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Bob Brown
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Education: Master of Education, University of Montana, 1988.
Bachelor of Arts, government, Montana State University, 1974.
Bachelor of Arts, history, Montana State University, 1970.

Government Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees 2011-present; President 2015-present.

Experience: Republican nominee for Governor, 2004.
Montana Secretary of State, 2001-2004.
Montana State Senator, 1974-1996.

President of the Senate, 1994-1996.

Senate Republican Caucus Chair, 1991-1994.

Dean of the Montana Senate, 1991-1996.

Chair of: Senate Taxation Committee

Senate Committee on Education and Cultural

Resources

Senate Committee on Committees

Select Interim Committee on Accountability in

Education

Revenue Oversight Committee

Joint Interim Subcommittee on School Funding

Select Committee on Tort Liability Reform

Member of: Senate Rules Committee

Joint Rules Committee

Legislative Council

Environmental Quality Council

Judiciary Committee

Montana State Representative, 1971-1974.

Member of Committees on

Constitutions, Elections & Federal Relations

Public Health, Welfare, and Safety

Judiciary

Secretary of the House Republican Caucus

Montana Board of Public Education, Member, 1997-2001.

Workers Compensation Regulation Advisory Council, Chair, 1997-1999.

Professional Instructor, University of Montana MOLLI Program, fall semesters 2011-2015.

Activities: Instructor, Flathead Valley Community College Continuing Education Program, spring semesters 2012-2015.

Instructor, University of Montana, “ Education Policy and Ethics, required semester length course, School of Education; “Montana Politics: The Real Story,” elective semester length course, Department of Political Science, Fall Semester 2005 – Spring Semester 2010.

Exchange Instructor, Nankai University, Tianjin, China.

Graduate school instruction in public administration, undergraduate instruction in “American Political Culture,” Spring Semester 2006.

Campaign Director of statewide ballot issue for Montana University

System

Six Mill Levy funding, January – November 1998.

Member of Montana Steering Committee for the President’s National Summit on Volunteerism, 1997-1998.

International Republican Institute/US Agency for International Development: Advisor, legislative processes & administrative procedures & efficiencies to Russian Federation 1996, Angola 1997, Indonesia 1999, People’s Republic of China 2002, Cambodia 2003.

Host country sponsored visits:

Montana Leadership Delegation, Taiwan 1996.

Israel, American-Israel Friendship League, 2005

Governor’s Representative, Partnership for Peace Program, Republic of Kyrgistan, 1996.

National Council for State Legislators – Presenter on Legislative Modernization, National NCSL Conference, St. Louis, 1996;

Trainer for legislative committee chairs, Idaho State Legislature, Boise, 1996.

Professional Member President’s Advisory Council, University of Montana, 1993- 2011.

Activities Member President’s Advisory Council, Montana State University, 2003-2006.

(cont.) Member Board of Advisors, School of Education, University of Montana, 1990 – 2001.

US Department of Education, Selection Panelist, Secondary School Recognition Program, 1991-1993.

Office of Public Instruction, Oversight Committee on Title II.

United Way of Flathead County, Board of Directors, 1991-1992.
National Board of Advisors, Close Up Foundation.
Chairman of the Board, Director Montana YMCA Youth in Government
Program, 1985-1995, 2001-2004.
Chair, Social Studies Curriculum Committee, Project Excellence, 1987-
1988.
Montana American Legion Boy's State Counselor, 1977 – 2002.
Guest Lecturer, Taft Seminar, University of Montana, 1986-1993.
Member, Office of Public Instruction Committee on Excellence in
Education, 1984.

Employment:

2009 – 2010 Senior Fellow, Mansfield Center, University of Montana
2005 – 2009 Senior Fellow, University of Montana O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain
West.
2001 - 2004 Montana Secretary of State.
1998 – 2000 Director of External Affairs (Government and Public Relations), Columbia Falls
Aluminum Company.
1997 – 2000 Registered Lobbyist, Montana Legislature - Clients: University of Montana,
Montana University System, Columbia Falls Aluminum Company, US West Communications.
1997 Program Host, Ask Your Legislator – Cable TV Interview Program.
1991 – 1998 University of Montana
Director of University Extension at Flathead Valley Community
College.
Instructor: Legislative Processes PS350;
Politics of Education PS/ED400
1994 Flathead Valley Community College
Instructor: American Government PLSC 100 01
Political Theory PSCS 250 01
1990 – 1991 Teacher Whitefish High School: world and American history.
1990 Flathead Valley Community College
Instructor: American Government PLSC 100 01
1989 – 1990 University of Montana
Special Assistant to the President: needs assessment UM Capital
Campaign.
Instructor: History of Education; Politics of Education.
1986 – 1990 Flathead High School Teacher: world and American history, economics.
Advisor: Close Up government studies program.

1979 – 1986 Bigfork High School Teacher: American government, economics, world history, Montana history, speech and debate.

Head speech and debate coach, Advisor Close Up government studies program, Advisor YMCA Youth in Government program.

1979 and prior Farmer – rancher on family farm; truck driver; college student.

US Navy, Journalist, Petty Officer Third Class, Office of Congressional Inquiries, Washington, DC.

Civic Organizations, Member Whitefish Range Partnership collaborative, Chairman 2012-2013. Member Conrad Memorial Cemetery Board, 2010-present; Chairman 2013-2015.

Volunteer Service: Member - Rotary International, Kalispell, Whitefish, Helena, Missoula.

Member - Kiwanis International, Whitefish, Helena, Missoula.

Member - Loyal Order of the Moose, Whitefish.

Member - American Legion Post 108, Whitefish, commander 2011-2012.

Member - International Lions Clubs, Columbia Falls, Helena.

Member - Phi Delta Kappa, Flathead Valley Chapter.

Member - Board of Directors, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce.

Member - Stumptown Historical Society.

Honors: King Ullr XXXVII, Whitefish Winter Carnival, 1996.

Voting Delegate, Republican National Convention, San Diego, 1996.

Governor's Appointee, Grassroots Summit, Tokyo, Japan 1992.

Northwest Montana Reading Council, Friend of Education Award, 2000.

Montana School Boards Association Laureate Award for Dedication and

Leadership in Public Education, 1990.

Education Commission of the States, Outstanding Teacher Award, 1985.

Outstanding Young Men of America Award, 1982.

Montana Education Association Golden Gavel Award for Outstanding

Legislative Service, 1979.

College: President Associated Students, Montana State University, 1969 – 1970.

MSU intercollegiate debate 1966 – 1970; Big Sky Tournament Debate

Champion 1970.

Montana Delegate, White House Conference on Children and Youth,

1970.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Septumveri, senior men's scholastic and leadership honorary.

Fangs, sophomore men's honorary.

Personal: Married to Susan K. Brown; daughters Robin and Kelly.