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EDUCATION

- Michigan State University
Ph.D. Political Science Expected Summer 2020
Dissertation: "The Politics of St. Augustine's Defense of the Fall."
Committee: Dustin Sebell, Arthur Melzer, Eric Petrie
- Michigan State University
M.A. Political Science 2017
- Hillsdale College
B.A. Political Economy, *Magna cum laude* 2012

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Walker, Douglas, and Michael Giles. "Tocqueville Reconsidered: On Toleration, Secular Morality, and Religion's Place in Liberal Democracy." 2019. Forthcoming in the *Political Science Reviewer*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Giles, Michael. "Not Quite Secular: Montesquieu on the Political Utility of Faith." Working Paper, Michigan State University.
- . "By Nature Social, by Corruption Quarrelsome: Sociality in St. Augustine's Account of the Fall." Working Paper, Michigan State University.
- . "The Undoing of Work in St. Augustine, Compared to Locke and Marx." Working Paper, Michigan State University.
- . "Cruel Master and Disobedient Servant: Augustine on Desire's Fall from Eden." Working Paper, Michigan State University.
- . "What Tocqueville Can Teach Us About Democratic Loneliness." Working Paper, Michigan State University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor – Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN Spring 2020
Intro to American Government

Instructor – Michigan State University	Fall 2019
Introduction to Political Thought	
Teaching Assistant – Michigan State University	2014-19
Liberal Democracy as a Way of Life	
Introduction to Political Philosophy (3X)	
Classical Political Philosophy	
American Legislative Process	
Introduction to American National Government (3X)	

TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion and Politics, Classical, Medieval, and Modern Political Thought, Natural Law, American Political Thought, American Government, Congress, U.S. Constitution and Civil Liberties.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “By Nature Social, by Corruption Quarrelsome: Sociality in St. Augustine's Account of the Fall.” Paper given at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, 4 April 2019.
- “On the Original Goodness of Work.” Paper given at the American Political Science Association meetings, 31 August 2018.
- “Not Quite Secular: Montesquieu on the Political Utility of Faith.” Paper given at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, 7 April 2018.
- “Loneliness, Opioids, and Civil Society: Taking Tocqueville’s Lessons to Heart in the Rust Belt.” Paper given at the Michigan Political Science Association meetings, 27 October, 2017.
- “From Religious Minorities to the Religious Minority: Secular Morality and the Failure of Tocqueville’s Defense of Religious Toleration,” with Douglas Walker. Paper given at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, 9 April 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Research Fellow, Constitutional Studies Program, University of Notre Dame	2020
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2017-20
Summer Fellow, Jack Miller Center	2017
Latin Study Grant from the Department of Political Science, MSU	2016
Intensive Summer Program at University College Cork, Ireland	
Lefrak Symposium Fellowship, Michigan State University	2014-19
Supports doctoral research in the area of political thought and modern democracy	
Hertog Political Studies Fellow in Washington, DC	2013
Fully funded, six-week summer study in classical, modern, and American political philosophy	
Institute for Humane Studies Summer Fellow	2012

Ten-week program consisting of internship at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and weekly seminars in political science, law, and economics

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND DISCIPLINE

Discussant, Contemporary Democratic Theory, Midwest Political Science Association meetings, 4 April 2019.

Member, University Committee on Undergraduate Education 2015-16

ADDENDA

Languages: Latin (reading proficiency)

Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association.

REFERENCES

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