

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Matthew Cahn**

Special Assistant to the Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
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### **Education**

Ph.D. August 1991 Political Science (emphasis in Public Policy)  
University of Southern California  
Dissertation: Environmental Politics

M.A. December 1988 Political Science  
University of Southern California

B.A. May 1987 Social Science Field Major (Interdisciplinary)  
University of California, Berkeley

### **Areas of Specialization**

Environmental Policy and Management; Policy Analysis; American Politics; Research Design; Assessment.

### **Tenure-line Academic Positions**

1999 to present: Professor of Political Science,  
California State University Northridge

1995 to 1999: Associate Professor of Political Science,  
California State University Northridge

1991 to 1995: Assistant Professor of Political Science,  
California State University Northridge

### **Adjunct Academic Positions**

2009 to 2011: Adjunct Professor, Department of Environmental Studies,  
University of Southern California.

2000 to 2001: Visiting Professor of Public Policy, Bren School of Environmental Science and  
Management, University of California Santa Barbara

1998 to 2003: Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Studies,  
University of Southern California

1989 to 1991: Lecturer, Department of Political Science, San Jose State University.

1988 to 1989: Lecturer, Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University.

## **Administrative Positions**

2013 to Present: Special Assistant to the Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Responsibilities include overseeing all college assessment, serving on dean's executive team for enrollment and budget management, mentoring new chairs and assisting departments in building class schedules, reviewing contractual entitlements of lecturers and approving lecturer work assignments.

Feb to August, 2013: Acting Associate Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Responsibilities included facilitating and managing all college curriculum, resolving student complaints and discipline issues, and overseeing college assessment program.

2011 to 2013: Administrative Fellow, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Responsibilities included assisting departments in building class schedules, reviewing contractual entitlements of lecturers and approving lecturer work assignments, overseeing college assessment program, developing cross-college curriculum, and assisting the Dean and Associate Dean in special projects.

2009-2011: Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science. Responsibilities included overseeing graduate admissions, curriculum development, implementation of comprehensive exams, and academic and professional advisement for graduate students.

2005-2008: Department Chair, Political Science. Responsible for supervising faculty, staff, four academic programs and community outreach. Responsibilities included scheduling 70 sections per semester to meet an FTES of over 600 students; planning and monitoring departmental budget; friend-raising and development (external relations); purchasing; faculty development and mentoring; monitoring for compliance with academic and university policies and compliance with collective bargaining agreement; academic planning and curricular review; program review and assessment; faculty recruitment, retention, promotion, and tenure review (RTP).

2004-2006: Director, Center for Southern California Studies, CSUN. Work with high profile community members and university administration and faculty in applied research, program development, community relations, faculty development, and funded projects. Specific responsibilities included program development and implementation, friend-raising and development, curricular support, personnel hiring and supervision, budgeting and purchasing, grant writing.

2004-2005: CSBS Coordinator of Special Sessions Programs in Public Sector Management (PSM) and Masters in Public Administration (MPA). The PSM and MPA programs serve approximately 400 students through non-state supported programming and curriculum. Served as CSBS Dean's liaison coordinating academic programs between two colleges, representing CSBS Dean's Office to PSM/ MPA Program Directors, ensuring compliance with university academic policies and procedures, facilitating PSM/MPA programs and faculty development, tracking financial obligations between PSM/MPA programs and academic departments.

2001-2002: Interim Department Chair, Political Science. Responsible for supervising faculty, staff, three academic programs and community outreach. Responsibilities included course scheduling to meet an FTES of approximately 450 students; planning and monitoring department budget; friend-raising and development (external relations); purchasing; faculty development and mentoring; monitoring for compliance with academic and university policies; compliance with collective bargaining agreement; academic planning and curricular review; program review and assessment; faculty recruitment, retention, promotion, and tenure review (RTP).

1998-2000: Director, Center for Southern California Studies, CSUN. Work with high profile community members and university administration and faculty in applied research, program development, community relations, faculty development, and funded projects. Specific responsibilities include program development and implementation, curricular support, personnel hiring and supervision, budgeting and purchasing, grant writing.

