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### **Education**

1972 Ph.D. Political Science, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
1968 M.A. Political Science, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
1966 B.A. Political Science, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

### **Honors and Awards**

Southeastern Massachusetts University Research Foundation Grants, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1990  
Connecticut Research Foundation pre-doctoral fellowship, May 1971  
Phi Kappa Phi - University of Connecticut Honor Society  
B.A. With Distinction in Political Science  
Phi Beta Kappa

### **Employment & Administrative Experience**

Chancellor Professor, Policy Studies, UMass Dartmouth, 2004 – present.  
Director, Policy Studies Program, 1999-present.  
Chancellor Professor of Political Science, UMass Dartmouth 1997-2003.  
Chairperson, Department of Political Science, UMass Dartmouth, 1977-1985, 1997 to 1999 (Acting Chair 1974-75).  
Professor, Political Science, University Of Massachusetts Dartmouth September 1981–97.  
Associate Professor, Political Science, UMass Dartmouth, 1974-1981.  
Assistant Professor, Political Science, UMass Dartmouth, 1971-1974.

Chair, Executive Board, UMass Dartmouth Center for Policy Analysis, 1998-present.  
Senior Research Associate, UMass Dartmouth Center For Policy Analysis, consulting with local governments on policy evaluation, policy decisions and reorganization, 1995-present.

Coordinator, Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Archives, UMass Dartmouth library (world's largest collection of files, oral and video history tapes, private papers) 1984-present. Collaborative responsibility for acquisition, policy, and public events.

### **Consultancies**

Consultant to fourteen television and movie production companies and networks 1993-present on films and documentaries dealing with the U.S. Secret Service, the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. political assassinations (including History Channel, BBC, Discovery Channel, CBS News).

Consultant, Doheny Library Archives, University of Southern California (regarding their RFK-assassination collection), 1986-present.

Participant, November 1999 civil trial, Memphis, Tennessee: family of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. successfully sued conspirators in Dr. King's assassination. Served as expert witness, press spokesperson for King family, case-evidence strategist for King legal team.

Consultant, Los Angeles law firm of Greenwald, Greenwald and Hargrave 1997-present, serving as expert witness/advisor in civil suit regarding RFK-assassination photographs.

Consultant to Dr. William F. Pepper, (1997-1998) lawyer who represented the late James Earl Ray (alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) and now represents the King family in pending civil actions regarding the assassination, also working with Dr. Pepper and the King family regarding the U.S. Justice Department's current review of the case.

Consultant to Assassination-Records Review Board, presidential commission overseeing release of government files relating to President Kennedy's assassination, 1995-1998.

Elected to ten-person governing board of the Coalition on Political Assassinations, a national organization with 5,000 members focusing on public disclosure of assassination-related records, 1994-1998.

Appointed, Board of Directors, National Assassination Archives and Research Center, Washington, D.C. 1984-88.

Appointed, Board of Directors, Center for Atomic Radiation Studies, Boston, Mass., 1984-88.

Consultant, City of Fall River, Massachusetts and Fall River Regional Task Force, June 1979-June 1980 (governmental reorganization).

Consultant, Social Science Data Center, University of Connecticut and Connecticut General Assembly, January 1971-April 1971 (electoral redistricting).

Consultant, New England Board of Higher Education, May - September 1969.

Consultant, Windham Area Community Action Program, January - May 1969.

Research Assistant, Institute of Urban Research, University of Connecticut, September 1967 - September 1968.

Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut, September 1966-June 1967.

## **Teaching**

## Fields of Specialization

American Politics:

Political Assassination and Violence

Governmental Secrecy and Freedom of Information

U.S. Public Policy Processes

## Courses Taught

U.S. Public Policy Process I and II

Urban Politics

Scope and Methods of Political Science

Political Assassinations in the U.S.

Senior Research Seminar: Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Archives

The Politics of Secrecy

Introduction to American Politics

## Professional Societies

Pi Sigma Alpha  
American Political Science Association  
Northeastern Political Science Association  
American Association of University Professors (president of university chapter 1978-86).

## Professional Activities

Manuscript reviewer St. Martins Press, 1996-present; Praeger Publishers, 1984-90; Odonian Press, 1991-97.  
31 lectures at colleges, universities and law enforcement-forensic conferences in the U.S. and Canada 1988-present.  
Appeared as author or expert commentator on 221 radio programs and 67 television programs (local, regional, national and international) 1984-present. Credits include: National Public Radio's "All Things Considered", CBS Evening News, CNN National News, two BBC documentaries, ABC's "Prime Time Live".  
Served as conference chair for the Coalition on Political Assassination and organized three national conferences (in 1998) on the thirtieth anniversary of the assassination of Robert Kennedy and Dr. King and the Thirty-fifth anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination (Memphis, Los Angeles, Dallas).  
Presented colloquium with D. Gilbert Steiner, Brookings Institution, on "The Politics of Evaluation Research," sponsored by the department of political science and the Center for Development Change, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, March 5, 1976.  
Panel Chairperson, Western Political Science Association annual meeting, April 1-3, 1976, San Francisco. Panel: "The Roots of Bias in Theory Construction."  
Manuscript reviewer, Political Methodology, 1975-80.  
Discussant, International Decade of Ocean Exploration, Workshop/Seminar on "Problems of Marine Environmental Quality", Washington, D.C., December 18-19, 1974.  
Discussant, APSA annual meeting, August 29 - September 2, 1974, Chicago. Panel: "Scientists in Politics".  
Manuscript reviewer, Polity, 1974-80.  
Manuscript reviewer, Winthrop Publishers Inc., 1973 - 82.  
Manuscript reviewer, Journal of Politics, 1977 - 83.

