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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, Indiana University (spring 2019)

Part-time Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, DePauw University (fall 2018)

Associate Instructor

Department of Political Science, Indiana University
As Instructor of Record: 2014-2017
As Teaching Assistant: 2011-2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2018

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Subfields: Political Philosophy and American Politics

Outside minor: Philosophy and Religion

Dissertation: "Retrieving Liberalism: Complex Pluralism and the Architecture of Goods and Communities"

Committee: Russell Hanson (chair), Aurelian Craiutu, William Scheuerman, and Susan Williams (Law)

M.A. in Political Science, 2014

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Master's Thesis: "New Tapestry, Old Threads: Augustine's Proto-liberalism"

B.S. in Political Science and Broadcast Journalism, 2010, *summa cum laude*

Union University, Jackson, Tennessee

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Liberalism and its dilemmas, federalism and polycentrism, democratic theory, public discourse, American political thought, religion in the public square, representation, American political institutions.

Works in Progress

Liberalism, Pluralism, and Polycentricity: Toward a Polity of Self-Governing Communities (book).

“The Impoverishment of Democracy and Democratic Theory: A Critique of Minimalist Democracy” (journal article).

Professional Conference Papers

“Complex Pluralism and the Architecture of Goods and Communities,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2017.

“Comprehensive Doctrines: The Third Rail of Political Theory,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2016.

“The Impoverishment of Democracy and Democratic Theory: A Critique of Minimalist Democracy” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2014.

“New Tapestry, Old Threads: Augustine’s Proto-liberalism,” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2013.

“The Closing of the Democratic Mind: Tocqueville and the Decline of Greatness,” at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2012.

“Forecasting the Future: The Politics of Evangelical College Students,” at the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2011.

Symposium Papers and Other Presentations

“Seeking the Peace of the City: Polycentricity and Complex Pluralism,” at the Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, 2017.

“Retrieving the Good amidst Complex Pluralism,” at The Common Good as a Common Project: Graduate Student Conference at Notre Dame (limited invitation conference, with travel scholarship), 2017.

“Seeking the Peace of the Pluralistic City: Goods, Communities, and Obligations,” at the Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, 2015.

Response to Jerry Z. Muller, “Capitalism and Inequality: What the Right and the Left Get Wrong” in the lecture series, “Capitalism, Its Critics and Defenders,” sponsored by the Tocqueville Program at Indiana University, 2013.

“Presuppositions and the Tension of Standards: Augustine and the Limit of Politics,” at the Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, 2013.

“Natural Law as a Social Apologetic: A Critique,” at the Union University Scholarship Symposium, 2010.

“College Evangelical Political Survey Results: Marriage and Gender Issues,” at the Union University Scholarship Symposium, 2010.

TEACHING

Teaching Interests

Ancient and modern political thought, contemporary political theory, American political thought, religion and politics in the United States, American political institutions (Congress, Presidency).

Associate Instructor, Department of Political Science, Indiana University

Instructor of Record (2014-2017)

Classical Political Thought

Modern Political Thought

The American Presidency

The United States Congress

Intro to American Politics

Teaching Assistant (2011-2014)

Foundations of American Political Thought

American Political Development

American Political Controversies

Pedagogy Training

Teaching in Political Science I: Understanding and Negotiating the Teaching Environment, taught by Marjorie Hershey

Teaching in Political Science II: Becoming a More Effective Instructor, taught by Marjorie Hershey

Teaching in Political Science III: Practicum, taught by Marjorie Hershey

HONORS AND AWARDS

Intercollegiate Studies Institute

Richard M. Weaver Fellowship (on the importance of liberal arts education), 2016-2017

Indiana University

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, 2017-2018

Outstanding Associate Instructor, Department of Political Science, 2015

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Department of Political Science, 2014 (paper: “The Impoverishment of Democracy and Democratic Theory: A Critique of Minimalist Democracy”)

Department of Political Science Travel Award, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016

Political Science Graduate Scholarship (tuition remission and stipend), 2011-2017

Union University

Elizabeth Tigrett Medal for the most outstanding graduating senior, 2010

Academic Excellence Medals for Political Science and Broadcast Journalism, 2010

Best Political Science Senior Thesis, 2010

Kina S. Mallard Outstanding Communications Arts Student, 2008-2009

Provost Academic Scholarship (full tuition), 2006-2010

Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature

Douglas Carlisle Award for Best Delegate, 2006

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Treasurer: Political Science Graduate Student Association, Indiana University, 2014-2015

Political Theory Field Representative: Political Science Graduate Student Association, Indiana University, 2014-2015

President: Union Broadcasting Society, Union University, 2008-2009

President Pro Tem: Student Body Senate, Union University, 2008

Treasurer: Freshmen and Sophomore Class Counsels, Union University, 2006-2008

Member: Student Government Association Constitutional Convention Committee, Union University, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Christians in Political Science

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Intern: Center for American Studies, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C., Fall 2010

Intern: Congresswoman Kay Granger’s Washington, D.C. office, Summer 2010

Anchor and Producer: *Jackson 24-7* (live daily news program for local cable), 2008-2010

Broadcast Director: Union Broadcasting System, 2008-2009

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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