1993-1998: Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Political Science. Responsibilities included overseeing graduate admissions, curriculum development, implementation of comprehensive exams, supervision of thesis projects, and academic and professional advisement for graduate students.

### **Current Research:**

*American Government: Democracy in Transition* (Pearson, under contract)

This book examines the American political system and its institutions as we transform from a democracy of self-interest to one of increasing transparency and evidence-based decision making. The book is designed for introductory American Government courses, and therefore covers, in depth, the framers, constitutional theory, institutions, and participation – while simultaneously engaging with a student population who may be only vaguely interested in government.

*Linking Science to Decision Making in Environmental Policy: Bridging the Disciplinary Gap* (co-authored with Lawrence Becker, The MIT Press, under contract)

This book examines the role of science in moderating interest-based politics in resource management and environmental stewardship. The manuscript builds a model of science based policy processes where management decisions are based on stakeholder input but constrained by scientific efficacy. Ultimately, the project is intended to develop a protocol to maximize cross-disciplinary decision making in environmental policy.

*Environmental Deceptions: The Tension between Liberalism and Environmental Policymaking in the United States* (with Kristy Michaud; Albany: State University of New York Press, 2nd edition under contract)

This book brings together normative analyses and empirical data to explain the structural limitations liberal society places on environmental improvement. I argue that cultural ambivalence toward communitarian ethics has made the traditional environmental infrastructure problematic. The book exposes the subtle tensions that often lead to policy failure, and suggests that traditional policy models are insufficient to resolve existing environmental dilemmas in air, water, waste, and energy.

### **Publications: Books**

*Public Policy: The Essential Readings* (edited with Stella Theodoulou; Pearson, 2012). 2nd edition.

*Rethinking California: Politics and Policy in the Golden State* (co-authored with H. Eric Schockman, and David Shafie, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition).

*Strategic Planning in Environmental Regulation: A Policy Approach that Works* (co-authored with Sheldon Kamieniecki and Steve Cohen, The MIT Press, 2005)

*Rethinking California: Politics and Policy in the Golden State* (co-authored with H. Eric Schockman, and David Shafie, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2001, 1<sup>st</sup> edition).

*California: An Owners Manual* (co-authored with H. Eric Schockman, Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1997).

*Thinking About the Environment: Readings on Politics, Property, and the Physical World* (edited with Rory O'Brien; NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1996)

*Environmental Deceptions: The Tension between Liberalism and Environmental Policymaking in the United States* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995).

*Public Policy: The Essential Readings* (edited with Stella Theodoulou; Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1995).

### **Publications: Book Chapters and Book Reviews**

"The States and the Environment: History, Responsibilities, and Policies (1770s–present)," (with Rhea Mac), in *The Guide to U.S. Environmental Policy*. Sally Fairfax and Edmund Russell, eds. (Congressional Quarterly Press, in press 2014).

"The Bureaucracy and Politics of Energy and Environmental Policy in the Western States," (with Sheldon Kamieniecki, Denise McCain-Tharnstrom, and Duran Fiack), in *Environmental Politics and Policy in the West*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Zachary Smith and John Freemuth, eds., (Kendall-Hunt, in press 2014.)

"The Environmental Policy Bureaucracy: A Western Perspective," (with Sheldon Kamieniecki and Denise McCain-Tharnstrom), in *Environmental Politics and Policy in the West*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Zachary Smith, ed., (Kendall-Hunt, 2005).

Review of Sheldon Kamieniecki, George Gonzalez, and Robert Vos, "Flashpoints in Environmental Policymaking: Controversies in Achieving Sustainability" (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997). In "The American Political Science Review", June 1999.

"Politics and Policy in California," (with H. Eric Schockman) in "California Dreams and Realities: Readings for Critical Thinkers and Writers." 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Sonia Maasik and Jack Soloman, eds., (Boston: St. Martins, 1999)

"Surfing Bytes: Utilizing the Internet and Your Computer for Social Science Research" with Paula Lackie and Stella Theodoulou in "Methods for Political Inquiry: The Discipline, Philosophy and Analysis of Politics." Stella Theodoulou and Rory O'Brien, eds., (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1999).

