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EDUCATION

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| 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.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Till Ye Thy Field: The Goodness and Fall of Work in Augustine and Marx.” Chapter in *Augustine and Contemporary Issues*, ed. Paul Allen. Forthcoming in Routledge.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Politics of the Fall in St. Augustine of Hippo.” Book Manuscript. University of Notre Dame.
“Saints and Heroes: Augustine on the Love of Glory,” Paper, University of Notre Dame.
“What to us is a Founding? Creation, Fall, and the Origin of Politics,” Paper, University of Notre Dame.
“Human Dignity: The Hidden Political Theology of Toy Story III,” Paper, University of Notre Dame.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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| Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Director, Constitutionalism and Rule of Law Lab, Kellogg Institute for International Studies – Univ. of Notre Dame | 2021 |
| Postdoctoral Fellow, Constitutional Studies – University of Notre Dame | 2020-21 |
| Visiting Research Fellow – University of Notre Dame | 2020 |
| Visiting Instructor – Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN | 2020-21 |
| Instructor – Michigan State University | 2019 |
| Teaching Assistant – Michigan State University | 2014-19 |
| Financial Aid Associate, Student Services – Lansing Community College | 2013-14 |

TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Thought, Political Economy, American Political Thought, American Politics.

INVITED TALKS

“Saints and Heroes: Augustine on the Love of Glory.” Faculty Research Seminar, Holy Cross College, 8 October 2020.

“Philosophical Origins of the American Constitution and Legal System.” Visiting International Professional Program, Michigan State University, 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

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| Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Constitutional Studies Program, University of Notre Dame | 2020 |
| Dissertation Completion Fellowship, MSU College of Social Science | 2020 |
| Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$45,000 cumulative) | 2017-20 |
| Summer Fellow, Jack Miller Center | 2017 |
| Latin Study Grant from the Department of Political Science, MSU (\$12,000) | 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 DISCIPLINE, UNIVERSITY, and SOCIETY

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| 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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