

# J. Michael Thomson Resume

## Education

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Degree	Institution	Discipline	Graduation
Ph.D.	University of Kentucky	Political Science	August, 1984
M.A.	University of Kentucky	Political Science	May, 1979
B.A.	Pennsylvania State University	Political Science	March, 1975

## Professional Experience

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**2005 – Present**      **Campus President, Cuyahoga Community College, Ohio**

**Cuyahoga Community College:** Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) is Ohio's first community college. Tri-C offers courses in more than 190 programs, serving more than 55,000 credit and non-credit students annually.

**Campus President, College Vice President** (October, 2013 - present)

Serving College President as Executive Officer for Tri-C's Eastern Campus with over 5,000 students including transfer and direct-to-job programs. Responsible for \$23 million campus budget. Directly supervise four deans and six other team members. Campus includes 200 full-time and 350 part-time team members. Key initiatives include refining and executing the campus master plan, creating P-16 partnerships, and developing a campus-based student success team. College wide leader for Hospitality Center of Excellence and the Mandel Center for Humanities. Key College initiatives include the yearlong schedule project and tobacco free campus. Liaison to 32 communities comprised of 375,000 residents.

**Campus President, College Vice President** (January, 2011 – October, 2013)

Serving College President and College Provost as Chief Academic and Executive Officer for Tri-C's newest Campus Westshore, serving 2,800 students with specialties in STEMM fields. Responsible for community engagement and relationships with 10 communities and 8 school districts comprising over 250,000 citizens. Responsible for \$3 million campus budget. Directly supervised one dean and three other team members. Campus includes 15 full-time and over 100 adjunct faculty, as well as over 50 full and part-time team members. Key initiatives include developing the physical campus, building a positive campus culture, creating a campus master plan, expanding community outreach, developing core processes, and nurturing a high performing team. College-wide teams include AAUP bargaining, strategic planning and PSEOP / Dual Enrollment.

**Vice President of Academic Affairs** (June, 2010 – December, 2010)

Serving Executive Vice President with emphasis on outcomes assessment, program review, advisory committees and internationalization. Key initiatives included advisory committee reforms and a three-year program review process.

**ACE Fellowship** (June, 2009 - June, 2010; professional leave)

One of three community college ACE Fellows with placements at the Ohio Board of Regents and William Rainey Harper College. Project work focused on board relations, advancement, advocacy and state policy development.

**Dean of Academic Affairs**, Western Campus (July, 2005 - June, 2009)

Chief Academic Officer leading over 150 full-time and 500 adjunct faculty with 85 full-time staff, and serving 12,000 students in 74 academic programs with a \$33 million annual budget. Project champion for Westshore campus expansion, digital schedule building, and schedule optimization software. Other key College initiatives included *Achieving the Dream*, strategic planning, and My-Tri-C portal.

**1986 – 2005 Northern Kentucky University**

**Northern Kentucky University:** Northern Kentucky University (NKU) is a Cincinnati metropolitan area university serving over 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

**Chair, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice (2003 - 2005)**

Led multi-disciplinary department with 22 full-time and 30 part-time faculty serving over 1,300 majors and minors in programs leading to associate, baccalaureate and master's degrees. Key initiative was leading a traditional department in creating a mission and policies that aligned with the college mission and strategic plan. Additional accomplishments included initial MPA accreditation, fiscal responsibility measures, and new space allocation.

**Director, Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program (1994 - 1997; 2000 – 2003)**

Led MPA program including recruiting, admissions, advising, scheduling, degree completion and budget. Also represented the program to internal and external constituencies. Key initiatives included program growth (39 to 113 students during 2000 - 2003), and adding a not-for-profit certificate.

**Director, Academic Technology and Services, (1997 - 2000)**

Led campus-wide academic information systems with 17 full-time and 60 part-time staff serving 1,400 academic faculty / staff clients and 13,000 students. Key initiatives included developing a help desk, technology replacement plan, faculty development center (<http://pod.nku.edu>) and Kentucky Virtual University.

