

Richard Michael Yawn

Relevant Experience:

<u>Director, Center for Law, Engagement, And Politics</u> <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Fall 2014—Present
<u>Clinical Associate Professor</u> <i>Sam Houston State University</i>	Fall 2001—2014
<u>Adjunct Instructor</u> <i>Lone Star Community College; Maricopa County Community College; Lee College</i>	1995-2006
<u>Lecturer</u> <i>Arizona State University</i>	1996-2001
<u>Consultant</u> <i>Arizona Auditor General; Arizona Legislative Research Council; Various Political Campaigns; and Lamar-Orange Community College</i>	1996-2010

Publications

Refereed Articles:

- “Citizen Education: Promoting Civic Education, Civic Engagement, and Social Capital.”
Spring 2012. *Midsouth Political Science Review*.
- “The Causes and Consequences of Running Scared.” *American Review of Politics*,
Summer 2007, with Richard Herrera.
- “Partisanship and Support for Ballot Propositions: A Longitudinal Study of Arizona.”
Social Science Quarterly, Summer 2000, with David Berman.
- “Debate-Induced Opinion Change: What Matters?” *American Politics Quarterly*,
January 2000, with Bob Beatty.
- “The Emergence of the Personal Vote.” *The Journal of Politics*, February 1999, with
Richard Herrera.
- “How a Presidential Primary Debate Changed Attitudes of Audience Members.” *Political
Behavior*, June 1998, with Kevin Ellsworth, Bob Beatty, and Kim Kahn.
- “John Ford’s Vision of the Closing West: From Optimism to Cynicism.” *Film & History*,
26: 6-19, 1996, with Bob Beatty.

Professional Journals:

- “Social Media & Smart Communities: A County Perspective,” in *County Progress*,
December 2016.

- “Citizen Academies 101,” in *Public Manager*, November 2012.

Newspaper Articles:

- More than 300 articles written for the *Houston Chronicle*, *San Antonio Express*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Beaumont Enterprise*, *Laredo Times*, *McAllen Monitor*, *Conroe Courier*, *Postcards from the Pineywoods*, *San Angelo Standard Times*, *Huntsville Item*, *Spring Observer*, and other publications.

Book Chapters:

- “Teaching Local: Civic Engagement & Local Government,” (2015) in *Civic Education in the 21st Century: A Multidimensional Inquiry*, Rogers and Gooch, editors. Lexington Books.
- “Congress and Politics: Take One.” 2011. In *Political Matinee: Hollywood’s Take on American Politics*, Richard Herrera, editor. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishing.
- “Presidency and Film.” 2011. With Richard Herrera. In *Political Matinee: Hollywood’s Take on American Politics*, Richard Herrera, editor. San Diego: Cognella Academic Publishing.

Community:

- Member, **Old Town Theater Board of Directors**, Huntsville 2015-Present
 - Assist with fundraising, building refurbishing, and publicity
- Director, **heART Of Huntsville Program** 2015-Present
 - Four-week community program that promotes arts and architecture in local community
- Member, **YMCA Board of Directors**, Huntsville 2007-2015
 - Spearheaded fundraising activities and community events resulting in increased fundraising, greater community exposure, and expanded organizational participation
 - Worked with Director to expand programming activities
 - As Board Member, partnered with dozens of other community leaders and organizations to expand community presence
- Director/Instructor: **City of Huntsville’s Citizenship Prep Course** 2008-Present
 - Coordinate annual five-week course designed to prepare immigrants for Naturalization Exam
 - Developed curriculum and incorporated activities into program
 - Recruit seven student volunteers for each program
- Member, **Friends of the Wynne Board of Directors** 2008-2012
 - Spearheaded efforts to increase membership and raise funds, implementing new performance indicators to measure success
 - Expanded programming by increasing community partnerships, recruiting speakers, and diversifying art class offerings
 - Chair, Communications Committee
 - Initiated and created “Friends of the Wynne” quarterly newsletter

- Member, **Steering Committee for Huntsville Cultural District** 2009-2012
 - Assisted with marketing and research for Huntsville's state designated Cultural Arts, one of only seven in the state of Texas
 - Assist with ongoing programming and marketing
- Precinct Chair, **Walker County Republican Party** 2009-Present
 - Responsible for candidate recruitment
 - Assist with GOTV activities in precinct
 - Chair, Communications Committee
 - Chair, Program Committee
- Director / Instructor, **County U** 2009-2013
 - Director and instructor of free, five-week program educating local citizens about county government, its responsibilities and officials
 - Recruit seven student volunteers to assist with program
- Member, **Huntsville's Promise Board of Directors** 2008-2010
 - Led community-wide organizational asset inventory
 - Coordinated and edited series of newspaper articles spotlighting non-profit local organizations—writing many of the articles myself
 - Initiated and supervised creation of funding application—including accountability and oversight functions
- Chair, **Preserve America Community Nomination** 2009-2010
 - Led research efforts to achieve "Preserve America Community" designation from Department of Interior and First Lady Michelle Obama
- Member, **Literacy Coalition** 2009-2010
 - Member of original steering committee
 - Chair of Subcommittee charged with developing Needs Assessment
 - Worked with team of five to compile literacy data on more than seventy local organizations
- Member, **Committee for Walker County Utility Grants** 2010
 - Reviewed applications for utility grants by low-income citizens
- Member, **Committee to Select HEARTS Museum Director** 2009
 - Appointed to five-member committee to select Museum Director
 - Chaired subcommittee that wrote interview questions, developed scoring template, and created organizational flow chart
- Chair, **Nomination Committee, First Lady's TX Treasures Award** 2009
 - One of original three committee members responsible for researching Huntsville's programs to promote historical preservation, economic development, and tourism.
- Chair, **Nomination Committee, White House Visionaries in Preservation Award** 2009
 - Work with Texas Historical Commission to create nine-month program to educate citizens about historical preservation
 - Spearheaded movement to win approval from Planning and Zoning Committee and create coalition of community leaders
- National Tournament Director, **Stan Musial World Series** 2007-2008
 - Supervised programming, volunteer recruitment, sales, & marketing for national Adult Amateur Baseball World Series
- Instructor: **City of Huntsville's Arts and Cultural Center** 2008

- Taught community course on the “Art of the Short Story”

University (*Current Assignments Only*)

- SHSU **Liaison for Greater Houston Partnership**, Politics Council 2014-Present
- Member, **Founders Day Committee** 2014-Present
 - Assist with annual event to raise alumni awareness of faculty activities
 - Chair of Academic Subcommittee
- Member, **“Let’s Talk” Fundraiser** 2009-Present
 - Involved with speaker recruitment for Honors College fundraiser
- SHSU **Liaison for World Affairs Council of Houston** 2010-Present
 - Facilitate campus speaking engagements
 - Supervise educational field trips for university students
- Member, **American Studies Minor Committee** 2009-2011
 - Successfully created American Studies Minor
- Member, **Ethics, Western Civilization, and American Traditions** 2009-2014
 - Part of team charged with creating an academic program emphasizing ethics, Western Civilization, and American Traditions

Education:

ABD, Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science	1999
<i>Arizona State University</i>	
Master of Arts, Political Science	Fall, 1994
<i>Sam Houston State University</i>	
Bachelors of Science, Political Science	Fall, 1992
<i>Sam Houston State University</i>	