

Sam Reed Distinguished Professorship in Civic Education and Public Civility



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Broadly trained in the field of American politics, Steven Stehr's research and teaching focuses on the intersection of public policy, science policy, and disaster assistance. His interdisciplinary work ranges from the dynamics of first-responder response to 9/11, to the use of child safety seats in vehicles across the state of Washington, to helping the next generation of engineers and environmental scientists better understand the role of public policy in society and government.

Steven is an established leader at WSU. He served as founding director of the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service, a long-standing center dedicated to engaging students in public service and supporting academic research, and twice he has been selected to lead the WSU political science academic enterprise.

In 2016 he was honored with the college's Excellence in Graduate Advising and Mentoring award. Over the course of his career, he has mentored more than 65 graduate students, encouraging them to pursue challenging opportunities beyond academia and continuing to support their work long after graduation.

The author of more than 20 journal papers and book chapters, Steven's expertise also enhances his undergraduate teaching. He has lectured at universities from Berkeley to Kabul to Pullman, and developed unique courses such as Politics, Justice and Film, The American Presidency, and a capstone course in Politics of Natural Resource and Environmental Policy.



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