

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

Boston College	Chestnut Hill, MA
Ph.D. in Political Science, December 1994 <i>Dissertation nominated for APSA Political Theory Prize</i>	
University of Alberta	Edmonton, Canada
Master of Arts in Political Science, August 1987	
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, June 1984 <i>Cum Laude</i>	

### Professional Appointments

University of Houston	Houston, TX
Department of Political Science Joint Appointment with The Honors College Associate Professor Fall 2006-Present Assistant Professor Fall 2000-2006	
Liberty Fund Fellow	Indianapolis, IN
August 1998-June 2000	
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale	Carbondale, IL
Department of Political Science Assistant Professor August 1995 – August 1999 (on leave 1998-99) Instructor, January - May 1995	
Boston University	Boston, MA
Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy September - December 1994 <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Award</i>	

## Publications

### Books

Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics*. Translated, with Interpretive Essay, Notes, and Glossary. With Robert C. Bartlett. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011.

*Aristotle and the Rediscovery of Citizenship*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2006. (Paperback ed. April 2009).

*Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle*. Co-editor with Robert C. Bartlett, and contributor. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999.

*Empire and the Ends of Politics: Plato's "Menexenus" and Pericles' Funeral Oration*. Translations, with Notes and Interpretive Essay. With Devin Stauffer. Newbury, MA: R. Pullins (Focus Philosophical Library), 1999.

### Journal Articles

"Moral Virtue and the Limits of the Political Community in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." *American Journal of Political Science*. 48 (January 2004): 47-61.

"The Challenge of Plato's *Menexenus*." With Devin Stauffer. *Review of Politics*. 61 (January 1999): 85-115.

### Book Chapters

"Aristotle and Aristotelianism in *Norms of Liberty*." In *Reading Rasmussen and Den Uyl: Critical Essays on "Norms of Liberty"*. Ed. Aeon Skoble. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008.

"Justice and the Dilemma of Moral Virtue in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." In *Aristotle and Modern Politics: The Persistence of Political Philosophy*. Ed. Aristide Tessitore. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2002.

"The Moral Virtues in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." In *Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999.

"Pericles' Funeral Oration" In *Liberty, Equality and Modern Constitutionalism: From Socrates and Pericles to Thomas Jefferson*, ed. George Anastaplo. Newbury, MA: R Pullins, 1999.

"*Democracy in America: The Laws and the American Republic*." In *American Government, Politics, and Law: Unity in Diversity*. ed., Michael Esler, Barbara Brown, and Thomas McAfee. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University, 1999.

### Review Essays

"Aristotle's Pedagogy." 2003. *Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought*. 20 (October): 132-141.

"Translating the Philosopher." 2003. *Claremont Review of Books*. 3 (Summer): 19-21.

“The Problem of Law in Aristotle’s *Politics*: A Response to Quentin Taylor.” 2002. *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. 29 (Spring): 261-264.

### **Book Reviews**

*Claremont Review of Books* (Summer 2009). Review of Ronna Burger. 2008. *Aristotle’s Dialogue with Socrates: On the “Nicomachean Ethics”*: Chicago, IL. University of Chicago Press.

*Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought* 24 (Autumn 2007) Review of Brendan Nagle. 2006. *The Household as the Foundation of Aristotle’s Polis*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

*Perspectives on Politics* (December 2005). Review of Jill Frank. 2005. *A Democracy of Distinction: Aristotle and the Work of Politics*. Chicago, IL. University of Chicago Press.

*Claremont Review of Books* (Spring 2005). Review of Philip Fisher. 2002. *The Vehement Passions*. Princeton, NJ. Princeton University Press.

*Journal of Politics* 65 (May 2003). Review of Thomas W. Smith. 2001. *Revaluing Ethics: Aristotle’s Dialectical Pedagogy*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

*Presidential Studies Quarterly* 31 (September 2001). Review of Ethan M. Fishman. 2000. *The Prudential Presidency: An Aristotelian Approach to Presidential Leadership*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

*American Political Science Review*. 92 (September 1998). Review of J. Peter Euben. 1997. *Corrupting Youth: Political Education, Democratic Culture, and Political Theory*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

### **Research in Progress and Under Review**

“Aristotle’s Political Science and the Problem of the Regime” (Complete and under review)

An article-length study that analyzes the problem of the recovery of Aristotle’s thought in light of the modern rejection of the principle that he insists is foundational to political associations, the regime. Article was presented at the Colloque International “Aristote et l’excellence politique” in Bordeaux, an invitational conference of American and European scholars of Aristotle’s thought. *Edited volume published in English and French by Peeters Publishers (Louvain, Belgium)*.

