

H. Edward Flentje, Professor

Contact

Joined faculty in 1979; specialist in state government, state and local relations, and Kansas political history; Ph.D. in political science, University of Kansas, 1970; M.A., George Washington University, 1965; B.S., Emporia State University, 1964

Degrees

Ph.D. political science, University of Kansas, 1970

M.A., government, George Washington University, 1965

B.S.E., math and physical science, Kansas State Teachers College, 1964

Primary Teaching Areas and Experiences

Teaching Areas: public decision making, state and local government administration

Visiting Professor, Chicago City College, 1970-71

Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science, (1972-1974 and Associate Professor (1975),
Southern Illinois University

Lecturer in Political Science, University of Kansas, 1976

Visiting Research Professor (1979), Associate Professor (1979-86), and Professor (1986 to present),
Wichita State University

Visiting Scholar, University of California at Berkeley, Summer 1993

Publications

Mark A. Glaser, H. Edward Flentje, and Daniel J. Bryan, "Sedgwick County Voters Speak on Strategic Directions for Community Health" in Joe P. Pisciotte, et al., eds., Prescription for Healthy Citizens (Wichita: Wichita State University, 2004)

Glaser, Mark A., H. Edward Flentje, Daniel Bryan, and Misha Jacob. A Systems Approach to the Study of Community Health: Voter Concerns, Investment Priorities, and Willingness to Pay Increased Taxes. Wichita: Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, Wichita State University, October 2004.

H. Edward Flentje and W. Bartley Hildreth, "Fiscal Trends in Kansas: Taxing, Spending, and Borrowing," Kansas Policy Review 28 (Spring 2006) 1, 21-30.

Glenn W. Fisher, H. Edward Flentje, W. Bartley Hildreth, and John D. Wong, "Sizing Up Kansas Public Finance," Kansas Policy Review 29 (Spring 2007) 1, 13-21.

Research

Conducted and published research on state policy, administration, and politics over an extended period of time. This research has covered a variety of topics including state-local relations, home rule, capital finance, political history and culture, fiscal policy, indigent defense, gubernatorial administration, municipal utilities, property tax exemptions, unfunded state mandates, and the governance of post secondary education, among others.

Published research applying cultural theory to administration in state government and is co-author of a volume under contract with the University of Nebraska Press applying cultural theory to state politics in Kansas.

Conducted and published research on the development of professional management in Kansas cities and counties, most recently, on the status of appointed county administrators in Kansas, the current frontier in the extension of professional management to local government in Kansas.

Significant Practitioner Activity

Administrative Appointments in Higher Education

Assistant Director for Academic Affairs, (1969-1970) and Associate Director for Academic Affairs 1970-1972),

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Deputy Chief of Staff, Board of Trustees, Southern Illinois University, 1972-1974

Graduate Coordinator, Master of Urban Affairs(1979-1984)/ Master of Public Administration (1988-1989),

Associate Director, Hugo Wall Center for Urban Studies (1979-1989), Director, Hugo Wall Center

for Urban Studies (1989-1992), Director, Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs and

Center for Urban Studies (1999-2008), Wichita State University

Other Professional Employment

U.S. Senate, Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator James B. Pearson, 1968-1969

State of Kansas, Director of State Planning and Research, 1975-1979

Member of the Cabinet of Governor Robert F. Bennett, 1975-1979

Kansas Legislature Coordinator, Special Commission on a Public Agenda for Kansas, 1985-1986

State of Kansas:

Chair of Transition Team for Governor-Elect Mike Hayden, 1986-1987; Secretary of Administration, 1987-1988;
Vice-chair of the Cabinet of Governor Mike Hayden, 1987-1988; Coordinator of Policy, Office of the Governor,
1987-1988; Leader of Kansas delegation to Henan Province, Peoples Republic of China, 1988

City of Wichita, Interim City Manager, January - July 2008

Academic and Professional Associations

American Political Science Association, life member, 1968 to present

American Society for Public Administration, 1971 to present

Kansas State Historical Society, life member, 1982 to present

Kansas Association of City/County Management, cooperating member, 1991 to present

External Reviewer: School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha, March 2006.

Manuscript Reviewer: State and Local Government Review, 2004 to present.

Public Services Activities

Founding Donor, 50th Anniversary Fund of the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs, 2005-2008.

Training sessions:

City Clerks and Municipal Finance Officials of Kansas, Management Workshop on Group Decision Making,
2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007.

County Clerks' and Election Officials' Association Sanborn Institute, Management Workshop on Group
Decision Making, 2007.

City of Wichita, Management Workshop—Strategic Planning for Leaders (3 hours): 2004.

MiniMPA Sessions: Achieving Effective Governance, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007; Understanding
Local Politics, 2005; Conducting Diplomacy, 2004, 2006; Thinking Strategically, 2004; and
Capstone Session, 2004, 2006, 2007.

Member, Air Service Task Force, 1999-2005.

Panelist for Colloquium on Politics and Government, Emporia State University November 19, 2004.

"Fiscal Trends in Kansas" to Kansas Economic Policy Conference, University of Kansas, October 27, 2005.

Moderator of Town Hall Forum for City of Sedgwick, November 15, 2005.

“Taking the Risk: Building Leadership at the Community Level” for Kansas Association of City and County Management, February 3, 2006.

Facilitator for “Looming Threats to City and County Finance” for Kansas Association of City and County Management, January 26, 2007.

“Origins of the City Management Profession” to Pre-Conference Workshop of the 59th City and County Management Conference, University of Kansas, April 25, 2007.

Facilitator for Strategic Planning Retreat for Maize City Council, March 3, 2007.

“Property and Sales Tax Base Erosion” to Annual Meeting of Kansas Legislative Policy Group, October 5, 2007.

Consulting Activities

Senior Consultant to Regional Economic Area Partnership, an alliance of thirty-two cities and counties in south-central Kansas, 1999 to present.

Vice-Chair, Offender Reentry Task Force, City of Wichita and Sedgwick County, 2003-2005.

Consultant to City Commission, City of Kingman, on recruitment of city manager, 2005.

Consultant to Harper County Board of County Commissioners on the appointment of county administrator and financial planning for landfill revenues, 2006-2007.

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