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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Political Science
 Indiana University—Bloomington
 Dissertation: “Between Ancient and Modern Liberty: José Ortega y Gasset’s
 Interwar Liberalism.”
 Supervisor: Aurelian Craiutu
- 2005 B.A., Political Science and Spanish Studies
 University of Minnesota—Twin Cities

POSITIONS

- 2016- Postdoctoral Research Fellow
 Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, Department of Political Science
 University of Wisconsin—Madison

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2015 “Two Critical Spectators: José Ortega y Gasset and Raymond Aron,” *The Review of
 Politics*, 77:4. 573-602. With Aurelian Craiutu.
- 2015 “Between Tradition and Revolution: The Curious Case of Francisco Martínez
 Marina, the Cádiz Constitution, and Spanish Liberalism,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*,
 76:3. 393-416.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Articles in Progress

“Pluralizing Europe: A View from the Periphery.” (For submission to the *British Journal of Political Science*.)

“Liberal Imagination in the Interwar Period: Ortega, Croce, and the Politics of Generosity.” (For submission to the *European Journal of Political Theory*.)

“Keeping Students from Going AWOL: The Link between Pedagogy and Student Retention.” With Eric Michael French. (Under review at the *Journal of Political Science Education*.)

“Ideational Marginalities: Comparative Political Theory’s Blind Spot.” (For submission to *Political Theory*.)

Book Manuscript in Progress

José Ortega y Gasset and the Legacies of Spanish Liberalism. (In preparation for submission to Penn Press.)

AWARDS

- 2015 Best Paper Award, Political Science Education Section, American Political Science Association Annual Conference.
- 2009-2010 Indiana University Office of the Vice President of International Affairs, Graduate Student Exchange Program: Seville, Spain.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2016 “Pluralizing Europe: A View from the Periphery.” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference. Columbus, OH: October 20-22.
- 2016 “Pluralizing Europe: A Reconceptualization from the Periphery.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA: September 1-4.
- 2016 “Liberal Imagination in the Interwar Period: Ortega, Croce, and the Politics of Generosity.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL: April 7-10.
- 2015 “How to Lose a Class in 10 Days: Observing the Correlation between Teaching Techniques and Student Enrollment.” American Political Science Association

- Annual Conference. (With Eric Michael French). San Francisco, CA: September 3-6. (Winner of the Best Paper Award for the Political Science Education section).
- 2015 “Promoting the Common Life: José Ortega y Gasset’s Liberalism of Generosity.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL: April 16-19.
- 2014 “Two Critical Spectators: José Ortega y Gasset and Raymond Aron.” American Political Science Association Annual Conference. (With Aurelian Craiutu). Washington D.C.: August 28-31.
- 2014 “Is the New Realism Political Enough? Raymond Geuss, ‘Critical Realists,’ and the Legacy of Positivism in Political Theory.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. (With Bogdan Popa). Chicago, IL: April 3-6.
- 2013 “The Forgotten Tradition of Spanish Liberalism.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL: April 11-14.
- 2012 “The Limits of Liberalism: Circumstance and Change in the Political Thought of José Ortega y Gasset and Edmund Burke.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL: April 12-15.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Political Science Department/Integrated Liberal Studies: University of Wisconsin—Madison

“Politics Economics Society”—Spring 2017

Political Science Department: Indiana University—Bloomington

“Don't Tread on Me: Violence and Non-violence in American Political Resistance”—Summer 2012

“Foundations of American Political Thought”—Fall 2010

“Constitutional Rights and Liberties”—Summer 2008; Summer 2009

Global Village Living Learning Center: Indiana University—Bloomington

“Stand and Fight (Or Should We Sit?)! Theories and Techniques in Protest Movements around the World”—Spring 2013

English Department: Universidad de Sevilla, Spain

“Lengua Inglesa 200”—Spring 2010

“Uso de la Lengua Inglesa: Técnicas de Expresión Escrita”—Fall 2009; Spring 2010

“Uso de la Lengua Inglesa: Técnicas de Expresión Oral”—Fall 2009; Spring 2010

Teaching Assistant

Political Science Department: Indiana University—Bloomington

“Intro to Political Theory”—Spring 2012; Spring 2011

“Politics of Genocide”—Fall 2011

“Development of American Political Thought”—Spring 2009

“Foundations of American Political Thought”—Fall 2008

“Introduction to American Politics”—Spring 2008

“American Constitutional Interpretation”—Fall 2007

“Constitutional Rights and Liberties”—Spring 2007

“Ethics and Public Policy”—Fall 2006

OTHER RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2012-2016 Editorial Assistant, *Perspectives on Politics*

2016-Present Managing Editor, *Political Science Reviewer*

ADVISING & SERVICE

Presenter

2014; 2015 “Three Strategies for Classroom Success,” Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, Indiana University—Bloomington.

Honors Thesis Reader

2011 Justin Kingsolver, “Prospects for Continued European Political Integration: A Case-Study Analysis of the United States and Its Implications for Europe.” Winner of the 2011 William Jennings Bryan Award for Most Outstanding Honors Thesis.

External Reviewer

Journals:

Perspectives on Politics

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2014 “College Teaching and Learning,” Seminar taught by Joan Middendorf, Indiana University—Bloomington, College of Education.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Non-native fluency in speaking, reading, writing)
German (Beginning reading)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

20th Century Spanish Political Thought
Modern and Contemporary Western Political Thought
Liberalism and Individualism in Contemporary Politics
Social and Political Movements
Violence and Non-violence in Politics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association:
 Foundations of Political Thought
 Political Science Education Section
Midwest Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory

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