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Academic appointments

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science

- Chair, 2017-present
- Professor, 2012-present
- Associate Professor, 2008-2012

Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program

- Fellow, 2018-2019

Educational Innovation, University of Wisconsin—Madison

- Senior Fellow, 2018-

Chadbourne Residential College, University of Wisconsin—Madison

- Faculty Director, 2015-

American Democracy Forum and Benjamin Franklin Initiative, University of Wisconsin—Madison

- Director, 2010-
- Director and Instructor, American Democracy Educator's Forum (HS teachers), 2011-

Union College, Department of Political Science

- Visiting Assistant Professor, 2000-2001
- Assistant Professor, 2001-2007
- Associate Professor, 2007-2008

Selected Campus Leadership and Service

- Project Team, Fraternity and Sorority Life Review, UW-Madison, Spring 2019
- Co-Chair, UW Teaching Academy, UW-Madison, 2017-19
- Program Review Committee, Center for Humanities, UW-Madison, 2017
- Information Technology Steering Committee, UW-Madison, 2016-2017
- Chair, Teaching and Learning Technology Advisory Group, UW-Madison, 2016-2017
- Dean's Ad Hoc Task Force on Teaching and Learning, UW—Madison, 2016-2017
- High Impact Teaching Practices Working Group, UW—Madison, 2016-8
- UW2020 Research Initiative Council, UW—Madison, 2015-2016
- Graduate School Research Committee, UW—Madison, 2012-2014; 2015-2016
- Public Humanities Advisory Board, UW—Madison, 2011-

Awards and Honors

Alliant Energy Underkofler Excellence in Teaching Award, UW System, 2014-2015.

Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching Academy, inducted Spring 2015.

Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin, 2014-2015

Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2011-2012.

Meiklejohn-Powell Fellowship. Integrated Liberal Studies, University of Wisconsin. 2012.

University Housing Honored Instructor Award, University of Wisconsin. S2009, S2012, F2012, F2015, F2018

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Minnesota, March 2000

Thesis: *Democratic Politics and Political Judgment in Thucydides*

B.S., Political Science, Southwest Missouri State University, 1993

Summa Cum Laude in the Honors College with Distinction in Political Science

Publications

Books

Zumbrunnen, John. *Aristophanic Comedy and the Challenge of Democratic Citizenship*. Boydell & Brewer/University of Rochester Press. 2012. E-book edition 2013. Paperback edition 2017.

Subject of roundtables at:

2012 Annual Meeting of Northeastern Political Science Association

2013 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association

Zumbrunnen, John. *Silence and Democracy: Athenian Politics in Thucydides' History*. Penn State University Press, 2008. Paperback edition published in November, 2010.

Subject of roundtables at:

2009 Annual Meeting of Northeastern Political Science Association

2011 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association

Articles and Book Chapters

- Zumbrunnen, John. "Thucydides and Crowds." *The Oxford Handbook to Thucydides*. Edited by Ryan Balot, Sarah Forsdyke, and Edith Foster. Oxford: Oxford, 2017.
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Realism, Constructivism and Democracy in the *History*." In *A Handbook to the Reception of Thucydides*, edited by Neville Morley and Christine Lee. London: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Persuasion in Comedy and Comic Persuasion" in *The Political Theory of Aristophanes: Explorations in Poetic Wisdom*, edited by Jeremy Mhire and Bryan-Paul Frost; SUNY Press, 2014
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Comedy, Tragedy and the Salvation of the City in Aristophanes' *Frogs*." in J. Peter Euben and Karen Bassi, eds, *When Worlds Elide: Political Theory, Cultural Studies and the Effects of Hellenism*. Roman and Littlefield, 2010.
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Rejection, Ratification, and the Evolution of a People: The Case of Wisconsin." In *Constitutionalism in the American States*, edited by George Connor and Christopher Hammons. University of Missouri Press, 2008.
- Zumbrunnen, John and Amy Gangl, "Conflict, Fusion, or Coexistence? The Complexity of Contemporary American Conservatism." *Political Behavior* 30:2 (June 2008).
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Fantasy, Irony, and Economic Justice in Aristophanes' *Assemblywomen* and *Wealth*." *American Political Science Review*, 100:3 (August 2006).
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Elite Domination and the Ordinary Citizen: Aristophanes' *Acharnians* and *Knights*," *Political Theory*, 23:5 (October 2004).
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Courage in the Face of Reality: Nietzsche's Admiration for Thucydides." *Polity* 35:2 (Winter 2002).
- Zumbrunnen, John. "Democratic Politics and the 'Character' of the City in Thucydides." *History of Political Thought* 23:4 (Winter 2002).

