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NAME: Judith A. Best

DATE: Feb. 1, 2005

DEPARTMENT: Political Science

RANK: Distinguished Teaching Professor

DATE OF APPOINTMENT TO PRESENT RANK: September 1984

I. Mastery of Subject Matter

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major Area</u>
Ph.D.	1971	Cornell University	Political Science
M.A.	1963	University of Michigan	English Literature
B.A.	1958	Michigan S. University	English Literature

II. Effectiveness in TeachingA. Teaching Experience

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Academic Rank</u>	<u>Areas Taught</u>	<u>Institution</u>
1984-	Dist. Teaching Prof.	Amer. Government Political Theory	SUNY Cortland
1980-84	Professor	Amer. Government Political Theory	SUNY Cortland
1976-79	Assoc. Professor	Amer. Government Political Theory	SUNY Cortland
1973-75	Asst. Professor	Amer. Government Political Theory	SUNY Cortland
1971-73	Research Associate	RANN Energy Proj.	Cornell Univ.
1970-71	Instructor	Amer. Government Political Theory	Cornell Univ.

Fall 1969	Teaching Asst.	Political Theory	Cornell Univ.
1965-66	Instructor	English	Ithaca College
1958-61	Teacher	English	Garden City H.S. Garden City, Mich.

B. Honors and Awards

New York State University Chancellor's Award For Excellence in Teaching, Spring 1977

American Higher Education & Carnegie Foundation Honor Salute for Educational Leadership, 1986

Gerald DiGiusto Award to the Outstanding Member of the Faculty, from Student Senate, 1989.

Phi Kappa Phi

III. Publications and Scholarly Activity

A. Books

The Choice of the People? Debating the Electoral College, Rowman and Littlefield, 1996

National Representation for the District of Columbia, University Publications of America, 1984.

The Mainstream of Western Political Thought, Human Sciences Press, 1980.

The Case Against Direct Election of the President, A Defense of the Electoral College, Cornell University Press, 1975.

B. Articles

"Presidential Selection: Complex Problems and Simple Solutions, Political Science Quarterly, vol. 119, no.1, 2004.

"The Electoral College: Abolish or Preserve? In You Decide! Current Debates in American Politics, John R. Rourke, editor, Pearson Longman, 2004.

"Sovereign Citizens," in The American Legion: Celebrating Our Country. Three hundred thousand copies were distributed to Minnesota students, fall 2003.

"The Evolution of the Electoral College," American Presidential Campaigns and Elections: A Reference Guide, Ballard C. Campbell and William G. Shade eds., M.E. Sharpe, 2002.

"Weighing the Alternatives: Reform or Deform?," The Longest Night: Polemics and Perspectives on Election 2000, Arthur Jacobson and Michel Rosenfeld eds., University of California Press, 2001.

"Should the Current Electoral College System Be Preserved?" Congressional Digest 2001.

"Should the Electoral College Be Abolished? No." The C. Q. Researcher, December 8, 2000.

"The Electoral College, What's the Fix?" The Washington Post, November 19, 2000.

"Abolish the Electoral College, No--It'll Be a Nightmare," New York Daily News, November, 2000.

"The Rule of Law," in The Moral Authority of Government, eds. Moorhead Kennedy, R. Gordon Hoxie, and Brenda Repland, New Jersey: Transaction Publishers, 2000.

Testimony Reprinted: 1992 testimony for U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, Committee on the Judiciary: Hearings: The Electoral College and Direct Election of the President, was chosen for reprinting in the sixth edition of Point and Counterpoint: Readings in American Government, Herbert M. Levine, St. Martin's Press, 1998.

Article: "The Twelfth Amendment," in The Constitution and Its Amendments, Macmillan, 1998.

Contributor and author of "Minority Report," Electing the President: Report of the Panel on Presidential Selection, Elizabeth P. McCaughey ed., Center for the Study of the Presidency, 1992.

"Fundamental Rights and the Structure of the Constitution." in The Framers of the Constitution and Fundamental Rights, Robert Licht, ed.,

American Enterprise Institute, 1991.

"Reflections on Written and Unwritten Constitutions," in The Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution: Commemoration and Renewal, Robert Spitzer, ed., SUNY College at Cortland, 1990.

