

## Biographical Statement of Quentin Kidd

Quentin Kidd is Dean of the College of Social Sciences, professor of political science, and Academic Director of the Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia, U.S.A. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Texas Tech University and a MA and BA from the University of Arkansas. He was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Kidd's teaching and research focuses on American civic and political behavior and politics of the American South. He has received numerous teaching awards including the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia, the Christopher Newport Faculty Award for Excellence in Scholarship, the Christopher Newport Alumni Society Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring, and being named "Professor of the Year" three times by the students at Christopher Newport.

Kidd has written or edited five books including *The Rational Southerner* from Oxford University Press (co-authored with M.V. Hood III and Irwin L. Morris), which was nominated for the **V.O. Key Award** for outstanding book on Southern Politics, the **Ralph Bunch Award** for best scholarly work exploring the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism, and the **Leon D. Epstein Award** for research on political organizations and parties. He is also the author of *Civic Participation in America* from Palgrave Macmillan and *A Simple Guide to SPSS® for Political Science* from Wadsworth (co-authored with Lee Kirkpatrick). He is editor of *American Government: Readings From Across Society* (Longman) and *Government and Politics in Virginia: The Old Dominion at the 21st Century* (Simon & Schuster). Additionally, he has authored or co-authored over 30 peer reviewed studies and book chapters, and funded research reports.

Kidd served on the 2019 Commemoration Steering Committee, a multi-year statewide commemoration of Virginia from 1619 to 2019. He was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to serve as an advisor to the (Virginia) Independent Bipartisan Advisory Commission on Redistricting in 2011 and was appointed by Governor Mark Warner to serve on the Virginia Commission for National and Community Service, including as its chair for nearly two years, from 2002 to 2006. He appears often on radio and television programs in Virginia, national, and internationally to talk about politics and public policy, and has been quoted in a variety of international, national and regional news outlets. In his community, he serves on the boards of the Riverside Health System Foundation and the United Jewish Community of the Virginia Peninsula. He previously worked in Washington, D.C. for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and for the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association. He served for eleven-years in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves as a psychological operations specialist, including a combat tour in Kuwait and Iraq during the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991, where he was awarded an Army Commendation Medal with Combat "V" device. He is a runner, having finished nearly two dozen marathons and ultramarathons