

Dr. Michael T. Giles

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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

PUBLICATIONS

- Giles, Michael. "Ye Shall Till Thy Field: The Goodness and Fall of Work in Augustine and Marx." In *Augustine and Contemporary Social Issues*, pp. 86-106. Routledge, 2022.
- Walker, Douglas, and Michael Giles. "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

- "What to us is a Founding? Creation, Fall, and the Origin of Politics," Paper, Great Lakes Christian College.
- "Saints and Heroes: Augustine on the Love of Glory," Paper, University of Notre Dame.
- "Human Dignity: The Hidden Political Theology of Toy Story III," Paper, University of Notre Dame.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Dean of Students, Great Lakes Christian College	2022
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 (ancient, medieval, modern), American Government, Politics and Religion, Political Economy.

Instructor of Record: Bible and Theology (2022, GLCC), Human Rights Seminar (2021, Notre Dame), Introduction to Political Economy (2021, Holy Cross College), American Government (2020, Holy Cross College), Introduction to Political Thought (2019, Michigan State University).

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

“What to us is a Founding? Creation, Fall, and the Origin of Politics.” Paper given at Michigan State University, 29 April 2022.

“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

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

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

REFERENCES

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