

Denise Keefer Runge

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science & Public Policy, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, 1997.
- Master of Arts Political Science, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL, 1989.
- Bachelor of Arts Political Science, Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA, 1987 (attended 1980-1984; completed final graduation requirements in 1987).

Academic Administrative Experience

- July 2020 to present, provost & vice chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. Report to chancellor and serve as the chief academic officer of the university, including its four community campuses. Direct reports (17) include the six academic deans, deans of the Consortium Library, Graduate School, and Honor's College, three vice & associate vice provosts, executive director of ANSEP, the strategic budget officer, and several other key staff positions; serve as the dotted line supervisor of campus directors, who report to the chancellor. Overall academic affairs budget of approximately \$105 million.
- July 2016 to June 2020, dean, Community & Technical College, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. Reported to provost. The UAA CTC encompassed a wide array of areas during my tenure, including (13) career/technical degree areas offering certificate, associate and bachelor's degrees, developmental and GER writing, math, and communications, plus oversight of the (former) Eagle River Campus, the UAA Learning Commons, TRIO programs, and the Testing Center. Direct reports (10) included associate deans, directors, college budget officer, advising manager, and several other key staff. Overall budget was \$13.8 million.
- July 2015 to June 2016, assistant campus director, Prince William Sound College, University of Alaska Anchorage, Valdez, AK. Reported to campus director and served as the head of academic and career/technical programs, supporting the campus as it transitioned from a separately accredited, stand-alone community college to become the fourth community campus of UAA. Direct reports nine included the full-time faculty, museum director, workforce director, and several staff.
- August 2013 to July 2015, dean of academics (chief academic officer) Helena College, Helena, MT. Reported to president and served as chief academic officer of this separately accredited community college under the University of Montana, overseeing (30) certificate and associate degree programs. Direct reports (10) included division directors, head librarian, online programs director, and several staff.
- July 2011 to July 2013. Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA. Reported to president and served as chief academic officer of this small, moderately selective liberal arts campus offering (33) bachelor's and two master's degrees. Direct reports (14) included vice provost, division directors, head

librarian, museum director, director of student success, director of the OU theatre, and several key staff positions.

- February 2007 to June 2011. Dean (formerly Interim Dean) College of Arts & Letters, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. Reported to provost. The CAL comprised (13) schools and departments encompassing fine arts, liberal arts, and social sciences at this R1 university. Direct reports (15) included associate deans, school directors, advising director, budget officer, development officer, communications director, and several other staff.
- June 2004 to February 2007, associate dean, College of Arts & Letters, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. Reporting to the dean, I was primarily responsible for student success, program accreditations, supervision/mentoring of department chairs, and branch campus relations.
- June 2003 to May 2004, interim campus dean, USM Gulf Coast Campus, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS. Reporting to the provost, I was primarily responsible for ensuring program and faculty alignment between our branch campus and the various USM Colleges and Schools in which they were housed.
- June 2001 to June 2003, Arts & Sciences Division Chair, USM Gulf Coast Campus, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS. Reporting to the campus dean, I was primarily responsible for schedules, supervision of academic staff, and approval of student academic requests such as waivers and petitions.

Faculty Appointments

- July 1997 to June 2011. Professor (previously associate and assistant professor) of political science and international development with tenure. University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS).
- July 1994 to June 1997. Assistant professor (tenure track) of political science. DeKalb College (now part of Georgia State University-Atlanta, GA).
- Several semesters between January 1991 and June 1994, adjunct instructor of political science, Shelton State Community College (Tuscaloosa, AL).
- May to August 1989. Adjunct instructor of political science. DeKalb College (Atlanta, GA).

Selected Governance/Committee Work

- University of Alaska (Statewide) Academic Council, Alaska State Committee for Research, University Transitions Task Force, Community Campus Directors Council, E-Learning Council, University Relations Council.
- University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Accreditation Steering Committee, Student Success Advisory Committee, co-chair Task Force on Serving Working Adults, Online Learning Advisory Committee, Steering Committee for Title III grant.
- Helena College: Statewide Developmental Education Task Force, 2012-2015; TAACCCT Grant (round three) steering committee 2012-2015; Chaired and served as primary author for NWCCU Year 3 report.

- Oglethorpe University: Chaired and served as liaison to the Board of Trustees for Faculty Handbook revision committee and Evening Degree Program Review Committee. Chaired and served as primary author for SACS Year 7 Reaffirmation Report.
- University of Southern Mississippi: Community College Articulation Committee (served nine years, collaborating with three local community colleges); Academic Program Prioritization Review and Appeals Committee, 2009-2010; presidential search, 2007. Provost search, 2009. Strategic Enrollment Management Committee, 2004-2011.

Selected Professional Service

- Western Interstate Compact for Higher Education (WICHE) Academic Leaders Forum, 2020 to present. Serve as faculty and mentor for the Academic Leadership Academy.
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) accreditation evaluator several times between 2019 and 2023.
- Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Presidential Advisory Board member, 2016 to present.

