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EDUCATION

- August 1996 Ph.D. Texas Tech University, Political Science.
- August 1991 M.A. Stephen F. Austin State University, Political Science.
- August 1988 B.A. Stephen F. Austin State University, Political Science.

EXPERIENCE

Selected Recent Accomplishments:

- January-August 2020 awarded two internal grants to focus exclusively on research and writing. Archival and continued field research as a Visiting Fellow at Kyoto University and in Yangon were postponed due to the covid-19 pandemic and are planned to resume in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021. This research is focused on a forthcoming book on Buddhism and the State in Myanmar.
- May-June 2018, Fulbright Specialist to Jilin University in China by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Lecture and research on *Buddhism and the State* at the School of Public and International Affairs, Jilin University as well at United States Embassies in Beijing and Shenyang. Jilin University awarded me the honorary title of *Distinguished Professor in the School of International and Public Affairs*.
- November 7, 2017, awarded a 2nd Fulbright award to Jilin University in China by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Teaching and Research at the School of Public and International Affairs, Jilin University – 2018.
- March 2017 Appointed to the J. William Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster. Appointment from 10 March 2017 to 9 March 2020.
- October 28, 2016. Partnered and submitted proposal with faculty with Ball State University, Yangon School of Political Science, for a \$700,000 grant through the United States Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) to promote and protect religious freedom in Burma/Myanmar by providing training and workshops for Members of the Myanmar National Parliament.
- J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar, Visiting Professor at Yangon University, Department of International Relations, Myanmar, The Yangon School of Political Science, and the Myanmar Institute of Theology, College of Liberal Arts, Yangon, Burma, 2015-2016.
- Served as a consultant for international affairs, accreditation, and engagement matters for eleven universities in Myanmar and Thailand for United States Embassies in Yangon and Bangkok.

- Conducted workshops and gave presentations on Religion and Politics and Legislative Affairs for Members of regional Parliaments in Yangon and Mandalay for the United States Embassy in Yangon.
- Led the creation of study abroad and exchange program in *Vietnam and Cambodia*. Program supports students who study in Southeast Asia.
- Cofounded and led the development and creation of the Compass study abroad program. I also regularly taught at USM's program at King's College in London and at the Abbey Program in France.
- In the Fall of 2012 and Spring of 2013, I completed a series of six presentations on enhancing diversity and global awareness in the classroom and across the institutions. These presentations were hosted both live (in Dallas, Houston, New York, and Los Angeles and in webinar formats by Cengage Learning and Publishing.
- I wrote a professional international relations blog for Cengage Publishing Company. Professors and students from around the world use this blog for course preparation. Cengage Publishing statistics show that it is regularly hit about 3500 unique readers each week. Editors at Cengage are working to create a book from this extensive work.
- Spring 2013 led a Core curriculum faculty on THECB 2014 Changes to the Texas Core with a focus on assessment of Global, Diversity, Social and Personal Responsibility components.
- Led University of Texas at Tyler to a successful internationalization initiative and SACS reaffirmation. From early international initiative preparation and planning to making the keynote presentation to the SACS review team – I took a central leadership role in the development, writing, and implementation of UT Tyler's globalization efforts and the reaffirmation process with my primary focus on the Quality Enhancement Plan – Globalization. \$3m budget.
- Helped align the UT Tyler's internationalization agenda with the UTT Strategic Plan at all levels of the university.
- Worked in collaboration with the Office of University Advancement to develop a marketing and communication strategy to increase the visibility of UTT's international activities, scholarship and research.
- In collaboration with the UT System Risk Management Office, created a viable risk management plan and process for all UTT-sponsored international activities.
- Appointed by the University of Texas Chancellor and served on the UT System Globalization Committee. Promoted multi-campus engagement in activities that reach around the world. Worked to promote safe study abroad opportunities for students; research, teaching, and clinical services opportunities abroad for faculty; and recruitment and the hosting of international students, scholars, and visitors. This UT System Global Initiative included attending significant training and multiple seminars in student and faculty safety and liability issues, language and cultural differences, and global legal and regulatory transactions.
- Provided leadership and direction and has budgetary authority for International Programs. Worked collaboratively with the programs, faculty, students, and the Provost of Academic Affairs to promote the internationalization of campus. Promoted continued expansion of study abroad, fostering international scholarship, and providing other global opportunities.
- Served the UT Tyler President in Legislative Affairs working closely with the Legislature, the Governor's Office, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the University of Texas System to develop, advocate, and shape the future legislative and policy environment in which the University operates. I

worked directly with legislators to insert a special budget rider into the 2009 State budget that brought an extra \$3m into the UT Tyler budget.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- **2017 – present: Professor of Political Science, The University of Texas at Tyler.**
- **2015-2016: J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar – Research and Teaching in Myanmar/Burma.**
- **Fall 2005 - 2017: Associate Professor of Political Science, The University of Texas at Tyler.**
- **Fall 2007 - 2012: ASSISTANT PROVOST FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (UT TYLER)**

As **Assistant Provost for International Affairs** my duties included campus wide international duties as assigned by the Provost for Academic Affairs. I provided leadership, planning, and vision for campus internationalization. In collaboration with the UT System Risk Management Office, I created a viable risk management plan for UTT-sponsored international activities. I identified international education, research, outreach and professional opportunities for faculty and students. I provided leadership, direction, and budgetary authority for international programs – including allocation of international fees and other scholarship support. Worked collaboratively with faculty and the Provost of Academic Affairs to promote the internationalization of campus. Promoted continued expansion of study abroad, fostering international scholarship, and providing many other global opportunities. Held budget authority over international affairs funding, endowments, office, and travel.

