Education

University of Houston

- Ph.D. in Political Science, December 2006 Dissertation Title: America's False Dichotomy: Sovereignty and the Federal/National Distinction at the Constitutional Convention of 1787
- Master of Arts in Political Science, May 2003
- Bachelor of Science in Political Science, July 1995 Minor: History

Academic Positions

Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, Rhode Island College

- POL201 Development of American Democracy Spring 2011; Spring 2012; Spring 2013
- POL202 American Government Fall 2009; Fall 2010; Fall 2011; Fall & Spring 2013 - 2017
- POL204 Introduction to Political Thought Fall 2010 -2017; Spring 2011

Visiting Lecturer of Philosophy, Bridgewater State College

- PHIL 320 Special Topics in Philosophy: The Philosophy of Greatness Spring 2014
- PHIL 299 Fear and Politics in the *Hunger Games* Fall & Spring 2013 - 2018
- PHIL299 The Politics of *Harry Potter* Spring 2010 - 2013
- PHIL222: Philosophy of Law Spring 2016
- PHIL199: Justice in the Marvel Cinematic Universe Fall 2016-2017
- PHIL 299: Virtue in Marvel's Civil War Spring 2017-2018
- PHIL199 The Ethics of *Harry Potter* Fall 2009 - Fall 2017

Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, Lesley University

• CPOLS 2121 U.S. Politics Fall 2011

Visiting Professor of Political Science, Rhode Island College

- POL201 Development of American Democracy Fall 2008; Spring 2009
- POL 202 American Government Fall 2008; Spring 2009

Visiting Professor of Government, Framingham State College

- 62.110 American Politics Fall 2007; Spring 2008
- 62.211 Political Theory: Justice, Law & Order Spring 2008
- 62.212 Political Theory: Age of Ideology Fall 2007

Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, Bridgewater State College

- POLI172 Introduction to American Government Fall 2003 to Spring 2007
- POLI274 Western Political Thought Spring 2007
- POLI277 State and Local Government Spring 2004
- POLI 400 Special Topics: Education Policy Spring 2004
- POLI 479 Public Policy Fall 2004

Visiting Lecturer of Political Science, Wheaton College (MA)

• POLS 321 Public Administration and Policy Spring 2004

Visiting Professor of Political Science, University of Houston- Downtown

- POLS 2304 The Institutions of American Government Fall 1999; Spring 2000
- POLS 3302 Introduction to Public Policy Fall 1999

Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University of Houston-Downtown

- POLS 2303 U.S. and Texas Constitutions Spring 2001; Fall 2001; Spring 2002; Summer 2002
- POLS 2304 The Institutions of American Government Spring 2000; Spring 2002

Adjunct Professor of Political Science, University of Houston

- POLS 1336H American Government Honors- U.S. and Texas Constitutions Fall 2001
- POLS 3349 American Political Thought Fall 2000; Spring 2001

Publications

"Harry Gets by With a Little Help from His Friends: An Aristotelian Reading of Virtue and Friendship in Harry Potter" *Reason Papers* 34, no. 1 (June 2012): 77-88.

"Bicameralism." In *American Governance*. Farmington Hills, MI: Cengage Learning (with Jordon Barkalow) (2016).

"John Adams." In American Governance. Farmington Hills, MI: Cengage Learning (with Jordon Barkalow) (2016).

Awards

Recipient of Presidential Award for Distinguished Adjunct Teaching. Bridgewater State University (2012).

Nominated for Presidential Award for Distinguished Adjunct Teaching. Bridgewater State University (2011).

Grants

Office of Teaching and Learning's Teacher/Scholar Summer Institute: Writing Retreat. Bridgewater State University (August 2015).

Office of Teaching and Learning's Teacher/Scholar Summer Institute: Innovating Teaching with Technology. Bridgewater State University (August 2014).

Fall 2017 FYS/SYS Course Enhancement Grant. Bridgewater State University (Two Grants; \$300 each)

Fall 2013 FYS/SYS Course Enhancement Grant. Bridgewater State University (\$150)

Office of Teaching and Learning's Teacher/Scholar Summer Institute: Student Centered Learning. Bridgewater State University (August 2013).

Fall 2010 FYS/SYS Course Enhancement Grant. Bridgewater State University (\$300).

Conferences and Colloquia

"Fear and Pity in the Arena: Reading Hobbes and Rousseau in *The Hunger Games*." Paper presented at the Southwest Social Science Association's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV (March 2016).

"Harry Gets by With a Little Help from His Friends: An Aristotelian Reading of Virtue and Fortune in *Harry Potter*." Paper to be presented with Ms. Kendra Tully at The Power to Imagine Better: The Philosophy of Harry Potter at Marymount Manhattan College in New York, NY (October 2011).

"Making Democracy Work: A Multidimensional Theory of Sovereignty." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Convention's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (April 2009).

Chair. "The Basis and Genesis of Locke's Political Philosophy." Midwest Political Science Convention's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (April 2009).

"Making Democracy Safe in America: The Founders' Theory of Sovereignty." Paper presented at the Northeast Political Science Convention's Annual Meeting in Boston, MA (November 2008).

"Men of Great Faith: An American Understanding of Popular Sovereignty & the Convention of 1787." Paper presented at the Northeast Political Science Convention's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA (November 2007).

Discussant. "Executive Power in American Political Thought." Northeast Political Science Convention's Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA (November 2007).

"A Commitment to Principle: Popular Sovereignty and the Convention of 1787." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Convention's Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (April 2007).

Participant. "Politics and Literature: 'Great Men' and Liberty." Liberty Fund. Columbia Falls, MT. July 2001.

Participant. "Liberty in Education." Liberty Fund. Houston, TX. July 1997.

Professional Memberships and Positions

Editorial Board: Reason Papers Southwest Social Science Association American Political Science Association

Areas of Concentration

Political Theory, History of Political Thought American Constitutional Design Modern Public Policy Education Policy Social Policy Policy Analysis American Government Political Parties The Presidency

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