

Election Committee
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians
P. O. Box 1400
Clinton, Mississippi 39060-1400

August 15, 2022

Dear Election Committee:

I am writing to you with interest to run as the Region I Director in the 2022 NAEMT Election for the Board of Directors. I have served as the At-Large Director since 2021 and would love to run in the NAEMT election later this year.

Professionally, I focus on the policy issues surrounding Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services. I currently serve in a couple of different capacities with regard to these interests. I currently serve as an Intermittent Emergency Management Specialist with the U.S. Administration of Strategic Preparedness and Response, Department of Health and Human Services. As an academic, I teach at the college level teaching Political Science at Marist College and Western Connecticut State University, Emergency Management and Fire Science at the American Military University and Homeland Security and Emergency Management at Eastern Kentucky University. I currently serve as a Contributing Editor of EDM Digest/The Edge writing about the various policy issues surrounding Homeland Security, Emergency Management and Emergency Medical Services. Prior to teaching I worked for a Member of Congress in Washington, D.C. and in a level one trauma center emergency department.

As a faculty member, I have worked extensively with two student groups at the American Military University and have led both to outstanding success: the Political Science Scholars and the West Virginia Iota Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences. I am the recipient of the 2020 Chapter Advisor of the Year Award from the American Military University and also the recipient of the 2021 Hall of Fame Award from Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in Social Sciences.

I was first elected in 2014 and recently again in 2017 and 2021 to serve on the Board of Trustees for Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in

the Social Sciences. I recently developed and managed the new Leadership Development Program during the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Convention. The program first launched in Kansas City, Missouri and just took place virtually this past November. I also serve as a peer reviewer for the International Social Science Review, (Pi Gamma Mu's journal).

I am an active participant in NAEMT's "EMS on the Hill" advocating on behalf of Emergency Medical Services annually. I have also served on NAEMT's EMS Disaster Preparedness Committee and on the Advocacy Committee. I also served as Advocacy Coordinator of Virginia for four years (prior to moving to New York).

If I can provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Education

- D.Sc. student (current), Emergency Management - Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL.
- M.A., Emergency and Disaster Management, with honors, (2011). American Military University, WV.
- M.A. National Security Studies, with honors, (2015). American Military University, WV.
- M.A., International Peace and Conflict Resolution (2006), American Military University, WV.
- M.A., History (2013). American Military University, WV.
- MPH, Public Health, (2022), American Military University, WV.
- Graduate Certificate, Homeland Security, (2015). Virginia Tech, VA.
- B.A., Political Science, minor in history, (2004). Central Connecticut State University, CT.
- EMT-B – Emergency Medical Technician – Basic, State of Virginia Certification.
- EMT-B - Emergency Medical Technician - Basic, State of New York Certification.
- Ph.D. student (2012-2016 ~ 81 semester hours completed) Public Administration and Policy, Virginia Tech, VA.

Experience

2010-Current American Public University System Charles Town, WV

Instructor - Emergency and Disaster Management & Fire Science

- Teaches undergraduate Fire Science and Emergency Management (policy-related) classes part-time. Courses focus on emergency management and public safety policy issues.
- Serves as Chapter Sponsor and Faculty Advisor for the West Virginia Iota Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society and Faculty Advisor for Political Science Scholar.
- 2020 Award Recipient of the Chapter Advisor of the Year from the American Military University.

Other positions held:

- **Assistant Professor, General Education** - taught undergraduate students (full-time) digital information literacy from 2012-2018. Mentored students to academic success helping them to develop college level research, writing and critical thinking skills.
- **Instructor, Political Science** - taught undergraduate political science courses (part-time) including Political Parties and Interest Groups; State, Local and Community Politics; Ethnic Studies, Public Policy; American Government I and American Government II. Served as Course Lead for State and Local Politics.

2016-Current *EDM Digest* Charles Town, WV

Contributing Editor

Writes articles about policy issues surrounding Emergency Management, Homeland Security and Emergency Medical Services.

