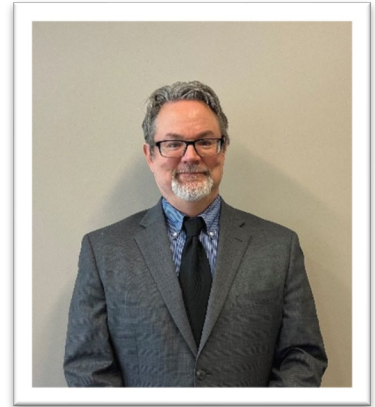


BIO

Dr. Brent Pickett



Born and raised in Kansas, I attended Wichita State University, earning a B.A. in Political Science. I then attended the University of Colorado at Boulder, earning an M.A. and Ph.D., also in Political Science. I served as assistant professor at Chadron State College (CSC) in Nebraska, eventually going on to serve as the Social Science department chairperson, Honors Program director, and was promoted to associate professor. After nine years at CSC, I took a position leading the University of Wyoming's sole branch campus, in Casper. I had that position for nine years as well. I forged strong relationships with the local school district, Casper's economic development agency, and several social service agencies and foundations, leading to increased programs and enrollment. I led us through the Higher Learning Commission process of being formally recognized as a branch campus rather than as an additional location and secured the community support needed for a name change, from the University of Wyoming/Casper College Center to UW Casper (UWC). I also engaged in fundraising, increasing the number of scholarships available and increasing the corpus of UWC endowments from the \$25,000 it was at when I started to over \$1,000,000. I continued to engage in research and was promoted to full professor.

After nearly a decade of leading the branch campus, I returned to faculty so I could focus on teaching and research. The branch campus, unfortunately, did not do well in my absence, with falling enrollment and declining morale. In early 2019, the UW provost asked me to again lead UWC. After agreeing to do so, I embarked on an inclusive strategic planning process that aimed to restore confidence in the branch campus and increase enrollments. We have proceeded to execute it well. Over the past six years, enrollment has more than doubled. As a result, we have also increased the number of faculty and added new programs. Morale is strong.

I am deeply committed to fostering accessible, quality higher education opportunities. I work hard to ensure student success, including that students are in a relationship-rich setting that has many opportunities for internships, undergraduate research placements, and other high-impact practices. For the length of my career, I have worked to advance this for all students, regardless of background, socioeconomic status, or other barriers. I enjoy working with faculty and staff and work hard to ensure that shared governance and transparency in decision-making are upheld. In my spare time, I enjoy fly fishing, reading, and spending time with my family.

BRENT PICKETT, Ph.D.
Dean
University of Wyoming at Casper (UWC)
Professor
School of Politics, Public Affairs, and International Studies
University of Wyoming

EDUCATION

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| 1995 | Ph.D., Political Science, University of Colorado at Boulder
Fields: Ancient and Modern Political Philosophy,
American Politics, Comparative Politics, Title of Ph.D. Thesis:
<i>Foucault and the Question of a Postmodern Politics.</i> |
| 1991 | Master of Arts, Political Science, University of Colorado at
Boulder |
| 1989 | Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Wichita State University
Magna cum Laude |

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

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| 2019-present | Dean, University of Wyoming at Casper
<u>Responsibilities:</u> Oversee 15 undergraduate and two graduate
degree programs to ensure quality and promote student enrollment;
supervise ~20 faculty and 10 staff; efficiently manage a
multimillion budget; fundraise for scholarships and other
initiatives, supervise marketing and recruitment efforts.
<u>Accomplishments:</u> More than doubled student enrollment through
addition of degree programs and expansion of existing ones;
oversaw effective changes in recruitment and marketing; created a
new faculty fellowship through fundraising efforts; hired a diverse
set of faculty and staff that are excelling. Dramatically increased
scholarships available and size of UWC Foundation corpus. Had a
university-wide impact through service on task forces and
committees charged with overseeing the development of a new
general education curriculum, determining programs for
elimination, finding additional revenue, achieving Carnegie
Engaged University status, and search committees for upper
administration, etc. |
| 2019 | Associate Dean, University of Wyoming at Casper.
<u>Responsibilities:</u> A one-semester appointment to assist the
outgoing dean in managing complex tasks. |

Accomplishments: Authored an updated strategic plan for the branch campus. Handled all-faculty meetings to improve morale and faculty engagement. Re-started fundraising and community outreach efforts. Managed accreditation agency additional location review for the university.