**Regent, Northern Kentucky University (1994 - 1997)**

Elected faculty representative to university board responsible for \$80 million annual budget. Faculty liaison to President and Board. Key initiatives included Presidential transition, lobbying legislature, statewide educational reform, and improving technology infrastructure.

**Faculty Senate President (1991-1993)**

Presided over collegial governance body, managed Senate Office and supervised Executive Committee. Key initiatives included leadership of first capital campaign, adding race / gender component to general studies, and representing faculty during financial exigency period.

## **1985 – 1986      University of Cincinnati**

**University of Cincinnati:** The University of Cincinnati is a public research university that serves over 44,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

### **Matchmaker for Local Government (1985 – 1986)**

Brokered university resources to local governments. Provided consulting, education, and technical support to local governments in the Cincinnati area. Key initiatives included communications with local administrators, implementing fair labor standards and facilitating regional 911E system.

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## **Faculty/Teaching Experience**

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Adjunct Professor, Cuyahoga Community College, Political Science, FYE, Criminal Justice  
2005 - present

Assistant and Associate Professor, Northern Kentucky University, Political Science, 1986 – 2005

Assistant Professor, Ouachita Baptist University, Political Science, 1979 - 1985

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## **Community Activities**

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Board Member, Warrensville Area Chamber of Commerce, 2013 – 2016.

Education, Then and Now. Educational transformation presentation to a variety of Chambers and civic groups in Cleveland. 2014-2015.

Cleveland economic development and Westshore Story presentations to a variety of community groups including Westshore Chamber of Commerce, Westlake Kiwanis, Westwood Country Club, and ASIS International. 2011 – 2013.

Citizen surveys, policy analysis, and strategic planning for governments and not-for-profits in the Cincinnati metropolitan area including Beachwood Schools, CIFCU Credit Union, City of Cincinnati, Erlanger, Edgewood, Florence, Fort Thomas, Fort Wright, and Kenton County.

Criminal justice policy analysis for City of Philadelphia. 1983.

Radio commentary and policy analysis on WNKU. Bi-weekly commentary on local issues. Guest appearances on elections and policy issue call-in shows. 2002 - 2005.

Policy analysis on KET. Appeared on KET Tonight concerning the Presidency, social security, and Electoral College reform. 2002 – 2004.

## Awards and Honors

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Shirley B. Gordon Award, PTK - 2016

President's Award, Cuyahoga Community College - 2016

President's Award, Cuyahoga Community College - 2015

Triangle Award, Westshore YMCA - 2013

President's Award, Cuyahoga Community College - 2010

President's Award, Cuyahoga Community College - 2007

Commonwealth Society Award, Northern Kentucky University Foundation - 1994

Arkansas Political Science Association Outstanding Paper Award - 1986

## Leadership Development

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<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Length</b>	<b>Completed</b>
CLC	Leadership Cleveland	One year (workshops)	June, 2014
AACC	Hit the Ground Leading	Two days	April, 2012
ACE	Fellowship	One year (residential)	June, 2010
ACE	Chief Academic Officer	One year (workshops)	March, 2008
AACC	Advanced FLI	One week	March, 2006

## Fundraising Accomplishments

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**Mandel Foundation:** Grant Amount: \$10,000,000. A legacy gift renaming the liberal arts building and creating the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Humanities. 2015 – present.

**Northern Kentucky University.** Grant amount: \$24,000. An award to develop, execute, and evaluate an intensive technology experience for NKU faculty called Faculty Boot Camp. Project permanently funded by Northern Kentucky University. 2002.

**Commonwealth of Kentucky.** Grant Amount: \$690,000. Create a faculty development center in support of the Kentucky Virtual University. Project permanently funded by Northern Kentucky University. 1998.

