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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, 2008

M.A., University of Notre Dame, 2005

B.A., Ursinus College, 2001, graduated Salutatorian

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2009-present

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2008-2009

Loescher Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame,
2007-2008

Editorial Intern for the *Review of Politics*, 2006 – 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Infinite Autonomy: The Divided Individual in Hegel and Nietzsche's Political Philosophy. Penn State University Press (forthcoming December 2011).

Journal Articles:

“Two Concepts of Culture in the Early Nietzsche,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 10, No. 3, July 2011: 327-349.

“The Freedom of Desire: Hegel’s Response to Rousseau on the Problem of Civil Society.” *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 54, No. 1, January 2010: 125-139.

“Recognition and Restlessness in John Ford’s *The Searchers*.” *Perspectives on Political Science* Vol. 28, No. 1, Winter 2009: 47-57.

“Selfish and Moral Politics: David Hume on Stability and Cohesion in the Modern State.” *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 69, No. 1, February 2007: 169-181.

*Reprinted in *David Hume*, ed. Knud Haakonssen and Richard Whatmore, Ashgate Publishing Group (forthcoming)

“Dreaming of the True Erotic: Nietzsche’s Socrates and the Reform of Education.” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 27, Issue 4, Winter 2006: 685-710.

Book Chapters:

“Personhood and Ethical Commercial Life: Hegel’s Transformation of Locke,” *Festschrift* for Michael and Catherine Zuckert, ed. Lee and Ann Ward, University of Notre Dame Press (forthcoming 2011).

“The Magnanimous Overman: On Nietzsche’s Transformation of Aristotle’s Greatness of Soul.” Co-authored with Catherine Zuckert. In *Magnanimity and Statesmanship*, ed. Carson Holloway. Lexington Books, 2008: 109-129.

Book Reviews:

“The Anti-Anti Enlightenment Thinker,” book review of *The Anti-Enlightenment Tradition*, by Zeev Sternhell (Yale University Press, 2010). *Review of Politics* Vol. 72, No. 4 (Fall 2010), 731-733.

Book review of *Nietzsche’s Animal Philosophy: Culture, Politics, and the Animality of the Human Being*, by Vanessa Lemm (Fordham University Press, 2009). *Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 8, No. 3 (September 2010), 941-943.

Book review of *The Skillful Self: Liberalism, Culture, and the Politics of Skill*, by John Stopford (Lexington Books, 2009). *The Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 63, No. 3 (March 2010), 724-726.

“Thus Tasted Zarathustra,” book review of *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche, and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory*, by Diego A. von Vacano (Lexington Books, 2007). *Review of Politics* Vol. 71, No. 1, Winter 2009: 152-154.

Book review of *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: A Critical Guide*, edited by Dean Moyar and Michael Quante (Cambridge University Press, 2008). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 1 November 2008.

Book review of *Kant’s Cosmopolitan Theory of Law and Peace*, by Otfried Höffe (Cambridge University Press, 2006). *Interpretation* 35:1 (Fall 2007), 59-66.

INVITED LECTURES

“The Freedom of Desire: Hegel’s Response to Rousseau,” delivered for the Political Theory Brownbag series, Duke University, 26 March 2009

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Paper, “Between Self-Interest and Virtue: Hegel and Tocqueville on Noble Politics,” at MPSA, 2011

Discussant on the Panel “Disputing Citizens’ Rights and Maintaining Order,” at MPSA, 2011

Conference Paper, “Personhood and Ethical Commercial Life: Hegel’s Transformation of Locke,” at the APSA, 2010

Chair of Panel “Creations and Recreations: Wizards, Monsters, and Philosophers,” at the APSA, 2010

Chair of Panel “Exploring John Locke,” at the MPSA, 2010

Discussant on Panel “The Philosophy of Poetry,” at the MPSA, 2010

Chair and Discussant on Panel “Topics in Classical Liberalism” at the SWPSA, 2010

Conference Paper, “Between Eros and Eris: Nietzsche on Beautiful Competition” at the APSA, 2009

Discussant on Panel “Hegel on Global Justice” at the APSA, 2008

Conference Paper, “Autonomy and Positivity in 19th Century Political Thought,” at the MPSA, 2008 on the panel “Justice and Order in Modern Thought”

Chair and Discussant on the panel “Nations and Nationhood” at the MPSA, 2008

Chair and Discussant on the panel “Kant,” at the MPSA, 2007

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche and Individuality,” at the MPSA, 2007 on the panel “Nietzsche”

Discussant on the panel “Political Passions,” at the MPSA, 2006

Conference Paper, “Dreaming of the True Erotic: Nietzsche’s Socrates and the Reform of Education,” at the NEPSA, 2005 on the panel “Nietzsche’s Politics”

Conference Paper, “Political Science, Education, and Moderation: On Hume’s Ambivalence to the ‘Selfish System,’” at the SWPSA, 2005 on the panel “Early Liberalism and the Problem of Order”

Discussant on the panel “Nietzsche and Politics,” at the SWPSA, 2005

Discussant on the panel “Ancient Politics and Arts,” at the MPSA, 2005

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche’s Appropriation and Transfiguration of the Character of Socrates,” at the MPSA, 2004 on the panel “Platonic Politics”

Conference Paper, “Hume on Aesthetics and Morality,” at the SWPSA, 2004 on the panel “Locke and Hume”

Conference Paper, “The Friendship and Fallacy of Philosophy: An Interpretation of the Role of the Relationship Between Socrates and Crito in the Platonic Dialogues,” at the SWPSA, 2003 on the panel “Platonic Politics”

HONORS

Honors College Society Fellow, the University of Houston, 2010-present

FDIP Course Development Grant, the University of Houston, 2010

New Faculty Research Award, the University of Houston, 2010

Provost Faculty Travel Grant, the University of Houston, 2010

Dissertation Nominated for APSA’s Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy by the Political Science Department, University of Notre Dame, 2009

Edward Sorin Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2008 (declined)

Presidential Fellowship, the Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2002 – 2006

DAAD Intensive Summer Language Program Fellow, Goethe Institute in Freiburg, Germany, 2005

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2000

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Houston

Modern Political Thought (graduate), Spring 2011
Human Situation (a great books course in UH Honors College), Spring 2011
Democratic Theory (graduate), Fall 2010, Fall 2011
Democratic Theory (undergraduate), Spring 2010
Introduction to Political Thought, Spring & Fall 2010, Fall 2011
Liberalism and Its Critics, Fall 2009

Duke University

Left, Right, and Center, Spring 2009
The Art of Politics, Spring 2009
Ancient Political Thought, Fall 2008
Politics and Literature, Fall 2008

University of Notre Dame

Democratic Theory, Spring 2008
Political Theory and Film, Fall 2007

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

The history of modern political thought; Rousseau, Kant, German Idealist philosophy; philosophical themes of freedom, virtue, and education in the modern state and commercial society; liberal and democratic theory; culture, aesthetics, and politics; politics, literature, and film

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Modern Political Thought Section Head for the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago
Political Theory Section Head for the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association Conference in Las Vegas
Manuscript reviewer for *AJPS*, *The Review of Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, and the *European Journal of Political Theory*
Member of the American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Thought, Politics, Literature, and Film Association

LANGUAGES

German, fluent
Ancient Greek, proficient

REFERENCES

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