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Education

University of Dallas

Ph.D. with concentration in Politics December 2009
Dissertation (Honors) "Leo Strauss's Socratic Investigation of the Natural Law"
Cumulative GPA of 3.9

Master of Arts in Politics May, 1997

Fellowships: Publius Fellowship, John Adams Wettergreen Fellowship, Earhart Fellowship, Olin Fellowship

Eureka College

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History, *Summa Cum Laude* May 1994
Cumulative GPA: 4.0
Honors: Dean's List, First Year Scholar, Alpha Chi National Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society for Social Sciences

Professional Experience

Hillsdale College

Associate Professor of Politics 2016-Present

Responsible for developing and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in the Politics Department. Academic advising of students in the Core program and majors in Politics and Political Economy.

Assistant Professor of Politics 2010-2016

Courses Taught

US Constitution
Modern Political Philosophy I (Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Locke)
American Political Thought
American Founding

Marxism, Russia, and Solzhenitsyn (undergraduate and cross-listed graduate courses)
Aquinas and the Natural Law
Classical Political Philosophy
Justice Among Nations
Christianity and Politics (undergraduate and cross-listed graduate courses)
The Natural Law (undergraduate and graduate course)
American Foreign Policy (undergraduate and cross-listed graduate courses)
Medieval Political Philosophy (undergraduate and graduate courses)
Early Modern Political Philosophy (Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Locke for graduate students)
Politics and Religion (graduate course)
Aristotle (graduate course)
Law and Society (one hour course for Pre-Law program)
Leo Strauss: Reason, Revelation, and Morality (one hour honors seminar)
C.S. Lewis (one hour honors seminar)
Job and C.S. Lewis on Providence and Pain (one hour honors seminar)
Introduction to Medieval Jewish Philosophy: Maimonides (one hour honors seminar)
Xenophon's *Memorabilia* (one hour honors seminar)
Graduate Teaching Apprenticeship (one hour)
C.S. Lewis (independent study—graduate school)
Modern Political Philosophy (independent study)
Providence and Politics (one hour independent study)
Solzhenitsyn (two hour independent study)
Nietzsche (independent study)
American Political Thought (independent study)
American Foreign Policy (two independent studies, undergraduate and graduate)
Moral Orientation of Early Progressivism (independent study—graduate)

University of Dallas

Academic

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Politics

1998-2010

Responsible for developing and teaching introductory and upper division courses in the Politics Department. Direction of senior theses and grading of undergraduate comprehensive examinations.

Courses Taught

American Foreign Policy

International Politics

Principles of American Politics

Modernity and Post-Modernity (Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche)

Marxism and Russia

Comparative Government

Public Policy

Enlightenment and Liberal Democracy (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau)

Administrative Assistant for McKenna Foundation Grant 1998-2000

Responsible for aiding in the selection of a series of eight speakers as well as making arrangements for lecture topics, readings, advertisement, accommodations, banquets, and transportation.

Teaching Assistant 1996-2000

Responsibilities included assisting in the development of courses, some lecturing when needed, grading, and tutoring students. Assistant for Plato's *Republic*, Marxism and Russia, Modernity and Post-Modernity, American Founding, 20th Century American Politics, and Senior Seminar.

Research Assistant 1996, 1998

Assisted with research, editing, and index preparation for Thomas G. West's *Vindicating the Founders*, the second edition of *Four Texts on Socrates*, and R.J. Pestritto's *Founding the Criminal Law*.

Publications

Grant, John. "Theodore Roosevelt, Imperial Uplift, and the Transformation of American Foreign Policy." (forthcoming in *American Grand Strategy* with Johns Hopkins University Press.)

Grant, John. "William Howard Taft on America and the Philippines: Equality, Natural Rights, and Imperialism," in *Toward an American Conservatism: The Birth of Constitutional Conservatism during the Progressive Era*, ed. Joseph Postell and Jonathon O'Neill. London: Palgrave Macmillan (November 2013), 121-150.

Grant, John. "Introduction" to *The Founders on Slavery, The Rise of the Positive Good School, and the Roots of the Secession Crisis*, in *The U.S. Constitution: A Reader*, ed. Hillsdale College Politics Faculty, 395-396. Hillsdale: Hillsdale College Press, 2012.

Papers and Academic Conference Presentations

Presenter at Roundtable Discussion on Leo Strauss on Religion, Morality, and Politics, American Political Science Association, September 2016.

"Aristotle on the Socratic Teaching that Virtue is Knowledge," Association of Core Texts and Courses, April 2016.