- **Fall 2007 - 2012: ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS (UT TYLER)**

In this position I reported directly to the President and had the responsibility for the university's government and legislative relations (including international relations). Specifically, I focused on building effective relationships with leaders, elected, and appointed officials. I monitored legislative and regulatory initiatives and develop the university's presence among civic and community groups. I worked at the President's Cabinet level on issues ranging from budget allocations and fundraising to communicating the University's interests to legislative officials and others. I tracked all higher education trends and legislation that may have an impact on the University. This position required a detailed understanding of fiscal planning, detailed and specific budgeting and management as well as the articulation the University's mission and achievements to a wider audience. Held budget authority over External Affairs office.

- **Fall 2005 - 2007 – DIRECTED THE FRESHMAN SUMMER READING AND CONVOCATION:** I organized and implemented the first UTT freshman **SUMMER READING PROGRAM** for each incoming freshman class. Organized, planned, coordinated, and spoke at each Freshman Convocation event.
- **Fall 2003 - Fall 2005 – CREATED AND DIRECTED THE FRESHMAN YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM:** I served as a faculty advisor for the University of Texas at Tyler First Year Experience. I helped developed content and direct the teaching the First Year Experience Program.
- **Fall of 2000 - 2006: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,** University of Texas at Tyler
- **Fall 1997 - 2000: ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,** Palomar College
- **1996 - 1997: VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE,** Texas Tech University
- **Fall 1992 - 1996: INSTRUCTOR,** Texas Tech University.
- **Fall 1991 - Spring 1992: TEACHING ASSISTANT,** Texas Tech University.

HONORS AND AWARDS FOR TEACHING

- **UT Tyler National Society of Leadership and Success Excellence in Teaching Award** Fall 2016
- **Nominated for the Distinguished Faculty Award – The University of Texas at Tyler** 2001-2015
- **Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year - Palomar College** 1999-2000
- **Finalist Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year - Palomar College** 1998-1999.
- **Finalist Distinguished Faculty Member of the Year - Palomar College** 1997-1998.

- Mentor Award for First Generation College Students - Palomar College, 1997-1999.
- Pi Sigma Alpha Outstanding Teaching Award 1995-1996 Texas Tech University
- Pi Sigma Alpha Outstanding Teaching Award 1993-1994 Texas Tech University

DISSERTATION

An Empirical Analysis of the Impact of French, German, Japanese, and U.S. Economic Interests on Overseas Development Assistance in Latin America, 1973-1993. Defended May 31, 1996.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Comparative Politics – Southeast Asia	Religion and Politics
International Law & Human Rights	International Relations

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER:

1. POLS 2305 – Introduction to American Government (Global Comparative)
2. POLS 2306 – Introduction to Texas Government and Politics
3. POLS 3310 – International Relations
4. POLS 3315 – American Foreign Policy
5. POLS 3390 – International Political Economy
6. POLS 4315 & 4316 Model United Nations
7. POLS 4565 – Religion and Politics
8. POLS 3355 – Comparative Campaign Politics
9. POLS 4350 – International Diplomacy, Law (human rights) and Organization
10. POLS 3388 – Comparative Politics Asia
11. POLS 5341 – Seminar in International Relations
12. POLS 5345 – Seminar in American Foreign Policy
13. POLS 5385 – Directed Readings in International Law
14. POLS 5395 – Thesis Direction Peace and Conflict Studies
15. POLS 5199 – Independent Study in Research Methods
16. ECON 4350 – International Economics
17. UNIV 1300 – Freshmen Seminar: An American Odyssey
18. POLS 4165 – Seminar in Leadership – Leading Quietly
19. POLS 5380 – Graduate Seminar in Leadership

COURSES TAUGHT ELSEWHERE

- International Law and Human Rights – Jilin University, Changchun China (2018)
- International Relations and Foreign Policy – Yangon University, Myanmar (2016)
- International Law and Human Rights – Yangon School of Political Science (2016)
- Religion and Politics – Yangon School of Political Science (2016)
- Peace and Conflict Studies – graduate course at Myanmar Institute of Theology (2015)
- International Relations – Myanmar Institute of Theology (2015)
- International Law Human Rights and Organizations – Compass Program Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris, and London (2012 and 2013 and 2014)
- Human Rights and Globalization Lecture Series – The Abbey, Pontlevoy France (2011)
- International Organizations – USM BSP King’s College London (each year from 2009 to the 2014)
- California Government – Palomar College
- American Public Policy – Texas Tech University
- Comparative Politics – Texas Tech University
- American Judicial Process – Texas Tech University