"The Budgetary Process and the Vitiating of the Veto," in The Fettered Presidency: Legal Constraints on the Executive Branch, American Enterprise Institute, 1989.

"The Case for the Electoral College," The Law of Presidential Power: Cases and Materials, Carolina Academic Press, 1988.

"The Item Veto is Needed," The New Federalist Papers, University Press of America, 1988.

"The Electoral College and the Balance of Government," The New Federalist Papers, University Press of America, 1988.

"The Presidency and the Executive Power," in The Framing and Ratification of the Constitution, Leonard W. Levy and Dennis Mahoney, eds., Macmillan, 1987.

"Legislative Tyranny and the Liberation of the Executive," Presidential Studies Quarterly, Fall 1987.

"The Innocent, the Ignorant and the Rational: The Content of Lockian Consent," in The Crisis of Liberal Democracy, Kenneth L. Deutsch and Walter Soffer, eds., SUNY Press, 1987.

"Restore the President's Power Over the Purse," Wall Street Journal, October 21, 1986.

"The Electoral College: A Paradigm of the American Democracy," This Constitution, Fall 1986, no. 12.

"The Limits of International Law: The Basis of International Stability," New York State Bar Journal, February, 1986.

"National Representation for the District of Columbia," The New Federalist Papers, 1986.

"Preserve the Electoral College," The New Federalist Papers, October,

1984.

"The Item Veto: Would the Founders Approve?" Presidential Studies Quarterly, Spring, 1984.

"Teaching Political Theory Through Metaphor," Improving College and University Teaching, Fall 1984.

"What is Law? The Minos Reconsidered," Interpretation, May, 1980.

"Recent State Initiatives on Power Plant Siting: A Report and Comment," 5 Natural Resources Lawyer, Fall 1972.

The following papers were published and distributed by the Cornell Energy Project under the National Science Foundation's RANN program through grant (G1-29203X1), to colleges and universities, research organization, engineers, members of the power industry, environmental groups, state legislatures, state agencies and authorities, Congressional Committees, various agencies of the national government, and to private citizens.

"NEPA: Some Legal Constraints as Set Forth by the Court in Calvert Cliffs: (Paper No. 71-12). Selections from this paper were used in the Summary Report of the Cornell Workshop on Energy and the Environment (February 22-24, 1972), published by the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 1972, for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Senate.

"Recent State Initiatives on Power Plant Siting: A Report and Comment" (Paper No. 72-3). Data and analysis from this paper were used by the Rand Corporation in a specially commissioned report on Power Plant Siting legislation for the California State Legislature.

"New Institutional Arrangements to Resolve Power Plant Siting Conflicts: A Policy Analysis" (Paper No. 72-4).

"NEPA Impact Statements: Agency Efforts to Escape the Burden: (Paper No. 72-17)

"The National Environmental Policy Act as a Full Disclosure Law" (Paper No. 72-23).

C. Research Grants Awarded:

Women's Academic and Career Choices, a \$75,000 grant from HEW,

running from August 1, 1978 through August 1, 1979. Dr. Best served as Co-Project Director for this grant. This project had three facets: 1) a two credit course, Life and Career Choices for Women, offered in the Fall of 1978 and the Spring of 1979. Dr. Best served as Co-Course Coordinator. 2) a mentoring project for randomly selected freshman women during the 1978-79 academic year. Dr. Best served as a mentor for nine freshman women, meeting each for one hour per week during the entire academic year, keeping a log on each meeting. 3) a research component in which a data bank on the randomly selected experimental group and another on a control group has been compiled.

D. Papers, Special Lectures, Interviews and Testimony

Radio Interview: Los Angeles Public Radio; Air Talk with Larry Mantle, on the Electoral College, November 2, 2004

Radio Interview: National Public Radio, KDXU Nevada and Utah, on the Colorado Initiative for proportional representation, November 2, 2004.

Radio Interview: National Public Radio WBUR Boston on "The Connection" with Dick Gordon, on the Electoral College, November 2, 2004.

Radio Interview: National Public Radio, The Morning Edition with Steve Iskeep, October 26, 2004.

