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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA

Associate Professor of Political Science, April 2014 – present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2003 – March 2014 (tenured 2009)

Pre-Law Advisor, June 2014 – present

- Budget and manage \$50,000 annual payout from SJU Law Alumni Endowment
- Create law and justice programming
 - Founded annual Nardi Symposium on Law and Justice in 2014, featuring high profile scholars and practitioners of law and drawing 100 attendees annually.
 - Lead working group to develop and launch new Youth Courts Law class
 - Collaborate with departments across campus to create full schedule of events
- Advise over 100 students and alumni contemplating or applying to law school
 - Guide students to courses to build skills and content knowledge
 - Encourage internships through advising and networking with alumni
 - Design and implement drafting program to obtain quality essays
 - Constructively collaborate with Career Development pre-law adviser to provide best possible advising for students including new orientations, specialized programming for under-represented students, outreach to students in all colleges, pre-law club, first SJU pre-law website.
- Collaborate with SJU Law Alumni chapter and Development to advance student law programming and services
- Represent the University at admissions, alumni, and other external events

Haverford College, Haverford, PA

Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Law and American Politics, Fall 2002 – Spring 2003

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Lecturer, Political Science Department, Fall 2001 – Spring 2002

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Lecturer and Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Fall 1996 – Fall 1999

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Lecturer, Political Science, Environmental Studies Departments, Fall 1992 – Spring 1998

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. Department of Political Science, 2001: "Environmental Liberalism: The Values & Mechanisms of a Principled Political Theory."

Qualifying Paper in American Politics and Public Law, Department of Political Science, 1990: "Burning and Waving the Flag in the U.S.: Patriotism, Liberalism and the American Way."

M.A. Department of Political Science, 1989: "Melancton Smith and the Federal Farmer Essays: An Anti-Federalist Theory of Political Representation."

Queens College, The College University of New York, Flushing, NY

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, valedictorian, 1986

Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma of New York, 1986

RESEARCH

Book

Democracy, Intelligent Design, and Evolution: Science for Citizenship. London and New York: Routledge Press, 2014, 135 pages. Paperback and Kindle, 2015.

Refereed and Double-Blind Journal Articles

“Retreat from the Rule of Law: Locke and the Perils of Stand Your Ground.” *Journal of Politics* (H-98, Q1) [available online](#) (4/24/20) and August 2020, 82, no. 3.

“Rethinking *Dover*: Religion, Science, and the Values of Democratic Citizenship.” *Politics & Religion* (H-12, Q2) 5, no. 3 (August 2012): 441-462.

“The Text and Context of “Enough and as Good”: John Locke as the Foundation of an Environmental Liberalism.” *Polity* (H-22, Q2) 43, no. 2 (April 2011): 210-241.

“Lockean Switching: Imagination and the Production of Principles of Toleration.” *Perspectives on Politics* (H-49, Q1) 7, no. 4 (December 2009): 823-836.

Refereed Encyclopedia Article and Book Chapter

“State Church.” *Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, 8 volumes, Wiley-Blackwell, October 2014, p. 3571-3581 (7,000 words). Published [online](#), John Wiley & Sons, Inc, September 2014.

“Popish Plots, Playing Cards, and Political Theory,” in *Against Popery and Slavery: Anti-Catholicism and Liberty in the British-American World, c. 1530-1830* edited by Evan Haefeli, University of Virginia Press, forthcoming 2020. Co-authored with Andrew Murphy (primary author) and Gregory Zucker. (Accepted by board and going into press.)

Work in Progress

Book manuscript, *Armed or Disarmed?: How Gun Rights Threaten and Enable Democratic Citizenship* (7 chapters, 4 drafted, elements of 2 drafted, book proposal submitted).

Article, “Sensitive Places: Originalism, Gender, and the Myth Self-Defense in *District of Columbia v. Heller*” (Revise and Resubmit due 2/15).

Book Reviews and Review Essays

Review of Michael Walzer’s *The Paradox of Liberation: Secular Revolutions and Religious Counterrevolutions* (Yale 2015), *Perspectives on Politics* (H-49, Q1), 15, no. 1 (March 2017): 228-230.

Review of Firmin DeBrabander’s *Do Guns Make Us Free: Democracy and the Armed Society* (Yale 2015), *Perspectives on Politics* (H-49, Q1), 15, no. 1 (March 2017): 237-240.

“How to Decide What is Caesar’s?” Reviews of Abner Greene’s *Against Obligation* (Harvard 2013) and James E. Fleming and Linda McClain’s *Ordered Liberty: Rights, Responsibilities, and Virtues* (Harvard 2013), *Perspectives on Politics* (H-49, Q1), 12, no. 4 (December 2014): 892-894.