2005-2014

Associate Dean, University of Wyoming at Casper

Responsibilities: Oversaw branch campus degree programs to ensure quality and promote student enrollment; supervised ~20 faculty and 10 staff; efficiently managed a multimillion budget; fundraise for scholarships and other initiatives.

Accomplishments: Managed the accreditation agency review that reclassified UWC from an additional location to a branch campus. Authored multiple grants to support UWC programs and created new teacher preparation programs for English as a Second Language Learners and American Indian children. Greatly expanded scholarship fundraising from a single scholarship with a \$25,000 endowment to half a dozen scholarships with total endowment over \$1,000,000. Managed accreditation review of the branch campus during the 2010 university comprehensive review. Led the UW side of the building planning and construction process for a new, shared 100,000 square foot facility.

2001-2003

Honors Program Director, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska

Responsibilities: Hired instructional faculty; oversaw student recruitment; managed program budget.

Accomplishments: Through recruitment efforts the program admitted its most diverse student cohorts. Through fundraising, created the program's first scholarship, which covered book costs for Honors students.

1998-2001

Social Sciences Department Chairperson, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska

Responsibilities: Oversaw hiring of adjunct faculty, managed departmental budget, and served in the leadership team for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Accomplishments: Led the creation of an American Indian Studies minor through a collaborative process that included the White Buffalo Club (a Native American student group). Developed and implemented the department's first assessment program.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2010-present

Professor (with tenure) of Political Science, University of Wyoming

Courses taught: Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Thought, U.S. and Wyoming Government, American Political Thought, Senior Seminar in Political Philosophy & Public Policy, Special Topics in Political Philosophy (Taught 2014-2023)

- 2018 Visiting Professor, Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China
Courses taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Moral Philosophy
- 2016 Visiting Professor, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia
Course taught: Theories of Freedom and Paternalistic State Policy (graduate seminar)
- 2014 Visiting Professor, Ludwigsburg University, Ludwigsburg, Germany
Course taught: U.S. Education Policy Since 1945
- 2011 Visiting Professor, Shanghai University, Shanghai, China
Delivered a lecture series on the philosophy of Michel Foucault
- 2005-2010 Associate Professor (with tenure) of Political Science, University of Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming
Held a 100% administrative position and did not teach.
- 2000-2005 Associate Professor (with tenure) of Political Science, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska
Courses taught: American National Government, Introduction to Comparative Government, Introduction to International Relations, Legislative Politics, Special Topics in Government, Honors Seminar: The Individual in Political Society
- 1996-2000 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska
Courses taught: American National Government, Introduction to Comparative Government, Introduction to International Relations, Legislative Politics, Honors Seminar: The Individual in Political Society

PUBLISHED WORKS

Books:

Pickett, Brent L. *The Transgender Encyclopedia*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2024.

Pickett, Brent L. *Historical Dictionary of Homosexuality, Second Edition*. Rowman & Littlefield. 2022.

Pickett, Brent L., 2009, *Historical Dictionary of Homosexuality*, Scarecrow Press.
(Published in paperback as *A to Z of Homosexuality*, Scarecrow Press, 2010.)

Pickett, Brent L., 2005, *On the Use and Abuse of Foucault for Politics*, Lexington Books.