Presenter at Roundtable Discussion on The Progressive Origins of Today's Liberalism, American Political Science Association, September 2013.

Presenter at Roundtable Discussion on Harry V. Jaffa's *Thomism and Aristotelianism*, American Political Science Association, September 2011.

"Leo Strauss's Critique of the Traditional Natural Law Doctrine," Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2010.

Presenter at Roundtable Discussion on Leo Strauss and Eric Voegelin, American Political Science Association, September 2010.

"Leo Strauss on the Natural Law and the Theological-Political Problem," Southwest Political Science Association, March 2010.

"Leo Strauss's Locke: The Difficulties of the Natural Law," Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2009.

"Leo Strauss' Halevi: The Philosopher, Reason, and Law," Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2008.

"Carl Schmitt, The New *Nomos* of the Earth, and Terrorism," Southwest Political Science Association, March 2008.

"The *Federalist Papers* and the Problem of Perpetuating the American Regime," Southwest Political Science Association, March 2000.

"Education in Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*," Education in the Modern World Conference, at Baylor University, October 1999.

Presenter at Roundtable Discussion on RJ Pestritto's *Founding the Criminal Law*, American Political Science Association, August 1999.

Academic Conference Participation (in addition to above)

"Rawlsian Liberalism as the Principal Cause of the Decline in the Constitution in Our Time," presented at Philadelphia Society Meeting, April 2017.

Instructor for Claremont Institute Publius Fellows Program, 1999-2000, 2011-2012.

Discussant for "Prophecy, Papacy, and Natural Law," Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2012.

Participant, "Liberty and Enterprise: The American Founding and the Birth of the Modern Commercial Republic," Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Chicago IL, July-August 2010.

Participant, "Liberty, Centralization, and the Modern State," Liberty Fund Colloquium, Cleveland OH, October 2008.

Participant, "Community in the Modern World," Liberty Fund Colloquium, San Antonio TX, March 2000.

Participant, Publius Fellows Program, Claremont CA, June-July 1998.

Presentations

"Trump's Legislative Agenda," Institutional Advancement Panel, January 2018.

"The Communist Manifesto," Kirby Center James Madison Fellows, Washington DC, November 2017.

"Marx, Lenin, Solzhenitsyn, and the Meaning of the Russian Revolution," AWC Family Foundation Lecture, Kirby Center, Washington DC, November 2017.

"The Progress of the Trump Administration," Panel Discussion for Institutional Advancement, October 2017.

Discussant for Hillsdale College Center for Constructive Alternatives Faculty Roundtable on "Soviet Communism," October 2017.

"Government By Consent? How Unelected Judges and Bureaucrats Combine to Rule Us," Panel Discussion for Hillsdale College Institutional Advancement, October 2017.

"Different Visions of Justice and Gun Rights in American Political History," Institutional Advancement Ladies for Liberty Program, June 2017 and July 2017.

"Immigration: The View from the Founding," "Contemporary Liberalism and Immigration," Free Speech: The View from the Founding," "Hillsdale College and the Civil War,"

"Contemporary Liberalism and Free Speech," Institutional Advancement Hostel on "Constitutional Controversies," June 2017.

"The Ongoing Relevance of Marxism," "Key Marxist Doctrines," "Marxism and Revolution," "Marxism and Contemporary Liberalism and Conservatism," Institutional Advancement Hostel on "What is Freedom" June 2017.

"Philosophic Ethics and Biblical Revelation in the Thought of Moses Maimonides," Van Andel Graduate School Humanities Lecture, January 2017.

"The Upcoming Election," Institutional Advancement Panel, September 2016.

"Different Visions of Justice and Gun Rights in American Political History," Institutional Advancement Ladies for Liberty Program, September 2016.

"Immigration: The View from the Founding," "Contemporary Liberalism and Immigration," Free Speech: The View from the Founding," "Hillsdale College and the Civil War,"

"Contemporary Liberalism and Free Speech," Institutional Advancement Hostel on "Constitutional Controversies," June 2016.

"The Understanding of Justice in Contemporary Liberalism," "John Rawls and Contemporary Views of Justice," "Richard Rorty and Contemporary Views of Justice," "Justice in Practice in Contemporary America," Institutional Advancement Hostel on "What is Freedom" June 2016.

"Different Visions of Justice and Gun Rights in American Political History," Institutional Advancement Ladies for Liberty Program, June 2016.

"2016 Presidential Elections," Institutional Advancement Panel," March 2016.

“Immigration and the 2016 Elections,” Institutional Advancement Panel,” February 2016.