“Back to Burke?” Review of Drew Maciag’s *Edmund Burke in America: The Contested Career of the Father of Modern Conservatism* (Cornell University Press 2013), *America: The Jesuit Review* 211, no. 6 (September 15, 2014): 33-34.

“Establishment Politics? The Fight for Same-Sex Marriage in Courts, Politics, and Society,” Featured book review of Jason Pierceson’s *The Road to the Supreme Court: Same-Sex Marriage in the United States* (Rowman & Littlefield 2013), Emily R. Gill’s *An Argument for Same-Sex Marriage: Religious Freedom, Sexual Freedom, and Public Expressions of Civic Equality* (Georgetown 2012), and Jaye Cee Whitehead’s *The Nuptial Deal: Same-Sex Marriage & Neo-Liberal Governance* (University of Chicago 2012). *Politics & Religion* (H-12, Q2), 7, no. 1 (March 2014): 209-218.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Internal

Merit Awards for Advising, Saint Joseph's University 2006, 2019
Summer Research Grants, Saint Joseph's University 2004, 2011, 2018
Michael J. Morris Scholarly Research Grant, Saint Joseph's University 2017-2018
Faculty Merit Award for Justice, Saint Joseph's University 2016
Online Curriculum Grants, Saint Joseph's University 2015, 2016
General Education Curriculum Development Grants, Saint Joseph's University 2012, 2013
Merit Award for Service, Saint Joseph's University 2014
Merit Award for Research, Saint Joseph's University 2013
Merit Award for Teaching, Saint Joseph's University 2005, 2012

External

Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund Grant, American Political Science Association Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs, 2017
Small Research Grant, American Political Science Association 2016
Fellow, The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture & Politics of Democracy, Rutgers University, 1999-2001
Wayne C. Booth Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Chicago, 1995
Grodzins Prize Lectureships, The University of Chicago, 1992, 1995
Fellow in Education and Public Policy, NYS Science and Technology Foundation, Albany, 1986-7
Century Fellowship, The University of Chicago, 1987-1991
Garfinkel Graduate Scholarship, Queens College, The City University of New York, 1986

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Dead Wrong: Women, Inequality, and Gun Rights in *District of Columbia v. Heller*," Law and Politics Seminar, Columbia University, New York, February 2017.
"Stand Your Ground: Blackstone, Locke, and the Politics of Self-Defense," Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, Durham, January 2017.
"Stand Your Ground v. Retreat to the Wall: Do American Gun Laws Undermine the Public Good?" TriCo Political Theory Workshop, Bryn Mawr College, April 2016.
"Law, Intelligent Design, and the Courts," Law and Politics Seminar, Columbia University, New York, January 2014.
"Life, Liberty, and Property: Towards a Liberal Discourse on Guns and Gun Control," Political Theory Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, September 2013.
"Rethinking *Dover*: Activating Liberal Rights: Intelligent Design, Evolution, and Political Identity," Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, Durham, February 2009.
"Evolution, Citizenship, and the Supreme Court: The Role of Education in Liberal Society," Jack Wright Memorial Speaker Series, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., March 2008.
"Rethinking *Dover*: The Role of Science and Education in Liberal Society," Political Theory Workshop, The University of Chicago, Chicago, October 2007.
"Lockean Switching: Imagination and the Production of Principles of Toleration," Social and Political Theory Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, February 2006.

"Locke's *Second Treatise* and its Relationship to Today's Theories of Democracy," Institute for the Study of Democracy, Leadership, and Service in the U.S., Graham School of General Studies of The University of Chicago, Chicago, January 2007 and January 2008.

REFEREED NATIONAL CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Guns of Wrath?: Guns as Tools of Radical Reform in 20th Century American." Association for Political Theory Conference, University of California, Irvine, October 2019.

"The Ghost of Tom Joad: Property, Guns, and the Law," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2019.

"Defending Equality: The Armed Struggle for Black Civil Rights," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2017.

"Armed Bundys?: Gun Rights and the Limits of Liberal Rebellion," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 2017.

"Stand Your Ground: Guns, Gender, and Democratic Citizenship in the *Heller* Case," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016.

"Girls with Guns? Gun Rights, Gender, and Democratic Citizenship," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Colorado, Boulder, October 2015.

"Stand Your Ground v. Retreat to the Wall: How American Gun Laws Undermine the Public Good," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2014.

"Life, Liberty, and Property: Towards a Liberal Discourse on Guns and Gun Control," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, October 2013.

"Creating Civic Temperament: Liberal Education in the Work of John Adams," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Reed College, Portland, October 2010.

