

Michael R. Gonzalez, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae
Executive Director
The Institute of American Constitutional Thought & Leadership
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science Baylor University, Waco, TX – GPA 3.94 Dissertation: <i>The Political Necessity of Religion: Classical, Christian, and Modern Approaches to Religion in the City of Man</i> Dissertation Director: Timothy Burns, Ph.D.	August 2022
Comprehensive exams – “ Pass with Distinction ” in both fields. Primary Field: Political Theory Secondary Field: International Relations	August 2020
Master of Arts in Political Science Baylor University, Waco, TX – GPA 3.92 Thesis: <i>The Common Law of Nations: The Ius Gentium in the Political Thought of Francisco Suárez, S.J.</i> Thesis Director: David Clinton, Ph.D.	May 2019
Bachelor of Arts in the Liberal Arts The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, Merrimack, NH – GPA 3.82 Thesis: <i>Recovering the Res Publica: Livy’s Ab Urbe Condita</i> Thesis Director: Patrick Powers, Ph.D.	May 2017

EMPLOYMENT

Executive Director The Institute of American Constitutional Thought & Leadership The University of Toledo Toledo, OH	March 2024-
Lecturer Department of Politics Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	Spring 2024
Thomas W. Smith Post-Doctoral Research Associate James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	2023-24
Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow Honors College, Baylor University, Waco, TX	2022-23
Graduate Assistant and Teacher of Record Department of Political Science, Baylor University, Waco, TX	2017-22

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter: Ch. 3: “Defining the Law of Nations,” in *Polis, Nation, Global Community: The Philosophic Foundations of Citizenship*, Ann Ward, ed. (New York, NY: Routledge). 2021

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Article: “Circumspect Foreign Policy: Washington and Eisenhower’s Farewell Addresses.” *Classics of Strategy and Diplomacy*. January 2024
Article: “Reforming How we approach Networking.” *Public Discourse*. January 2024
Article: “Artificial Mediocrity: The Hazard of AI in Education.” *Public Discourse*. Sept. 2023
Book Review: Patrick J. Deneen, *Why Liberalism Failed*. (Yale Univ. Press) January 2020
Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy
Also, various articles for *The Catholic Thing*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW

Journal Article: “Rousseau’s Reception of Lucretian Anthropology in the *Second Discourse*”
Draft undergoing revision.
Presented at Northeast Political Science Association 2023 annual conference.
Book Review: Larry Siedentop, *Inventing the Individual: The Origins of Western Liberalism*.
Writing in progress.
Book: *Spiritual Authority and the Body Politic: From Augustine to Hobbes*
Research and writing in progress.
Journal Article: “Augustine and Rousseau on Republicanism and the Arts”
Research in progress.
Journal Article: “Jefferson and Adams: Two Sides of the Revolutionary Mind”
Research in progress.

COURSES

Princeton University

POL 332 – The Art of Statesmanship and the Political Life (Preceptor) Spring 2024

Baylor University, Honors College

BIC 2340 – Social World II: Modernity and the Problem of Order 2023
BIC 2344 – World Cultures IV: The United States and the World 2023
GTX 2301 – The Intellectual Tradition of the Ancient World 2022-23
BIC 2330 – Social World I: The City and the Soul 2022
BIC 1314 – World Cultures I: Roots of Culture 2022

Baylor University, Department of Political Science

PSC 3315 – Fundamentals of International Politics 2020-21
PSC 2343 – Western Political Philosophy (Teaching Assistant) 2019-20
PSC 4385 – Diplomacy in Theory and Practice (Teaching Apprentice) 2019
PSC 2302 – American Constitutional Development (Teaching Assistant) 2018-20

AWARDS AND HONORS

Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – James Madison Program	2023-24
Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship – Honors College, Baylor University	2022-23
Frances V. Harbour Graduate Student Paper Award – International Ethics Section of the International Studies Association	2020
Hayek Fund for Scholars – Institute for Humane Studies	2019-20, -22
Humane Studies Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies	2018, ‘20-21
Calihan Travel Grant – Acton Institute	2018
Richard M. Weaver Fellowship – Intercollegiate Studies Institute	2018
Presidential Fellowship – Baylor University	2017-22
Summer Course Fellowship (Modern Political Philosophy) – Hertog Foundation	2017
Honors Scholar – The Intercollegiate Studies Institute	2016
Summa Cum Laude – The National Latin Exam	2014 & 2015
Faith & Reason Essay Scholarship – The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts	2013

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND COLLOQUIA

Invited Participant – The Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles and History Summer Institute: Rhetoric and Democratic Persuasion	2024
Presenter – New England Political Science Association: Annual Conference Paper on IR theory’s influence on diplomatic practice	2024
Presenter – The Ciceronian Society Paper on education and progress in Hobbes’s <i>Behemoth</i>	2024
Presenter and Discussant – Northeast Political Science Association Paper on Rousseau’s reception of Lucretian anthropology Organized and served as discussant for roundtable on prudence in IR theory	2023
Presenter, Chair, and Discussant – New England Political Science Association Paper on the international thought of Jacques Maritain and Heinrich Rommen Chair and discussant for two panels on international ethics	2022
Invited Participant – Institute for Humane Studies Reading Group Readings on Natural Law Liberalism	2021
Presenter – American Political Science Association: Annual Conference Paper on war and civic religion in Augustine’s <i>City of God</i>	2021
Presenter – New England Political Science Association Paper on Washington and Eisenhower’s Farewell Addresses	2021
Invited Participant – Intercollegiate Studies Institute Pedagogy Workshop Civic Education Pedagogy, Teaching the Federalist-Antifederalist Debate	2019
Presenter – Braniff Graduate Student Conference, University of Dallas Paper on the political theology of Robert Bellarmine	2019
Presenter – Transatlantic Studies Association: Annual Conference Paper on liberalism in the international thought of Suárez, Grotius, and Burke	2019
Presenter – International Studies Association Paper on Francisco Suárez’s International Thought	2019
Presenter – Institute for Humane Studies Research Colloquium MA thesis research on Francisco Suárez’s International Thought	2019
Invited Panelist – Nichols Conference, Alexander Hamilton Institute Topics included Cicero’s political thought, civic education, and Tocqueville.	2018-23

SERVICE

Academic

Leadership Council Member, Medieval and Renaissance Research Seminar 2019-2021
Founding Coach of Western Civ. Challenge Bowl Team, Baylor University 2017-2018
Debate Society Member and Coach, Thomas More College 2016-2017

Community

St. Basil the Great Altar Server Guild (St. Peter Catholic Student Center), 2018-2019
Student Council Representative, Thomas More College 2014-2017

INTERNSHIPS

Sue Margaret Hughes Endowed Internship, Baylor Special Collections 2019
Organized and archived the private papers of Edwin Gaustad
Event Intern, Pontifical Academy for Life General Assembly, Vatican City 2015
Assisted coordinating secretary of the Pontifical Academy for Life
Research Assistant to Prof. Ryan Topping 2014-2015
Researched for *The Gift of the Church: Volume 1*, TAN Books, 2018

REFERENCES

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