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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Political Theory, History of Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Economic Inequality, Enlightenment Thought, Democratic Theory, Moral Psychology, Jean-Jacques Rousseau

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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DePaul University (2-2-2 teaching load)

*Professor* (with tenure), 2015-

*Associate Professor* (without tenure), 2011-15

University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point (4-4 teaching load)

*Professor of Philosophy and Political Science*, promoted in spring 2011

*Associate Professor of Philosophy and Political Science*, 2006-11

*Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Political Science*, 2000-06

The University of Chicago, Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility

*Faculty Affiliate*

University of Wisconsin—Madison

*Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities*, 2003-04, 2008-09

The University of Texas at Austin

*Lecturer in Government*, 1999-2000

### EDUCATION

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The University of Texas at Austin

*Ph.D., Department of Government*, May 1999

*M.A., Department of Government*, December 1994

Texas Christian University

*B.S. Political Science, minors in Philosophy & Music*, May 1992

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

*The Greatest of All Plagues: How Economic Inequality Shaped Political Thought from Plato to Marx*, Princeton University Press, forthcoming, September 3, 2024. ISBN: 9780691171975. 424 pages. Cloth.

- Reviewed in the *Washington Post*, *Nature*, *The Nation*, *Choice*, *Compact Magazine*, *Jacobin*, *The Hub*, *Perspectives in Politics*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Sublation*, *Liberal Currents*
- Book Workshop held at DePaul University, June 28-30, 2022
- Subject of Podopticon Podcast, September 11, 2022
- Subject of Unproductive Labor Podcast, November 10, 2022
- Subject of Political Theory Review Podcast, September 26, 2024
- Subject of New Books in Political Science Podcast, September 3, 2024
- Subject of Social Work Podcast, November 25, 2024
- Subject of Political Philosophy Podcast, October 5, 2024
- Subject of Keen-On-Podcast, August 28, 2024
- Subject of Positivity Matters Podcast, August 30, 2024
- Subject of the Inequality Podcast, January 27, 2025
- Subject of the Give Them an Argument Podcast, October 28, 2024
- Subject of Roundtable Perspective on WYIN (Chicago-area PBS), December 4, 2024
- Google Talk in Cambridge, MA, October 17, 2024
- Subject of Stone Center Roundtable, University of Chicago, January 23, 2025.
- Subject of 2024 APSA Roundtable, September 6, 2024
- Subject of 2025 MPSA Roundtable, April 2025
- Selected for PPE Book Club at Bridgewater State University, 2025
- Interviewed on Texas Public Radio's "The Source," October 30, 2024
- Interviewed for MOI Global, August 29, 2024
- A "Front Table" Selection at the Seminary Co-op, Chicago
- Named among "Best Academic Books Fall 2024," *New Statesman*
- Named "One of the 15 Best Books of 2024," *Counterpunch*
- Featured in *Irish Times* column, October 21, 2024
- Translations: Arabic (Page 7 Press, 2026)

*Rousseau's 'Social Contract': An Introduction*, (Cambridge Introductions to Key Philosophical Texts Series), Cambridge University Press 2014. ISBN: 0-5211-9755-4. 324 pages. Cloth and paperback editions.

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Notre Dame Philosophic Reviews*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *French Studies*, *Review of Politics*
- Appendix A reprinted as "The Substantive Elements of Rousseau's General Will" in *The General Will: The Evolution of a Concept* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

*Rousseau's Platonic Enlightenment*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2007. ISBN: 0-2710-2997-9. 344 pages. Paperback edition released 2008.

- Reviewed in: *Choice*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *European History Quarterly*, *The European Legacy*, *History of Political Thought*, *The Heythrop Journal*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Philosophy in Review*, *Review of Politics*, *Political Studies Review*, *Review of Metaphysics*

#### Edited Books

*Cambridge Companion to Rousseau's 'Social Contract'*. (Cambridge Companion Series), edited with Matthew W. Maguire. Cambridge University Press, February 2024. ISBN: 9781108989770. 365 pages.

- Essays by: Richard Boyd, Robin Douglass, Ryan Patrick Hanley, Rafeeq Hassan, Christopher Kelly, Matthew W. Maguire, Michael Locke McLendon, Alexandra Oprea, Geneviève Rousselière, Melissa Schwartzberg, John T. Scott, Steven B. Smith, Céline Spector, David Lay Williams.
- Reviewed in *Choice*, *French Studies*, *History of European Ideas*

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Fundamental Political Writings*, co-edited with Matthew W. Maguire, including introduction, notes, and appendices. Broadview Press, 2018. ISBN: 9781554812974. 387 pages.

- Excerpts included in *Early Modern Philosophy*, ed. Lisa Shapiro and Marcy P. Lascano (Broadview Press, 2021).
- Excerpts included in *The Broadview Anthology of Social and Political Thought: From Machiavelli to Nietzsche*, ed. Andrew Bailey, Samantha Brennan, Will Kymlicka, Jacob T. Levy, Alex Sager, and Clark Wolf (Broadview Press, 2018).
- Reviewed in *Philosophy in Review*

*The General Will: The Evolution of a Concept*, co-edited with James Farr. Cambridge University Press, 2015. ISBN: 1107057012. 538 pages.

- Essays by Richard Boyd, Christopher Brooke, James Farr, Bryan Garsten, Daniel J. Kapust, Sharon Krause, Michael Locke McLendon, Andrew R. Murphy, Sankar Muthu, Steven Nadler, Patrick Riley, Shannon Stimson, Tracy Strong, and David Lay Williams.
- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Notre Dame Philosophic Reviews*, *Foro Interno*

#### Essays in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Untitled Essay on Meritocracy,” *Annals of the American Academy of Social and Political Science*, special volume edited by James Robinson and Steven Durlauf. 2026.

“Rousseau and Tlaxcala: Indigenous Transfigurations, Republican Liberty, and the Trans-imperial Politics of the ‘New World’” (with Arturo Chang), *Polity*, forthcoming.

“Hobbes on Wealth, Poverty, and Economic Inequality,” *Hobbes Studies*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2021): 9-57.

“Patrick Riley (1941-2015) In Memoriam,” *Leibniz Review*, Vol. 24 (2014): 143-49.

“Plato’s Noble Lie: from Kallipolis to Magnesia,” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 34, No. 3 (2013): 633-92.

“The Platonic Soul of the *Reveries*: The Role of Solitude in Rousseau’s Democratic Politics,” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (2012): 87-123.

“Patrick Riley’s Leibniz,” *Leibniz Review*, Vol. 21 (Dec. 2011): 1-9.

“Spinoza and the General Will,” *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 72, No. 2 (April 2010): 341-56.

- Reprinted in *The General Will: The Evolution of a Concept* (Cambridge University Press, 2015).

“Political Ontology and Institutional Design in Montesquieu and Rousseau,” *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 54, No. 2 (April 2010): 525-42.

“Hobbes and Terrorism,” *Critical Review: A Journal of Politics and Society*, Vol. 21, No. 1 (Winter 2009): 91-108.

“Hobbes’s Religion and Political Philosophy: A Reply to Greg Forster” (with A.P. Martinich and Sharon K. Vaughan), *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 29, No. 1 (Spring 2008): 49-64.