“Duty in the Modern World,” Hillsdale College Veterans Association Roundtable, November 2015.

“The Republican Presidential Field,” Institutional Advancement Panel, October 2015.

“Thomas Aquinas and the Contemporary Crisis in Liberal Education,” Hillsdale College Student Leadership Course, August 2015.

“Immigration: The View from the Founding,” “Contemporary Liberalism and Immigration,” Free Speech: The View from the Founding,” “Contemporary Liberalism and Free Speech,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on “Constitutional Controversies,” June 2015.

“Different Visions of Justice and Gun Rights in American Political History,” Institutional Advancement Ladies for Liberty Program, June 2015.

“The Theological-Political Problem and Religious Toleration Before Locke,” “Locke’s Solution to the Problem of Religious Toleration,” “Limits on Religious Toleration and the Moral Conditions of Freedom,” “Religious Liberty, Private Associations, and Freedom Today,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on “What Is Freedom?” June 2015.

“America as Global Arbiter,” Hillsdale College Veteran’s Association Panel, March 2015.

“Nietzsche,” Hugh Hewitt Show, February 2015.

“Hegel,” Hugh Hewitt Show, February 2015.

“Harry V. Jaffa’s *Thomism and Aristotelianism* in Light of His Later Work,” Pi Sigma Alpha Panel on the Legacy of Harry V. Jaffa, Hillsdale College, February 2015.

“What is Conservatism?,” Liberal Arts Friday Forum, Hillsdale College, October 2014.

“The Upcoming Election,” Institutional Advancement Roundtable, Hillsdale College, October 2014.

“The Vocation and Spiritual Life of the Catholic College Student,” Hillsdale College Catholic Society, September 2014.

“The Presidential War Power and American Foreign Policy,” Hillsdale College Online Course on the Presidency, September 2014.

“Thomas Aquinas on Liberal Arts and Leadership,” Hillsdale College Training for Student Leaders, August 2014.

“Constitutional Principles,” “Progressivism: 1900-1965,” “Liberalism: 1965-Today,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on US Constitution, August 2014.

“The Social Compact Theory of the Founding and the Constitution,” Roots and History of the American Constitution Program for high school students, Hillsdale College, July 2014.

“Justice in America After the Founding,” Charter School Seminar, Hillsdale College, June 2014.

“The Social Compact Theory of the Founding,” “The Essential Elements of Freedom in the US Constitution,” “Policy and Principles in the Founding,” “Progressivism and Contemporary Liberalism,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on US Constitution, Hillsdale College, June 2014.

“Freedom in Contemporary America,” “Freedom in Progressive America,” “Freedom in the Founding,” and “Lincoln’s Restatement,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on What is Freedom?, Hillsdale College, June 2014.

“Thomas Aquinas and the Natural Law,” Hugh Hewitt Show, April 2014.

“The Constitution and Economics,” Hillsdale College Center for Teaching Excellence, Phoenix, March 2014.

“Manly Virtue and Male Happiness in Our Time,” A Few Good Men, Hillsdale College, March 2014.

“Vengeance and Civilization in John Ford’s *The Searchers*,” Hillsdale College Graduate Student Association, January 2014.

“Immigration and Contemporary American Politics,” Hillsdale College Fairfield Society, November 2013.

“Abortion and Contemporary American Politics,” Hillsdale College Students for Life, November 2013.

“What is the Purpose of Government?,” Young Americans Foundation, Hillsdale College, October 2013.

“Syria and American Foreign Policy,” Classical Liberal Organization, Hillsdale College, September 2013.

Discussant for Hillsdale College Center for Constructive Alternatives Faculty Roundtable on “American Foreign Policy,” September 2013.

“Cicero,” Hugh Hewitt Show, August 2013.

“Constitutionalism and the Structure and Powers of Government,” “The Progressive Rejection of the Founding,” and “Post-1960’s Progressivism,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on US Constitution, August 2013.

“The Constitution and Economics,” Hillsdale College Center for Teaching Excellence, Colorado Springs, April 2013.

“The Principles of the Founding and a Free Society” and “The Progressive and Liberal Rejection of the Founding,” Hillsdale College Freedom Forum, Phoenix, March 26th and 27th, 2013.

“Sam Peckinpah on the Permanent Need for Virtue: *Ride the High Country* and *The Wild Bunch*,” Hillsdale College Graduate Student Association, February 2013.

“The 2012 Elections: What Now?,” Institutional Advancement, Hillsdale College, November 12th, 2012.