Interview, Time Magazine for Kids, Jeremy Caplan, on the Electoral College, October 2004.

Radio Interview: Chicago Public Radio WBEZ, on the Electoral College, October 21, 2004.

Interview: Rita Healy, Time Magazine, on the Electoral College and Colorado's Amendment 36, October 2004.

Interview : Cindy Readdean of National Public Broadcasting for "Journal Editorial" sponsored by PBS and The Wall Street Journal, October, 2004

Radio Interview: Kevin Mooney on WKRT, September 9, 2004

Radio Interview: Radio Times, WHYY, Philadelphia, with Marty Mass-Coane, September 9, 2004

Interview and Citations: George Will column "Colorado's Crucial Vote" in Newsweek, August 30, 2004.

Interview Video Taped: On presidential elections and the Electoral College for Cochran Communications, distributed to educational institutions, 2003.

Panelist: The Electoral Vote System, Symposium on Reforming Our Presidential Elections System, sponsored by The Academy of Political Science and Political Science Quarterly, Barnard College, Columbia University, Sept. 27, 2002.

Speaker: "The Necessity of Election Reforms and the Crucial Role of Public Education," Annual Conference of the Central New York Council for the Social Studies, Syracuse, Oct. 2002

Speaker: "Let's Hear It For the Electoral College: It Defeats the Alternatives," Tenth Annual Cortland County Chautauqua: A Learning Odyssey, Aug. 6, 2001.

Speaker: "The Electoral College and the Federal Principle," Cardozo School of Law Conference: Votes and Voices: Reevaluations in the the Aftermath of the 2000 Presidential Election, April 26, 2001.

Speaker: the annual Stanley Reed Lecture at Kentucky Wesleyan College, "Let's hear it for the Electoral College: It Defeats the Alternatives!" February 14, 2001.

Television Interview: Should We Abolish the Electoral College? on McCuiston TV, Dallas, Texas, aired on PBS and cable markets nationwide. Feb. 13, 2001.

Speaker: "Choosing the American President," Conference: Election 2000, Northwestern University School of Law, January 12, 2001

Television Interview: Faithless Electors, with Jeff Greenberg, CNN and Time, Dec. 03, 2000. Also shown twice on Dec. 14th.

Television Interview: The Electoral College, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, PBS November 23, 2000.

Television Interview: The Electoral College, Fox News, November 21, 2000.

**Live Radio Interview: The Electoral College, CBS National Radio,
November 20, 2000.**

**Interview: The Electoral College, UNESCO Courier, monthly magazine
published in 27 languages.**

**Interviews: November 9, through Dec. 18th, on the Electoral College,
Gannett; Knight Ridder; Maine Public Radio; USA Today; Investors
Business Daily; The Hotline; Public Radio International; The National
Journal; The Yomiuri Shimbun, in Japan; Philadelphia Daily News;
Congressional Quarterly; New Jersey Star Ledger; Milwaukee Journal;
San Jose Mercury News; CNN; Madison Daily Cardinal; Arizona
Republic; Britannica Dot Com; Minnesota Public Radio; Voice of America;
Newhouse News Papers; New York Daily News; Congressional Digest.**

**Address: "Federalism: Reports of its Death are Greatly Exaggerated,"
Annual Meeting of New York State Council for the Social Studies,
Syracuse, 1999.**

**Address: "Above Suspicion: George Washington, Defining the Character
of the Republican Executive." Scholars Day, Cortland College, April,
1999.**

**Colloquium Participant: "The Bill of Rights and American Liberty." Three
day conference sponsored by the Liberty Fund in Pasadena, CA,
November, 1998.**

**Testimony and Prepared Statement: Hearing On Proposals for Electoral
College Reform. U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on the
Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution. Sept. 4, 1997.**

**Address: "Why the Electoral College Keeps Winning," Annual Conference
of the New York State Council for the Social Studies, March, 20, 1997.**

**Address: "Was the 1994 Election an Historical Fluke? Conference of the
Central New York Council for the Social Studies, Oct. 1996.**

**Radio Interview: The Electoral College, 1 hour commentary on National
Public Radio, Oct. 23, 1996.**

**Radio Debate: The Electoral College, a 1 hour debate with Lawrence
Longue on CBS National Radio, Oct. 29, 1996.**

Debate: The Electoral College, a 1 hour debate on CBS Radio, Dec. 14, 1992, with Becky Kane, National President of the League of Women Voters.

