public Choice (undergraduate)  
 Regulatory Politics and Policy (undergraduate)  
 Political Analysis and Research (graduate)  
 Politics and Management of Nonprofit Organizations (graduate)  
 Proseminar on Formal Theory (graduate)  
 Research Seminar on Positive Theory and Political Economy (graduate)

#### Graduate Students Supervised, Major Professor

Masaki Nakamoto, UT Dallas, Ph.D., 2010  
 Ted Wiederholt, Iowa State University, MPA, 2005  
 Clinton Fichter, Iowa State University, M.A. 2004  
 Dan Christenson, Iowa State University, M.A. 2004  
 Jason Stonerook, Iowa State University, M.A., 2004  
 Lucinda Deason, Michigan State University, Ph.D., 2000  
 Kwangho Sim, Michigan State University, Ph.D., 1999

#### Other Graduate Student Committees

Richard Laird, UT Dallas, Ph.D., 2010  
 Adam Guerrero, UT Dallas, Ph.D. Political Economy, 2010  
 Lishan Desta, UT Dallas, Ph.D., 2009  
 Greg Combs, UT Dallas, Ph.D., 2009  
 Greg Forbes, Iowa State University, MPA, 2006  
 Colin Provost, SUNY-Stony Brook, Ph.D. (outside reader), 2004  
 Brian Witherwax, Iowa State University, M.S. Journalism, 2001  
 Bridgette Johnson, Michigan State University, M.S. Packaging, 2001  
 Susan Silberman, Michigan State University, Ph.D., 2000  
 Sameh Kamel, Michigan State University, Ph.D., 1999  
 Shelly Arsneault, Michigan State University, Ph.D., 1997  
 James Anderton, Michigan State University, Ph.D. Education, 1997

#### **Institutional and Public Service**

##### The University of Texas at Dallas

Committee on Faculty Standing and Conduct, 2011-  
 Committee on Qualifications of Academic Personnel, 2008-2010  
 School of EPPS Executive Committee, 2007-  
 School of EPPS Fred Hill Endowed Scholarship Committee, 2009-  
 School of EPPS Faculty Personnel Review Committee, 2006-08

School of EPPS ad hoc Professor (Promotion) Review Committee, 2007, 2008 (chair)  
 School of EPPS ad hoc Tenure Review Committee, 2009  
 School of EPPS ad hoc Third-Year Review Committee, 2007 (chair), 2011  
 School of Arts and Humanities ad hoc Third-Year Review Committee, 2010

External Examination Chair, School of Management, 2007, 2008; School of Arts & Humanities 2011.

Occasional judge, moot court, mock trial and mediation competitions

Occasional interviews with local media

Key Votes Advisor, Project Vote Smart, 2011-

### Iowa State University

Faculty Senate, 2002-04  
 Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Food Safety and Security, 2003-06  
 College of Agriculture, ad hoc search committee for agricultural law position, 2003-04  
 Department of Political Science Admissions and Financial Aid Committee, 2001-04, 2005-06  
 Department of Political Science Director of Graduate Education (MA Program), 2001-04  
 Department of Political Science Graduate Committee, 2000-04  
 Department of Political Science Council, 2001-02  
 Department of Political Science ad hoc committee on MPA governance, 2001  
 Department of Political Science Faculty Awards Committee, 2000-01

Occasional panelist and guest host, "Talk of Iowa" call-in show, WOI Radio

More than 80 interviews with print, radio and television media

Principal Investigator, "Iowa State Caucus Study," funded by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Political Science, and the Institute for Social and Behavioral Research, November, 2003. (Stratified random telephone poll of 761 respondents comparing likely participants in the 2004 presidential nominating caucuses to other registered Democrats.)

Co-PI, "Science and Policy Seminar Series & Summer Institute," funded by the Iowa State University Agronomy Endowment, 2002-04 (Speaker series and three-day workshop on science and public policy.)

### Michigan State University

College of Social Sciences Graduate Committee, 1995-99  
 Nonprofit Specialization Steering Committee, 1996-99  
 Department of Political Science Advisory Committee, 1995-96  
 Department of Political Science Curriculum Committee, 1996-98  
 Department of Political Science Faculty-Student Judiciary Committee, 1996-99  
 Program in Public Policy and Administration Admissions Committee, 1997, 1998-99  
 Program in Public Policy and Administration Advisory Committee, 1994-96, 1997-98

Instructor, College of Veterinary Medicine, "Science, Politics and Animal Health Policy Fellowship Program," 1998-1999

## Professional Service and Affiliations

### Editorial boards

- *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, 2005-
- *American Journal of Political Science*, 2006-09

Executive Council, Section on State Politics and Policy, American Political Science Association, 2008-2010

### Award committees

- Best Paper and Best Graduate Student Paper on State Politics and Policy presented at the 2008 meeting of the American Political Science Association
- Party Politics Award, APSA Section on Political Organizations and Parties, 2006
- Robert H. Durr Award for best paper applying quantitative methods to a substantive problem in political science, Midwest Political Science Association, 2003

Chair and discussant at various professional conferences. Recent participation includes:

American Political Science Association  
Discussant, 2007-2011  
Chair, 2006

Midwest Political Science Association  
Discussant, 2007, 2009-2011  
Chair 2009, 2011

Mentor, W.T. Grant Foundation Scholars Program, 2008-

External reviewer on cases for promotion to associate professor with tenure or full professor: 2010, 2011

Ad hoc reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Politics Research*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Congress and the Presidency*; *Economics & Politics*; *Economics of Education Review*; *Economics of Governance*; *Electoral Studies*; *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*; *The Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *National Tax Journal*; *Party Politics*; *Policy Studies Journal*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics & Policy*; *Politique Américaine*; *Public Administration Review*; *Public Choice*; *Public Budgeting and Finance*; *Public Finance and Management*; *Public Finance Review*; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*; *Southern Economic Journal*; *State and Local Government Review*; *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*; McGraw-Hill Books, College Division; SAGE Publications; W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.; National Science Foundation ; The Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund.

Member, American Political Science Association; Midwest Political Science Association; American Economic Association.