“Ideas and Actuality in the Social Contract: Kant & Rousseau,” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 28, No. 3 (Autumn 2007): 469-95.

“Modern Theorist of Tyranny? Lessons from Rousseau’s System of Checks and Balances,” *Polity*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (October 2005): 443-65.

“Justice and the General Will: Affirming Rousseau’s Ancient Orientation,” *Journal of the History of Ideas*, Vol. 66, No. 3 (July 2005): 383-412.

“Dialogical Theories of Justice,” *Telos*, No. 114 (Winter 1999): 109-31.

#### Book Reviews and Review Essays

Review Essay: “Mythic Persuasion in Modern and Late-Modern Thought,” as part of symposium on Tae-Yeoun Keum’s *Plato and the Mythic Tradition in Political Thought*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 21 (2022): 611-639.

Book Review: *Why We Are Restless: On the Modern Quest for Contentment*, Benjamin Storey and Jenna Silber Storey, *Review of Politics*, vol. 84, no. 1 (winter 2022).

Review Essay: "Introduction," as part of symposium on Ryan Patrick Hanley's *Fénelon: Moral & Political Writings* and *The Political Philosophy of Fénelon*. *European Journal of Political Theory*, vol. 20, no. 3 (2021): 568-74.

Book Review: *Reading Machiavelli: Scandalous Books, Suspect Engagements, and the Virtue of Populist Politics*, John P. McCormick. *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 17, no. 3 (September 2019): 863-865.

Book Review: *Love's Enlightenment: Rethinking Charity in Modernity*, Ryan Patrick Hanley. *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 16, no. 3 (September 2018): 814-15.

Review Essay: Frederick Neuhouser's *Rousseau's Critique of Inequality* and Lee MacLean's *The Free Animal: Rousseau on Free Will and the Human Animal*. *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 45, no. 4 (2017): 552-565.

Review Essay: *On Inequality*, Harry G. Frankfurt. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 14, no. 2 (June, 2016): 541-44.

Book Review: *Ontology Revisited: Metaphysics in Social and Political Philosophy*, Ruth Groff. *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 37, no. 2 (2016): 400-05.

Book Review: *Rousseau: On Education, Freedom, and Judgment*, Denise Schaeffer. *The Historian*, Vol. 78, no. 3 (2016): 589-90.

Book Review: *Hegel and the Metaphysical Frontiers of Political Theory*, Eric Lee Goodfield. *Political Studies Review*, vol. 14, no. 4 (Fall 2015): 568-69.

Book Review: *Free Will*, Mark Balaguer. *Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 68, no. 2 (December 2014): 865-67.

Book Review: [Rousseau and Revolution](#), ed. Holger Ross Lauritson and Mikkal Thorup. *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, August 1, 2012.

Book Review: *Rousseau, Law, and the Sovereignty of the People*, Ethan Putterman. *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 74, No. 1 (January, 2012).

Book Review: *The Problems and Promise of Commercial Society: Adam Smith's Response to Rousseau*, Dennis Rasmussen. *Political Studies Review*, Vol. 7, no. 3 (September, 2009): 380-81.

Book Review: *Rousseau's Social Contract: A Reader's Guide*, Christopher D. Wraight. *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. XXIX, no. 4 (August, 2009): 86-88.

Book Review: *Rousseau on Philosophy, Morality, and Religion*, ed. Christopher Kelly. *Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 62, no. 2 (December, 2008): 152-53.

Book Review: *In Defense of Human Rights: a Non-Religious Grounding in a Pluralistic World*, Ari Kohen. *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. XXVIII, no. 1 (December 2007): 46-48.

Review Essay (with Benjamin Gregg): *Rousseau and Law*, ed. Thom Brooks. *Law and Politics Book Review*, Vol. 15, no. 5 (May 2006): 372-83.

Book Review: *Hobbes, Locke, and Confusion's Masterpiece: An Examination of Seventeenth-Century Political Philosophy*, Ross Harrison. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, Vol. 42, no. 2 (April 2004): 224-25.

Review Essay: "Michelman, Brennan, and Democratic Theory." *Constitutional Commentary*, Vol. 18, no. 3 (Winter 2001): 629-45.

Book Review: *The Just*, Paul Ricœur. *Philosophy in Review*, Vol. XXI, no. 3 (June 2001): 206-07.

#### Encyclopedia Entries and Essays in Edited Volumes

"Adam Smith and Karl Marx," in *The Smithian Mind*, eds. Michelle Schwarze, Remy Debes, and Nir Ben-Moshe. Routledge, forthcoming.

"Jean-Jacques Rousseau" (4,000 words), in the *Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought*, ed. Richard Bellamy and Christopher Brooke. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

"Rousseau" (500 words), in the *Cambridge Spinoza Lexicon*, ed. Justin Steinberg and Karolina Hüber. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

"Rousseau's Ancient Ends of Legislation: Liberty, Equality, (& Fraternity)," in *The Cambridge Companion to Rousseau's 'Social Contract'*, edited by Matthew W. Maguire and David Lay Williams. Cambridge University Press, 2024.

"Debating the Constitution," in *The U.S. Constitution in 5 Minutes*, ed. Joseph Smith and Dave Klein. Equinox Press, 2023.

"Rousseau's Sovereignty as the General Will," in *Reading Texts on Sovereignty: Textual Moments in the History of Political Thought*, ed. Stella Achilleos and Antonis Balasopoulos, Bloomsbury Press, 2021.

"The Legislator's Noble Lie? Truth and Fiction in Rousseau's Morals & Politics" (in Romanian translation), in *In Fiction We Trust*, ed. Cataline Partinie. 2016. Polirom Press (Bucharest).

"Editors' Introduction," *The General Will: The Evolution of a Concept* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015) [with James Farr], pp. xv-xl.

"General Will," (3,000 words) *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed., Michael Gibbons (Oxford: Blackwell, 2015).

"Julien Offray de La Mettrie," (500 words) *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed., Michael Gibbons (Oxford: Blackwell, 2015).

“Ronald Dworkin,” (1,000 words) *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed., Michael Gibbons (Oxford: Blackwell, 2015).

“Dumbledore, Plato, and the Lust for Power” (with Alan J. Kellner), in *The Ultimate Harry Potter and Philosophy: Hogwarts for Muggles*, ed. Gregory Bassham (Oxford: Wiley Publishing, 2010): 128-40. Translated into German, French, Hungarian, European Portuguese, Brazilian Portuguese, Polish, and Russian.

*Brief Essays in the Popular Press*

“Untitled Essay,” *The Institute of Arts and Ideas*, December X, 2024.

[“Plato’s Solution to Price Gouging,”](#) *Time Magazine*, October 2, 2024.

[“Why Is Trump Spreading Rumors About Haitian Immigrants? Rousseau Knows,”](#) *New York Times*, September 23, 2024.

[“What Alito’s flags say about American patriotism: Tocqueville can still teach us about U.S. democracy,”](#) *Good Authority*, May 24, 2024.

[“The Philosopher Who Critiqued Effective Altruism More Than 250 Years Ago,”](#) *Time Magazine*, March 28, 2024.

