

# **EDWARD MICHAEL YAGER**

**Professor of Political Science  
Western Kentucky University**

## **EDUCATION:**

**University of California at Santa Barbara (Ph.D.)**  
Political Science with an emphasis in American Politics,  
Political Theory and Public Administration. 1993.

**The London School of Economics and Political Science (M.Sc.)**  
Master of Political Theory (Merit). 2013.

**San Jose State University (M.P.A.)**  
Master of Public Administration. 1983.

**California State University at Fresno (B.A.)**  
Political Science. 1977.

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

**Professor with tenure.**  
Department of Political Science, Western Kentucky University.  
August, 2006 to Present.

**Associate Professor with tenure.**  
Department of Political Science, Western Kentucky University.  
August, 1999 to August, 2006.

**Assistant Professor, tenure-track.**  
Department of Government, Western Kentucky University.  
July, 1993 to August, 1999.

**Instructor, tenure-track.**  
Department of Government, Western Kentucky University.  
August, 1992 to July, 1993.

### **Courses Taught at Western Kentucky University:**

Introduction to Political Theory, American Political Thought, Topics in Political Theory--Liberty, Government and Ethics, Ethics and Bureaucracy, The American Presidency, Political Leadership, Politics and Administration in Rural Communities, Government and Business, State and Local Government, Research Methodology.

## **RESEARCH:**

### **Publications**

#### **Book**

*Ronald Reagan's Journey: Democrat to Republican.* The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group. This book was released in May, 2006. It is the product of a summer scholarship grant that sponsored research at the Reagan Presidential Library in 2002 and a sabbatical leave in the fall semester, 2003.

#### **Articles**

“Yes, Ronald Reagan’s Rhetoric Was Unique—But Statistically How Unique?” (with Cheryl Schonhardt-Bailey and Saadi Lahlou both of The London School of Economics and Political Science) in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* Vol. 42, No. 3 (September, 2012).

“Violating the Appearance Standard: A Local Campaign Controversy” in *Campaigns and Elections*, Robert Watson and Colton Campbell, editors. Lynn Rienner Publishers, 2003.

“Politics and Privatization Decisions in Four American Cities” *Politics* Vol. 19, No. 2 (May, 1999).

“University Center Technical Assistance and Strategic Plans for Local Economic Development” *Economic Development Review* Vol. 15, No. 3 (Fall, 1997).

“An Organizational Perspective on Municipal Contracting Decisions” *National Civic Review* Vol. 83, No. 1 (Winter-Spring, 1994).

## **In Progress**

London School of Economics and Political Science (2013) research for publication and for teaching:

1. *Does the Career of John Locke's Letter Concerning Toleration Include Religious Liberty?* (10,000 words). GV 499. Dissertation.
2. *Republican Freedom and Civil Society Reform: John Locke's Educational Project for Citizens* (5,000 words). GV 4B7. *The Liberal Idea of Freedom*. This work has been accepted for presentation at the 2014 Southwestern Social Science Association meeting, April 17-19.
3. *Karl Popper and John Gray: Rival Approaches to Toleration and Politics* (5,000 words). GV 476. *Twentieth Century European Liberal Thought*.
4. *John Locke's Legacy to America: A Living Declaration of Independence* (5,000 words). GV 4F1. *The Political Philosophy of John Locke*.
5. *David Hume's Legacy and the American Founding* (5,000 words). GV 4F5. *Advanced Study of Key Political Thinkers—David Hume*.

*The Gentleman From Kentucky: Congressman William H. Natcher* is a book length biography of the life and career of Congressman William Natcher. The work is in a very early stage of development.

## **Selected Conference Papers and Forums**

“John Locke’s Liberal Citizen” presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 1-3, 2010.

“Political Theory and Dystopian Literature” presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Maine, May 8-9, 2009.

“Coaching and Civic Engagement” presented by Marie and Edward Yager at the Teaching and Learning Conference of the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, California, February 22-24, 2008.

“Measuring Rhetorical Leadership: A Textual Analysis of Margaret Thatcher’s and Ronald Reagan’s Speeches” with Dr. Schonhardt-Bailey of the London School of Economics and Political Science at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 30, 2007.

“Civil Religion and Its Significance: A Computer Assisted Analysis of Thatcher and Reagan Speeches” presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 15, 2007.

Authors’ Forum: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Leadership Association in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 1-6, 2005.  
Elements of *Ronald Reagan’s Journey* presented at the forum.

“Ronald Reagan’s Journey: Democrat to Republican” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April, 2005.

“A Closer Look At Ronald Reagan’s Political Thought” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 24-27, 2002.

“Presidential Speeches and Exhortations to Civic Virtue” presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, May 4-5, 2001.

“Privatization and Ethical Enlightenment in Indianapolis?” presented at the Third Public Sector Ethics Conference of the American Society for Public Administration, Portland, Oregon, May 18-19, 2000.

### **AWARDS:**

**2012 Teaching Dedication Award** from 4<sup>th</sup> Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Task Force Warrior, FOB, Salerno, Khost, Afghanistan.

**2011-12 Visiting Fellow, Harlaxton College, Great Britain** for work at The London School of Economics and Political Science.

**2008 Teaching Appreciation Award** from Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

**2008 Certificate of Authenticity Award for Teaching and Public Service** from Bravo Company, 44<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Signal Battalion, Al Kut, Iraq.

**2006 Summer Fellowship Grant (\$5,000)** for research as an “Academic Visitor” at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

**2003 Fall Semester Sabbatical** for writing *Ronald Reagan's Journey: Democrat to Republican*.

**2002 Summer Fellowship Grant** (\$5,000) for research at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California

**2000 Excellence in Teaching Award (Potter College)** from the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University

**SERVICE:**

**2000 Member of Mayor's Policy Committee, City of Bowling Green.**

**1998-99 Member of Ethics Commission, City of Bowling Green.**

**1997 President of the Kentucky Political Science Association.**