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EDUCATION

Michigan State University	
Ph.D. Political Science	2020
Dissertation: “The Politics of the Fall in St. Augustine of Hippo.”	
Committee: Dustin Sebell, Arthur Melzer, Corwin Smidt, and Mary Keys	
Michigan State University	
M.A. Political Science	2017
Hillsdale College	
B.A. Political Economy, <i>Magna cum laude</i>	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 Original Goodness of Work, according to Augustine and Marx.” Working Paper, Michigan State University.
- . “What Tocqueville Can Teach Us About Democratic Loneliness.” Working Paper, Michigan State University.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Tocqueville Program – University of Notre Dame	2020-21
Visiting Research Fellow – University of Notre Dame	2020
Visiting Instructor – Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN	2019-20
Political Economy	
Intro to American Government	
Instructor – Michigan State University	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

Classical, Medieval, and Modern Political Thought, Religion and Politics, Economics and Political Theory, American Political Thought.

INVITED TALKS

“Philosophical Origins of the American Constitution and Legal System.” Visiting International Professional Program, 11 November 2019.

Part 1 – Enlightenment Philosophy and Natural Rights

Part 2 – Republicanism and the Founding Fathers

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

Visiting 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

Dustin Sebell (Advisor)
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