[“Economic inequality is getting worse, and it’s a threat to our republic,”](#) *Chicago Sun-Times*, November 21, 2023.

[“Why We Should Worry about Inequality and Why We Should Take Seriously Plato and John Stuart Mill,”](#) *Public Seminar*, January 11, 2023.

[“The Wall Street Journal Resurrects Bernard Mandeville: Do Poor Americans Have too Much?”](#) *Public Seminar*, September 25, 2022.

[“A Biblical Case for Forgiving Student Loan Debt,”](#) *America Magazine*, January 4, 2021.

[“What Hobbes Can Teach Us About Trump’s Lawless Reign: Or, how the rich are really different from the rest of us,”](#) *Public Seminar*, December 1, 2020.

[“What Plato — and Anthony Fauci — can teach us about mask mandates,”](#) op-ed in the *Washington Post*, November 27, 2020.

[“Why does Barr fear Rousseau? Because his philosophy says no one is above the law,”](#) op-ed in the *Washington Post*, August 11, 2020.

[“Tom Cotton, John Stuart Mill, and ‘Necessary Evils,’”](#) Monkey Cage Column in the *Washington Post*, July 30, 2020.

[“What Would Hobbes Say about the Pandemic? Governments Should Protect Lives – and Help the Poor,”](#) Monkey Cage Column in the *Washington Post*, May 18, 2020.

[“Lao-tzu, Plato, and Parasite: What’s up with that Scholar’s Stone?”](#) *Public Seminar*, February 28, 2020.

[“The founders worried that a republic would fail without ‘virtue.’ Today, we don’t,”](#) op-ed in the *Washington Post*, January 28, 2020.

[“David Brooks & Economy Inequality: Consulting the ‘Great Books,’”](#) *Public Seminar*, January 23, 2020.

[“Impeachment and Rousseau’s General Will: Insight from the Past on the Politics of the Present,”](#) *Public Seminar*, January 15, 2020.

[“Trump has made my political science students skeptical — of the Constitution,”](#) op-ed in the *Washington Post*, June 16, 2019.

[“What 3 Famous Philosophers Would Say about the College Admissions Scandal,”](#) Monkey Cage Column in the *Washington Post*, March 28, 2019.

[“Can the president be indicted? Let’s see what the Greeks had to say about the rule of law,”](#) Monkey Cage Column in the *Washington Post*, December 26, 2018.

[“It’s a Mistake to Associate the Canon with Strictly Conservative Principles,”](#) *The Hill*, August 2, 2018.

[“Mourning the Death of the Liberal Arts at Stevens Point,”](#) Madison Capital Times, March 12, 2018.

[“What Steven Pinker Gets Wrong about Economic Inequality – and the Enlightenment,”](#) Monkey Cage Column, in the *Washington Post*, March 11, 2018.

[“On Instagram, Louise Linton tried to shame her ‘adorable’ critics. Here’s what Rousseau would say about her Marie Antoinette moment,”](#) Monkey Cage Column, in the *Washington Post*, August 24, 2017.

[“Would Jean-Jacques Rousseau actually approve of Trump? Not exactly,”](#) Monkey Cage Column, in the *Washington Post*, January 28, 2017.

[“Plato predicted ‘Pizzagate’ \(or rather, fake news more generally\),”](#) Monkey Cage Column, in the *Washington Post*, December 13, 2016.

[“Here’s What Plato Had to Say about Someone Like Donald Trump,”](#) Monkey Cage Column, in the *Washington Post*, October 5, 2016.

[“Tackling poverty isn’t enough. Inequality is a serious problem, too,”](#) Monkey Cage column in the *Washington Post*, September 13, 2016.

[“Here’s What Alexander Hamilton Can Teach Senators about Supreme Court Nominations,”](#) Monkey Post column in the *Washington Post*, March 18, 2016.



[“What Two Famous Philosophers Have to Say about Donald Trump’s Popularity,”](#) Monkey Post column in the *Washington Post*, September 23, 2015.

- Reprinted as “Adam Smith and Jean-Jacques Rousseau Weigh In,” in *The Science of Trump: Explaining the Rise of an Unlikely Candidate*, ed. John Sides and Henry Farrell (The Monkey Cage, 2016).

[“Where Adam Smith and Occupy Agree: Inequality,”](#) *Bloomberg News*, September 2, 2015.

[“What Rousseau Can Tell us about the Challenges Facing the Climate March,”](#) Monkey Post column in the *Washington Post*, September 23, 2014.

[“Should We Care about Inequality? Let’s Ask a Philosopher,”](#) Monkey Post column in the *Washington Post*, March 28, 2014.

[“A Closer Look at SBOE Recommendations,”](#) in *The Daily Texan*, June 9, 2010 (Op-Ed on Texas Educational Reform).

“Putting Rousseau Back on His Pedestal,” *The Ukrainian Observer*, no. 226 (December 6, 2006).

“The Realignment of ’04? Reflections on the Recent Election,” *The Wisconsin Political Scientist*, Vol. X, no. 3 (Fall 2004): 16-18.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

### BOOK

*Essays on the History of Philosophy*, T. K. Seung. Co-edited with Jesper Hede. Foreword by J. M. Balkin. Being prepared for submission to Lexington Books.

### ESSAY

“Echoes of Chrysophile: Rousseau, Sam Bankman-Fried, and Effective Altruism” with Michael Locke McLendon.

“Tocqueville on the Dangers of Economic Inequality.”

“Marx’s Engagement with Adam Smith,” for *The Smithian Mind*, ed., Michelle Schwarze, Routledge, Press.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Author Meets Critics: “David Lay Williams’s *Greatest of All Plagues*.” Midwest Political Science Association, April 4, 2025. Chicago, IL.

Author Meets Critics: “David Lay Williams’s *Greatest of All Plagues*.” American Political Science Association, September 6, 2024. Philadelphia, PA.

“Echoes of Chrysophile: Rousseau, Sam Bankman-Fried, and Effective Altruism” (with Michael Locke McLendon). To be presented at the American Political Science Association, September 8, 2024. Philadelphia, PA.

“John Stuart Mill: The Widening Breach,” Midwest Political Science Association. April 5, 2024. Chicago, IL.

“Rousseau and Tlaxcala: Republican Liberty and Anti-Imperialism Beyond Europe,” with Arturo Chang. Presented at the Association for Political Theory, October, 2022. Houston, TX.

“Rousseau and Tlaxcala: Republican Liberty and Anti-Imperialism Beyond Europe,” with Arturo Chang. Presented at the American Political Science Association, September 16, 2022. Montreal, Canada.

“The Ends of Legislation: Rousseau’s *Social Contract* on Liberty, Equality, (& Fraternity).” Presented at the American Political Science Association, September 17, 2022. Montreal, Canada.

“Rousseau and Tlaxcala: Republican Liberty and Anti-Imperialism Beyond Europe,” with Arturo Chang. Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association, May 30, 2022 (on-line).

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth.” Presented to the American Political Science Association. September 12, 2020 (on-line).

