DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR DR. KENNETH MEIER JOINS THE BUSH SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

“DR. MEIER BRINGS NOT ONLY HIS IMPRESSIVE RECORD OF SCHOLARSHIP AND LEADERSHIP TO THE SCHOOL BUT ALSO A REPUTATION AS A MAJOR INFLUENCE IN HIS DISCIPLINE AND AS A MENTOR OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE DR. MEIER JOIN OUR DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AND LOOK FORWARD TO HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL’S RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES.”
—MARK A. WELSH III, DEAN
The Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University welcomes Dr. Kenneth J. Meier to its Department of Public Service and Administration.

A member of the National Academy of Public Administration, Meier holds the rank of Distinguished Professor at Texas A&M University and also directs the Project for Equity, Representation and Governance; the Texas Educational Excellence Project; and the Carlos Cantu Hispanic Education and Opportunity Endowment.

Meier holds a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota and his master's and PhD in political science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse. Before coming to Texas A&M in 1998, he held faculty positions at Rice University, the University of Oklahoma, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and UW-Milwaukee. He was the editor-in-chief of Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, the editor of the American Journal of Political Science from 1994 to 1997, and the founding editor of Perspectives on Public Management and Governance, serving from 2016 to 2017.

Holder of a joint appointment as a professor of public management at the Cardiff University School of Business in Wales, Meier is considered a leading authority in two areas of research: the role of public organizations in public policy and the role of race and politics in public policy. Throughout his career, he has employed institutional theories of politics to determine who gets what, when, and how, while examining a wide range of policy issues, including education and antitrust policy, insurance regulation, access to abortion and family planning, government corruption, political patronage, and gender and bureaucracy.

His research has been widely published, and he has been recognized as among the most productive international political scientists. A recent study in the journal PS: Political Science and Politics, which reviewed more than 67,000 peer-reviewed articles in ninety-six high-impact journals from 1990 to 2013, indicated that Meier has published ninety-five papers, more than any other scholar. He has also scored high on the index that indicates his links with other authors in the field, which is the result of extensive collaboration with other scholars, including his own PhD students.