Refereed Journal Articles:

Pickett, Brent L, Shelby McRee, Michael McDaniel, and Patrick Blythe, "Paternalistic State-Level Abortion Restrictions," *Social Justice and Equity Law Journal*, Vol.3, No.2, (May, 2020): pp.75-113.

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Pickett, Brent L. and Kleinsasser, Audrey, 2016, "Nurturing Democratic Citizenship Through Human Conversation" *Kappa Delta Pi Record*, Vol.52, Oct-Dec., pp.182-185.

Pickett, Brent L., 2006, "From a Rhetoric of Nostalgia to a Health-Based Policy: Tobacco, Obesity, and the WTO" *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 19, No. 1, pp. 139-154.

Pickett, Brent L., 2004, "Natural Law and the Regulation of Sexuality: A Critique" *The Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest*, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 39-54.
Available on-line at:
http://law.richmond.edu/rjolpi/Issues_Archived/2004_Summer_Issue/Article_2_Pickett.pdf

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Available on-line at: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/homosexuality/>. 2005, published in translation as "La homosexualidad desde la filosofía", *ESPEJO* (Argentina), numbers 22 and 23.

Pickett, Brent L., 2001, "Communitarian Citizenship and Civil Disobedience" *Politics and Policy*, Vol. 29, No. 2, pp. 265-290.

Pickett, Brent L., 2000, "Foucauldian Rights?" *Social Sciences Journal*, Vol. 37, No. 3, pp. 403-421.

Pickett, Brent L., 1997, "Foucauldian Masks and Contested Interpretations" *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 50, No. 4, pp. 919-937.

Pickett, Brent L., 1996, "Foucault and the Politics of Resistance" *Polity*, Vol. 28, No. 4, pp. 445-466.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles:

Pickett, Brent L., "Alan Turing, Natural Law, and Homosexuality" in *The Critique*. December, 2014. Available at <http://www.thecritique.com/articles/alan-turing-natural-law-homosexuality/>

Pickett, Brent L., 2012, "Gay Rights" *Encyclopedia of Global Studies*, ed. by Helmut K. Anheier and Mark Juergensmeyer, SAGE Publications.

Pickett, Brent L., 2006, "Multiculturalism, Liberalism, and Philosophy" *Polity*, Vol. 38, No. 1, pp. 134-150.

Pickett, Brent L., 1998, "Sandel, Ontology, and Advocacy" *Political Science Reviewer*, Vol. 27, pp. 334-359.

Pickett, Brent L., 1997, "Review Article: Nietzsche's Ethics" *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 59, No. 2, pp. 576-582.

Book Reviews:

Pickett, Brent L., 2007, "Review of Noretta Koertge (ed.), *Scientific Values and Civic Virtues*" *Journal of Comparative Political Analysis*, Vol. 9, No. 2.

Pickett, Brent L., 2004, "Review of Ronald Beiner, *Liberalism, Nationalism, Citizenship: Essays on the Problem of Political Community*" *Journal of Politics*, pp. 693-694.

Pickett, Brent L., 1998, "Review of Hans Blokland, *Freedom and Culture in Western Society*" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 92, No. 3, pp. 675.

Pickett, Brent L., 1997, "Review of Thomas L. Dumm, *Michel Foucault and the Politics of Freedom*" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 91, No. 3, pp. 720-721.

Pickett, Brent L., 1996, "Review of Todd May, *The Moral Theory of Poststructuralism*" *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 90, No. 2, pp. 409-410.

ACCREDITATION ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2019-2020	Member of the University of Wyoming Self-Study Steering Team. Gathered data for and reviewed drafts of the comprehensive self-study. Oversaw the review of the branch campus.
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2008-2015	Peer reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Have conducted comprehensive reviews, focused visits, and multi-location visits at a range of public and private institutions.
2013	Led the University of Wyoming Outreach School's efforts in preparation for a multi-location site review. Co-author of the accreditation report submitted to the HLC for the successful review.
2010	Member of the University of Wyoming Self-Study Team for its re-accreditation. Authored one chapter of the University's self-study. Oversaw the review of the branch campus. The Higher Learning Committee Final Report identified UWC as a "national model" for branch campus-community college collaboration.