Interview

- Zumbrunnen, John, Byoung-Cheon Lee, and Se-Hyoung Yi. "Dialogue: American Progressivism and Conservatism." *Citizen and the World* 18 (Winter 2010): 134-64.

Book Reviews

- Review of Mary P. Nichols. *Thucydides and the Pursuit of Freedom*. *The Review of Politics* 78 (01). 2015.
- Review of Wilfred Major, *The Court of Comedy: Aristophanes, Rhetoric, and Democracy in Fifth-Century Athens*. *Polis*, forthcoming in 2015.

Review of Paul Lyons, *American Conservatism: Thinking It, Teaching It*, *Political Science Quarterly*, Winter 2009-2010.

Review of Edith Foster, *Thucydides, Pericles and Periclean Imperialism*. *Polis* 28:1 (2011).

Encyclopedia Entries

“Republic.” *American Governance*. Ed. Stephen L. Schechter. 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan, 2016.

“Republicanism.” *American Governance*. Ed. Stephen L. Schechter. 5 vols. Detroit: Macmillan, 2016.

Work in Progress

Benjamin Franklin and the Politics of Humility. Book length project

“The Wisconsin Online Course Inventory: Combining Best Practices and Campus-Specific Goals,” paper to be presented at April 2019 Unizin Consortium Summit.

“Allies, Accomplices, *Accompañantes*: Framing Community-Based Study Abroad.” Essay Project

Grants

“American Democracy Forum,” Funding for conferences, workshops, summer teacher’s forum, postdoctoral fellowships, undergraduate fellows program and assistant professorship obtained through Jack Miller Center. Lead gift plus fundraising total: \$750,000.

Educational Innovation Mini-Grant, E-Text for PS 209, 2015-2016, \$10,000

TeachOnline@UW, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2014-2015, \$4000.

Summer Online Course Development Grant, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2014-2015. \$26,717.25.
(extends sabbatical to full year).

“Educational Innovation in Political Science.” Education Innovation Mini-Grant, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2014-2015, \$1000

Blended Learning Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 2013-2014. \$4,000.

“Blending and Flipping PS 566: Contemporary American Political Thought.” Education Innovation Fund grant, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 2013-2014. \$19,950.

Constitution Day Grants, 2012, 2013, 2014. \$2000 per year, \$6000 total.

“Benjamin Franklin Initiative of the American Democracy Forum.” Grant from Jack Miller Center, in partnership with the John Templeton Foundation, for postdoctoral fellowship, conferences, workshops, project assistant. 2013-2016. \$300,000.

“The Tea Party and the Challenge of Democratic Citizenship.” Summer salary funding (one-ninth) for 2012 through UW Graduate School fall research competition.

“The Challenge of Democratic Citizenship.” Summer salary funding (one-ninth) for 2011 through UW Graduate School fall research competition.

“American Studies: Keywords” Faculty Development Seminar, Center for the Humanities, UW-Madison. Fall 2010. Includes \$500 award for research expenses.

“World Democracy Forum.” World Universities Network (WUN) seed grant. 2009. \$2,500.

“Ordinary Citizenship: Democratic Possibilities in Aristophanes’ Comedies.” Summer salary funding (one-ninth) for 2009 through UW Graduate School fall research competition.

“Market Populism, Cultural Conservatism and the Complexity of Conservative Ideology,” with Amy Gangl. Survey funded and conducted by Time-Shared Experiments for the Social Sciences

“The Language of the Market in the Rhetoric of U. S. Politics Elites,” Union College Faculty Research Grant, Winter 2006, \$2100.

