

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Name: **Paul Lenchner**

Year Appointed: 1974

Department: Political Science

1. **ACADEMIC DEGREES:**

A.B., magna cum laude with Honors in Government, Franklin and Marshall College, 1967

M.A., Ph.D., Cornell University, 1971, 1973

Participant, Summer Program, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, 1970

2. **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Clarkson University, Instructor, 1971-1972; Assistant Professor, 1972-1974

Texas A & M University-Commerce, Assistant Professor, 1974-1979; Associate Professor, 1979-1983; Professor, 1983 – present (ER/MS, 2011-); Head, Department of Political Science, 1994 - 2008

3. **FACULTY TEACHING LOAD:**

I have regularly taught a broad range of courses in American government and politics, including upper-level undergraduate classes in Congressional Politics, Political Parties and Electoral Politics, and Public Opinion, as well as the introductory classes in American and Texas Government. I have also taught undergraduate classes in Public Policy, Introduction to Political Science, and several special topics offerings as well as a variety of graduate seminars in American politics.

4. **SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

Member, Faculty Senate, 1975-1978, 1986-1995, 2003-2007

Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Admission and Retention of Students, 1976-1977

Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Curriculum, 1987-1988

Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 1988-1995, 2003-2007

Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on the Organization of the Senate, 1989-1991, 1993-1995, 2003-2007

President-Elect, Faculty Senate, 1991-1992

President, Faculty Senate, 1992-1993

Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Life, 1994 - 1998

Member, President's Administrative Council, 1992-1993

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on the Identification and Evaluation of Research and Other Scholarly and Creative Activities, 1992-1993

Adviser, M.A. and M.S. Political Students, 1977-1992

Adviser, Zeta Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, 1979-1982

Member, Steering Committee, Southern Association Accreditation Self-Study, 1981-1983

Member, Subcommittee on Financial Resources, External Grants and Funding, Southern Association Accreditation Self Study 1991-1993

Member, University Graduate Council, 1981-1984

Chair, Graduate Council Committee on Administration, 1983-1984

Member, Graduate Council Executive Committee, 1983-1984

Co-Chair, Sam Rayburn Public Affairs Symposium Committee, 1982-1989

Member, Screening Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, 1986

Chair, Screening Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, 1989

Member, University Honors Committee, 1986-1988, 1992 - 2011

Member, Advisory Committee on Planning, 1990 - 1997

Member, Arts and Sciences Executive Council, 1994 - 2008

Member, University Insurance Committee, 1995 -- 2004

Member, Department Heads Council, 1995 – 2008

Chair, University Honors Committee, 1998 – 2000

Member, University Hearing Committee, 1998 – 2004

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, 2001

Member, Search Committee for Dean of Enrollment Management, 2004 -- 2005

Member, Sam Rayburn Sculpture Committee, 2004 – 2006

Member, Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2008--2011

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Political Science (Comparative Politics), 2009 -- 2010

5. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Executive Council, Southwestern Political Science Association, 2003 – 2005

6. PUBLICATIONS:

Articles and Chapters:

“The Conservative Coalition: Toward Clearing the Confusion.” *Public Affairs Forum*, 4 (March, 1975), pp. 5-9

“Nationalization or Polarization: Change in Southern Congressional Politics.” *Georgia Political Science Association Journal*, 3 (Spring, 1975), pp. 45-65

“Can Congress Compete with Executive?” in John Forshee (ed.) *Readings in American Government and Politics* (Washington: University Press of America, 1976), pp. 69-77

“Partisan Realignment and Congressional Behavior: Some Preliminary Snapshots.” *American Politics Quarterly*, 4 (April, 1976), pp. 223-236. Reprinted in Joel H. Sibley (ed.), *The Congress of the United States: 4: The Electoral Connection, 1789-1989* (Brooklyn: Carlson Publishing, 1991), pp. 151-164

“Congressional Party Unity and Executive-Legislative Relations.” *Social Science Quarterly* 57 (December, 1976), pp. 589-596

“Partisan Conflict in the Senate and the Realignment Process.” *Journal of Politics* 41 (May, 1979), pp. 680-686

“Economics, Politics, and Campaign Financing,” in William Earl Maxwell, Ernest Crain, and Associates, *Texas Politics Today*, 2nd ed. (St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1981), pp. 152-154

“How Different Are Suburban Representatives?” *Texas Journal of Political Studies*, 5 (Fall/Winter, 1983), pp. 25-40

“Postindustrialization and Congressional Change: An Exploratory Mapping.” *Journal of Political Science* 12 (Spring, 1985), pp. 1-16

“The Speaker and the Schools.” *The Sam Rayburn Library Newsletter*, 17 (July, 1987), unpaginated

“Introducing American Government Through a You-Be-The-Judge Exercise.” *The Political Science Teacher*, 2 (Spring, 1989), pp. 11-12

“Sam Rayburn and the ETSU Annual Symposium.” *The Sam Rayburn Library Newsletter*, 25 (November, 1991), unpaginated

“Reflections on a Great Leader and a Great Man.” *The Sam Rayburn Library Newsletter*, 26 (August, 1992), 9-12

“The Party System in Texas”, in Anthony Champagne and Edward J. Harpham (eds.), *Texas Politics: A Reader* (New York: Norton, 1997, 1998), 1st and 2nd editions

Other Publications:

Numerous book reviews in scholarly journals

Monthly public affairs columns in the *Commerce (Texas) Journal*, 1987

7. PAPERS PRESENTED:

“Congress: Can it Compete or Has It Lost Out to the Executive?” Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, 1975

“Partisan Realignment and the Behavior of Political Elites: A Congressional Focus.” Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, 1976

“Postindustrialization and the New Congress.” Southern Political Science Association, Gatlinburg, 1979

“How Different Are Suburban Representatives?” Southwestern Political Science Association, Dallas, 1981

“Making Policy in Congressional Committees: Upgrading the Process?” Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, 1986

“Role Reversal in the Lone Star State: Evolving Intraparty Conflict in Texas.” Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 1997

“The Texas Two-Step Continues: Intraparty Dynamics in the Lone Star State.” Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, 1999

“Intraparty Conflict and Consensus in Texas: A Longitudinal Study.” Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2002

“Intraparty Dynamics in Texas: Harmony and Discord among Democratic and Republican Activists.” Southwestern Political Science Association, Corpus Christi, 2004

“Politics and Policy at Texas State Party Conventions, 1994—2004.” Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans, 2005

“Party Culture in Texas: Activists and Organization in the Lone Star State.” Southwestern Political Science Association, Albuquerque, 2007

“Party Activists in Texas: Incentives and Behavior.” Southwestern Political Science Association, Las Vegas, 2008.

Other Conference Participation:

Several instances of serving as discussant, panel chair, or roundtable participant. American and Southwestern Political Science Association meetings

Participant, C-SPAN Seminar for Professors, 1990

8. GRANTS:

Texas A & M University--Commerce Faculty Research Grants, 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1984-1985

Texas A & M University—Commerce Mini-Grants, 1997-1998, 1999-2000, 2001-2002, 2003-2004, 2005-2006

9. HONORS AND AWARDS:

Phi Beta Kappa, 1967

Herbert H. Lehman Graduate Fellowship, 1967-1971

Texas A & M University--Commerce Nominee for North Texas Association Phi Beta Kappa Award for Faculty Excellence, 1985

Texas A & M University--Commerce Professional Achievement Award for 1992-1993

Texas A & M University--Commerce Honors Professor of the Year Award for 1994-1995

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Lone Star Legends Volunteers and Partners Recognition Program, Certificate of Appreciation, 2000

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