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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Utah State University Fall 2019-Present

Hayek Visiting Scholar, Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Postdoctoral Fellow in International Politics, Saint Vincent College, Fall 2016-Spring 2018

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Texas, May 2015

- Fields of Study: Political Theory, International Relations, and Philosophy

B.A., Political Science and Philosophy (Summa Cum Laude and University Honors), Mercer University, 2009

DISSERTATION

Friendship, Politics, and The Good in Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics

- Dissertation Committee: Richard S. Ruderman (Chair), Steven P. Forde, J. Michael Greig, & Martin Yaffe (UNT Department of Philosophy)

Abstract: In the *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books VIII and IX provide a philosophic examination of friendship. While these Books initially appear to be non-sequiturs in Aristotle's inquiry, a closer examination of the questions raised by the preceding Books *and* consideration of the discussion of friendship's position between two accounts of pleasure in Books VII and X indicate friendship's central role in the *Ethics*. The discussion of friendship points to both the necessity of the idea of the good for politics and its limits in advancing the good. The importance of this discussion comes better into focus by contrasting Aristotle's arguments with those of his harshest Modern critic, Thomas Hobbes, who founds his political philosophy on the moral teaching that pleasure is the good.

TEACHING INTERESTS

- History of Political Thought
- Ancient Greek Political Thought
- International Politics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Aristotle
- Early Modern Political Thought
- Friendship & International Politics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Book Manuscript

“Economics and the Public Good: The End of Desire.” Under contract as of December 19, 2017 with Rowman and Littlefield for the “Economy, Polity, and Society Series” edited by Virgil Henry Storr and Jayme Lemke. Manuscript reviewed with revision recommendations as of October 20, 2019. Final manuscript submission target is the end of fall 2020.

Book Chapter

2017. “War and Peace in Aristotle’s Political Philosophy.” In *Philosophers On War*. Edited by Eric D. Patterson and Timothy J. Demy, Stone Tower Books: 41-62.

Working Book Chapter

“Aristotle on Education and Regimes” for an edited volume titled *Education and Regimes* with Palgrave Macmillan’s *Recovering Political Philosophy* series. Chapter draft submitted to editors in September 2020.

Working Article

“The Assault on Speech in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*.”

Invited Public Lectures

April 10, 2019. “Aristotle on Economics’ Need for Moral Philosophy.” Lecture for the Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism, Clemson University.

March 14, 2018. “Friendship and Politics.” Center for Political and Economic Thought Lecture, Saint Vincent College.

December 4, 2015. “Friendship and the Moral Foundations of Political Philosophy: Contrasting the Character of Hobbes’s *Leviathan* with Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*.” Friday Philosophy Forum, Mercer University.

Conference Presentations

April 21, 2018. “The Assault on Speech in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*.” Annual Conference of The Association of Core Texts in Courses in Worcester.

April 21, 2017. “Preserving Trust in Political Discourse: Reflections on the Debate between Cleon and Diodotus in Thucydides’s *Peloponnesian War*.” Annual Conference of The Association for Core Texts and Courses in Dallas.

January 28, 2017. “Friendship and the Natural Limits of Justice in Aristotle’s Political Philosophy.” University of Dallas 3rd Annual Braniff Graduate Conference in the Liberal Arts “On Friendship.”

January 11, 2014. “The Moral Foundation of Hobbes’s Political Science.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans.

January 11, 2014. Served as a discussant on the “Ancient Political Thought” panel at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans.

April 5, 2012. “Friendship and the Highest Good in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association Convention, San Diego.

April 5, 2011. “Tocqueville’s Aristotelian Understanding of Mild Despotism and the Recovery of Democratic Citizenship.” Presented at the Mercer University Fourth Annual Conference on Great Books and Ideas.

Campus Talks

November 10, 2017. “Is There a Moral Approach to International Politics?” Academic Spotlight Day lecture, Saint Vincent College.

January 24, 2017. “The First 100 Days of the Presidency.” Aurelius Scholars Faculty Roundtable, Saint Vincent College.

November 4, 2016. “Friendship, Disagreement, and Dialogue.” First Friday Faculty Forum, Saint Vincent College.

October 25, 2016. “Justice, Politics, and The Good.” Annual Newman Panel in the Liberal Arts, Saint Vincent College.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses

Ancient Political Thought (History of Political Thought I), USU, Fall 2020, Fall 2019; UNT, Fall 2014, Fall 2012

Introduction to Political Theory, USU, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019; Clemson University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Modern Political Thought (History of Political Thought II), Utah State University (USU), Spring 2020; University of North Texas (UNT), Spring 2013

International Politics, Saint Vincent College (SVC), Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Comparative Politics, SVC, Spring 2016, Spring 2018

Introduction to International Politics, Georgia State University (GSU), Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Global Issues, GSU, Fall 2015

American Government: Laws & Institutions, UNT, May 2015, Fall 2014

American Government: Processes & Policies, UNT, Spring 2015

AWARDS & HONORS

Teaching Fellow, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012

University of North Texas Thesis/Dissertation Fellowship (TDF), August 2013-August 2014

Pender Award for the Best Graduate Paper in Political Science for the paper “Regime Character and Respect for Human Rights,” University of North Texas, Spring 2012

Passed Comprehensive Exams in Political Theory and International Relations with Distinction, University of North Texas, February 2012

University Writing Award Nomination for the paper “Gratitude and the Erotic Love of Praise in Xenophon’s *Education of Cyrus*,” University of North Texas, January 2012

University of North Texas Masters/Doctoral Fellowship (MDF), August 2009-May 2013

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (Reading)

STUDY ABROAD

Philosophy and Art in Greece, Mercer University, June 30, 2008-July 18, 2008

Philosophy and Art in Florence, Mercer University, May 27, 2007-June 15, 2007

REFERENCES

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