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EDUCATION

Michigan State University
Ph.D. Political Science Expected Summer 2020
Dissertation: "The Politics of the Fall in St. Augustine of Hippo."
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

"Tocqueville Reconsidered: On Toleration, Secular Morality, and Religion's Place in Liberal Democracy." *The Political Science Reviewer* 43, no. 1 (2019), pp. 167-200.

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.
- . "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.

INVITED TALKS

Philosophical Origins of the American Constitution and Legal System, given for Chinese judges of Shenzhen province taking part in the Visiting International Professional Program, 11 November 2019.

Part 1 – Enlightenment Philosophy and Natural Rights

Part 2 – Republicanism and the Founding Fathers

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“St. Augustine on the Lapsarian Roots of Political Ambition.” Paper to be given at the Midwest Political Science Association meetings, April 2020.

“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
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, MSU College of Social Science	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 Intensive Summer Program at University College Cork, Ireland	2016
Lefrak Symposium Fellowship, Michigan State University Supports doctoral research in the area of political thought and modern democracy	2014-19
Hertog Political Studies Fellow in Washington, DC Fully funded, six-week summer study in classical, modern, and American political philosophy	2013
Institute for Humane Studies Summer Fellow Ten-week program consisting of internship at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and weekly seminars in political science, law, and economics	2012

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE, UNIVERSITY, and SOCIETY

Chair and Discussant, "Rights, Sovereignty, and the Environment," Midwest Political Science Association Meetings, April 2020

Judge, "We the People" State Finals, Michigan Center for Civic Education, 2019

Chair and 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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