Panelist: "The American Political System Reconsidered." Twenty-third Annual Leadership Conference of the Center for the Study of the Presidency. New York City. Oct. 25, 1992.

Address: Designated York College Distinguished Lecturer of the Year, address title, "The 1992 Election: Strange and Strangely Familiar," York, Pennsylvania. Oct. 9, 1992

Participant: Symposium on Presidential Selection, August 13-14, 1992, at the Freedom Forum, Arlington, Virginia.

Statement and Testimony: On presidential selection before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution on July 22, 1992, at the request of Senator Paul Simon.

Panelist: "Proposals to Change the Method of Selecting the President", Freedom Forum of the Gannett Corporation sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Presidency, August 13-14, 1992, Arlington, Virginia.

Radio Interview: "The Electoral College" with John Moran, WMVU Radio, Nashua, New Hampshire, July 17, 1992.

Panelist: "Evaluating the Reagan Presidency," 1991 Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Louisville, Kentucky, April 12, 1991.

Address: "Federalism in the 1950's and 1990's, presented at the Twenty-first Annual Leadership Conference of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Austin, Texas, October 27, 1990.

Panelist: "Symposium on Fundamental Rights," sponsored by the American Enterprise Institute at the National Press Club, Washington, D.C., May 4, 1990.

Address: "Constitutional Reforms," presented at the 20th Annual Leadership Conference of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Los Angeles, 1989.

Address: "Opposite and Rival Interests: The Separation of Powers and

the *Federalist Papers*," presented at the University of Delaware Bicentennial Forum, April 6, 1989.

Panelist: "Budget and Program Administration," American Enterprise Institute Conference on the Fettered Executive Branch, Washington, D.C., April, 1988.

Address: "National Priorities 1989-1993," presented at the 19th Annual Leadership Conference of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Boston, 1988.

Address: "Establish Justice: The Role of the Courts," presented at the 18th Annual Leadership Conference of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, Philadelphia, November 1987.

Address: "Reflections on Written and Unwritten Constitutions," presented at SUNY Cortland, September 1987.

Position papers on the item veto, prepared at the request of Senator Mattingly and published at the request of Senators Dole, Garn, Warner and Mattingly in, Hearings Before the Committee on Rules and Administration, United States Senate, 99th Congress, first session, on S.43; and also in Report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, U.S. Senate, on S.43; and also in the Congressional Record, July 1985.

Paper: The Content of Lockian Consent, presented at Conversation in the Discipline in Honor of Leo Strauss, at SUNY Geneseo, October 1983.

Prepared statement and testimony before the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution on April 3, 1979, at the request of Senator Bayh, on S.J. Res. 28, a proposed constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College and establish direct election of the President.

Special lecture and briefing for senatorial staff members on June 20, 1979 in U.S. Senate Russell Building and also position papers prepared at the request of Senators Hatch, Moynihan and Simson. See Hearings Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate, 96th Congress, first session, on S.J. Res. 28; also in Direct Popular Election of the President and Vice President: Report of the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, 1979.

Lecture presented and participation in two discussion sessions on reform of presidential elections, at the Twentieth Century Fund, December 9,

1977, for the Task Force on Reform of the Presidential Election Process.

Lecture: The Electoral College System, given at Colgate University, November 3, 1977, sponsored by the Colgate Department of Political Science.

Paper: The Case for the Electoral College, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1, 1977.

Statement and testimony on S.J. Res. 1, 8 and 18 before the United States Subcommittee on the Constitution on July 20, 1977, at the request of Senator Birch Bayh, Subcommittee Chairman.

E. Mastery of Subject Matter

Member, Board of Editors, Presidential Studies Quarterly, 1984-1996.

Manuscript Reviewer for Polity: Presidential Studies Quarterly: Political Science Quarterly.

Media Interviews including: TASS, USA, Today, Detroit News, Scripts Howard Papers, Washington Times, CBS Radio, and an invitation to the Today show.