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STRENGTHS & SKILLS

- Extensive professional research and published writing experience covering a variety of nonfiction prose, including history, culture, politics, urban and suburban issues, ethnicity and immigration, and religion and faith issues
- Diverse writing skills over multiple formats, including white papers, reports, newsletters, academic journal articles, as well as newspaper and magazine feature stories, book reviews, and commentary
- Proven teaching and presentation skills across a broad spectrum of issues through in-person and online classroom, seminar, workshop, and other group settings
- Effective group leadership skills with an ability to communicate respectfully, persuasively and successfully within an environment of diverse stakeholder groups
- Longstanding organizational involvement with academic institutions at a variety of colleges, universities, and K-12 schools in the St. Louis area as a student, faculty member, advisory board member, administrative professional, and elected board member
- Experience in planning and facilitating focus groups and town hall meetings
- Broad experience in the use of both conventional library research methods as well as digital databases and various on-line and AI assisted tools

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis and Administration**, Saint Louis University 1995
 - Dissertation: *A Macro-structural Analysis of the Impact of Racial Change on Perceived Housing Values in St. Louis During the 1980s*
- **M.A. in Theology**, Aquinas Institute of Theology 2012
 - Thesis: *Theotic Synergism, Imago Dei, and the Challenges of Human Enhancement Technologies*
- **M.A. in Public Administration**, Saint Louis University 1986
- **B.A. in Political Science and Russian**, Saint Louis University 1983
- Ph.D. coursework in Theology and Culture, Concordia Seminary 2012-13
- M.A. coursework in Russian and East European Studies, Univ. of Illinois 1983-84

EXPERIENCE

- Consultant, formerly dba AXIOS Communications**, St. Louis, MO 2016-present
Freelance Researcher, Writer, Fundraising, and Marketing Consultant
- United Way of Greater St. Louis**, St. Louis, MO 2016-25
Campaign Relations Representative
- St. Louis County Board of Elections**, St. Louis, MO 2016-26
Election Special Deputy, Roving Deputy, and Judge
- American Red Cross of Eastern Missouri**, St. Louis, MO 2017
Campaign Relations Representative

St. Irenaeus Orthodox Theological Institute , Louis, MO Founder and Director	2011-2016
City of Crestwood, Missouri Alderman, Ward 4 and Board President	2013-2015
Aquinas Institute of Theology , St. Louis, MO Advancement Associate/Grant Manager	2009-11
Jefferson College , Hillsboro, MO Institutional Advancement Director Executive Director, Jefferson College Foundation	1996-98
Provident Counseling , St. Louis, MO Associate Director of Development	1992-96
Saint Louis University , St. Louis, MO Assistant Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Adjunct Instructor/Teaching Assistant, Political Science/American Politics	1989-92
City of Fenton , Fenton, MO Administrative Intern/Assistant to the City Administrator	1985-88

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ENGAGEMENT

Missouri Humanities Council Speakers Bureau Lecturer/Presenter	2025-27; 2018-22
Lindbergh Schools Foundation Member, Board of Directors	2019-2025
Missouri School Boards Association St. Louis Regional Committee Chair	2016-2022
Lindbergh Schools Board of Directors Director and Treasurer	2016-2022
Boy Scouts of America/Scouting America, Troop 480 , St. Louis, MO Troop Leader; Merit Badge Counselor, American Heritage, Citizenship in the Community	2002-2004
University of Missouri-St. Louis , St. Louis, MO Member, Advisory Board of the Karakas Family Chair in Modern Greek Studies	2002-2004
American Hellenic Progressive and Educational Association , St. Louis, MO Past President, St. Louis Chapter #395	1993-2004
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church , St. Louis, MO Member, Scholarship, Library, and Stewardship committees	Lifetime

RECOGNITIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

Distinguished School Board Member Missouri School Boards Association	2021
Master School Board Member Missouri School Boards Association	2019

Various certifications:

Numerous certifications in municipal governance and administration, including budgetary operations, public works, and ethics laws offered through the St. Louis County Municipal League.

Numerous certifications in emergency and disaster management, response, and recovery from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Missouri State Emergency Management Association (SEMA), and St. Louis City and County emergency response agencies.

Basic Language Skills:

- Russian
- German
- Biblical & Modern Greek

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

"Mike's Musings," recurring monthly column in the *St. Louis Call* newspaper: callnewspapers.com.

"The Skouras Brothers: 20th Century Titans," *Gateway Magazine*, Vol. 39, No. 2, Fall, 2019, pp. 16-31.

"St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church: A Centennial of Faith, Heritage, Community, and Resilience," in *St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1917-2017*, commemorative anniversary album, pp. 28-53.

"250 Years of Faith Tradition - St. Louis Area is a Leader in Landmark Institutions, Influential Names, other Superlatives," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, February 15, 2014.

"Recalling the Story of an Exorcism," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 27, 2013.

"Calamity and Glory: Phelim O'Toole, Mike Hester, and the Legacy of Heroism at the Southern Hotel Fire," *Missouri Historical Review* Vol. 48, 3, April, 2004, 223-248.

"Lincoln's Birthplace is Impressive in its Simplicity," Travel Section, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, November 1, 2003.

"History of the Office of Mayor of the City of St. Louis," in *Gateway to America: An Illustrated History of St. Louis* by Kirsten N. Hammerstrom, Heritage Media, 2003.

"The Great Fire of 1849: Firefighter's Heroism Deserves a Memorial," Op-ed, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, August 18, 2003.

"County of Today Poised Where City Once Was," Op-ed, *St. Louis Suburban Journals*, May 16, 2001.

"UMSL Professor Examines how St. Louis fractured into a City of Cities," Book review of *Fragmented by Design: Why St. Louis Has So Many Governments* by E. Terrence Jones. *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, August 27, 2000.

"Walt Disney Fans can Trace his Early Life in Marceline and Kansas City: Some Disney Sites, However, are Privately Owned or aren't Well Preserved," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, April 30, 2000.

"Our Immigrant History Enriches Us," Op-ed, *St. Louis Suburban Journals*, May 2, 1999.

"The Odyssey of the Early Greek Community in St. Louis," *Gateway Heritage*, Winter, 1999, 4-17.

Publications in progress include:

Master Showmen: The Skouras Brothers, the Golden Age of Hollywood, and the Making of the Immigrant American Dream (contracted manuscript)

The Universal Statesman: A John Quincy Adams Reader

Odyssey on the Mississippi: The History of the St. Louis Greek Community

Slaying the Dragon: A History of Firefighting in St. Louis