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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Monographs

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

- Academic reviews: in the *Perspectives in Politics*, *Political Theory*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *History of Political Economy*, *Review of Politics*, *Economic Record*, *Choice*, *Political Quarterly*
- Review in popular press: *Washington Post*, *Nature*, *The Nation*, *Compact Magazine*, *Jacobin*, *The Hub*, *Sublation*, *Liberal Currents*, *Global Inequality & More 3.0*
- 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 Synesis History of Ideas Podcast. May, 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 4, 2025
- Selected for PPE Book Club at Bridgewater State University, 2025
- Roundtable hosted by the Fairness Foundation, May 13, 2025
- Interviewed on Texas Public Radio's "The Source," October 30, 2024
- Interviewed on WRVO's (NPR affiliate in Upstate New York) "The Campbell Conversations," June 2025.
- 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*, *Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies*

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*, vol. 57, no. 2 (July): 557-585.

“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

[“Elon Musk’s Cruel Moral Sentiments: What the World’s Richest Man has yet to Learn from his Study of the Bible,”](#) *Public Seminar*, April 3, 2025.

[“Plato, Hobbes, Mill, and the never-ending fight against inequality,”](#) *The Institute of Arts and Ideas*, February 13, 2025.

[“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

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). 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

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 18th 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

"Bodin on Inequality." Presented to the Association for the History of Political Thought. Duke University. February, 2026.

Untitled Talk. University of Pennsylvania Political Theory Workshop. December 11, 2015.

"The Greatest of All Plagues." Keynote talk to the International Vincentian Business Ethics Conference. DePaul University. Chicago, IL. October 23, 2025.

"The Greatest of All Plagues." Lake Forest College. Lake Forest, IL. September 8, 2025.

"The Greatest of All Plagues." Presented to the Indiana University Political Science Department. April 29, 2025.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Presented to the Bridgewater State University PPE program. April 24, 2025.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Presented to the Stone Center at Brown University. April 10, 2025.

“Tocqueville on Economic Inequality and the ‘Absenteeism of the Heart.’” Presented as part of “Free Societies in Crisis: Perspectives in Foundational Liberal Thought and Classical Political Economy.” University of Texas at Austin. March 21, 2025.

“The Greatest of All Plagues,” presented to the LIFE Program at the University of Wisconsin—Stevens Point. Stevens Point, WI. January 30, 2025.

“The Greatest of All Plagues.” Presented to the Honors Program and Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics Program at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. December 12-13, 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.

“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

2025	Spirit of Inquiry Award, DePaul University
2024	Cornerstone Grant, Teagle Foundation (declined, but revising for 2025 submission)
2023-24	Late-Stage Research Grant, DePaul LAS Research Council (\$1,500)
2023-24	<i>Democracy in America</i> , HumanitiesX grant (with Matthew W. Maguire) in partnership with the Chicago Alliance Française (three course teaching release).
2022	Self-Organized Research Workshop, “ <i>The Greatest of All Plagues</i> ”: <i>Economic Inequality in Western Political Thought</i> , 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

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
17th & 18th 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

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

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

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, <i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
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 <i>Democracy in America</i> ,” public humanities event at the Alliance Française Chicago. May 23, 2024. |
| Fall 2022 | Interview on “ <i>Greatest of All Plagues</i> ” 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, <i>Profil</i> and <i>Cicero</i> , 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 <i>Magic Flute</i> ,” Presented to UWSP Music majors in preparation for student production of the <i>Magic Flute</i> . 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 <i>Discourse on Inequality</i> ,” 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 <i>Reveries</i> : 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

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

Available on request

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