Selected Research

(All publications appear under my former name *Denise K. von Herrmann*)

- **Books with Academic Presses: *Resorting to Casinos: The Mississippi Gambling Industry*** (University Press of Mississippi, February 2006; 182 pps.).
- ***The Big Gamble: The Politics of Lottery and Casino Expansion*** (Praeger/Greenwood Publishers, December 2002; 160 pps.).
- **Chapters in Academic Books: "Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!"** in ***Gambling, Space, and Time***, Pauliina Raento and David Schwartz, eds. (University of Nevada Press, 2011, 27 pps.).
- "Political Contributions of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians--A Case Study of Indian Gaming and its Impacts on Statewide Political Activity" in ***The New Politics of Indian Gaming***, Tracy Ann Skopek and Kenneth N. Hansen, eds. (University of Nevada Press, 2011; 21 pps.).
- "Presidential Decision-Making: Three Models and the Road to War with Iraq" in ***From Forty-One to Forty-Three: Presidential Policies and the Road to the Second Iraq War***, John Davis, ed. (Aldershot, Hampshire UK: Ashgate Pub., March 2006; 18 pps.).
- "The Federal Government's Role in Regulating Gambling," in ***Legalized Gambling***, David M. Haugen, ed. (Farmington Hills, MI: Greenhaven Press. 2005; 16 pps.).
- "Gaming in Mississippi: From Backwaters to the Big Time" in ***Mississippi Politics***, 2nd edition, Joseph Parker, ed. (Salem, WI: Sheffield Publishing Co., 2001; 23 pps.).
- "The US Should Play a Greater Role in Solving the Arab-Israeli Conflict." in ***Debating the War on Terrorism***, Tom Lansford & Robert P. Watson, eds. (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt publishers, 2003; 12 pps.).
- "Why States Gamble on Gambling" in ***State Government: in CQ's Guide to Current Issues and Activities, 2000-2001***, Thad Beyle, ed. (Washington, D.C: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1999; 6 pps.).

Journal Articles

- "Are All Gambling Policies Alike? A Model of Why States Do What They Do." Fall, 1999 (Volume 22, no. 11 & 12; 22 pps.) The International Journal of Public Administration.
- "Why States Gamble on Gambling Revenue: A Comparative Case Study Approach." October 1998 (Volume 19, no. 5; 15 pps.), Comparative State Politics.

Funded Research

- \$26,100 contract to study employment impacts of gaming and construction/reconstruction expansion on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the US Navy under subcontract to Northrup Grumman Ship Systems of Pascagoula, MS. Co PI. Funding date: August 1, 2006.
- \$57,000 grant to study taxes and the Mississippi Gaming industry, funded by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Economic Development Council. Sole PI. Funding date: November 2003.
- \$56,000 grant to study several economic questions relating to the Mississippi Gaming Industry, funded by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Economic Development Council. Sole PI. Funding date: November 2001.
- \$6000 in-kind grant to conduct an addendum to the Mississippi Gaming Study, funded by Decision Scientific, LLC, of Gulfport, Mississippi. Sole PI. Funding date: October 2001.
- \$200,000 grant to study gaming in Mississippi, funded by the State Legislature through the state's Institutions of Higher Learning. Research Director and co-PI. Funding date: May 1999.

Public Research Reports:

- "Gaming Taxes and Their Impacts on Mississippi" Prepared for Mississippi Gulf Coast Economic Development Council and released to the Mississippi State Legislature. (Gulfport, MS: March 1, 2004; 45 pps.).
- "Gaming in Mississippi: The Present and the Future" Prepared for Mississippi Gulf Coast Economic Development Council and released to the Mississippi State Legislature. (Gulfport, MS: March 15, 2002; 34 pps.).
- "Gaming in the Mississippi Economy: A Marketing, Tourism, and Economic Perspective" Prepared for the Institutions of Higher Learning and released to the Mississippi State Legislature. (Jackson, MS: June 30, 2000; 71 pps.).

Teaching - Graduate

- University of Alaska Anchorage: Public Policy Analysis (F2F & remote).
- University of Southern Mississippi: Graduate Seminar in Public Administration (taught seven times F2F and hybrid); Graduate Seminar in Public Policy (taught four times F2F); Graduate Seminar in American Government (taught three times hybrid); Research Design I, (taught two times online); Graduate Seminar in Comparative Cultural Development (taught two times online); also taught a variety of special topics and independent study courses undergraduate through doctoral level.

- Other teaching-dissertation/thesis committees Robert Corby (MA), Jack Covarrubias (MA), Scott Covey (MA), Angie Wood (Ph.D.-Chair), Brian Richard (Ph.D.-Chair), Ethan Joella (Ph.D. – Chair), Charles Jobs (Ph.D.), Deena Burris (Ph.D.), Elixenia Biron (Ph.D.).
- For Other Universities: Gregory Bradley (Ph.D., NorthCentral University, Arizona), Molly Blank (MA, Univ. of California at Berkeley).

Teaching - Undergraduate

- University of Alaska Anchorage: PS 101 American Government (spring 2022, hybrid). TECH 490 Training and Development for Technical Professionals (fall 2019, online); PS 102 Introduction to Political Science (fall 2017, F2F); Prince William Sound College: PS 101 American Government (fall 2015, online); BA 231 Management Supervision (spring 2016, online).
- Helena College: State and Local Government (fall 2013, 2014, online); Macroeconomics (spring 2015, Online); Introduction to Public Administration (spring 2014, Online).
- Oglethorpe University: HON 201-Honors Seminar (spring 2013, F2F); POL 290- Introduction to Public Administration (spring 2012, summer 2012, hybrid); POL 101- Introduction to Political Science (fall 2012, hybrid).
- University of Southern Mississippi: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies (spring 2011, hybrid); Introduction to American Government (taught 14 times F2F, two times online); State and Local Government (taught 10 times F2F and Hybrid); Introduction to Public Administration (taught eight times F2F); Urban Politics (taught four times F2F); Research Design (taught two times, F2F).
- DeKalb College (now Georgia State University): American Government (taught 12 sections per year when full-time and two per quarter when part-time, F2F and online); State and Local Government (taught two sections per year, hybrid).
- Shelton State Community College: American Government (taught one section per semester, F2F).
- University of Alabama: American Government (taught two sections per semester, F2F).