- American Constitution – Rights and Powers – Palomar Community College
- The Politics of Latin America – Texas Tech University
- The Politics of Japan – Texas Tech University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Buddhism, Politics and the State in Myanmar*. Forthcoming fall 2020 from Emerald Publishing Company.
- *Uncovering Texas Politics*. Co-authored textbook with Marcus Stadelmann and Eric Lopez. (Fall 2019).
- *Chinese Version of Alliance with Russia Comes of Age*. with Li Wang, ISBN-13: 978-6139883509. (July 18, 2018)
- *Bill Ratliff: A Profile in Courage and Leadership in American Politics*. Published by Lexington Press and imprint of Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Company. November. 2016.
- *Teaching Barefoot in Burma: Stories and Insights from a Fulbright Year in Myanmar*. Published by YSPS Publishing House, October 2016.

Journal Articles and Chapters

- Sterken, Robert. (2020). Populism in Southeast Asia, written by Paul D. Kenny, *Populism*, 3(1), 141-143. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/25888072-BJA10002>.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. (2019). Buddhism, Human Rights, and the Art of Breyten Breytenbach: The Diffusion of Transnational Norms in South Africa, in *The Arts of Human Rights: Arts, Human Rights and the Law in Africa* edited by Romola Adeola, Springer Publishing.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr., Sarah Sass, and Amentahru Wahlrab. (2019). The Need to Disrupt Social Control in Political Authority, *Social Control and Public Policy* edited by Cara Rabe-Hemp and Nancy Lind, Emerald Publishing.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. (2019). Religion and the State: The Politics of Social Control in Myanmar and the United States, in *Political Authority, Social Control and Public Policy* edited by Cara Rabe-Hemp and Nancy Lind, Emerald Publishing.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. and Wang Li. *China, Russia, and the United States: Foreign Policy and International Relations*. 2019 by Jilin University Press.
- Robert Edward Sterken and Lamia Zia. *Journal of Political Studies*, Vol. 22, Issue - 2, 2015, 545:557, "Does a link exist between increasing Women's Participation in Parliament and the Introduction and Passage of Laws to Protect Women in Pakistan?"
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. July 2011 to December 2015. "Global Watch: International Relations" Cengage Publishing Company. I wrote at least three times each week. Cengage tracks users – between 500 and

1000 views each day – individual posts have been hit thousands of times. Cengage editors are in the process of editing this body of work into a book.

- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 2006 “Open Markets, Healthy People? Economic Globalization and Health, 1960-2000” *International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*, Volume 2, 2006.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 2003. “Citizenship, Diversity, and American Democracy” essay in “American Government and Politics Today” Schmidt, Shelley, and Bardes Thomson and Wadsworth Publishers (*not refereed*).
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 2002. American Government PowerPoint CD for Karen O’Connor and Larry Sabato’s “American Government: Continuity and Change.” Longman Publishers.
- John P. Tuman, Robert E. Sterken Jr. and Craig Emmert. October 2001. "Official Development Financing, Trade, and Economic Adjustment: An Empirical Analysis." *Harvard University Library of Political Research Online*.
- John Tuman and Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 2001. “Explaining Japanese Aid Policy in Latin America: A Test of Competing Approaches.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 54, No.1 (March 2001) pp.87-101.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1997. "The North American Free Trade Agreement and the Regulation of the Business of Insurance," Chapter in *Texas: Politics and Policy* ed. Mark Somma. Simon and Schuster Publishing Company.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1997. "NAFTA and the Federal Preemption of State Regulation of Insurance," chapter in *The World Engaged: Confederal Arrangements in the America, Eurasia, the Southern Hemisphere and Worldwide*. J. Wesley Leckrone. Co-published by Temple University Center for the Study of Federalism and University Press of America (reprint).
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1997. "NAFTA and the State Regulation of the Business of Insurance," chapter in *American Confederal Experiences, Past and Present* ed. J. Wesley Leckrone. Co-published by Temple University Center for the Study of Federalism and University Press of America.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1992. "The Legal Profession," chapter in *Politics and Policy: United States and Texas* ed. Nelson Dometrius and Mark Somma. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, Iowa.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 2005. Review of Miniaturization of Nation States: Change in the Composition of the System. *International Studies Quarterly*.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1997. Review of United States Development Assistance Policy: The Domestic Politics of Foreign Economic Aid. *The Journal of Politics* (August 1997).
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1994. Review of A Cold Peace: America, Japan, Germany, and the Struggle for Supremacy. *Texas Journal of Political Studies*, Winter/Fall 1993/94 Vol 16, page 87.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1994. Review of Whirlpool: U.S. Foreign Policy toward Latin America and the Caribbean. *Texas Journal of Political Studies*, Winter/Fall 1993/94 Vol 16, page 89.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1992. Review of Intervention or Neglect: The United States and Central America Beyond the 1980s. *Texas Journal of Political Studies*, Fall/Winter 1992/93 Vol 15, page 79.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- ***Peace and Conflict in Myanmar: An Examination of the Institutions and the Resilience of the Myanmar People Since the 1988 Uprising.*** Paper presented at the Varieties of Peace Asia Conference 2019 Jakarta, October 2019.
- ***China and its Southeast Asian Neighbors: A Closer Look at Challenges and Opportunities in Myanmar and Southeast Asia.*** Invited lecture at the United States Consulate in Shenyang, China, June 17, 2018.
- ***Perils of Dominionism: Religion, Power, and Influence.*** Presented at the 2018 Religion, Spirituality, and Sociopolitical Meeting at the University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, on April 17, 2018.
- ***Religion, Politics, and the Peaceful State.*** presented at the Texas Peace Summit, May 7, 2017.
- ***Political Engagement of Myanmar's Buddhist Monks:*** to be presented at the Midwest Annual Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago April 8, 2017.
- ***Monk in Politics:*** Establishing a Religion in Burma presented at the 12th International Burma Studies Conference Traditions and Challenges on October 8, 2016 at Northern Illinois University.
- ***Buddhism and Politics in Burma.*** Presented to the faculty and students of Mandalay University August 19, 2016.
- ***The Role and Work of a Parliament.*** How to be an Effective Member of Parliament. Lecture and workshop presented to the MPs of the Myanmar Parliament in Mandalay, Myanmar August 20, 2016.
- ***Religion and Politics in Myanmar. A State Religion?*** Keynote presentation for the Yangon School of Political Science at the Park Royal Hotel, Yangon Myanmar June 25, 2016.
- ***Monks in Politics: Are Monks Servants of the State in Contemporary Myanmar?*** Robert Edward Sterken Jr. Presented at The AMINEF / J. William Fulbright Indonesia Annual Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia, April 2016.
- Does a link exist between increasing women's participation in parliament and the introduction and passage of laws to protect women in Pakistan? Robert Edward Sterken, University of Texas, Tyler Lamia Zia, University of Texas, Tyler. Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL April 16 – 19, 2015.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. March 8, 2013 Newport Beach, California. Presentation and led and Open Forum hosted by Cengage Learning. Presented: "Teaching Diversity, Global Awareness, and Social Responsibility to the Millennial Generation."
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. February 1, 2013 Houston, Texas. Presentation and Open Forum hosted by Cengage Learning. Presented "Assessing Social and Personal Responsibility in the Classroom - This session covered the LEAP and Texas Component areas of social and personal responsibility and how to assess them in a course and across a program.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Engaging the Millennial Generation in the American Government and Politics." When: Friday, November 30, 2012. Participants learned new ideas and methods to engage students in

