

Dr. Garry Jennings

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Undergraduate and Graduate courses taught:

Criminal Law, Intro to Political Science , Class & Medieval Political Theory , The Judicial Process, American Constitutional Theory, Vietnam Era: Law/Politics, Colonial/Revolutionary Boston, Ancient to Medieval Politics Philosophy, , American Constitutional.

Experience:

- Full Professor, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, 1997 to present
- Director, The Madison Center, 1999 to present
- Associate Professor, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, 1995 to 1997
- Associate Professor, Delta State University, 1994 to 1995
- Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, 1991 to 1994
- Adjunct Professor, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA, 1992-1993
- Instructor, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, 1987 to 1990
- Assistant Instructor, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, Summer Session, 1987
- Assistant Instructor, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 1986 to 1987
- Assistant Instructor, University of Maryland University College, College Park, MD, 1982 to 1986
- Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 1984 to 1985
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, 1982 to 1986

More about Professor Jennings:

Professor Jennings is one of the most active, dedicated, and diversely engaged professor in the Division of Social Sciences and History. He is an expert in developing courses that require students to understand the philosophical grounds for law, politics and government. He exposes students to the literature of scholars in political science and law in a diversity of perspectives. He actively engenders interest among students in conducting and presenting research at various venues. His “Politics and Video Lab” course is particularly enticing for his students, especially Journalism majors. His excellence in the classroom, and his commitment to building and sharing knowledge with his students, precedes him. Not only does he have a natural gift to promote academic excellence among students, but he consistently makes efforts to develop new courses that inspire students to travel overseas or elsewhere in the U.S. For example, every year he accompanies a group of interdisciplinary students and faculty members to Ireland or to Italy. Every autumn he takes students to the William & Mary Supreme Court Preview, as well as leading them through the history of Plimoth Plantation and colonial Boston.

Professor Jennings works with several undergraduate and graduate students in advancing political science scholarship. He recently executed a cutting edge-technology infused Community Based research project in Mound Bayou and presented results at professional conferences in Washington, DC, and Boston.

He occupies numerous leadership roles in the university, his profession, and the wider community. He is the outgoing President of the American Association of University Professors, Mississippi Conference, and he is the President of the American Association of University Professors, DSU Chapter. He is chair of the Division of Social Science Tenure and Promotion Committee. He chairs several other committees in the Division and is chair of the University Writing across the Curriculum Committee. He is also DSU’s Pre-Law Adviser. He served three years as the committee secretary for the Arts and Sciences Dean’s search.

As director of the Madison Center, he oversees a total of five service programs; he was instrumental in bringing the nationally and internationally known political activist, Noam Chomsky to DSU. Attendees to Noam Chomsky’s lecture came from as far as Little Rock, Nashville, and Memphis. Almost all the universities in the State of Mississippi had representatives at this important event. His first speaker nearly twelve years ago was Justice Antonin Scalia. The Madison Center also serves as the organizer for Constitution Week and runs the annual reading of the “Names of the Fallen” in observance of Veterans Day. During the general and off-year elections, The Madison Center is responsible for the “DSU Votes” program.