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth.” Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2020. Chicago, IL. (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

“Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, Greed, and Inequality in Early Christianity,” Presented to the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2020. Chicago, IL. (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality.” Presented to the Association for Political Theory. October 2017. Ann Arbor, MI.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality.” Presented to the American Political Science Association. September 2017. Chicago, IL.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality.” Presented to the Midwest Political Science Association. April 2017. Chicago, IL.

“Economic Inequality and Rousseau's General Will.” Presented to the Association for Political Theory. October, 2016.

“Managing the 'Natural Rapacity' of the Rich: Adam Smith on Economic Inequality.” American Political Science Association. September, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

“Economic Inequality and Rousseau's General Will.” American Political Science Association. September, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

“Economic Inequality and Rousseau's General Will.” American Political Science Association. September 2015. San Francisco, CA.

“Spinoza’s Embrace and Critique of Fear.” Presented to the Association for Political Theory. October 18, 2014.

“The Substantive Elements of Rousseau’s General Will.” American Political Science Association. September 2014. Washington, DC.

“Spinoza’s Republic of Love.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 5, 2014. Chicago, IL.

“Spinoza’s Republic of Love.” Association for Political Theory. October 13, 2013. Nashville, TN.

“Rousseau on Truth and Lies.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 22, 2010. Chicago, IL.

“Rousseau on Truth and Lies.” International Society for Intellectual History. May 25, 2009. Università di Verona, Verona, Italy.

“Plato’s Noble Lie.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 2009. Chicago, IL.

“Spinoza and the General Will.” American Political Science Association. August 29, 2008. Boston, MA.

“Relative and Radical Indeterminacy in Montesquieu and Rousseau.” American Political Science Association. September 1, 2007. Chicago, IL.

“Platonism in Rousseau’s *Reveries*.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 14, 2007. Chicago, IL.

“What Hobbes has to Say about Terrorism; What Terrorism has to Say about Hobbes.” Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. March 9, 2007.

“Hobbes and Terrorism.” American Political Science Association. September 4, 2005. Washington, D.C.

“Platonism in Rousseau’s *Reveries*.” Rousseau Association. June 10, 2005. Hamilton College. Clinton, NY.

“Ideas and Actuality in the Social Contract: Kant & Rousseau.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 8, 2005. Chicago, IL.

“Of Chains, Caves, and Slaves: Allegory and Illusion in Rousseau.” American Political Science Association. September 3, 2004. Chicago, IL.

“Rousseau’s Foucauldian Legacy.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 2004. Chicago, IL.

“Locke and Rousseau’s Response to Hobbes.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 2003. Chicago, IL.

“Modern Theorist of Tyranny? Lessons from Rousseau’s System of Checks and Balances.” Midwest Political Science Association. April 26, 2002. Chicago, IL.

“Affirming Rousseau’s Ancient Orientation.” Southwestern Social Science Association. March 17, 2001. Fort Worth, TX.

“The So-Called Procedural Solution: Formalism and the Flight from Substantive Political Principles in Constitutional Theory.” American Political Science Association. September 1999. Atlanta, GA.

“The Hidden Ontology of Deliberative Democracy.” Northeastern Political Science Association. November 12, 1998. Boston, MA.

“Transcending the Popular Sovereignty / Higher Law Tension in Federalist Thought.” American Political Science Association. September 4, 1998. Boston, MA.

“The Platonic Foundations of Federalist Thought.” New York State Political Science Association. May 8, 1998. Albany, NY.

“Re-categorizing the Just: Normative Foundations of the State.” Southwestern Social Science Association. March 19, 1998. Corpus Christi, TX.

“The Normative Foundations of Dialogical Theories of Justice.” New York State Political Science Association. April 19, 1997. New York, New York.

“Rousseau's Implicit Platonism: The Idea of Justice and the *Social Contract*.” Southwestern Social Science Association. March 28, 1997. New Orleans.

#### OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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Moderator, “Ingrid Robeyn’s *Limitarianism*, Stone Center, University of Chicago, February 19, 2025.

Discussant, “Themes in Eighteenth Century Political Thought,” American Political Science Association, September 5, 2024. Philadelphia, PA.

Discussant. “Politics and the Education of the Passions,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 5, 2024. Chicago, IL.

Discussant and Chair, “Rousseau and Smith,” American Political Science Association, September 16, 2022.

Roundtable Participant on Tae-Yeoun Keum’s *Plato and the Mythic Tradition in Political Thought*, presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2021.

Discussant, “Rethinking Utopian Projects in Early Modern Britain,” presented at the American Political Science Association. September 12, 2020.

Roundtable Chair, “Ryan Patrick Hanley’s Recent Work on François Fénelon,” presented at the American Political Science Association. September 10, 2020.

Discussant, “Live Ideas in the History of Political Thought,” Presented to the Midwest Political Science Association. April, 2020. Chicago, IL. (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Roundtable Chair, “The Human Rights State: Justice Within and Beyond Sovereign Nations,” Southern Political Science Association, January 19, 2019. Austin, TX.

Chair, “Rousseau and the 18<sup>th</sup> Century,” Southern Political Science Association, January 18, 2019. Austin, TX.

Discussant, First Book Manuscript Workshop, Cigdem Cidam’s *Beauty is in the Street: Enacting Democracy and Political Friendship*, Association for Political Theory, October 2017. Ann Arbor, MI.

Chair and Discussant, “Commercial Society Beyond the Scottish Enlightenment,” American Political Science Association, September 2017.

Chair and Discussant, “Politics, Time, and Language in Rousseau,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 9, 2017.

Discussant: Workshop Discussion of Andreas Avgousti’s Book Proposal: *Recovering Reputation: Plato and Demotic Power?* Association for Political Theory. October, 2016. Columbus, OH.

Discussant: Class & Inequality in the History of Political Thought. American Political Science Association. September, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

Chair and Discussant: Love, Joy, and Modern Liberty. Association for Political Theory. October 23, 2015. Boulder, CO.

Roundtable Member: Jimmy Casas Klausen’s *Fugitive Rousseau: Slavery, Primitivism, and Political Freedom*. Western Political Science Association. April 2015. Las Vegas, NV.

Roundtable Member: Ruth Groff's *Ontology Revisited: Metaphysics in Social and Political Philosophy*. Midwest Political Science Association. April 2015. Chicago, IL.

Chair. "Modernity and Method." Association for Political Theory. October 18, 2014. Madison, WI.

Discussant. "The Personal and the Political in Rousseau." American Political Science Association. September, 2014. Washington, DC.

Chair and Discussant. "Hobbes." Midwest Political Science Association. April 4, 2014. Chicago, IL.

Chair. "Dialogue, Discourse, and Dialectic in Ancient Greece." Midwest Political Science Association. April 5, 2014. Chicago, IL.

Discussant. "Rousseau." Midwest Political Science Association. April 4, 2014. Chicago, IL

Chair. "Plato: The Drama and Politics of the Xenos." American Political Science Association. August 31, 2013. Chicago, IL.

Chair and Discussant. "Augustine, Aquinas, Spinoza, and the Theological-Political Problem." Midwest Political Science Association. April 2013. Chicago, IL.

Chair. "Plenary Session on Rousseau." Association for Political Theory. October 12, 2012. Columbia, SC.

