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**Curriculum Vitae**

Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership

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**1. EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Boston College, Political Science, 2008

B.A., St. John's College (Annapolis), Liberal Arts, 2001

**2. ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS**

Director, Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership (IAC TL),  
University of Toledo, 2025–present

Associate Professor, University of Toledo, 2025-present

Chair, Politics Department, University of Dallas, Fall 2022-Spring 2025

Associate Professor, University of Dallas, 2015-present

Assistant Professor, University of Dallas, 2008-2014

Instructor, Boston College, Fall 2006.

Teaching assistant, Boston College, Fall 2005.

Instructor, Curriculum Developer, and Student Supervisor, Boston College, Summer  
2004 (Study Abroad in Portugal, with Professor Susan Shell)

**3. AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Haggarty Award for Teaching Excellence, 2025 and 2022

Jack Miller Center Fellow, Summer 2010

Bradley Dissertation Fellow, 2007-08

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, 2006, 2007

Earhart Fellowship, The H.B. Earhart Foundation, 2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007

#### **4. SCHOLARSHIP**

##### **A. WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Orwell's Humanity: Totalitarianism and the Limits of Humanism.* Monograph exploring the development of Orwell's political thought, with an emphasis on his understanding of human nature and the tensions and contradictions in it.

##### **B. PUBLICATIONS**

Review of David Ramsay Steele, *Orwell Your Orwell*, in *Interpretation* (Spring 2019).

Review of Jacob Howland, *Glaucon's Fate*, in *Review of Politics* (81.3, Summer 2019).

“‘On Collingwood's Philosophy of History’ and ‘On a New Interpretation of Plato's Political Philosophy,’” in *Brill's Companion to Leo Strauss' Writings on Classical Political Thought*, ed. Timothy Burns (Brill, 2015).

“Happy City, Happy Citizens? The Private Good and the Common Good in Plato's *Republic*,” *Interpretation* 42.2 (2015).

“Who's Happy in Plato's *Republic*?” *Polis: The Journal of Ancient Greek Political Thought* 31 (2014), pp. 288-312.

“Justice, Happiness, and the Sensible Knave: Hume's Incomplete Defense of the Just Life,” *Review of Politics* 75 (Spring 2013), pp. 193-219.

“Plato” and “Aristotle” (with Robert Wood), entries for *Theory in Social and Cultural Anthropology: An Encyclopedia* (Sage, 2013).

Review of Jeff J.S. Black's *Rousseau's Critique of Science*, in *Interpretation* 38.1 (Fall 2010), pp. 95-102.

Dissertation: “Plato's Critique of Injustice in the *Gorgias* and the *Republic*.” (Advisor: Christopher Bruell)

##### **C. RESEARCH GRANTS**

King/Haggar Scholar, Summer 2019, Summer 2016, Summer 2011

University of Dallas Class of 1988 Alumni Faculty Development Award, Summer 2015

Koch Summer Research Grant, Summer 2014

Center for Thomas More Studies Visiting Fellow, 2014-15

## **5. TEACHING**

### **i. Graduate:**

“Dystopia” (Spring 2025)

“George Orwell as Political Thinker” (Spring 2024)

“Plato’s *Republic*” (biannually, 2008-24)

“Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau” (Fall 2022, Fall 2011)

“Modernity and Post-Modernity” (Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2011, Spring 2010, Spring 2009)

IPS Core: “Hobbes and Rousseau” (Spring 2020, Spring 2017, Spring 2014; taught section on Hobbes’s *Leviathan*)

“Plato” (Spring 2017)

IPS Core: “Plato and Aristotle” (Fall 2018, Fall 2015, Fall 2012, Fall 2009; taught Plato’s *Republic*)

IPS Core: “Hegel, Nietzsche, and Dostoevsky” (Fall 2011; taught section on Nietzsche’s *Beyond Good and Evil*)

“The Political Philosophy of Rousseau” (Fall 2009)

“Plato’s *Gorgias*” (Spring 2009)

### **ii. Undergraduate:**

“George Orwell as Political Thinker” (Spring 2024, Spring 2021)

“African American Political Thought” (Fall 2021)

“Plato’s *Republic*” (biannually, 2008-24)

“Principles of American Politics” (every semester, Fall 2008-Spring 2025)

“Globalization” (Spring 2014, Spring 2012, Spring 2010)

“Contemporary Political Philosophy” (Spring 2013)

“International Politics” (annually, 2011-22)

“Comparative Government/Politics” (biannually, 2009-22)

“Enlightenment and Liberal Democracy” (Fall 2022, Fall 2011)

“Modernity and Post-Modernity” (biannually, 2009-23)

“Politics, Philosophy, and Economics” (Spring 2018)

## **6. SERVICE**

### **A. UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Director, Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership, 2025–present (see Academic Appointments)

Chair, Politics Department, University of Dallas, Fall 2022-Spring 2025

Chair, Politics Department Search Committee, University of Dallas, AY 2024-25; AY 2023-24

Faculty Senate, University of Dallas, Fall 2016 to Spring 2020, Spring 2023 to Fall 2024

Chair, Dean of Students search committee, University of Dallas, 2021

Chair, Committee on Student Life, University of Dallas, Fall 2019 to Spring 2022

Director, International Studies Concentration, University of Dallas, Fall 2011-Spring 2025

Undergraduate Advisor to 25-30 students per year, University of Dallas, Fall 2009-Spring 2025

Co-organizer, Institute of Philosophic Studies Colloquia, University of Dallas, Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Spring 2010

Event coordinator and faculty liaison for BBC’s “Public Philosopher with Michael Sandel” event at the University of Dallas, October 7, 2012

### **B. SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Director, Summer Teachers Institute for the Dallas Institute for Humanities and Culture (summer 2018 and summer 2019). Designed curriculum, hired faculty, organized activities, and taught in a two-year political philosophy and American politics summer course for high school teachers.