PAPERS PRESENTED/SYMPOSIA/INVITED LECTURES/PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS

2019, Presented "Information Costs as a Justification for Paternalism," at the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

2019, Chairperson and discussant for "Rawls and the Return to Civility," at the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

2018, Discussant for "Political Theory and Economics" at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018, presented "Paternalism and the Problem of Information" at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018, Chairperson and discussant, "Theorizing in the Digital Age" at the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2018, Presented "Bounded Paternalism" at the Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2017, Presented "Consumers, Citizens, Persons: A Critique of Libertarian Anti-Paternalism" at the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada.

2017, Chairperson and discussant for the panel "Gender, Identity, and Agency," Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada.

2017, Chairperson for the panel "American Political Thought: Theory and Practice," Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada.

2016, Presented “The New Paternalists,” at the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

2016, Chairperson and discussant for the panel “Justice, Rights, and Movements,” Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.

2015, Chairperson and discussant for the panel “Liberal-Republican Concepts and Criticisms,” Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Denver, CO.

2015, Chairperson and discussant for the panel “Liberty and the Modern State,” Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Denver, CO.

2015, Discussant, “Panel Discussion on Robert Putnam’s *Our Kids*,” National Network for Educational Renewal, Laramie, WY.

2012, Panelist for “High Stakes Evaluation” at the National Network for Education Renewal Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado.

2010, Presented “Challenges and Opportunities When Summer Session Gets Moved in a College or University” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Summer Sessions, Presenter, Laguna Beach, California.

2009, Presented “Collaboration as the Key to Creating Degree Programs that Address Community Needs” at the Annual Meeting of the University Continuing Education Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

2009, Presented “The Federalist Papers” at the Wyoming District Judges’ Association, Presenter, Cody, Wyoming.

2008, Presented “Three Decades and Counting: A Unique Community College—University Partnership” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Community Colleges, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2008, Co-presented “Invite Yourself to the Dance: Tactics and Strategies to Move Outreach from the Periphery to the Core” at the Annual Meeting of the University Continuing Education Association, Co-presenter, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2003, Discussant, “Standing in the Penumbras of Privacy: The Future of Privacy Rights in the Wake of *Lawrence v. Texas*” Fall Symposium of the University of Richmond Law School, Panelist, Richmond, VA.

2001, Presented “Communitarian Citizenship and Civil Disobedience” at the Socialist Scholars Conference, Presenter, New York, New York.

2000, Presented “Ontology and Advocacy in the Work of Charles Taylor” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Presenter, Atlanta, Georgia.

1999, Presented “Communitarian Citizenship and Civil Disobedience” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Presenter, Savannah, Georgia.

1999, Discussant, “Community Consensus and Individual Liberty” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia.

1998, Presented “Reflections of the Postmodern-Communitarian Debate” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Presenter, Savannah, Georgia.

1998, Presented “Religious-Based Arguments in the Public Realm” at the Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics, Presenter, Lincoln, Nebraska.

1998, Presented “Gay Marriage and Moral Argument” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Social Sciences Association, Presenter, Denver, Colorado.

1998, Presented “Foucauldian Rights?” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Social Sciences Association, Presenter, Denver, Colorado.

1997, Presented “Ontology and Advocacy in the Work of Michael Sandel” at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Presenter, Norfolk, Virginia.

1997, Moderator, “In Defense of Marriage” panel at the Conference on World Affairs, Boulder, Colorado.

1997, Presented “Ontology and Advocacy in the Work of Michael Sandel” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Presenter, Tucson, Arizona.

1996, Presented “Gay Marriage and Moral Argument” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Presenter, San Francisco, California.

1996, Discussant, “Identity, Inequality, and Social Class” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California.