

Thomas F. Eamon

Department of Political Science

1) Education-Degrees

- B.A. University of the South-Sewanee (Honors in Political Science)
- M.A. and Ph.D. University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

2) Teaching

Teaching Areas: American Government and Politics, American Political Parties and Politics, Black Politics, Southern Politics, North Carolina Politics, Government, Public Policy, Urban Political Systems (currently teaching in all these areas), and State and Local Government (not currently teaching in this area)

Teaching is my passion, both in conveying knowledge and the mentoring role.

Teaching Honors:

- An administrative rating of 5.00, which is the highest rating on teaching, every year since the current system was adopted in 1984.
- Winner of Mays Award for Teaching Excellence in 1987 (at time this was one of the only two university wide teaching awards).
- Finalist in competition for Board of Governors Teaching Award, 1999. I have declined offers to go for an award in recent years, as I am uncomfortable with the self-promotion required under the current system. In earlier days, it was done behind the back of potential recipients.

Graduate Teaching Experience: Urban Administration, Problems in State Government.

- Teacher in workshops for public school teachers on "Teaching Government," lecturer in workshops on political strategy, and night courses for Division of Continuing Education (1976-81).
- ECU Division of Lifelong Learning: taught a three-week course on presidential election in Spring 2016

3) Research from 1987:

Book:

Eamon, Thomas F. 2014. The Making of a Southern Democracy, North Carolina Politics. From Kerr Scott to Pat McCrory. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

Professional Papers:

Author, "Black Leadership in Durham: A Benevolent Oligarchy in Transition," North Carolina Political Science Association, Raleigh, NC, April 13, 1987.

Author, "Race, Urbanism, and the Rise of Presidential Republicanism in the South," Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, SC, March 3, 1988.

Author, "A Socio-Economic Comparison of Hardcore Democratic and Republican Counties in the South" Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, SC, March 5, 1990.

Co-author with David Elliot, "The Post-Carter Presidential Elections in North Carolina," North Carolina Political Science Association in Durham, NC, March 1993. (Best Paper Award).

Author, "Dixie Versus the Non-Southern Magistrates in Modern American Politics," 1952-1992, Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, SC, March 4, 1994.

Co-author with David Elliot, "The Impact of Race Based Redistricting on Recent North Carolina Congressional Races," North Carolina Political Science Association in Wilmington, NC, March 31, 1995.

Author, "The Metropolitan Balance Wheel in the New Presidential Politics: A Comparison of the South and Key States Outside the South," 1976-1992, Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, SC, March 7, 1996.

Co-author with Bonnie Mani and Carl McCurley, "Racial Attitudes in Eastern North Carolina: Challenges in Developing Media Campaign to Ameliorate Racial Friction," Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, April 1996.

Author, "The Rise and Decline of North Carolina Democratic Party in the Twentieth Century: Omen for the Twenty-First Century?" North Carolina Political Science Association in Pembroke, NC, March 25, 1997.

Co-author with Bonnie Mani and Carl McCurley, "Changing Racial Attitudes in Eastern North Carolina: Ho, When, or Is It Possible?" Midwestern Political Science Association in Chicago, April 1997.

Author, "The South, the Sunbelt and American Political Trends in the Twentieth Century," Citadel Symposium of Southern Politics in Charleston, SC, March 6, 1998.

Author, "The Twentieth Century Rise of North Carolina Republican Party: A View of the Turn of the Century," North Carolina Political Association, Buies Creek, NC, March 19, 1999.

Author, "Sectionalism, Urbanism, and Political Power in the Recent North Carolina Elections," North Carolina Political Science Association, March 21, 2003.

Author, "The Progressive Conservative Heritage in North Carolina Politics," Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 2, 2006.

Author, "The Urban South: A Reversal of Partisan Trends in Presidential Elections," Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 4, 2010.

Author, "The Paradoxical Legacy of Terry Sanford: Politics, Policy, and Ideology," North Carolina Political Science Association, March 31, 2000.

Author, "The Vital South," The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC, March 2, 2012.

Author, "The Vital South," Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics at Charleston, SC, March 6, 2014.

Author, "Changing Fortunes of Democratic Candidates in Appalachia," Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics in Charleston, SC, March 3, 2016.

Articles and Chapters:

Eamon, Thomas F., 1987. "From the Pool Hall to Parish House in North Carolina," in Thomas Cavanaugh, ed. Strategies for the Mobilization of Black Voters. Washington: Joint Center for Political Studies, pp. 101-136.

Eamon, Thomas F., 1990. "The Militant Republican Right in North Carolina Politics: Legacy of the Old Politics of Race" in The Disappearing South? University: University of Alabama Press, pp. 156-173.

Eamon, Thomas F. and David Elliot, 1994. "Modernization Versus Traditionalism in North Carolina Senate Races: Hidden Hope for Democrats?" Social Science Quarterly. 75: 354-367.

Eamon, Thomas F., 1997. "Dixie Versus the Non-South Magistrates in American Presidential Elections" in Southern Parties and Elections: Studies in Regional Political Change. University, Alabama: University of Alabama Press.

Eamon, Thomas F., 2008. "The Seeds of Modern North Carolina Politics" in Christopher A. Cooper and H. Gibbs Knotts, The New Politics of North Carolina. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, pp. 15-37.

4) Service

- Department Chair Search Committees in 1980, 1983-1984, 1988, and 1993 (chaired committees in 1983-1984 and 1993)
- Chaired Departmental Personnel Committee from 1987 to 1999
- General College Advisor: 1986 to 89, 1994 to 2011.
- Major Advisor: 2011 to present
- Departmental Honors and Honors Scholarships Committee: 1992 to present
- University Teaching Grants Committee: 94 to 95
- University Reconsideration Committee: 1997 to 1999
- North Carolina Studies Committee (College of Arts and Sciences): 1994 to present
- African American Studies Committee (College of Arts and Sciences): 2014 to present
- Departmental Faculty Research and Development Committee: 1998 (chair of committee)
- Director of Departmental Library Development: 1979 to 2016
- Fraternity Advisor: 2010 to present
- Contributing editor to Inside Politics: 1988 to 1990

External:

- Frequent newspapers, radio, and television interviews on politics and government: 1980 to present (peaked in 2014 to 2015 and 2016)
- Frequent to civic associations and many other groups: 1980 to present (frequency has picked up in recent years and now seems to be a major part of my job)
- Member of North Carolina State Bar on Lawyer Certification Standards and Continuing Legal Education: 1990's
- Elected to membership in the Historical Society of North Carolina in 2015. This body is limited to 100 living individuals. Most members are historians, writers, judges, or long time state office holders. I think that I am the one political scientist.
- Lay Leadership Committee -- Trinity United Church in Durham N.C.: 2017