## Publications and Scholarly Works:

### Books:

Melanson, P.H. (ed.), Knowledge, Politics, and Public Policy (Cambridge, Mass.: Winthrop Publishers Inc., 1973).  
Melanson, P.H., Political Science and Political Knowledge (Washington, D.C.: Public Affairs Press, 1975).  
Melanson, P.H., The Politics of Protection: The U.S. Secret Service in The Terrorist Age, (New York: Praeger Publishers, 1984).  
Melanson, P.H., The MURKIN Conspiracy: An Inquiry into the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (New York: Praeger Publishers, 1988).

- Melanson, P. H. Spy Saga: Lee Harvey Oswald and U.S. Intelligence (New York: Prager, 1990.).
- Melanson, P.H. The Robert F. Kennedy Assassination: New Revelations on the Conspiracy and Coverup, 1968-1991 (New York: Shapolsky Publishers, 1991). Paperback edition, 1994.
- Melanson, P.H., The Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. (New York: SPI Books, 1991). Paperback edition, 1994.
- Melanson, P.H., Who Killed Martin Luther King? (Berkeley, Cal.: Odonian Press, 1991).
- Melanson, P.H., Who Killed Robert Kennedy? (Berkeley, Cal Odonian Press, 1991).
- Melanson, P. H. and William Klaber, Shadow Play: The Killing of Robert Kennedy, The Trial of Sirhan Sirhan, and the Failure of American Justice. (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997). Paperback edition, 1998.
- Melanson, P.H., Secrecy Wars: Privacy, National Security and the Public's Right to Know (Dulles, VA: Brassey's Inc., January 2002).
- Melanson, P.H. with Peter Stevens, The Secret Service: The Hidden History of an Enigmatic Agency (New York): Carroll and Graff, 2002)

#### Articles:

- Melanson, P.H., and Lauriston King, "Theory In Comparative Politics: A Critical Appraisal", Comparative Political Studies, vol. 4, no. 2 (July, 1971), pp. 205-31.
- King, Lauriston R., and P.H. Melanson, "Knowledge and Politics: Some Experiences From The 1960's", Public Policy, vol. 20, no. 1 (Winter, 1972), pp. 83-101.
- Melanson, P.H., "The Political Science Profession, Political Knowledge, and Public Policy", Politics and Society, vol. 2, no. 4 (Summer, 1972) pp. 489-501. Reprinted in John E. Tropman, Milan J. Dluhy, Roger Lind, and Wayne Vasey (eds.) Strategic Perspectives on Social Policy ( New York: Pergamon Press, 1976) pp. 41-52.
- Melanson, P.H., "The Dominant Normative Paradigm and Political Science", Political Science, July, 1973, pp. 53-61.
- Melanson, P.H., "Political Knowledge and American Democracy", The Social Studies, November 1974, pp. 241-244.
- Melanson, P.H., "The Presentation of Professional Self: Some Post-Behavioral Currents", Polity, Winter, 1974, pp. 221-33.
- Melanson, P.H., "Bringing The Sociology of Knowledge To Bear On Political Science", Polity, Summer, 1975, pp. 564-74.
- Melanson, P.H., "On the Interaction of Epistemic Canons and Professional Ethics In Political Science", Political Methodology, vol. 2, no. 3, (1975), pp. 267-91.
- Melanson, P.H., "The Human Guinea Pigs at Bikini:", The Nation, July 9, 1983.
- Melanson, P.H., "The CIA's Secret Ties to Local Police," The Nation, March 26, 1983.
- Melanson, P.H., "The Politics of Public Disclosure," Library Journal, Feb.1, 1991, pp. 54-6.

## Scholarly Papers & Presentations

- Melanson, P.H., and Morton J. Tenzer, Training and Education for the Public Service in Connecticut, a report prepared for the publisher by the Institute of Urban Research, University of Connecticut, September 1969.
- Litt, Edgar and P.H. Melanson, "A Peer Group of Liberals: The Profession and Its Public Discontents", Paper presented at the 1969 annual meeting, APSA, New York, September 1-5. Reviewed in Lewis Lipsitz, Vulture, Montis & I Seal", Polity, vol. 3, no. 1 (Fall, 1970). pp. 3-21.
- Melanson, P.H., "Professional Dynamics and Political Inquiry: Vocational Knowledge In A Scholarly Association", paper presented at the 1970 annual meeting, APSA, Los Angeles, September 8-13.
- Melanson, P.H., and Lauriston King, "Legitimacy, Competence and knowledge: A Look At Expertise and Public Policy", presented at the New England Political Science Association Meeting, Storrs, Connecticut, April 23-24, 1971.
- Melanson, P.H., "The Role of Science In Environmental Policy", paper presented at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, April 10, 1972.
- Melanson, P.H., "On The Interaction of Epistemic Canons and Professional Ethics In Political Science", paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 25-27, 1974.
- King, Lauriston, and P.H. Melanson, "Perry Mason Meets Mr. Wizard: The Political Trials of the Science Court," paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Nov. 5, 1976.
- Melanson, P.H., and King, L.R., "Eight Rules For Judging Science and Technology Policy Fights", paper presented at Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, March 9, 1980, Atlanta.
- Melanson, P.H. (editor), Coalition on Political Assassinations "Conference Abstracts and Proceedings", 1998 (seventy pages).

## Book Reviews

- Paul Sites, Control: The Basis of Social Order (New York: Dunellen Pub. Col, 1973), American Political Science Review, March 1975.
- Gene Sharp, The Politics of Nonviolent Action (Boston: Porter Sargent, 1973), Society, March/April 1975.
- Choice, review approximately four works per year in the area of public policy, and political violence, from September 1973 to present.