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Education

Michigan State University, Ph.D in Political Science (May 2017)

Dissertation: "A Model of Contestational Federalism"

Advisor: Dr. Steven Kautz

M.A. in Political Science, 2013

Georgia Southern University, M.A. in History, 2011

Dissertation: "Necessary to the Security of a Free State: Federalism and the Original Meaning of the Second Amendment."

Advisor: Dr. Johnathan O'Neill

Trinity International University, B.A. in History (Magna Cum Laude), 2007

Fields of Specialization

Political Philosophy

American Politics

American Political Thought

Federalism

Teaching Experience

Postdoctoral Fellow, Political Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2017

Course: Guns and Society

Lecturer, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, Spring 2017

Course: Modern Political Philosophy

Lecturer, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, 2016 – 2017

Course: Democracy and Power

Lecturer, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, Summer – Fall 2014

Courses: Modern Political Philosophy; Introduction to Political Philosophy

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2011 – 2016

Courses: American Political Thought, Introduction to Political Philosophy; Power

Authority and Exchange; Ancient Political Philosophy: Plato's *Republic*; Liberal Democracy as a Way of Life: The Social, Cultural, and Economic Consequences of Liberal Politics.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, 2009 – 2011
Courses: The United States: A Comprehensive Survey; World History II: Emergence of the Modern Global Community.

Publications

“Necessary to the Security of Free States: Federalism and the Original Meaning of the Second Amendment,” *The American Journal of Legal History* vol. 56, no. 4 (2016): 365-391.

Articles Under Review

“The Tolerant Pessimist: Jean-Jacques Rousseau on Civil Religion and Religious Toleration.” Under review at *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

A Theory of Contestational Federalism. Book manuscript in progress (based on dissertation).

“Tocqueville Reconsidered: On Toleration, Secular Morality, and Religion’s Place in Liberal Democracy.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science association meeting in April 2016.

“Tocqueville on the Patriotic Preconditions of Federalism.” Revised Dissertation Chapter. Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association annual conference in November 2016.

“A Theory of Contestational Federalism.” Revised Dissertation Chapter.

Awards and Honors:

Research Assistantship, Michigan State University, Fall 2016

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate School, Michigan State University, Summer 2016

H.B. Earhart Fellowship Grant, Earhart Foundation, fall 2012-spring 2014

Georgia Southern University, Graduate Student Professional Development Fund, \$650 Travel Grant, 2011

History Student of the Year, Trinity International University, 2007-2008

“Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities,” Trinity International University, 2007-2008

Conference Participation

“Tocqueville on the Patriotic Foundations of Federalism,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, November 10-12, 2016.

“Jean-Jacques Rousseau on Civil Religion and Religious Toleration,” Midwest Political Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2016.

“Tocqueville in Hindsight: Secular Morality and the Failure of Religious Toleration,” Midwest Political

Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10, 2016.

“Separation of Powers and the Constitutional Safeguards of Federalism,” Midwest Political Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 3-5, 2014.

“Golden Horizon: Teaching History Through Board Games,” Creativity, Play and Imagination Across Disciplines Conference, Teachers College Columbia University, New York, May 26-28, 2011.

“Golden Horizon: Empires of Trade in the Indian Ocean,” Graduate Research Symposium, Georgia Southern University, March 31, 2011.

“Rubicon: Republic in Crisis,” Graduate Research Symposium, Georgia Southern University, March 2010.

“Urban Themes in Twentieth Century Savannah: Race Relations and Transportation in the *Savannah Morning News*,” Graduate Student History Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, February 13, 2010.

“Martin Luther: An Historiographical Essay,” Chicagoland History Conference, Elgin, Illinois, April 14, 2007.

Campus Talks

Political Philosophy Colloquium Lecture, “Alexis de Tocqueville on the Patriotic Preconditions of Federalism,” Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, February 22, 2016

Invited Lecture, “Part One of Rousseau’s Second Discourse,” Michigan State University, Undergraduate Class, November 2015

Political Philosophy Colloquium Lecture, “Separation of Powers and the Constitutional Safeguards of Federalism,” Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, November 14, 2013

Invited Lecture, “World War II Era,” Georgia Southern University, Undergraduate Class, April 2011

Invited Lecture, “Revolutions in the West: 1776-1815,” Georgia Southern University, Undergraduate Class, February 2011

Invited Lecture, “The Revolution of 1800: The Federalist Era and the Rise of the Democratic-Republican Party,” Georgia Southern University, Undergraduate Class, September 2010

Invited Lecture, “The Creation of the American Constitution,” Georgia Southern University, Undergraduate Class, September 2010.

Invited Lecture, “Peter the Great’s Russia and Tokugawa Japan,” Georgia Southern University, Undergraduate Class, 18 February 2010

Professional Service

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, January 2017 (1 paper)

Reviewer, *American Political Thought*, September 2013 (1 paper).

University Service

Student Advisory Group Member, Political Science Department Self Study, Michigan State University, 2012 – 2013

Website Maintainer, Michigan State Political Science Department, 2011 – 2012

Assistant, History Department, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, fall 2007.

Community Involvement

Vice-President, History Club, Georgia Southern University, fall 2010- spring 2011.

Recording Camera Operator, Speech by Bill Ayers, Georgia Southern University, February 7, 2011

Temporary Instructor, Appletree Homeschool Group, Fox Lake, Illinois, October-November 2008.
Course taught: U.S. Constitution.

Languages

French: Intermediate

Professional Societies

American Political Science Association, 2011-Present

Phi Alpha Theta, 2009-Present