



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

January 14, 2025

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 701 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day appointing Steven Williamson of 51 Camden Avenue, Providence, RI 02908, as the Region 5 member of the Providence School Board for a term to expire on January 1, 2028, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Brett P. Smiley
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Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

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Steven Williamson

51 Camden Ave, Providence, RI 02908

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Education**PhD, Political Science**

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT | 2017

MA, Political Science

University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI | 2009

BA, Spanish

Rhode Island College, Providence, RI | 2007

BA, Liberal Arts

St. John's College, Annapolis, MD / Santa Fe, NM | 1989

Professional Experience**Programming and Planning Specialist**

Rhode Island Department of Health | 2022–Present

- Develop overall strategies for promotion and community engagement across a range of programs.
- Provide oversight and evaluation of initiatives to ensure alignment with organizational goals.
- Collaborate with community stakeholders to design inclusive outreach initiatives.
- Analyze program performance data to refine strategies and improve outcomes.
- Lead cross-departmental teams to implement health equity initiatives.

Adjunct Instructor & Lecturer

Various Academic Institutions | 2010–2022

- Delivered courses in political theory, international relations, and public policy across multiple universities.
- Mentored undergraduate and graduate students in research and academic development.
- Designed innovative, interdisciplinary course curricula to engage diverse student populations.

Research/Editorial Assistant

University of Connecticut | 2014

- Assisted in the development of *Routledge Handbook of Latin American Politics*.
- Conducted in-depth research and analysis to support publication efforts.

Community Support Staff

Various Organizations | 1990–2010

- Worked across diverse roles in social services, nonprofit administration, and community advocacy.
 - Provided direct support to underserved populations, promoting equitable access to resources.
 - Organized and facilitated community workshops on civic engagement and public policy.
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Community Involvement & Nonprofit Leadership

Volunteer, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Director

Weber-Renew, Providence | 2011–2017

Board of Directors; Project Coordinator

River to Recovery, Fall River, MA | 2018–Present

- Board Member (2018–2020; 2022–Present)
- Coordinated projects focused on recovery services and community engagement (2020–2022).

Activist

ACT UP, Boston | 1990–1991

Academic Administrative Service

- **Managing Editor**, *Polity* – Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association | 2015
 - **Research/Editorial Assistant**, *Routledge Handbook of Latin American Politics* (2014).
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Teaching Experience

Instructor

University of Rhode Island | Spring 2022–Fall 2022

- PSC 581: Special Topics: Indigeneity from a Global Perspective
- PSC 408: African Politics and Government

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth | Spring 2022

- CJS 258: History of Criminology

Johnson and Wales University | Fall 2020–Fall 2021

- PSCI 2200: Race, Power, and Politics in America
- PSCI 2001: International Relations and World Politics
- PSCI 1001: Introduction to Political Science
- SOC 1001: Sociology I

Community College of Rhode Island (Adult Correctional Institution) | Spring 2020

- PSC 1010: American Politics

Rhode Island College | Spring 2020

- POL 355: The Policy Formation Process

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth | Spring 2020

- CJS 258: History of Criminology

Lecturer, University of Rhode Island | 2016–2019

- PSC 341: Ancient and Classical Political Theory
- PSC 342: Modern and Contemporary Political Theory
- PSC 116: Introduction to International Politics
- PSC 113: Introduction to American Politics
- PSC 482: Latin American Politics
- PSC 482: Social and Political Movements: Theory and Practice
- PSC 581: Graduate Seminar on Indigenous Political Development
- PSC 580: Graduate Seminar on International Relations Theory

Other Teaching Experience (2010–2016):

- *University of Connecticut:* Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to Political Theory, Social Justice: Theory and Practice.
- *Bryant University:* Latin American Politics.

Publications

- "The Comparative Politics of *Zombie Attack*." In *Teaching Politics Beyond the Book: Film, Texts, and New Media in the Classroom*, eds. R. W. Glover & D. Tagliarina. Bloomsbury, 2012.
- "Contesting the Global Order: The Radical Political Economy of Perry Anderson and Immanuel Wallerstein" (Book Review). *New Political Science*, 2021.

Conference Presentations

- "Appetite, Eros, and Addiction: The Roots of Tyranny in Plato's Republic." Northeastern Political Science Association (2019).
- "Anarchism, Civilization, and the State in the Work of James Scott and Peter Kropotkin." Western Political Science Association (2018).
- "Identity and Agency: James Scott's Social Construction of Identity." American Political Science Association (2017).
- Additional presentations at APSA, MPSA, and APSA Teaching and Learning conferences (2011–2017).