“Religious Liberty: The Founders and the Contemporary Crisis,” Hillsdale College Admissions Constitution Day Program, September 2012.

“2012 Election Roundtable,” Institutional Advancement, Hillsdale College, September 10th and 13th, 2012.

“Reason and Revelation in *The Abolition of Man* and *That Hideous Strength*,” Hillsdale College Retreat for Honors Students, August 2012.

“Post-1960’s Progressivism,” Constitution 201 Lecture, Hillsdale College, August 2012.

“Constitutionalism and the Structure and Powers of Government,” “The Progressive Rejection of the Founding,” and “Post-1960’s Progressivism,” Institutional Advancement Hostel on US Constitution, August 2012.

“The Foreign Policy of the Social Compact Theory of the Founding” and “Progressive and Liberal Foreign Policy,” Claremont Institute Publius Fellows Program, Newport Beach, California, July 2012.

“Rising to Self-Government: The Purpose of Civic Education,” Charter School Seminar, Hillsdale College, June 2012.

“How Revolutionary Was the American Revolution?,” Liberal Arts Friday Forum, Hillsdale College, March 2012.

“Was the Founding Unjust? Slavery and the Origins of America,” Hillsdale College Center for

Teacher Education, Dallas, TX, January 2012.

“The Foreign Policy of the Founding” and “The Progressive Rejection of the Founders’ Foreign Policy,” Claremont Institute Publius Fellows Program, Newport Beach CA, June 2011.

“The Constitution and Economics,” Hillsdale College Center for Teacher Education, Fort Lauderdale FL, October and April 2011.

“Who Was Leo Strauss?,” Liberal Arts Friday Forum, Hillsdale College, March 2011.

Discussant for Center for Constructive Alternatives Faculty Roundtable on The Great Society, Hillsdale College, February 2011.

“Post-Election Assessment Roundtable,” Institutional Advancement, Hillsdale College, November 2010.

(below is a pertinent sample of dozens of presentations I gave before I came to Hillsdale)

“Liberty and Coercion in American Foreign and Domestic Policy,” Koch Scholars Program, University of Dallas, March 2010.

“Justice and the Common Good: The Case of *Batman*,” Residence Hall Association, University of Dallas, November 2009.

“The Bible and Political Order: God and Politics,” Campus Ministry Dinner and Discourse, University of Dallas, September 2009.

“Shakespeare’s *Measure for Measure*”: Decency, Moderation, and Community,” Residence Life Training, University of Dallas, January 2008.

“Post-Election Roundtable,” Politics Department, University of Dallas, November 2008.

“The Need for the Promotion of Virtue and Its Limits: Dante and Locke on Happiness,” Residence Life Training, University of Dallas, January 2007.

Chair and Discussant on Panel on Benedict the XVI’s “Faith, Reason, and the University,” University of Dallas, September 2006.

“The War on Terror and Human Rights,” Amnesty International Panel, University of Dallas, October 2005.

Theses

John Brooks, “Imperfect Happiness as the Perfection of Virtue: Aquinas’s Hierarchical Conception of Nature, Goods, and Virtue” (M.A.—director)

Sarah Onken, “Human Reason and Divine Beneficence: John Locke’s Conception of God in the *Two Treatises*” (Honors Program and Politics Honors thesis—director)

Emily Runge, “Nirbhaya and the Leviathan: Combatting the Crisis of Rape in India” (Honors Program and Politics Honors thesis—director)

David Danford, “Tyranny and Justice: A Common Conception of Politics Found in Machiavelli and Plato” (MA—second reader)

Paula Briski, “Nietzsche’s Critique of Christianity” (M.A.—director)

Caroline Green, “What Went Wrong in the Water War? Exploring the Institutional Determinants of Water Privatization Failure in Cochabamba, Bolivia” (Honors Program—second reader)

Mike Sabo, “Opening Pandora’s Box: James Madison on Nullification and Interposition” (M.A.—second reader)

Grace Thomson, “The Border” (Political Economy—director)
Abigail Nobel, “Medicaid Expansion in Light of First Principles” (M.A.—second reader)
Ariel Rigdon, “Equality is Their Idol: Tocqueville’s Case for Why Democracies Trade Liberty for Equality” (Honors Program—second reader)
Megan Bowser, “To Have and To Hold. . .Or Not?” (Political Economy—director)
Candace Wherry, “Looked for in Human Nature: Cicero’s Empirical Natural Law Doctrine” (Politics Honors thesis—director)
David Barko, “The G.I. Bill: Increased Benefits Diminish Patriotism” (Political Economy—director)
Sophia Carr, “For Better or Worse, for Richer, for Poorer: How Government Policy Transformed the Modern Family” (Honors Program—director)
Caroline Forsythe, “Public Life Creates Public Space: The Spontaneously-Ordered City and How It Defies Progressive Expectations of Urban Community” (Honors Program—director)
Matthew Morrell, “The Legacy of the New Deal” (Political Economy--director)
Kevin Shaw, “Heidegger’s Nietzsche” (Philosophy—committee member)