the study and process of American government, politics, and policy. Hear how one experienced instructor makes use of Youtube, PBS, TED and assignments to enliven and bring the material to life.

- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Teaching to the Digital Generation" Wednesday, November 28, 2012 Time: noon, Pacific time (3:00 p.m., ET; 2:00 p.m., CT) Participants learned how electronic devices such as the iPad, smartphones, laptops, and other electronic tools can be used effectively in the classroom to engage students in U.S. Government courses. We will also explore the different types of assignments & activities that can be used in conjunction with these new devices to engage students in the real world of politics and policy.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Assessing Social and Personal Responsibility in the American Government Classroom" Monday, November 26, 2012 Cengage Publishing Webinar Event. This session covered the LEAP and Texas Component areas of social and personal responsibility and how to assess them in a course and across a program.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. December 1, 2012 Dallas, Texas. Presentation and Open Forum facilitated by Robert Sterken and Fritz Schanz, of Cengage Learning. Presented "Assessing Social and Personal Responsibility in the American Government Classroom - This session covered the LEAP and Texas Component areas of social and personal responsibility and how to assess them in a course and across a program.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Assessment of Learning in the Political Science Major" Paper presented to the APSA Annual Meeting in San Jose CA February 2008.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Globalization and Health: Are Open Markets good for your health?" Paper delivered at the Southwestern Political Science Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas April 2006.
- Maxfield, Ryan and Robert Sterken Jr. "Governance and Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals," Paper delivered at the Southwestern Political Science Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas April 2006.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Globalization and Health: Are Open Markets good for your health?" Paper to be delivered at the The Second International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability in Hanoi, Vietnam, January 9, 2006.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Open Markets "Open Markets, Healthy People? Economic Globalization and Health" Paper to be delivered at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 20-23, 2006.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. and Larry Carter. "Globalization and Health: Are Open Markets good for your health?" Paper to be delivered at the Annual Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2004.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Globalization, Domestic Politics, and Human Rights in the Developing World." Paper was sent and discussed in my absence (UT's Travel funding withdrawn) at the 2002 International Studies Association Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, April 2003.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. "Assessment as if Learning Matters: How Newly Created Software Can Serve Your Students and Your Institution." Paper presented at the Pacific Planning, Assessment, and Institutional Research Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii in May 2002.

- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 2001 "Official Development Financing, Trade, and Economic Adjustment: An Empirical Analysis." Paper presented at the 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 2001.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. and John Tuman. 2000 "Explaining Japanese Aid Policy in Latin America: A Test of Competing Approaches." Paper was presented at the 2000 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
- Tuman, John and Robert Sterken. 2000 "Explaining Japanese Aid Policy in Latin America: A Test of Competing Approaches." Presented at the 2000 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1999. "Initiating Assessment and Using Results." Present at the California Assessment Institute. October 11-12: 1999 Long Beach Hilton.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1998. "Aid and Profits: US Aid and Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America, 1972-1995." Presented at the 1998 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1996. "Aid and Profits: US Aid and Foreign Direct Investment in Latin America, 1972-1993." Presented at the 1997 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1994. "The Political Economy of Foreign Economic Assistance: An Analysis of the Sociopolitical Determinants of Foreign Aid, 1969-1993." Presented at the November 1994 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, GA.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1994. "Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Aid Allocation to Asia: 1974-1991." Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 30-April 2, 1994, San Antonio, Texas.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1994. "The Political Economy of Financial Assistance to Latin America." Presented at the Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, February 16-20th Fort Worth, Texas.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. 1993. "The Decision-Making Process of Policy-Makers Responsible for Gross Human Rights Violations in Argentina." Presented at the Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies Annual Meeting, April 1-3 Vancouver, B.C. Canada.
- Christian, Cindy M. and Robert E. Sterken Jr. 1993. "The IMF and Repression: The Effects of Austerity Programs on Human Rights in Latin America." Presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 17-20, 1993, New Orleans LA.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- March 6, 2019: Public lecture: *The United States and China: Myths and Realities* at the Tyler Public Library for the Great Decisions Society.
- February 27, 2019: Public lecture on *State of the State Department and Diplomacy* at the Tyler Public Library for the Great Decisions Society.
- March 7, 2018: Public Lecture on *China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation* at the Tyler Public Library for the Great Decisions Society.
- November 2, 2017: Public Lecture on *The Media, Politics, and Fake News* at the UT Tyler University Center Theater for the Patriot Talon.

- April 17, 2017: Public lecture and reading of book, *Bill Ratliff*, in Houston, Texas. Event hosted by Senator Rodney Ellis and several others and was attended by President Mike Tidwell and several members from the US House of Representatives.
- March 8, 2017: A public lecture on the *South China Sea and International Law* at the Tyler Public Library for the Great Decisions Society.
- February 13, 2017: Public lecture and reading of book, *Bill Ratliff*, in Austin, Texas. Event hosted by Texas Tech University Chancellor and several others and was attended by Texas House Speaker Joe Straus and 150 others from the Senate and House.
- Public lecture and workshop on the *Rule of Law* with US State Department Legal Team at the US Embassy Thomas Jefferson Center, September 5, 2016.
- Public Lecture and Workshop on the United States Democracy and Institutional Powers with US State Department Yangon, Burma Embassy, Deputy Chief of Mission Kristen Bauer at the US Embassy Thomas Jefferson Center, August 19, 2016 and the Yangon Regional Parliament September 5, 2016. These workshops, developed in collaboration with the United States State Department, included presentations and interactive exercises designed to enhance the achievement of legislative objectives in the Myanmar Parliament. Workshop sessions addressed the philosophy behind legislative and executive powers and included specific techniques for drafting and introducing legislation. The workshop included role-playing simulations, structured debates, case studies, and policy-making exercises. There were highly successful workshops that helped MPs from several regional parliaments in Burma/Myanmar.
- Public lecture on the United States Democracy and Elections with the United States Ambassador to Thailand Glyn T. Davies, to Thai TV and Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and the Royal Thai Army Cadets on July 26, 2016.
- Series 5 Public Lectures in Northern Thailand: "Religion, Politics, and the Open Society." The United States Embassy in Bangkok invited me to give these lectures at 1) Rajabhat Lampang University and 2) Chiangmai University on January 7, 2016 and at 3) Chiangmai Rajabhat University, 4) Chiangrai Rajabhat University and 5) Mae Fah Luang University on January 8, 2016.
- Public Lecture: "Reflections on the U.S. Electoral System: 7 Lessons from the US on Democracy," a presentation with United States Ambassador Glyn T. Davies and Dr. Robert E. Sterken, Jr. at the United States Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.
- Public Lecture: "Church and State Relations: The Mixing of Religion and Politics," presented to the Myanmar InterFaith Friendship Group in Yangon, Myanmar November 16, 2015.
- Public Lecture: "Religion and Politics: Lessons from Thomas Jefferson and the Virginia Baptists," presented at Myanmar Institute of Theology November 11, 2015.
- Keynote speaker: "Democracy and Good Governance in Myanmar: Democracy is Messy," presented at the American Center US Embassy in Yangon, Myanmar on the historic Myanmar Election Day, November 8, 2015.
- April 2015 Faculty Sponsor Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference. Students represented Japan and South Korea.

