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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Houston, Houston, TX, expected completion May 2016

Dissertation: "Desiring Immortality and Resisting the Regime in Political Liberalism"

Committee: Jeffrey Church, Jeremy Bailey, Scott Basinger, Laurence Cooper

Summary: I argue that political theorists have largely overlooked the crucial relationship between the desire for immortality and civic virtue in the political writings of Plato, John Locke, Alexis De Tocqueville, and John Dewey. I identify and analyze these thinkers' distinct views on this relationship using qualitative and quantitative methods.

M.A., Political Science, University of Houston, Houston, TX, 2013

Examination fields: Political Theory and Political Methodology

B.A., Political Science, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA, 2010

Summa cum laude; Commonwealth and Departmental Honors, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science), Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy)

Honors Thesis: "What Happened to God?: An Empirical Assessment of the Continuity Thesis in American Political Thought"

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

"Locke on Equality." Under Review at *History of Political Thought*.

"Political Theodicy and the Problem of Evil." with Jeffrey Church.

"Happiness and Citizenship." with Jeffrey Church.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Intro to Political Theory, University of Houston, Fall 2013

Discussion Leader, Intro to Political Theory, University of Houston, Spring 2012

Discussion Leader, Phronesis Fellows Program, The Honors College, University of Houston, Spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Intro to Political Theory, University of Houston, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Teaching Assistant, Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, University of Houston, Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, U.S. Government: Congress, President, and Courts, University of Houston, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conference Paper, "Tocqueville and the Desire for Immortality: What Should Liberal Citizens Long For?," at MPSA 2015

Conference Paper, "Political Theodicy and the Problem of Evil," at MPSA 2015

Conference Paper, "Taming the Public: Locke's Call for Rights via a Philosophical Refinement of the Desire for Immortality," at SPSA 2015

Discussant on Panel, "Envisioning a New Republicanism," at SPSA 2015

Conference Paper, "The Desire for Immortality in Lockean Liberalism," at MPSA 2014

Conference Paper, "The Basis for Human Equality in Locke's *Second Treatise*: A Rethinking of Faculties and Freedom," at MPSA 2013

Conference Paper, "Locke and the Basis of Human Equality," at SWPSA 2011

Discussant on Panel, "Ancient Political Thought," at SWPSA 2011

HONORS AND AWARDS

Prestige-Cook Travel Award, SPSA 2015

Presidential Graduate Fellowship, University of Houston, 2010-2012

Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, 2010-2015

Dr. Robert N. Larson Memorial Political Science Award, 2010

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Theory: Ancient, Modern and American political thought; Plato, John Locke, Alexis De Tocqueville, John Dewey; philosophical themes of freedom and equality in the history of Western political thought; liberal and democratic theory; religion and politics

Political Methodology: Research methods, especially survey experiments and text as data

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, Midwest Political Science Association

Member, Southern Political Science Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish, some proficiency in reading, speaking and writing

German, basic reading

French, basic reading

REFERENCES

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