Administrative

University of Dallas

Dean of Student Life

6/2004-8/2010

Responsible for Residence Life, Student Activities, Health Services, and Recreational Services and a two million dollar budget. Oversight, personnel selection, and training of five full-time professional staff and three part-time professional staff members. Responsible for over fifty student-workers.

Director of Residence Life

6/2002-8/2010

Responsible for all operations in residence halls and student apartments with 625 student residents. Oversight, personnel selection and training of three professional staff members, seventeen resident assistants, and one apartment manager. Chief Judicial Officer for the University. Responsible for the development and implementation of the Residence Life retention program. Manager for the Residence Life and Student Development budgets.

Assistant Dean

1/2001-5/2002

Similar to Quad Director position, with increased administrative responsibilities. Continued as Summer Conference Coordinator. Responsible for the 2001-2002 budget for the Office of Student Life in the absence of an Associate Dean.

Quad Director/Summer Conference Coordinator

7/2000-1/2001

Responsible for training and supervising one Assistant Quad Director, six Resident Assistants, and one Apartment Manager. Oversaw the well being of 250 resident students. Tasks included maintaining University standards, building community, conflict resolution, responding to emergencies, judicial affairs, and counseling. As Summer Conference Coordinator oversaw

summer conference operations under the direction of the Facilities Coordinator.

Assistant Quad Director 1999-2000
Responsible for assisting the Quad Director oversee the well being of 250 resident students.
Responsible for scheduling duty for the staff of Resident Assistants.

Graduate Assistant for Politics Department 1996-2000
Responsible for managing the Politics Department office. Duties include selecting and training student workers, assisting in the selection of office equipment, and overseeing the general administration of the office.

Administrative Assistant for Politics Department 1997
Responsibilities included office management for the department.

Service

Hillsdale College

MA Exam Committee for Graduate School of Statesmanship (Fall 2017)
Judge for Preliminary Round of Everett Oratory Competition (Spring 2017)
Qualifying Exam Committee for Graduate School of Statesmanship (Fall 2016)
Edward Everett Prize Topic Selection Committee (Fall 2015)
Committee for Mathematics Department Search (Fall 2015-Spring 2016)
Committee for Mathematics Department Search (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
Committee for Politics Department Search (Fall 2014)
Qualifying Exam Committee for Graduate School of Statesmanship (Fall 2014)
Qualifying Exam Committee for Graduate School of Statesmanship (Fall 2013)
Committee for Politics Department Search (Fall 2013)
Committee for Politics Department Search (Spring 2013)
Edward Everett Prize Topic Selection Committee and Judge (Spring 2013)
Educational Policies Committee (Fall 2012 to Spring 2013)
Committee for Philosophy of Education Search (Fall 2012)
George Washington Fellows Selection Committee (Spring 2012 to Fall 2015)
Director of Pre-Law Program (Summer 2011 to Summer 2012)
Bibliographer for Graduate School of Statesmanship (Spring 2011 to the Present)
Academic Advisor (Fall 2010 to the Present, currently 19 advisees)
Coordinator for Politics Department Senior Honors Theses (Fall 2011 to Spring 2012)
Student Life Selection Committee for Associate Dean of Men (Spring 2011)
Academic Status Committee (alternate) (Fall 2011 to Spring 2013)

University of Dallas

President's Cabinet

University Council
Council of Deans and Chairs
Student Life Committee
Athletics and Recreation Committee
Strategic Goals Committee
Residence Life Exemption Petition Committee
Undergraduate Retention Committee
Student Life Rome Committee
Rome Appeal Committee
Rome Assistant Selection Committee
Clean Air Committee

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Adjunct Fellow of the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy
Jack Miller Center Fellow
Claremont Institute Publius Fellow

Student Life Related Conferences

Principles of Good Practice for Student Affairs Workshop 2010
National Conference on Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Violence October 2005
Southwest Association of College and University Housing Officers Chief Housing Officer Conference November 2000
Higher Education Law at University of North Texas March 2002
Association of Conference and Campus Events Developers Regional Meeting November 2000