“Constitutionalism in Wisconsin,” Union College Faculty Research Grant Union, Fall 2003, \$380.

Conference Participation and Invited Scholarly Talks (since 2013)

Keynote, “Benjamin Franklin and Humble Leadership.” Junior State of America, Midwest Fall State, November 2018.

Invited Talk, “Benjamin Franklin and Virtue,” Newberry Library/Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, July 2018

“Between Principle and Inclination: Franklin on Political Legitimacy” Duke Political Theory Workshop. September 2017.

“If you can keep it: Benjamin Franklin and Constitutional Legitimacy.” Constitution Day Lecture. Duke University. September 2017.

“Founded in Opinion: Franklin and Hume on Political Legitimacy.” Paper presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Invited Talk, “Benjamin Franklin and the Idea of America,” Newberry Library/Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, July 2017

Invited Talk, "Benjamin Franklin and the Pursuit of Happiness," Newberry Library/Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, July 2016

Invited Participant, University of Wisconsin-Peking University Workshop on Higher Education, May 2016

Invited Participant, Jack Miller Summer Institute, Pasadena, July 2015

"Benjamin Franklin and the Politics of Humility," Political Theory Workshop, UW-Madison, April 2015.

Invited Lecture, "Rousseau on Self-Government and Self-Education," *Great World Texts in Wisconsin*, Center for the Study of Humanities, UW-Madison, February 2015

Invited Lecture, "Benjamin Franklin on Self-Government and Self-Education," Missouri State University, February 2015

Discussant, "Political Play: Comedy, Tragedy and Performance." 2014 annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory.

Discussant, First Book Manuscript Workshop, 2014 annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory.

Discussant, "Early American Political Thought and the American Dream," 2014 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Panel Chair, "Philosophy and the Problems of Citizenship in the Ancient World," 2014 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, July 2014

"Rhetoric and Education in the Work of Alexander Meiklejohn." 2014 annual conference of the Rhetorical Studies Association.

Panel chair and discussant, "Method and Character in Plato's Dialogues," 2013 annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association.

Panel chair and discussant, "Democracy in Greek Political Thought," 2013 annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association.

Panel chair and discussant, "American Democracy and Its Discontents," 2013 annual meeting of the Northeast Political Science Association.

Invited Constitution Day Talk. "Spectacles of Turbulence and Contention:" Greek Democracy and American Constitutionalism." Carthage College. September 2013.

Roundtable on John Zumbrennen's *Aristophanic Comedy and the Challenge of Democratic Citizenship*. 2013 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center Jeffersonian Seminar on “First Freedoms and the Foundations of Democracy in America,” March 2013.

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on “British Sources of American Constitutionalism.” February 2013.

“Rhetorical Studies Beyond Its Disciplinary Home.” UW Chapter of Rhetorical Studies Association. January 2013.

— Invited Talks on Educational Innovation

“Creating engaging yet manageable online discussions.” Webinar on online teaching and learning. UW-Madison, May 2017

“Educational Innovation and UW Political Science,” presented at Political Science Board of Visitors meeting and Political Science Alumni Breakfast Briefing, November 2015

“Challenges of Blending,” Teaching with Moodle Conference, UW—Madison, April 2015

“Teaching and Learning with Technology: A Faculty Perspective.” Nazarbayev University (Astana, Kazakhstan), March 2015.

“Blended Learning Design Challenges: Large Lecture Courses,” Blended Learning Campus Community, March 2015.

“Online Teaching and Learning,” Summer Term Advisers Luncheon, UW-Madison, February, 2015.

Panel on blended learning for Delta Program course “Expeditions in Learning: Blended Learning.” May 2, 2014

“Blending PS 566: Contemporary American Political Thought.” Educational Innovation Series. Department of Political Science, UW—Madison, March 12, 2014

“New Approaches to Teaching Political Theory.” UW Showcase. April 2, 2014.

“Teaching Old Things with New Tools.” Invited presentation at “The Infrastructures of Creativity,” conference at Illinois Institute of Technology, April 11, 2014

Keynote Address. Teaching with Moodle Conference. School of Education, UW—Madison, April 24, 2014