- February 2015 Guest Lecture Tyler Great Decisions Society & regional TV – Migration and International Law.
- November 2013 and 2014 Faculty Sponsor Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference – I prepared students to participate in the SRMUN meeting representing Myanmar.
- July 21, 2013 Guest Lecture at Clare College of Cambridge University, UK – “International Relations & Human Rights in a Digital Age.”
- February 2013 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions Society & regional TV – Human Rights, Diversity, and Democracy in Burma. Presentation focused on international relations and Aung Sang Suu Kyi.
- February 2013 presented a workshop for UT Tyler faculty on Global Awareness, Diversity, Social and Personal Responsibility.
- 2011-2012 Serve on the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarship Review Board. The National Security Education Program was established by the National Security Education Act of 1991, which provides resources to support undergraduate scholarships, graduate fellowships, and institutional grants. It is guided by a mission that seeks to lead in development of the national capacity to educate U.S. citizens, understand foreign cultures, strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness and enhance international cooperation and security.
- September 15, 2011 Keynote Speaker: Remembering the 9/11 Attacks – Robert Muntz Library
- Taught International Law and Human Rights & Organizations at USM BSP program at King’s College, London 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- January 2009, Keynote Speaker for the Longview Alumni Awards Dinner gave the “Shakespeare for Nurses: The Importance of a Liberal Education” speech – again.
- December 2008 Attended the Commission on Colleges Annual Meeting in San Antonio.
- October 2008 Keynote speaker at the Tyler Downtown Rotary Club “Shakespeare for Nurses: The Importance of a Liberal Education.”
- February 2008, Keynote speaker at the Tyler Rotary Club “Politics of Funding in Higher Education.”
- October 11, 2007 President’s Executive Luncheon Presentation “Shakespeare for Nurses: The Importance of a Liberal Education.”
- July 2007 Attended the Commission on Colleges 2007 Summer Quality Enhancement Institute in Louisville, Ky.
- June 2007 Attended the Future Leaders Institute in San Francisco.
- December 2006 Attended Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Annual Meeting in Orlando.
- July 2006 Attended Southern Association of Colleges and Schools “Quality Enhancement Plan Summer Institute in Orlando, Florida.

- April 2006 Chair & Discussant “The Big Push Toward National Identity and Integrations” at the Southwest Political Science Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas.
- December 2005 Attended Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Annual Meeting in Atlanta.
- October 25, 2005. At UT Tyler President Mabry’s request participated in a workshop on the alignment of institutional planning and preparation for SACS reaffirmation and accreditation.
- Sterken, Robert E. Jr. “Freshmen Year Experience Task Force Report: How Freshmen Can Become Sophomores at the University of Texas at Tyler.” Report presented to the University of Texas at Tyler Provost, Social Sciences Department, and the Council of Deans in Spring 2004 and Executive Director of Community Relations and Retention in Fall of 2004.
- Welcomed and spoke to all incoming freshmen and their parents (summers 2003, 2004, and 2005) – spoke about student success and about UNIV 1000.
- Discussant, "Globalization, Poverty, and healthcare in the Developing World" Midwest Political Science 2004 Annual Meeting April 2004, Chicago IL.
- Attended the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Grant Resource Workshop February 2004.
- Chair the University of Texas at Tyler Task Force for the Freshmen Year Experience. Produced an in-depth report titled “The Freshmen Year Experience: How Freshmen Become Sophomores at The University of Texas at Tyler. January 2004.
- Served on seven Budget Review Panels for Tyler agencies to be allocated funds from the United Way of Tyler Spring 2003. Help make fund allocation decisions.
- At the University of Texas at Tyler President Mabry’s request I served as a “Loaned Executive” for ***The Building the Future Campaign*** for United Way of Tyler and Smith County - Fall 2002.
- Serve on the Advisory Board the Collegiate Union of Health-Related Education (CUHRE). I provide academic and personal support to pre-professional health students. CUHRE is hosted by San Diego State University 2001 to present.
- Serve on the Board of Directors and as a consultant for NuVentive Corp. NuVentive is an industry leader in the development and application of assessment software.
- Attended the AAHE's 2001 Assessment Conference “From Expectations to Results: What Are We Finding, and How Are We Improving?” June 23-27 in Denver, CO
- Served in the *ACCCA* Academic Administration Mentor Program as a mentee working with the President of Santa Barbara City College and attending leadership meetings throughout the 1999-2000 academic year.
- Attended the *Thirty-Second Summer Seminar on Academic Administration* hosted by the Department of Educational Administration at Texas A&M University 1999.
- Chair & Discussant, "Comparative Studies on Constitutional Law and Judicial Behavior." Midwest Political Science 1996 Annual Meeting April 19, 1996.

- Chair & Discussant, "Economic Policy in Industrial Democracies" and "United States Foreign Aid Policy." Midwest Political Science Association April 6-8, 1995.
- Chair & Discussant, "International Organizations in the New World Order" and "Emerging Regional Security Regimes." Southwestern Political Science Association March 23-25, 1995.
- Chair & Discussant, "Why Does the U.S. Give Foreign Aid" and "North-South Relations." Southwestern Political Science Association March 31-4/2, 1994.