Discussant. "Secularism and Religion in Historical Perspective." Association for Political Theory. October 14, 2011. South Bend, IN.

Chair. Roundtable on Joshua Cohen's *Rousseau: A Free Community of Equals* and Frederick Neuhausser's *Rousseau's Theodicy of Self-Love*. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division. April 21-23, 2011. San Diego, CA.

Discussant. "Reason." Association for Political Theory. October 23, 2010. Portland, OR.

Chair. "Rousseau." Association for Political Theory. October 23, 2009. College Station, TX.

Discussant. "Body and Mind: Intersections of Ancient and Modern Thought." Association for Political Theory. October 23, 2009. College Station, TX.

Discussant. "Religion and Modern Politics in Spinoza and Rousseau." American Political Science Association. September, 2009. Toronto, Canada.

Chair and Discussant. "Exploring Aristotle's Legacy." Midwest Political Science Association. April 2009. Chicago, IL.

Discussant. "Approaches to Modernity." Midwest Political Science Association. April 4, 2008. Chicago, IL.

Chair. "Republicanism." Western Political Science Association. March 20, 2008. San Diego, CA.

Discussant. "Politics on Film and Television." Western Political Science Association. March 20, 2008. San Diego, CA

Discussant. "Problems of Modernity in 18th and 19th Century Political Thought." Western Political Science Association. Las Vegas, NV. March 8, 2007.

Discussant. "Modernity and Natural Law." Midwest Political Science Association. April 2006. Chicago, IL.

Panel Chair and Discussant. "Hobbes and his Interpreters." Midwest Political Science Association. April 8, 2005. Chicago, IL.

Commentator. "Freedom as Discursive Control, Collective Agents, and Group Rights," by Anna Moltchanova (Carleton College, Philosophy). Minnesota Philosophical Society. October 23, 2004. Mankato, MN.

Panel Chair and Discussant. "Rousseau: Inheritances and Influences." Midwest Political Science Association. April 2004. Chicago, IL.

Panel Chair. "Fanaticism and Toleration / *Fanaticisme et tolérance*." Rousseau Association. St. Hugh's College, Oxford University. Oxford, England. June 27, 2003.

Panel Chair and Discussant. "Approaches to Nietzsche." Midwest Political Science Association. April 27, 2002. Chicago, IL.

Panel Discussant. "Contesting Democratic Forms." American Political Science Association. September 1999. Atlanta, GA.

Panel Discussant. "Contested Meanings: The Discourse of Politics." Southwestern Social Science Association. March 31, 1999. San Antonio, TX.

Panel Discussant. "Nature and Right; Virtue and Might." American Political Science Association. August 31, 1997. Washington, D.C.

#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

"The Greatest of All Plagues." Presented to the Bridgewater State University PPE program. April 2025.

"The Greatest of All Plagues." Presented to the Stone Center at Brown University. April 9, 2025.

"Untitled Talk." To be presented as part of "Free Societies in Crisis: Perspectives in Foundational Liberal Thought and Classical Political Economy." University of Texas at Austin. March 20-22, 2025.

"The Greatest of All Plagues." Presented to the Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics Program at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. December 12, 2024.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Presented to the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kentucky. November 9, 2024.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Presented to Transylvania University. Lexington, KY. November 8, 2024.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Google Talk. Cambridge, MA. October 17, 2024.

“Untitled Talk.” To be presented as part of “Free Societies in Crisis: Perspectives in Foundational Liberal Thought and Classical Political Economy.” University of Colorado—Colorado Springs. October 2-3, 2024.

“Echoes of Chrysophile: Rousseau, Sam Bankman-Fried, and Effective Altruism.” Presented to the Philosophy Department, Texas Christian University. Fort Worth, TX. April 19, 2024.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Presented to the Philosophy Department, Texas Christian University. Fort Worth, TX. April 18, 2024.

“Rousseau: The Ever-Widening Inequality of Fortunes,” presented to the Rousseau Association, February 23, 2024.

“It’s a Republic, Not a Democracy,” presented to the LIFE Program at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. Stevens Point, WI. February 6, 2024.

“On Teaching Rousseau,” presented to the Contemporary Civilization faculty at Columbia University. New York, NY. November 28, 2023.

“Through the Eye of a Needle,” presented as part of the Live Ideas series at Kansas State University. Manhattan, KS. October 20, 2023.

“The Greatest of All Plagues,” Joe Long lecture presented to the Government Department at the University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. September 14, 2023.

“The Greatest of All Plagues,” presented to the Political Science Department at Texas State University. San Marcos, TX. September 14, 2023.

“It’s a Republic, Not a Democracy,” Constitution Day Talk at Texas State University. San Marcos, TX. September 13, 2023.

“Lessons from the Federalist for Our Times,” Constitution Day Talk to the LIFE Program at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. Stevens Point, WI. September 20, 2022.

“Marx: The Social Gulf that Separates the Worker from the Capitalist,” presented to the political theory reading group at the University of California, Davis, Spring, 2022.

“The Ends of Legislation: Rousseau’s *Social Contract* on Liberty, Equality, (& Fraternity),” presented as part of the “The Idea and Practice of Equality: Historical Perspectives,” International Workshop at Utrecht University, The Netherlands, May 25-27, 2022.



“The Ends of Legislation: Rousseau’s *Social Contract* on Liberty, Equality, (& Fraternity),” presented to the Columbia Political Theory Workshop, April 20, 2022. Columbia University, New York, NY.

“Healing the Widening Breach’: J. S. Mill on Economic Inequality,” presented to the Global Inequality Project at the University of Aarhus. March 30, 2022. Aarhus, Denmark.

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth.” Presented at the “Equality before Marx” symposium, Harvard University. April 2021. Cancelled due to Covid-19. Rescheduling pending.

“Rousseau on Inequality and the General Will,” presented to the University of Wisconsin—Madison. April 28, 2021.

“Remarks on Rousseau’s *Second Discourse*,” presented to the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics program at the University of North Carolina. March 30, 2021.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” Presented to the Cambridge University Political Thought Workshop, November 16, 2020.

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth.” Presented to the Fordham Workshop on Social and Political Philosophy, November 10, 2020. Fordham University, New York, NY.

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth,” presented to the Political Philosophy Colloquium, Department of Political Science, The University of Wisconsin—Madison. October 2020.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented to the Department of Philosophy, DePaul University, November 4, 2019. Chicago, IL.

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth,” presented to the DePaul Social Science Research Council, October 10, 2019. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

“Combatting ‘too much abundance in one or a few private men’: Hobbes on Inequality and the Concentration of Wealth,” Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium. September 20, 2019.

“Lessons from the Federalist for Our Times,” Manchester University, Constitutional Day event, September 19, 2019.

“A Defense of the Liberal Arts – What We Can Learn from Plato,” presented at Texas Christian University, Department of Political Science, May 1, 2019.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented at the Ranieri Colloquium, Inequality: Ancient & Modern at New York University, March 8, 2019.

“On John P. McCormick’s *Reading Machiavelli*,” Seminary Co-Op Book Release Event, January 23. Chicago, IL.

“Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, Greed, and Inequality in Early Christianity,” presented to the DePaul Social Science Research Council, September 14, 2018. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented to the Department of History, Dartmouth College, July 12, 2018.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented at the Political Science Graduate Colloquium, Northern Illinois University, Spring 2018.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented to the Political Theory Workshop, The University of Chicago, February 26, 2018.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented to the DePaul Social Science Research Council, October 19, 2017. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented to the Institute for Business and Professional Ethics at the Dreihaus College of Business at DePaul University as part of the Wicklander Fellowship program. May 23, 2017.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” presented to the as part of the Civitas Project at the Hobby School of Public Affairs, The University of Houston, May 5, 2017.

“Rousseau on Inequality and the General Will,” presented to the Political Theory Workshop at Yale University, April 5, 2017.

“‘The Greatest of All Plagues’: Plato on Economic Inequality,” to be presented to the Social and Political Thought Workshop at the Vanderbilt University, March 3, 2017.

“The Ancient Greeks on the Rule of Law,” present to the DePaul University School of Law, “Rule of Law” Symposium, February 23, 2017.

“Economic Inequality and the Traditions of Western Political Thought,” presented as part of the “Understanding Inequality” forum at DePaul University. October 1, 2016.

“Managing the ‘Natural Selfishness and Rapacity’ of the Rich: Adam Smith on Economic Inequality,” presented to the DePaul Social Science Research Council, April 14, 2016. DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

“Rousseau on Inequality and the General Will,” presented to the Political Philosophy Colloquium, Department of Political Science, The University of Wisconsin—Madison. February 26, 2016.

“Rousseau on Inequality and the General Will,” to be presented to the Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, February 5, 2016.

“Managing the ‘Natural Selfishness and Rapacity’ of the Rich: Adam Smith on Economic Inequality in the *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” presented to the Commercial Republic Project at the University of California, Los Angeles, May 14, 2015.

“Spinoza’s *Theological-Political Treatise*.” Presented to the Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin. February 21, 2013.

“Spinoza’s Embrace and Critique of Fear.” Presented to the DePaul Humanities Center. November 12, 2012.

“Plato’s Noble Lie: from Kallipolis to Magnesia.” Presented to the Political Theory Colloquium, Department of Political Science, the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities. February 12, 2010.

“Plato’s Noble Lie.” Presented to the Political Science Department, Texas Christian University. January 20, 2010.

“Spinoza’s Political Thought.” Presented to the Philosophy Club, Texas Christian University. January 19, 2010.

“Rousseau on Lying.” Presented at the Political Philosophy Colloquium, Department of Political Science, The University of Wisconsin—Madison. October 16, 2009.

“Plato’s Noble Lie.” Presented to the Institute for Research in the Humanities, the University of Wisconsin—Madison. April 6, 2009. Follow-up discussion on April 7.

“Plato’s Noble Lie.” Presented to the Georgia Ethics and Political Philosophy Workshop, University of Georgia—Athens. March 27, 2009.

“Plato’s Noble Lie.” Presented at Georgetown College, Georgetown, Kentucky. February 26, 2009.

“Rousseau’s Platonism.” Presented to the Political Science Department, University of Nebraska—Lincoln. December 5, 2008.

“Spinoza and the General Will.” General Will Symposium in Honor of Patrick Riley. October 4, 2008. Madison, WI.

“Hannah Arendt on Deception in Politics,” Presented at the Hannah Arendt Forum. University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. October 29, 2007.

“On Being a Philosopher Major.” Presented to Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophy Honors Society. University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. Stevens Point, WI. March 28, 2007.

“Ideas and Actuality in the Social Contract: Kant & Rousseau.” Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin, Distinguished Graduate Series. November 4, 2005.

“What Hobbes has to Say about Terrorism; What Terrorism has to Say about Hobbes.” To be presented to the Department of Philosophy, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. October 25, 2005.

“Of Chains, Caves, and Slaves: Allegory and Illusion in Rousseau.” Presented to the Humanities Forum. University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. Stevens Point, WI. October 21, 2004.

“Kant’s Conceptions of the General Will.” Presented to the Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, The University of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, WI. February 13, 2004.

“Rousseau’s Foucauldian Legacy: Justice and Judgment in an Age of Skepticism.” Institute for Research in the Humanities, The University of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, WI. November 25, 2003.

“Justice and the General Will: Affirming Rousseau’s Ancient Orientation.” Humanities Forum. University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI. February 28, 2002.

“The Relative Virtues of Monarchy.” Invited lecture to the Federation Without Television. University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI. March 28, 2001.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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2024 Cornerstone Grant, Teagle Foundation (submitted, awaiting decision)  
2023-24 Late-Stage Research Grant, DePaul LAS Research Council (\$1,500)  
2023-24 *Democracy in America*, HumanitiesX grant (with Matthew W. Maguire) in partnership with the Chicago Alliance Française (three course teaching release).  
2022 Self-Organized Research Workshop, “*The Greatest of All Plagues*”: *Economic Inequality in Western Political Thought*, Institute for Humane Studies (\$5,250).  
2021-22 Competitive Research Leave, DePaul University (full-year teaching release)  
2021 Faculty Summer Research Grant, DePaul University (\$4,700)  
2019 Distinguished Alumni Award, Department of Political Science, Texas Christian University  
2016-17 Wicklander Fellowship, The Institute for Business and Professional Ethics, DePaul University (\$12,000)  
2014-15 Competitive Research Leave, DePaul University (full year teaching release)  
2013 University Research Council Competitive Research Grant, DePaul University (\$1,878)  
2013 Nominated, DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award  
2012 DePaul Humanities Center, Faculty Fellowship (one quarter teaching release)  
2012 DePaul University Summer Research Grant (\$3,500)  
2011 UW—Madison Library Access Award, UW—Stevens Point designee  
2011 University Scholarship Award, UW—Stevens Point (\$650)  
2010 Finalist, University Scholarship Award, UW—Stevens Point  
2010 Finalist, University Teaching Award, UW—Stevens Point  
2009 “Faculty Member of the Month” (December 2009), National Residence Hall Honorary Society, Great Lakes Region (encompassing Michigan, Ontario, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana)  
2009 “Faculty Member of the Month” (December 2009), UWSP Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary Society  
2008-09 Honorary Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW—Madison  
2008 Finalist, University Scholar Award, UW—Stevens Point  
2005 Finalist, University Teaching Award, UW—Stevens Point.  
2003-04 Institute for Research in the Humanities System Fellow, UW—Madison (full year teaching release)  
2002 Scholar Access Grant, Center for European Studies, UW—Madison – \$750.00  
2002 University Professional Development Committee New Faculty Award, UWSP – \$1,720.00.  
1998-99 Assistant Instructor Fellowship, UT Austin  
1998 Professional Development Award, UT Austin

1997-98 Assistant Instructor Fellowship, UT Austin  
1993-97 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, UT Austin

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS

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### Teaching Interests

Modern Political Theory, Ancient Political Theory, Contemporary Political Theory, Inequality, Enlightenment Thought, Continental Thought, Liberal Theory, Democratic Theory, American Political Thought, Rousseau, Kant, Hobbes, Plato, Tocqueville, the Federalist