Review of Peter DeLeon, "Democracy and the Policy Sciences" (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1997) and Anne Larason Schneider & Helen Ingram, "Policy Design for Democracy" (Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Press, 1997). In "The American Political Science Review," June 1998.

"The Green Critique," in "Thinking About the Environment." Matthew Cahn and Rory O'Brien, eds., (NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1996)

"Accommodating the Future: Strategies for Resolving the Environmental Quagmire," in "Thinking About the Environment." (NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1996)

"What's Theory Got to Do With It? An Introduction to Thinking About the Environment," (with Rory O'Brien,) in "Thinking About the Environment: Political Theory and Environmental Policymaking." (NY: M.E. Sharpe, Inc., 1996)

Review of Lawrence E. Susskind, "Environmental Diplomacy: Negotiating More Effective Global Agreements" (NY: Oxford University Press, 1994). In "Political Science Quarterly", Summer 1995.

"The Policy Game," in "Public Policy: The Essential Readings." Stella Theodoulou and Matthew Cahn, eds., (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1995)

"The Players: Institutional and Non-Institutional Actors in Public Policy," in "Public Policy: The Essential Readings" (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall, 1995)

"The Environmental Policy Bureaucracy: A Western Perspective," (with Sheldon Kamieniecki), in "Environmental Politics and Policy in the West." Zachary Smith, ed., (Kendall-Hunt, 1993).

"Western Governments and Environmental Policy," with Sheldon Kamieniecki and Eugene Goss), in "Politics, Power and Public Policy in the Contemporary American West." Clive Thomas, ed., (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1991).

### **Invited Lectures**

"Linking Science to Decision Making in Environmental Policy: The Case of Marine Protected Areas." Munson Marine Lecture Series 2001 Sponsored by the Curtis and Edith Munson Foundation. Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. November 2001

"Bridging the Disciplinary Gap Between Science and Policy." Bren School of Environmental Science and Management. University of California, Santa Barbara. March 2000

### **Applied Policy Experience**

Principal Investigator. "CSUN Community and Economic Impact Report." Commissioned by CSUN University Relations. November 2004. Available at [www.csun.edu/CommunityImpact](http://www.csun.edu/CommunityImpact).

Member, Roadmap to Reform Advisory Committee, a technical panel to the Little Hoover Commission (a state oversight commission). Sacramento, CA Fall 2003

Senior Research Associate, Solimar Research Group (Environmental Research and Policy Analysis), Ventura, CA, 2000 to 2008

Chair, Marine Ecological Reserve Science Panel. Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). U.S. Department of Commerce, 1999 to 2001.

Member, Southern California Policy Advisory Group (City Terrace Group), Assembled by Antonia Villaraigosa, Then-Speaker of the California State Assembly, 1999-2000.

Member, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Environmental Policy Focus Group. The Institute for Applied Social and Policy Research, Claremont Graduate University. The ITS Focus Group brought together regional leaders and environmental analysts to evaluate the impact of proposed ITS technologies on environmental quality in California, 1995.

Principal Investigator and Project Director: Downtown Economic Development Study. Performed for the City of San Fernando. Spring 1993. Supported by a grant from the City of San Fernando.

### **Funded Projects and Grants (Selected)**

"Teachers for a New Era" (TNE) Co-Author, CSUN TNE Final Report to Carnegie Corporation (2011-2012); Evidence Committee Liaison (2005-2006); Member, Steering Committee and General Education Workgroup Coordinator (2003-2006).

"A Window of Opportunity: Multidisciplinary Views of California Citizenship in the 21st Century." 1999: Principal Investigator and Project Director. This project received \$30,000 from the Center for California Studies to provide a multidisciplinary analysis of the concept of citizenship in California. Results were disseminated through four colloquia in Summer, 1999.

## **Professional Conference Participation**

"Science, Democracy, and Administrative Decisionmaking: The Case of the Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas," with Larry Becker. Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, April 2011.

Program Chair and Conference Coordinator: 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Envisioning California Conference. California and Immigration. Skirball Cultural Center. Los Angeles, September 2007.

Chair, "Schools as Political Terrain." 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Envisioning California Conference. The Envisioning California Conference is a statewide California Studies Conference sponsored by CSU Sacramento and CSU Northridge. Sacramento, September 2006.