GRANTS

- The University of Texas at Tyler Faculty Development Leave Grant - 2020. This grant supports research and writing of my Buddhism and Politics in SEA book.
- The University of Texas at Tyler Bridge Grant for Research and Writing 2019-2020.
- The Varieties of Peace Grant for Research on Buddhism, the State, and Peace October 2019. Invited to present on Myanmar and Peace.
- February 2018. Applied for the National Endowment for Humanities Public Scholar Grant. Decision forthcoming in August 2018.
- J. William Fulbright Specialist Roster, April 2017 to April 2020.
- October 2017. Applied for The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies - Research Fellowship.
- October 28, 2016. Partnered and submitted proposal with faculty with Ball State University, Yangon School of Political Science, for a \$700,000 grant through the United States Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) to promote and protect religious freedom in Burma/Myanmar by providing training and workshops for Members of the Myanmar National Parliament.
- J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar Specialist Award for Presentations in Myanmar, August 2016.
- J. William Fulbright Global Scholar Award for Research and Presentation in Thailand. July 2016.
- J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar Specialist Award for Presentations in Thailand, January 2016.
- J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar Specialist Award for Presentations in Thailand, December 2015.
- J. William Fulbright Senior Scholar Award to conduct research and to teach in Burma/Myanmar for eleven months in 2015 and 2016.
- 2011 Proposed and was granted funding for iPads for students in a course international law, organizations, and diplomacy.
- NEA Big Read Grant Application Complete October 2007. Grant supported a Community-wide Big Read in September 2008.

- Directed and wrote the successful grant that sent four UTT Faculty members for a year of study of Japanese History and Culture at the University of Penn and a summer in Japan.
- Attended NSF Workshop at the University of Texas at Dallas September 15, 2005.
- 2004 – Patriot Leadership Institute Proposal. The grant proposal seeks to find support to create a new undergraduate leadership and citizenship institute for incoming University of Texas at Tyler freshmen. The proposed program will provide scholarships and leadership training and opportunities for civic engagement.
- *College of Liberal Arts (The University of Texas at Tyler) Faculty Summer Research Stipend*, Summer 2000.
- 1997-1999 "Assessment of Learning Project" California Chancellor's Office Grant. This grant funded a project team of six to research, create methods of outcomes assessment, and then implement our proposal at the institutional level.
- 1998-1999: "Academic Technology Project" Grant given for development of and use of technology in the assessment of political science students.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Fall 2019	PhD in Strategic Leadership Committee
2019-2021	UT Tyler Ethics Council
Spring 2018-2021	UTT Research Council
Spring 2019	East Texas Research Conference Committee
Spring 2018	Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee
2017-2020	University Graduate Council
Fall 2017-2018	Admissions/Recruitment/Retention University Committee
Fall 2017-Sp 2018	Search Committee for Executive Director of Office of Int'l Programs
Spring 2017	POLS Search Committee - Chair
Spring 2017	SOCI Tenure & Promotion Committee
Fall 2016-Sp 2017	UTT Convocation Committee
Fall 2014 – 2015	University Curriculum Sub-Committee - Chair
Fall 2013 – 2015	Core-Curriculum Sub-Committee - Chair
Fall 2013	POLS Tenure & Promotion Committee - Chair
Fall 2012 –Fall 2013	The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Core Curriculum Updates and Revision Workgroup
Fall 2010 – Spring 2014	International Students Organization Faculty Advisor
Summer 2012 – Present	Compass Program - Established Extended Study Abroad Opportunity for UT Tyler students and Faculty.

Spring 2012 – Fall 2013	Serve as the faculty advisor for the UNICEF Patriots – a student chapter of UNICEF.
Fall 2010 – Present	Faculty Advisor and Sponsor for the Hispanic Students Association
Sept 2004 – Sept 2010	Global Awareness Through Education (GATE) Quality Enhancement Plan – Chair – Keynote SACS QEP Presentation Apr 6 2010.
Sept 2006 – 2010	UTT SACS Leadership Team – Co-Chair
Fall 2008 – 2010	University Ethics Committee
October 26, 2006	Campus Colloquium on Scenario Planning in Organizations
Spring 2005 – 2009	UTT Freshman Convocation – Chair
Spring 2005 – 2009	UTT Summer Reading Program – Chair
Fall '04	UTT Executive Director for Community Relations Search Committee
Summer '04	UTT Advising Center Director Search Committee
Spring '04 – Present	UTT University Retention Committee – Chair
Spring '04- 2005	UTT University Center Renovation Committee
Spring '04	Political Science Faculty Search
Fall 2002 – 2004	UTT Task Force for Student Retention – Chair
Fall '02 – Present	Political Science undergraduate advisor
Feb '04	Fulbright Program Korean Teacher – Host
Spring '04	AACUA Grant Writing Workshop
Fall '03	UTT Patriot Booster Club Fund Raising
Fall '03 Spring '04	UTT Committee on the Status of Women and Minorities
Fall '03 Spring '04	UTT Business Governance Committee
Summer 2003-Present	UTT Task Force for Retention and Freshmen Year Experience – Chair
Fall 2003-2005	UTT Information Technology Advisory Committee – Chair
Fall 2002	UTT Baseball Coach Search Committee
Fall 2002	Smith County United Way Loaned Executive
Fall 2002	Certified Franklin Covey Leadership 7 Habits Instructor
October 2002	Arranged for Assessment Workshop to be held on UTT campus
Fall 2002-2004	UTT Status of Women and Minorities Committee
Fall 2002-2004	UTT Information Technology Advisory Committee – Vice Chair
Spring 2002	UTT Women's Basketball Coach Search Committee
Spring 2002	Helped coordinate the Texas Supreme Court session on UTT campus
Fall 2001 – 2003	UTT Faculty Sponsor of International Students Association