### DEPAUL UNIVERSITY (2-2-2 teaching load)

#### Courses Taught

Liberalism, Conservatism, and Democracy  
Classical Political Thought  
Modern Political Thought  
Contemporary Political Thought  
Senior Honors Seminar: *The Federalist*  
Capstone Seminar: Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*  
Honors Seminar: Inequality  
Honors Seminar: Philosophical Inquiry  
Honors Seminar: States, Markets, and Society

#### Independent Studies Supervised

2012 Rousseau's *Social Contract* (graduate level)  
2019 Hobbes's *Leviathan*  
2020 Cataclysm and Crisis in Political Theory  
2021 Deliberative Democracy  
2024 Tocqueville

#### Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision

2019 Isobel Tollenaar, Citizenship and Collective Identity in the Roman Republic

#### Graduate Thesis Supervision/Reading

2012 David Issabey, On Aristotle's *Politics* (reader)

#### Dissertation Committees Served

James O'Connor, defended 2022 (University of Texas at Austin, Political Theory)

Boris Litvin, defended, 2019 (Northwestern University, Political Theory, now at Trinity College, Hartford, CT)

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN—STEVENS POINT (4-4 teaching load)

Courses Taught

Political Science

Intro Political Theory  
Ancient & Medieval Political Theory  
Modern Political Theory  
Contemporary Political Theory  
Early Modern German Pol. Thought  
Late Modern German Pol. Thought  
Machiavelli, Spinoza, & Rousseau  
Constitutional Law  
Introduction to American Politics  
American Politics for Teachers  
Constitutional Theory  
Judicial Process

Philosophy

Intro Political Theory  
Ancient Greek Philosophy  
17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Philosophy  
Rousseau  
Early Modern German Pol. Thought  
Late Modern German Pol. Thought  
From Rousseau to Foucault (senior seminar)  
Plato's *Republic* (senior seminar)  
The Enlightenment: European & American  
Philosophy of Law  
Social & Political Philosophy  
Rousseau's *Social Contract*

Independent Studies/Senior Theses Supervised

Locke's State of Nature, Nietzsche's *Zarathustra*, Hobbes's *Leviathan*, The Federalist, Rousseau's Political Thought, Rousseau's *Emile*, Kant's Political Thought, Plato's *Republic*, Substantive Due Process, Philosophy of Education, Natural Law Theory, Classics of Liberal and Conservative Political Thought

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Courses Taught

Modern Political Philosophy  
Introduction to American & Texas Government  
Constitutional Law

Independent Study Supervised

Constitutional Theory

Courses in which Served as Teaching Assistant

American Political Thought (G. Freeman), Constitutional Interpretation (H. W. Perry), Introduction to American Government (M. Collie, B. Buchanan), American Constitutional Development (A. Sager)

### Additional Pedagogical/Professional Training

- Sept. 2001 Pre-Law Advisor Training. The Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors, Chicago, IL.
- Fall 2000 Writing Emphasis training and certification, University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point.
- Spring 1997 Supplemental Instruction Leader, Learning Skills Center, The University of Texas at Austin.

### UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE SERVICE

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#### DePaul University

- 2023- Advisor, Women and the Law
- 2017- Advisor, political theory reading group
- 2015- Campus-Wide Pre-Law Advisor
- 2013-2020 Honors Program Committee
- 2013-14 Member, Department Documents & By-Law Review Task Force
- 2012-14 Alternate, Grade Challenge Committee
- 2013-14 Fair Business Practices Committee

#### University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point

- 2007-08 College Democrats, Campus Advisor
- Fall 2006 Faculty Leader—Study Abroad: Munich, Germany
- 2006-10 Student Film Society, Campus Advisor
- 2005-06 Young Politicians of America, UWSP Chapter, Advisor
- 2004-05 Chair, Letters & Science Dean's Advisory Committee
- 2004-05 Vice Chancellor's Committee on Interdisciplinary Lecture Series
- 2002-03 Vice Chancellor's Committee on Prospective Honors Program
- 2002-07 Letters & Science Dean's Advisory Committee
- 2002-2003 Faculty Forum Co-coordinator
- 2001-2002 International Affairs Committee
- 2001-2003 Minority Student Mentoring (program cancelled in 2003)
- 2001-10 Student Legal Society Co-Advisor

### DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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#### DePaul University

- 2022-23 Chair, Personnel Committee
- 2019-21 Assessment Committee
- 2015-19 Personnel Committee (chair in 2018-19)
- 2015- Advisor, Mock Trial
- 2015- Primary Campus Pre-Law Advisor
- 2013-15 Member, Academic Program Review Committee
- 2012-13 Member, Public Law Search Committee
- 2011-15 Departmental Pre-Law Advisor

### University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point

2010	Chair, Philosophy Department Chair Selection Committee
2010	Chair, Political Science Department Chair Selection Committee
2009-10	Chair, Political Science Personnel Committee
2009-10	Member, Philosophy Department Merit Committee
2010	Spring Semester, Interim Chair, Department of Political Science
2009-10	Chair, Political Science Search and Screen Committee
2008	Wrote and Evaluated Graduate Comprehensive Exam (Marty Klish)
2007-08	Chair, Political Science Department Merit Committee
2007-08	Founder and Coordinator of Philosophy Department Research Group
2007-08	Chair, Department of Political Science Honors Program Committee
2007	Member, Comparative Politics Search and Screen Committee
2004-2005	Member, Political Science Department Student Scholarship Committee
2004-2005	Member, Philosophy Department Search and Screen Committee
2002-2003	Chair, Public Law Search and Screen Committee
2002-2003	Philosophy Department Search and Screen Affirmative Action Representative
2002-11	Political Science Department Library Purchases Liaison
2001-11	Pre-Law Advisor
2000-03	Political Science Department Curriculum Committee
2001-11	Political Science Department Student-Faculty Relations Committee
2001-2002	Philosophy Department Search and Screen Affirmative Action Representative
1996-2000	Founder and Organizer of Political Theory Reading Group. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2023	Section Chair, Foundations of Political Theory: Ancient (section 30), Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
2021	Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award, Southern Political Science Association (presented to best paper from 2021 annual SPSA conference)
2019	Division Chair, Political Theory, Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX
2018	Leo Strauss Award Committee (awards the best dissertation in the field of political philosophy), member
2018-22	Political Theory Editor, <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
2017, 2018	Member, Book Proposal Workshop Committee, Association for Political Theory
2017-18	External Evaluator, Earhart Foundation (2014), Brooklyn College's Wolf Fellowship (2017, 2018)
2017-19	Member, Mentoring Committee, Association for Political Theory.