2017-Current Eastern Kentucky University Richmond, KY

Online Facilitator – Safety, Security and Emergency Management

Manages section of graduate level Homeland Security and Emergency Management courses grading student work and discussing course content with students in the discussion boards.

2021-Current Western Connecticut State University Danbury, CT

Instructor - Political Science

Teaches American Government part-time and policy related courses to undergraduate students. Develops political science courses to help students critically think in an engaging fashion.

2021-Current Marist College Poughkeepsie, NY

Instructor - Political Science

Teaches American Government part-time to undergraduate students in a traditional classroom environment.. Develops courses to help students critically think in an engaging fashion.

2014-Current Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society Winfield, KS

Chancellor of the Southeast Region, Board of Trustees

Elected to serve in a volunteer capacity conducting site visits of universities interested in creating a chapter; votes with the Board on matters involving the direction of Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society; serves as chair of the Leadership Development Program for the Pi Gamma Mu Triennial Convention (2017 Kansas City & 2021 Virtual Convention.).

2007-2008

Congressman Christopher Shays (CT-04)

Washington, DC

Front Office Coordinator and Legislative Correspondent

- Recruited, hired, trained and managed interns for the Washington, D.C. office internship program.
- Wrote thank you and congratulatory letters to constituents for special occasions utilizing the language of Congressman Christopher Shays.
- Created a management system for interns that ensured all tasks, including letter writing, Capitol tours and general office functions were performed simultaneously.

2001-2004

Hartford Hospital

Hartford, CT

Patient Care Assistant, Emergency Department

Worked in a level one trauma center emergency department assisting with the patient care of medical, trauma and psychiatric patients; developed ability to work well under pressure in a team environment; developed excellent multi-tasking and customer service skills while dealing with psychiatric patients lacking the ability for rational thought.

Professional Articles (Highlights)

- Extended Commentary – Administrative Failures: The Immigration Detention Centers and Abu Ghraib Prison, (2019). *International Social Science Review*. Vol. 95, Issue 2.
- Reynolds, C., and **Knox, A.G.S.**, (2019). Emergency and Disaster Management Deserves a Safe Space from Politics. *Orlando Sentinel*. <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/guest-commentary/os-op-emergency-response-safe-space-from-politics-20190709-5iux7ddz55h4dbh26bxednhedq-story.html>
- Book Review – Rights as Weapons: Instruments of Conflict, Tools of Power by Clifford Bob. *International Social Science Review*, Vol. 95, Issue 2.
- Book Review: Mapping a New World Order: The Rest Beyond the West by Vladimir Popov and Piotr Dutkiewicz, (2018). *International Social Science Review*, Vol. 92, Issue 2.
- The Importance of Swift Water Rescue, (2018). *Domestic Preparedness Journal*.
- Harvey’s Destruction: Why Didn’t Houston Evacuate? (2017). *EDM Digest*.
- Community Resiliency: Building Bridges between Scholarship and Emergency Management, (July 2014). *IAEM Bulletin*, Vol. 31, No. 7, pp. 25.
- EMS and the Burden of Explanation to Lawmakers, (February 21, 2014). *In Public Safety*. <http://inpublicsafety.com/2014/02/ems-and-the-burden-of-explanation-to-lawmakers/>
- Contributor to the *Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide*, (2017 & 2018) *Homegrown Violent Extremism: Collaborative Leadership and Community Resilience*, (2017). International Public Safety Association. (InfoBrief).

Special Interests, Training and Other Commitments

- **At Large Director, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians** (2021-current) and participates annually in EMS on the Hill - meeting with members of congress and their staff about EMS related policy issues. Served as on the Advocacy Committee and as Advocacy Coordinator for the State of Virginia with the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, (2016-2020).
- **Board Member - Parents of Infants and Children with Kernicterus (pic-K)**, (2021-current).
- Secretary, Board of Directors - International Public Safety Association, (2020-2021). Chair of the Tactical Emergency Medical Support Committee and member of the Rescue Task Force Committee with the International Public Safety Association, (2019-2021)
- American Red Cross certified Lifeguard Instructor, Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor and trained in Technical Large Animal Emergency Rescue, (2017).