Spring 2001 – present	UTT Political Science Student Advisor
Spring 2001 – 2003	UTT Master's Thesis Direction (Bill Wooten) – Chair
October 2001	Coordinated Texas 12 th Appeals Court session on UTT campus
Fall 2000 – present	UTT Web Page Development for UTT Social Sciences Department
Fall 1999	Palomar Bond and Financial Resources Task Force
Fall 1998-2000	Palomar College Curriculum Committee
Fall 1998-2000	Palomar College President's Advisory Council
Fall 1998-2000	Palomar Outcomes Assessment Team
Fall 1998-2000	Palomar Political Activities Task Force – Chair
Fall 1998-2000	Palomar Faculty Senate - elected member
Fall 1997-1998	Palomar Instructional Planning Committee
Spring 1997	TTU Political Science Undergraduate Affairs Committee
1995-1996	TTU Political Science Faculty Affairs Committee
1993-1995	TTU Political Science Graduate Affairs Committee
1992-1993	TTU Elected member International Relations Search Committee
1992-1994	TTU Political Science Faculty Affairs Committee
1992-1995	TTU President - Political Science Graduate Student Association

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- March 2019 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions – China in SEA = One Belt One Road.
- March 2017 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions Society & regional TV – South China Sea and International Law.
- February 2015 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions Society & regional TV - Can't Go Home! The Syrian Refugees.
- February 2014 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions Society & regional TV – Climate Change and International Relations: Security and Food
- October 11, 2013 Speaker at International Day of the Girl – Girl Rising event – The University of Texas at Tyler
- June 26, 2012 Speaker at the Compass Closing Dinner Oxford and Cambridge Club London – International Education
- February 2012 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions Society & Regional TV – The State of the Oceans
- December 2011 Provided remarks on 1st Amendment and Nativity Scene on Courthouse lawn
- March 2011 Speaker for Tyler Great Decisions Society – Global Governance
- Rotary Speaker February 2011 on Global Education
- September 11, 2007 Keynote Speaker for “Patriot Day – Our Voices Together”
- May 2007 – May 2009 Elected President and Chair of Steering Committee of Tyler Great Decisions
- Feb 2007 Guest Lecture in UT Tyler Kinesiology on Globalization and Health
- Feb 2006 Guest Lecture on China and India – Great Decisions Society
- Jan 2006 Guest Lecture on United Nations Reform – Great Decisions Society

- Fall 2005 League of Women Voters Guest Lecture on Global Institutions
- Spring 2005 League of Women Voters Panel Discussion on US – Iraq Policy
- September 2004 Assisted *The Longview Journal* with a political survey and data analysis.
- 2004 – 2010 Member of the Board of Directors NuVentive Corp (www.nuventive.com).
- February 2004 Guest Lecture on US Foreign Policy in the Philippines – Great Decisions Society
- February 2004 Guest Lecture on US Foreign Policy and the Media – Great Decisions Society
- January 2004 – Board of Directors for Rose Capital West LL
- January 2004 – Newspaper and Television interviews on US/ Iraqi Policy
- November 2003 Guest Lecture on US-Iraq Policy at LeTourneau University
- February 2003 Guest Lecture on US-China Relations to Tyler Great Decisions Society
- February 2003 Guest Lecture on US-Saudi Relations to Tyler Great Decisions Society
- January 2003 Served on United Way Budget Review Panels for ARC of Tyler, 4-H of Smith County, Tyler Day Nursery and ADAPT of Tyler.
- January 2003 Guest lecture on Multilaterlism to Tyler Great Decisions Society
- 2003 – Helped coordinate the Texas Supreme Court meeting in Tyler on UTT campus. Had lunch with the Court and introduced pre-law students to the Justices.
- September – October 2002 – UTT United Way “Loaned Executive” Representative.
- February 6, 2002 – Guest lecture on Columbian Drug Trade and U.S. Foreign Policy to Tyler Great Decisions Society
- January 30, 2002 – Guest lecture on The Middle East Crisis and U.S. Foreign Policy to Tyler Great Decisions Society
- 2001-2002 – Member of the Board of Directors for the Rose Capital West Little League Organization – serve as government liaison and information officer.
- Spring 2001 – Guest lecture on U.S./ Mexican relations to Tyler Great Decisions Society
- December 19, 2000 – Election 2000 Speech to Tyler Rotary Club
- Fall 2000 – Several Appearances on Tyler TV news with 2000 Presidential election analysis

PERSONAL

I am married to Alison Johnson Sterken. ☺ I am an avid marathon runner and yogi.