Peer reviewer for the following publications:

- *American Political Science Review*
- *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*
- *Journal of Politics*
- *Review of Politics*

### **C. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Provided political commentary to the *National Catholic Register* on multiple occasions concerning the 2024 election.

Tournament Judge at regional National Christian Forensics and Communications Association speech and debate competitions, Spring 2022 to present

Evaluator and questioner for Political Theory projects presented on Senior Night at Cistercian Preparatory Academy, April 2023 and April 2022

Panel Judge, Cambridge School of Dallas Senior Tutorial Competition, April 7, 2011

Presenter in the University of Dallas's *Catholic Faith and Culture* video series, 2018 and 2019

### **7. PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS/PAPERS**

"Predictions for American Politics in 2024," discussant on moderated panel presented by the Dallas Forum on Law, Politics, and Culture, February 2, 2024

Moderator for a panel discussion on Postliberalism with Patrick Deneen and Philip Harold, University of Dallas, November 9, 2023

"Malcolm X's 'The Ballot or the Bullet,'" lecture delivered to the College Citizens summer program at the University of Dallas, June 19, 2023

"Karl Marx." Presented in the "Modern World" program at the University of Dallas four times between 2009 and 2018.

"Rousseau's *Discourse on Inequality*." Presented in the "Modern World" program at the University of Dallas four times between 2009 and 2018.

"Natural Law." Presented January 2016 to "The Grade" program for high-schoolers at the Wingren Center

"Plato on Sun, Line, and Cave." Presented annually each summer from 2009 to 2015 at the University of Dallas to the high school students of the Arete Summer Program.

Conference Paper, "The Private Good and the Common Good in Plato's *Republic*," presented at the 2014 annual conference of the American Political Science Association

“The Contemporary Status of Religious Liberty around the World Today,” Presented November 21, 2013 at the Fall 2013 University of Dallas Politics Faculty Roundtable on Religious Liberty

“Remembering Vatican II: On the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et spes*),” Respondent in public discussion panel, November 11, 2013 at the University of Dallas.

Conference Paper, “Who’s Happy in Plato’s *Republic*,” presented at the 2013 annual conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association.

“Justice, Happiness, and Hume’s Sensible Knave.” Presented February 22, 2013 to Charles Sullivan’s “Scottish Enlightenment” course.

“Foreign Policy Challenges Facing the President.” Presented November 8, 2012 as part of the University of Dallas Politics Department’s post-2012 presidential election roundtable, “Thoughts on the State of our Union.”

“Relativism: What is Truth?” Presented September 2012 to “The Grade” program for high-schoolers at the Wingren Center

“Politics and the Core.” Presented March 1, 2012 at the University of Dallas to undergraduate students in the “Across the Core” class.

Conference Paper, “Definitions of Justice in *Republic I*,” presented at the 2011 annual conference of the Western Political Science Association.

Discussant, “David Hume at 300: Implications for Political Science” Panel, at the 2011 annual conference of the Western Political Science Association.

“The 99%, the 1%, and the Rest of Us.” Presented November 30, 2011 at the University of Dallas as part of the Politics Department Panel on Rhetoric in Modern America.

“The Ancients and the Moderns on Work and Wealth.” Presented April 1, 2011 at the University of Dallas as part of the Politics Department panel on Ancient and Modern Political Philosophy.

“The Positive Role of International Institutions in Mitigating the Downsides of Globalization.” Presented March 1<sup>st</sup> as part of the 2011 Bradford Debate at the University of Dallas.

“The European Union: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Presented February 26, 2011 at the Wingren Study Center.

“Politics, the Core Curriculum, and Liberal Education.” Presented January 14, 2011 at the University of Dallas as part of the “Understanding and Celebrating the Disciplines and the Core: Liberal Education at UD” conference.

Conference Paper, "Hume's Defense of Justice," presented at the 2010 annual conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association.

Chair and Discussant, "Self-Interest, Corruption, and Morality" Panel at the 2010 annual conference of the Northeastern Political Science Association.

Conference Paper, "Hume's Reply to the Sensible Knave—Another Look," presented at the 2010 annual conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

Discussant, "Literature and Education in Politics" Panel at the 2010 annual conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

Chair, "Origins of Law" Panel at the 2010 annual conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

"What do the 2010 Midterm Elections Mean for America?" Presented November 5, 2010 at the University of Dallas as part of the Politics Department Roundtable on the 2010 Midterm Elections.

"The Hero as Seeker of Truth: The Philosopher in Plato's *Republic*." Presented October 27, 2010 at the University of Dallas to the graduate students in the Fall 2010 session of "The Ancient World."

"Whose World Is It, Anyway? An Introduction to the Globalization Debates." Presented March 2, 2010 at the University of Dallas to the Spring 2010 session of "Introduction to the Human Sciences."

"Nietzsche's Critique of Morality and Science in the *Genealogy of Morality*." Presented February 10, 2010 at the University of Dallas to graduate students in the Spring 2010 Session of "The Recent World."

"Helping Friends and Harming Enemies: Justice in the *Godfather* and Plato's *Republic*." Presented October 21, 2009 to University of Dallas students in O'Connell Hall.

"Lobbying: Revolution, Evolution, or More of the Same?" Presented February 20, 2009 at the University of Dallas as part of the Politics Department Roundtable on the Prospects for the Obama Presidency.