“Aristotle” (Complete and under review)

8000 word essay for The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought. Wiley-Blackwell has undertaken to produce the most comprehensive encyclopedia, in print and online, of political thought. Articles are peer-reviewed by an international board of editors. Projected date is 2012.

*The Spartans and The Ancient Regime* (In Progress)

In Ancient thought, the “regime” is the foundational principle of the political association: it determines not only the distribution of political offices but also the legislation of the practices and education that form a common way of life for citizens. This book explores the Ancient regime as it is embodied in Sparta, the city that both ancient and modern thinkers identify as having legislated a way of life that wholly identified human happiness with civic activity and devotion.

## Teaching Experience

### *University of Houston Provost Core Teaching Excellence Award 2004-2005*

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

Human Situation-Antiquity  
Human Situation-Modernity  
Ancient/Medieval Political Phil. (POLS 3340)  
Introduction to Political Theory (POLS 3310)  
Modern Modes and Disorders (POLS 4394)  
Spartans and the Ancient Regime (POLS 4394)

#### **Graduate Courses**

Ancient/Medieval Pol. Phil. (POLS 6340)  
Democratic Thought (POLS 6343)

#### ***Founding Director of Phronesis: A Program in Politics and Ethics***

The *Phronesis* program in Politics and Ethics is a University minor housed in The Honors College. It was inaugurated in Fall 2008 with the cooperation of three departments (Political Science, Philosophy, and Classical Studies) and two colleges (The College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences and The Honors College). The program provides a rigorous curriculum in the history of thought and moral and political philosophy; it also has attracted outside funding to support public lectures and visiting speakers each year as well as the “*Phronesis* Fellows,” students who take a leading intellectual role in the program.

<http://www.uh.edu/honors/honors-minors-programs/phronesis/index.php>

## Academic Conferences and Talks

#### **Invited Talks**

- “On Ahrens Dorf’s Homer and the Foundations of Classical Political Philosophy.” Emory University. Atlanta, GA. March 2009.
- “Commentary on Michael Gillespie’s ‘The Tragedy of the Goods and the Pursuit of Happiness.’” Duke University. Raleigh, NC. February 2009.
- “Aristotle’s Political Science and the Problem of the Regime.” Colloque International “Aristote et l’excellence politique.” Bordeaux, France. June 2008.
- “Modern Problems, Ancient Solutions?” Ernest J. Walters, Jr. Lecture Series in Political Thought. Furman University. Greenville, SC. March 2008.
- “Aristotle’s Political Science and the Problem of the Regime.” Bradley Lecture Series. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. February 2008.
- Paper, “Aristotle on the Effective and Educative Power of Politics.” Gerst Program in Political and Economic Studies. Duke University. Raleigh, NC. April 2006.
- “Aristotle on Virtue and the Necessity of Moral Inquiry.” Kenyon College. Gambier, OH. November 2005.
- “Law and the Ancient Regime.” University of Toronto. Toronto, Canada. November 2005.
- “Aristotle on Virtue and the Necessity of Moral Inquiry.” Rhodes College. Memphis, TN. November 2005.
- “Aristotle on the Good and the Necessity of Moral Inquiry.” University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. August 2005.

“Aristotle’s Investigation of the Citizen.” St John’s College, Santa Fe Lecture Series. Santa Fe, NM. February 2004.

“The Ethical Foundation of Aristotle’s Political Philosophy.” Kenyon College Guest Speaker. Gambier, OH. December 1999.

#### **Political Science National/Regional Meetings**

Paper, “Xenophon’s Regime of the Lacedaimonians.” American Political Science Association Meeting. Seattle, WA. September 2011.

Paper, “The Spartans and the Ancient Regime.” American Political Science Association Meeting. Washington, DC. September 2010.

Discussant, “Classical Rationalism Before Socrates.” American Political Science Association Meeting. Washington, DC. September 2010.