Program Chair and Conference Coordinator: 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Envisioning California Conference. Los Angeles, September 2005.

Panelist: Roundtable: Innovative Approaches to Environmental Policy Education. Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Denver, March 2003.

Panelist: Resolving Coastal and Ocean User Conflicts Through Negotiation -- Best Practices for Convening Marine and Coastal Policy Dialogues. California and the World Ocean, Santa Barbara, CA, October 2002. Sponsored by the California Resources Agency.

"Linking Science to Decision Making in Environmental Policy: The Channel Islands Marine Reserve Process," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 2001.

Moderator and Participant, Colloquy on "Urban Fragmentation and Metropolitan Governance: Secession and Consolidation in Los Angeles and Beyond." Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, May 2000.

"Urban Politics and Fragmentation in Los Angeles," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Summer 1999.

"The Politics of Discontent: Assessing the Impacts of Secession on Representation and Empowerment in Los Angeles," presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, March 1999.

Chair, Roundtable on "The Urban Environment: Los Angeles in Perspective," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, March 1998.

"Two Strategies for Success: Source Reduction and Recovery in California and Wisconsin," presented in the Public Policy Section at the Annual Meeting of The Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, March 1997.

Roundtable Participant, Panel on "New Approaches to Environmental Policy," at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Tucson, March, 1997.

Discussant, Panel on "Revisions in Policy Subsystem Theory," Public Policy Section, at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Tucson, March, 1997.

Chair, Panel on "The Next Increment: Environmental Strategies at Decade's Close." In the Public Policy Section at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August, 1996.

"Overcoming Interest Based Politics in Environmental Policymaking." Presented in the Public Policy Section at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August, 1995.

Chair, Panel on "New Teaching Technologies in Political Science." Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, March, 1995.

"Building Models in Environmental Policy: Evaluating California." Presented in the Public Policy Section at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New York, September 1994.

"Surfing the Internet: Pedagogic Strategies Utilizing Microcomputers in Methodology Classes," (with Stella Theodoulou and Paula Lackie). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New York, September 1994.

"Indexing Normative Influences on Environmental Policy in the United States: A Starting Point." Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 1994.

Co-Chair, Panel: "Surviving the Non-Tenured Experience." Annual Meeting, Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM, March 1994.

"The Limits of Liberal Environmental Policy." Presented in the Public Policy Section at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1993.

"Symbolic Language and Environmental Policymaking in the United States." Presented in the Political Communication Section at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 1993.

Chair, Panel: "Environmental Theory," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 1993.

"Water Policy and Local Growth Limits in California: The Santa Barbara County Water Wars -- the Case in Goleta," (with Rory O'Brien), Presented in the State and Local Government Panel at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Pasadena, CA, March 1993.

"The Green Machine Meets the Growth Machine: Factors Affecting Intergovernmental Relations and Environmental Policy in California," (with Evan McKenzie), Presented in the Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Panel at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 1992.

"Municipal Recycling in California," (with Stella Theodoulou), Presented in a Panel on Public Policy at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 1992.

"The Irony of Liberalism: Contract Theory and the Vulnerability of Rights," Presented in the Public Policy and Political Theory Panel at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, March 1991.

"Symbolic Policy and the Engineering of Consent," Presented in the Public Policy Agenda Setting Panel at the WPSA Annual Meeting, Seattle WA, March 1991.

"Game Theory in Public Policy Formation: An Exploration of Speculative-Augmentation and the Clean Air Act," Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, CA, March 1990.

Discussant, Panel: "The Other Liberalism," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, March 1989.

## **University-Wide Service and Leadership (Selected)**

2013: Member, Search and Screen Committee for Vice President of University Advancement, CSUN.

2012: Co-Author of CSUN Teachers for a New Era Final Report (with Christina Von Mayrhauser). TNE was a \$5 million Carnegie funded initiative that focused on improving teacher preparation by assessing the needs of learners and training future teachers in approaches to assessment; creating strong clinical practice experiences for teacher candidates; and strengthening the collaboration of arts and sciences faculty with education faculty in the design and oversight of teacher preparation programs.

2011: Member, Search and Screen Committee for Vice-Provost, CSUN.

