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Bob Colvin serves as chair of the Department of Leadership and American Studies at Christopher Newport University (CNU) and teaches courses in leadership research and theory, values leadership, and foundations of leadership. He previously taught for seven years in the Department of Government and Public Affairs at CNU where his focus was political science, public administration, and leadership.

Bob's doctoral dissertation focused on the leadership practices of 4,454 executives and his publications are in the fields of leadership studies and public administration. In January 2006, Bob was elected as Convenor-elect of the International Leadership Association's Global Learning Community for Public Service. He also is a member of the Association of Leadership Educators.

In Virginia, Bob has worked at the cabinet level in state government, headed a legislative agency, and headed two executive branch organizations in state government. In addition, Bob was a registered lobbyist for a variety of clients and is co-founder of a successful human resource services company located in Richmond, Virginia.

Early in his career, he spent ten years as a police officer, and before that was a radio disc jockey. He is a licensed pilot whose hobbies include riding his touring motorcycle and target shooting (not at the same time).

Areas of Expertise

His area of expertise is leadership.

Education

Ph.D. Public Policy and Administration, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1996

M.B.A. Radford University, 1984

B.A. Business Administration, Radford University 1981

Awards

Recipient Phi Kappa Phi Doctoral Scholarship, VCU, 1995

Chair of the Doctoral Students Association, Department of Public Administration, VCU, 1995

Outstanding Alumni Award, Dabney Lancaster Community College

Outstanding Alumnus Award, Radford University

Memberships/Associations

Association of Leadership Educators (ALE)

International Leadership Association (ILA)

Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) National Leadership Honor Society