- 2016 Section Chair, Division 1: Political Thought and Philosophy: Historical Approaches, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 Program Committee, Association for Political Theory, Boulder, CO.
- 2014-16 Editorial Board, *Political Research Quarterly*
- 2014-15 Organizer and convener of Chicago Rousseau reading group
- 2012 Program Co-Chair, Association for Political Theory conference, October 11-13, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.
- 2011 Section Chair, Foundations of Political Theory: Ancient (section 30), Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2010 Program Committee, Association for Political Theory – Portland, OR
- 2008 Informal Talk: “Publishing while at a Teaching College.” Delivered to graduate students in Political Science at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, December 4, 2008.
- 2008 Symposium Organizing: “The General Will Symposium” – Symposium held in honor of Patrick Riley. October 4, 2008. Madison, WI. Raised \$12,000 and coordinated all elements.
- 2006- Outside Retention and Tenure Letters: Oklahoma State University (2006), Luther College (2008), Texas State University (2014), King’s College, London (2015, 2019, 2022), University of Maryland, Baltimore County (2016), University of Connecticut, Storrs (2019), Kansas State University (2019), American University of Beirut (2021)
- 2005 Informal Talk: “How to Survive as a Political Theorist after Graduate School.” Delivered to graduate students in Political Theory at the University of Texas at Austin. November 4, 2005.

Referee for:

Cambridge University Press (Early Modern), Edward Elgar (pedagogy), Fordham University Press (Rousseau), Palgrave Publishing (Rousseau), Pennsylvania State University Press (History of Political Thought), Princeton University Press (Inequality), Routledge (Plato, Rousseau), Rowman & Littlefield / Lexington Books (History of Political Thought, Rousseau), University of Pennsylvania Press (Rousseau), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (modern political thought), *American Journal of Political Science* (Rousseau, Montesquieu), *American Political Science Review* (Plato, Rousseau, Montesquieu), Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Social Contract Theory), *Classical Philology* (Plato), *Critical Review: A Journal of Politics and Society* (Hobbes), *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* (Rousseau), *Eighteenth-Century Life* (Rousseau), *Eighteenth-Century Studies* (Rousseau), *Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (History of Political Thought), *European*

*Journal of Political Theory* (Spinoza), *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (Rousseau, Plato), *History of Political Thought* (Rousseau, Holbach, Montesquieu), *Hobbes Studies* (Hobbes), *The International Journal of Ethics and Politics* (Democratic Theory), *Journal of Politics* (Plato, Rousseau, liberalism, general will), *Journal of the History of Ideas* (Rousseau, Burlamaqui), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (Rousseau, Hobbes), *Medical Humanities* (Plato), *Review of Politics* (Hobbes), *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* (Hobbes), *Polity* (Human Rights, Rousseau), *Political Research Quarterly* (Democratic Theory, Thoreau, Human Rights, Methodology), *Political Science Reviewer* (Rousseau), *Political Studies*, (Rousseau, Montesquieu), *Political Theory* (Rousseau), *Politics & Policy* (Rousseau), *Review of International Studies* (Spinoza), *Res Publica* (Rousseau), *Values, Rational Choice, and the Will* (Hobbes), Wisconsin Philosophical Association (various)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

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- Spring 2024 Co-organizer (with Matthew W. Maguire) of “Experiencing *Democracy in America*,” public humanities event at the Alliance Française Chicago. May 23, 2024.
- Fall 2022 Interview on “*Greatest of All Plagues*” with Randall Hendrickson on the Podopticon.
- Winter 2021 Interview with Chicago ABC (WLS-TV) on Impeachment (Jan. 12).
- Fall 2020 Interview with Mooyah Corporation on Race Relations (Dallas, TX, October 30).
- Summer 2019 Interview with Austrian news outlets, *Profil* and *Cicero*, on the Trump phenomenon.
- Summer 2019 “The Federalist Today,” interview with KCBS radio (San Francisco), June 15, 2019.
- Spring 2019 “Spinoza: Jew, Heretic, and Visionary,” presented to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL, February 24, 2019.
- Fall 2018 “Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, Greed, and Inequality in Early Christianity,” presented to the Unitarian Church of Evanston, September 11-18, 2018.
- Fall 2015 “Adam Smith and Inequality.” Interview on Bloomberg View Radio, September 3, 2015.
- Fall 2015 “Rousseau and Friendship.” Interview with Nick Hernandez, host of Community Matters Radio Program, KZUM, 89.3 FM.
- Fall 2013 “Spinoza, Politics, and Religion,” two-part lecture series delivered at Beth Emet Synagogue, Evanston, IL. December 5 & 12, 2013.
- Fall 2010 “Voltaire, Rousseau, Theodicy, and the Haitian Earthquake Disaster,” delivered to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Stevens Point, WI. December 12, 2010.
- Fall 2010 Course: “Earthquakes Past and Present” with Neil Heywood (Geology Department, UWSP), delivered to Stevens Point LIFE Program (educational program for area seniors).
- Fall 2010 Course: “Spinoza,” delivered to Stevens Point LIFE Program (educational program for area seniors).
- Spring 2010 “Mozart, Modernity, and the *Magic Flute*,” Presented to UWSP Music majors in preparation for student production of the *Magic Flute*. April 7, 2010.
- Spring 2010 “Voltaire, Rousseau, Theodicy, and the Haitian Earthquake Disaster,” presented as part of the forum, “Earthquake Disasters in Haiti and Chile: A Panel Discussion on the Social, Cultural, and Human Dimensions.”

- University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. April 6, 2010.
- Spring 2010 “Spinoza’s Critique of Scripture,” delivered to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Stevens Point, WI. March 14, 2010.
- Spring 2010 Radio Appearance, WSPT 1010 AM, Discussion of Mozart at the Enlightenment with talk show host, John Finn. February 9, 2010.
- Spring 2010 Public Lecture: “Mozart and the Enlightenment,” delivered as part of Community / Campus Lecture Series, sponsored by the College of Letters and Science at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point.
- Fall 2009 Course: “Mozart and the Enlightenment,” delivered to Stevens Point LIFE Program (educational program for area seniors).
- Spring 2009 Public Lecture: “Ten Things the Obama Administration Should Learn from Rousseau,” delivered to Georgetown College. Lexington, Kentucky. February 27, 2009.
- Fall 2008 Course: “Rousseau’s *Discourse on Inequality*,” delivered to Stevens Point LIFE Program (educational program for area seniors).
- Fall 2005 Discussion Leader, “Rousseau, Voltaire, and Katrina,” Luther College October 26, 2005.
- Fall 2005 Panel Organizer, “Katrina: Policy, Politics, and Ethics,” including presentation, “Katrina, Catastrophe, and Theodicy: Rousseau & Voltaire on Natural Disaster.” The University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point.
- Spring 2005 Course: “Reflections on Rousseau’s *Reveries: The Philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Senior Citizen*,” delivered to Stevens Point LIFE program (educational program for area seniors).
- Fall 2004 Presentation. “The 2004 Election and Party Realignment.” Part of UWSP Political Science Department roundtable on the 2004 elections.
- 2001-03 Co-author of Wisconsin statewide Constitutional scholarship exam.
- Fall 2000 Radio and television interviews related to Bush v. Gore

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

- German Speaking, writing, and reading. Studied at Julius-Maximilians Universität Würzburg—Würzburg, Germany 1996.
- French Reading proficiency.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Political Science Association  
 Midwest Political Science Association  
 Rousseau Association  
 Association for Political Theory  
 Foundations of Political Theory Section, APSA  
 Law and Courts Section, APSA

## REFERENCES

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Available on request