2009-2013: Member, University Personnel Planning & Review Committee (PPR), CSUN. The University Personnel Planning & Review Committee (PPR) makes recommendations concerning academic personnel policies and procedures, including those which, if adopted, are incorporated in appropriate sections of the Administrative Manual. The committee interprets the Administrative Manual and other pertinent documents and directives with respect to personnel matters, and hears appeals from personnel decisions of College committees and/or Deans.

2003-2012: Member and Chair (2005-2008), Master of Public Administration Advisory Board. Responsibilities included faculty development; curriculum review; program review and assessment, advisement, and assisting in course scheduling.

2003-2006: Member, Steering Committee, Teachers for a New Era.

2003-2006: TNE Workgroup Coordinator – Integrating Arts and Science Faculty into Teacher Education. Primary work focuses on coordinating six faculty in the study of the relationship between general education and teacher preparation. 2005 to 2007: Coordinator, Quantitative Evidence Group. Responsible for liaising between quantitative data analysis team and evidence section coordinators, Provost, and Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

2003-2004: Member, Search and Screen Committee for Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN.

2002-2004: Member, University Planning and Budget Group (UPBG), CSUN. UPBG serves in an advisory capacity to the President by assisting with the development and prioritization of campus goals and advising on the allocation of resources.

2002-2004: Member, CSBS College Personnel Committee, CSUN. Responsible for making RTP recommendations for academic faculty within the college.

1998-1999: Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, CSUN. The GSC establishes policies and reviews and approves all Graduate level programs and courses.

1998-1999: Member, Strategic Planning Governing Group (SPGG). The SPGG worked closely with the University President to facilitate and implement the university's strategic planning process.

1998-1999: Academic Senator, CSUN Academic Senate.

1996-2001: Member, Graduate Studies Committee (GSC), CSUN.

1992-1994: Member, University General Education Council, a subcommittee of the Educational Policies Committee tasked with reviewing university general education program.

### **Other University Service (Selected)**

2005-2006: Chair, Workload Review Committee, CSBS, CSUN.

2005-2006: Chair, Associate Dean Search and Screen Committee, CSBS, CSUN.

2004-2005: Member, CSBS Credential Program Review Committee, CSUN.

2003-present: Member, Public Sector Management Advisory Committee, CSUN.

2002-2004: Member, Northridge Presidential Scholars Review Committee, CSUN

1997-2000: Member, Advisory Board, California Studies Interdisciplinary Major, CSUN.

1997-1998: Chair, Director of Development Search Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN

1997-1998: Member, Taskforce on Faculty Hiring. A Special Committee of the University Academic Senate, CSUN

1997-1998: Member, Performance Step Salary Increase (PSSI) Review Committee, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, CSUN

1997-1998: Member, Program Review Committee for Department of Kinesiology, CSUN

1997-1998: Member, Program Review Committee for Department of English, CSUN

1996-1997: Member, Program Review Committee for Department of Geography, CSUN

1996-1997: Member, Advisory Board, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, CSUN

1994-1998: Co-Director, Political Science Data Lab.

1992-1998: Credential Advisor, Responsibilities included advising single subject credential students in the social sciences, and supervising NTE/ Praxis waiver program.

### **Community Leadership and Participation**

Ventura Charter School, Ventura, CA.  
Member, Board of Directors, 2005-2008

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), Santa Barbara, CA  
Chair, Sanctuary Advisory Council 2002-2004  
Member, Sanctuary Advisory Council 1998 to 2004  
(Alternate Member for Research 1998-2001; Member Public-At-Large 2001-2004).

AIDS CARE Inc., Ventura, California.  
Member, Board of Directors, 1992-1993  
AIDS CARE was a California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation and United Way agency which provided practical support to people living with HIV and AIDS in Ventura County. ACI services included case management, daily provisions, legal services, referrals, education, and policy advocacy.

## **Organizational Affiliations and Activity Within the Profession**

American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

## **Manuscripts Reviewed for**

SAGE Publications	Social Sciences Quarterly	Political Research Quarterly
Congressional Quarterly Press	Rowman and Littlefield	Duke University Press
The MIT Press	Addison Wesley Longman	Prentice Hall/ Pearson