

# Exploring the Novel Ways States Can Transform U.S. Government Laws



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## CURRENT RESEARCH

Understanding larger U.S. political narratives through the biography of previous Oregon governor

Oregon is currently home to Intel's largest manufacturing cluster in the world. This success can be traced back to the first Arab-American governor in the U.S., Republican Vic Atiyeh. During his time as governor from 1979-1987 and his role in the legislature, he laid the groundwork for Oregon's economic growth throughout the past thirty years, engaging Oregon in the modern global economy and luring high tech companies to invest in the state. Implementing novel archival research, government documents, and interviews, Dr. Jim Moore, Politics and Government professor at Pacific University, is writing a topical biography on Atiyeh's life and contributions to our political system. He is exploring the important implications and larger narratives resulting from Atiyeh's work.

Dr. Moore is the most widely-cited public political analyst in the Pacific Northwest, with a collection of almost 6,000 newspaper articles, interviews, and commentaries explaining current political happenings. He is an expert in U.S. political affairs, international economics, and U.S. foreign policy. Before Atiyeh died in 2014 at age 91, he asked Dr. Moore to write his biography. Atiyeh's archival records—which were donated to Pacific University—are open without limitations, which is extremely rare for these types of archives. Dr. Moore works in close collaboration with the director and archivist of Pacific University's library, as well as several other librarians. His research looks at the changes that occurred as Oregon moved from a timber-dependent economy to one that relies on its connections to the global economy. Dr. Moore looks at the results of Atiyeh's 28 years in elected office; no other work has examined this phenomenon in...

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## AFFILIATION



Pacific University

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Political Science 1995, Northwestern University

## AWARDS

- Outstanding Faculty Member, University of Portland, 1995, 1999
- University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1987
- Dean's Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1988
- Bing Crosby Scholarship as Outstanding First Year Student, Monterey Institute of International Studies, 1985

## RESEARCH AREAS

Humanities, Economics, History, Political Science

## FUNDING REQUEST

Your contributions will help fund Dr. Moore's biographical work that examines the fascinating life of Vic Atiyeh and his important contributions to the political system of both Oregon and the U.S. \$30K supports necessary research assistance, travel costs for interviews and research, and access to databases. Play a role in understanding economic growth, identifying tax creation, and exploring state foreign policy from the innovative work of Governor Atiyeh; fund Dr. Moore.