Discussant, “Roundtable on Ronna Burger’s *Aristotle’s Dialogue with Socrates*.” Northeast Political Science Association Meeting. Boston, MA. November 2008.

Paper, “Aristotle’s Political Realism.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2007.

Discussant and Chair, “Xenophon’s Political Thought.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2006.

Discussant, “Imperialism Ancient and Modern.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. September 2005

Paper, “Citizenship and the Dispute over Rule in Aristotle’s *Politics*.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. January 2005.

Paper, “Aristotle on Virtue and the Ambition to Rule.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. September 2002.

Chair, “Perspectives on Virtue Across Time and Genres.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. September 2002.

Chair and Discussant, “Ancient Contributions to Modern Debates.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. April 25-28, 2002.

Paper, “Aristotle on Virtue and Tyranny.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 2001.

Discussant, “The Political Theology of Ancient Thought.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 2001.

Chair and Discussant, “Theory and Practice in Classical Thought.” Southern Political Science Association Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2000.

Paper, “Steadfastness in the Face of Death: The Many Appearances of Courage in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*.” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2000.

Paper, “Justice and Community in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. September 1998.

Paper, "Virtue and the Pursuit of Happiness: An Aristotelian Correction for Liberal Politics?" American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. September 1997.

Chair & Discussant, "Power and Statesmanship in Greek Thought." Southwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Houston, TX. March 1996.

Paper, "Classical Perspectives on Empire and the Ends of Politics: Periclean Athens and Plato's *Menexenus*." (with Devin Stauffer) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 1996.

Paper, "Justice as Law and as a Virtue in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 1995.

Paper, "Politics and the Aim of the Moral Virtues in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. March 1994.

### **Other Academic Conferences**

Participant, "John Locke and Algernon Sidney on Liberty and Free Government," Portland, ME. July 15-18, 2010.

Participant, "Liberty and Obligation in Roman Stoicism," Palo Alto, CA. September 17-20, 2009.

Participant, "Aristotle's *Metaphysics*." Austin, TX. December 31-Jan. 2, 2008

Discussion Leader, "Liberty, Responsibility, and Ancient Tragedy." Pasadena, CA. July 31-August 3, 2008.

Participant, "Liberty, Virtue, and the Ancient Greek Sophists." Pasadena, CA. April 17-20, 2008.

Discussion Leader, "Essaying Liberty in Hume's *History of England in the Reigns of James I and Charles I*." Portland, OR. September 13-16, 2007.

Participant, "Law and Economics: A Conference for Political Theorists." Arlington, VA. June 9-16, 2007.

Discussion Leader, "Freedom and Conversion: Classical and Christian Views." Pasadena, CA. Feb. 8-11, 2007.

Discussion Leader, "Law, Liberty, and Property in the Thought of Hugo Grotius and Francisco Suarez." Cincinnati, OH. August 17-20, 2006.

Participant, "Aristotle's *Metaphysics*." Boston, MA. August 3-10, 2006.

Discussion Leader, "Mary Wollstonecraft on Liberty and Responsibility." Pasadena, CA. March 16-19, 2006.

Participant, "Liberty and Responsibility in Cicero's Philosophical Works." La Jolla, CA. February 24-27, 2005.

Participant, "Education for Liberty in John Locke's Writing on Education." Colorado Springs, CO, Dec. 2-5, 2004.

Discussion Leader, "Liberty and Responsibility in C.S. Lewis." Scottsdale, AZ. Jan. 22-24, 2004.

Participant, "From Liberty to Despotism: Montesquieu's Rome." Portland, OR. Aug. 7-10, 2003.

Discussion Leader, "Liberty and Responsibility in the Thought of William James." San Francisco. Apr. 3-6, 2003.

Participant, "Liberty and Responsibility in Epicurean Philosophy." Essex Junction, VT. Oct. 24-27, 2002.

Participant, "Freedom and Responsibility in Plato's *Laws*." St. Paul, MN. May 30-June 2, 2002.

Participant, "Moral and Political Liberty in Dostoevsky's *The Devils* and Conrad's *Under Western Eyes*." Toronto, Canada. May 2-5, 2002.

Discussion Leader, "Socrates on Law, Piety, and Freedom." Charleston, SC. Jan 17-20, 2002.