**National Institute of Justice.** Grant Amount: \$1,000,000. Design and evaluation of five-year demonstration grant for a juvenile day treatment program. Project permanently funded by Commonwealth of Kentucky. 1990-1996.

**Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.** Grant Amount: app. \$350,000 / year. Contract liaison for site relocation and continued organizational support. Support included budget, information systems, desktop publishing, policy, and internet usage. 1987-1998.

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### **Selected Professional Activities**

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Warrensville Area Chamber of Commerce. 2013 – present.

Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. 2011 – 2013.

American Council on Education. 2006 – present.

American Association of Community Colleges. 2005 – present.

Westshore Chamber of Commerce: 2005 - 2009;

National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. 1994 – 2005.

NASPAA Institutional Representative. 1994 - 1997; 2000 - 2004.

Northern Kentucky City and County Administrators. 1990 - 1997; 2002 - 2004.

American Society of Public Administration, President, Cincinnati Chapter. 1989 - 1991.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Editor, *ACJS Today*. 1987 - 1992.

American Political Science Association. 1975 – 1990.

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### **Selected College Activities**

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Strategic Plan core team member, plans 2012 – 2018

Creation and deployment of the Mandel Humanities Center, 2015 - 2016

Executive Sponsor, College-wide Schedule, Fall 2015

Executive Sponsor, Building and deploying the Westshore Campus, 2010 – 2013

Achieving the Dream core team, 2005 – 2009

AAUP bargaining team member for three contract negotiations: 2006 – 2014

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### **Publications**

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“Executing American Soldiers in England, WWII.” With J. Robert Lilly. Article in *British Journal of Criminology*. Spring, 1997.

“From Raw Data to Survey Show: How Integrative Packages are Changing Survey Presentation Techniques.” London, England. Peer reviewed proceedings at the Association for Survey Computing Silver Jubilee Conference. London, England. September, 1996.

Editor, *ACJS Today*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). 1987-1992.

## Selected Workshop/Conference Presentations

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“Reducing Student Barriers by Building a Yearlong, Guaranteed Schedule.” With Rebecca Wiggins. AACC Annual Convention. April 2017.

“Summer Projects: Bridging the Gap through Collaborative Engagement.” With Karen Miller and Edward Foley. League for Innovation. March 2017.

“Coping with Change through a Positive Campus Culture.” Bellwether Finalist Presentation. Team lead. Orlando, Florida. January, 2015.

“Creating Systemic Change in Large Organizations: How to Turn a Big Boat Towards Completion.” With Campus Presidents Michael Schoop, Ron Liss and Terri Pope. AACC. April, 2014.

“Redesign, Reset and Reinvent Your Leadership for Student Success.” With Belinda Miles. League for Innovation. March, 2014.

“Make Learning Come Alive: Engaging Students in Learning Through Virtual Laboratories.” With Terri Pope and Ann Proudfit. OATYC. Lorain County Community College. October, 2012.

“Coping with Change Through a Positive Culture Model.” With Janet Rodgers, Columbus State Community College, Audrey Levy, Lone Star Community College, and Amy Malaczewski. AACC. New Orleans, Louisiana. April, 2012.

“Planning Sustainable Market-Driven Community Colleges and Satellite Campuses.” With Justin Fliegal, Stantec. SCUP. Ames, Iowa. October, 2011.

“Building Tomorrow’s STEM Campus.” With Patricia Rowell, Sandy Robinson. STEMtech. Orlando, Florida. October, 2010.

“The Library’s Role in Supporting STEM Faculty and Students.” With Patricia Rowell, Nancy Weisman. STEMtech. Orlando, Florida. October, 2010.

“Putting Meetings in the Right Room.” With Rhody Harris, Astra. Astra User’s Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. October, 2008.

“The Student Journey: A Roadmap to Success.” With Karen Miller and Jennifer Spielvogel. Achieving the Dream Data Institute. Albuquerque, New Mexico. January, 2008.