Participant, "Madison, Constant, Mill on Representative Government." Tucson, AZ. Nov. 8-11, 2001.

Participant, "Shaftesbury's *Characteristiks* and the Triumph of Liberty." Bozeman, MT. May 10-13, 2001.

Participant, "The Responsibility of Strategic Thinking." Newport, RI. December 7-10, 2000.

Participant, "Shakespeare on Liberty and the Rule of Law." Kananaskis, AB. October 5-8, 2000.

Discussant, "The Concept of Nobility." American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. December 1999.

### **Interdisciplinary Conference Development**

*Representative sample of over thirty interdisciplinary conferences developed as Liberty Fund Fellow with scholars from across North America and Europe*

"Liberty in the Thought of Hegel." Director: Noel O'Sullivan, University of Hull. Tunbridge Wells, UK. July 6-9, 2000.

"The Darwinian Challenge to the Doctrine of Natural Rights." Director: James Cesar, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA. March 16-19, 2000.

"Beethoven's *Fidelio* and Liberty." Director: John Lachs, Vanderbilt University. Chicago, IL. Nov. 11-14, 1999.

"Freedom and Possession: Eugene O'Neill's Perspectives on American History." Director: Jack Diggins, City University of New York. New London, CT. Apr. 22-25, 1999.

### **Professional Service**

Director of *Phronesis*: A Program in Politics and Ethics.

Committee Chair, Honors Bylaws Committee 2009-2010 (complete revision of College Bylaws)

Committee Chair, Ross M. Lence Master Teacher Residency Program 2008-2011

Committee Member, Center for Creative Work Steering Committee 2009-2010

Committee Member, Honors College Dean Search, 2008-2009.

Committee Member, QEP Discovery Curriculum Task Force, 2008-2009.

Division Chair for *Foundations of Political Theory*, Midwest Political Science Annual Conference 2006.

Committee member for College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences 2005 CW Moores Fellowship.

Departmental committee service (UH) includes Executive Committee (2006-08, 2009-11), Undergraduate Committee (2000-01, Chair 2008-09), Graduate Committee (2003-04, 2005-08), Recruitment

Committee (2006-07), Institutional Effectiveness Committee (2006-07) Speakers Committee (2000, 2001, 2003).

Committee chair (UH)

Andrew Sapp Hamilton, Honors Thesis 2011  
Faisal Baluch, Masters Thesis 2007  
Stefan Brooks, Ph.D. Dissertation 2006  
Elizabeth Rodrigues, Honors Thesis 2005.

Committee member (UH) for 3 Ph.D. Dissertations, 7 Ph.D. exams, 9 Honors Theses, 3 Masters Theses.

Other University of Houston Honors College Service:

Chair, Honors Subcommittee in Joint Search with Philosophy (2007-2008)  
Chair, Joint Searches with Political Science (2006-2007)  
Invited Speaker, Panel on Martin Luther King (AAHSA), April 2007  
Faculty and Postdoc Recruitment Committees 2002-2005  
Committee Chair, The XXV Anniversary Celebration of the Human Situation, Feb. 2002  
Funding Initiative—"The Great Conversation" (2001-2002; 2004-2011)  
High School Recruitment Banquets & Open Houses, Fall and Spring 2000-2011  
Annual Retreat for First Year Students, August 2000-2011

Manuscript reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, *University of California Press*, *University of Chicago Press*, *Cambridge University Press*.

Editorial Board, *Contemporary Aristotelianism*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Editorial Board of new international journal *Contemporary Aristotelianism* 2010

Elected to *Phi Kappa Phi* 2008

University of Houston Provost Core Teaching Excellence Award 2004-05

Earhart Foundation Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2005

John M. Olin Junior Faculty Research Fellowship 2002-03

Earhart Foundation, Research Fellowship Grant, Summer 1997

Special Research Award, Office of Research Development at SIU 1996-98

Women's Studies/University Women's Juried Competition Award at SIU 1996

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship 1994-95

Dissertation Nominated for American Political Science Assn's Political Theory Prize 1994

Boston College Graduate School Doctoral Fellowship 1993-94

Bradley Foundation Doctoral Fellowship 1992-93

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowships 1987-91

Graduate School Teaching Excellence Award 1989

### **Languages**

Classical Greek & French