"Instituting Science: Locke, Evolution, and Liberal Education," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, March 2009.

"Rethinking Dover: The Role of Science and Education in Liberal Society," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2008.

"Science and Citizenship: Liberal Education in the Work of John Adams," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 2008.

"The Science of Enlightenment: Evolution and the Role of Information in Liberal Society," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006.

"The Lockean Switch: The Toleration of Differences in the Liberal Tradition," Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, March 2005.

"Switching Places: John Locke and the Toleration of Difference in the American Political Tradition," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004.

"The Rules of the Game: Contract Theory, the Rule of Law and the Problem of Ecology," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001.

"Liberalism and the Political: The Foundations of a Greener Liberalism," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2001.

"Can Liberals be Green? The Environmental Critique of Liberal Democracy," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2000.

"Political Theory and Environmental Public Policy: Revisiting Liberal Theories of Property," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1999.

"The Value & Mechanisms of Stability: a New Liberalism for Greener Times," Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Worcester, May 1998.

"The Inequality of Environmental Goods: Liberalism and the Challenge of Future Generations," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 1996.

"Mechanisms of Stability: Liberal Institutions and the Environment," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 1995.

"Rawlsian Liberal Democratic Theory: Individuals v. Humanity? The Case of the Environment," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1993.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Discussant, "A Politics of Movement: Uprootedness and Fugitivity," Association for Political Theory Conference, University of California, Irvine, October 2019.

Discussant and Chair, Sources of Restraint in the American Republic, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2019.

Chair, "Direct Action," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Haverford/Bryn Mawr Colleges, Philadelphia, October 2018.

Chair, "Reason and Value in Deliberative Democracy," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 2017.

Chair, "Corporations and Capitalism: Historical and Legal Perspectives," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.

Presenter, "Internships and Political Theory: Comparing Principles and Practice" for "Pedagogy Workshop on Experiential Learning and Civic Engagement," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, The Ohio State University, Columbus, October 2016.

Discussant, "Territories and Markets," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, The Ohio State University, Columbus, October 2016.

Chair, "Technologies of Neoliberalism," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, The Ohio State University, Columbus, October 2016.

Discussant, "Hobbes," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016.

Chair, "The Bios: Food, Bodies, Life Itself," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016.

Chair, "The Economic Mind," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Colorado, Boulder, October 2015.

Chair, "Sovereignty and Post-Sovereignty," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2014.

Discussant, "Facts and Values," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Vanderbilt University Nashville, October 2013.

Chair, "Samuel Moyn's The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History" and "Legacies of Ancient Texts in Early and Late Modernity," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, October 2012.

Discussant, "Tea Party and Vengeful Discourse," Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, October 2012.

Chair, "Limits of Liberalism: Relativism, Religion, and Language," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2008.

Discussant and Chair, "Islam: Political Thought and Practice," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2008.

Discussant, "Virtue and the American Founding," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2007.

Discussant and Chair, "Dilemmas of Democratic Equality," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2007.

Chair, "The Edge of Reason: Science and Anger in the Liberal Tradition," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2006.

TEACHING

Courses at Saint Joseph's University

(* = General Education Program Writing Intensive; ^ = created course; # = entirely revised course)

Political Theory:

Introduction to Political Thought (introductory, POL 117)#

Modern Political Thought (Upper Division (UD), renamed Machiavelli v. the World)^

American Political Thought (UD, POL 303, renamed American Political Ideology)#

Film, Politics, & Ideology (UD, POL 305)^

Theories of Justice in the 21st Century (capstone seminar, POL 407)*^

Public Law:

Law, Student Liberties, and the Supreme Court (First Year Seminar)^

Law and Social Change (UD POL 312)*^; as Sophomore Research Sem. POL 201)*^

Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (UD POL 311)*

Guns, Courts, and Violence (UD POL 270)^

The Armed Citizen (capstone seminar, POL 408)*^

Social Controversies and the Supreme Court (UD POL 312 online)^

Constitutional Politics (UD POL 310 online)#

American Politics:

Introduction to American Government (Introductory, POL 111)#

Environmental Politics in America (UD POL 327)*^

Community Engaged and Experiential Learning:

Global Smarts Internship (UD POL 490)^

Philadelphia-Area Internship (UD POL 491/HIS 491)

Advising Load (155)

Political Science (25)

Mandatory meetings for registration, discerning study abroad, internships, academic goals

Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support (2 of 25 majors)

Major advising adjusted for students on the autism spectrum

Justice and Ethics in the Law Minor (30)

Advising and course selection

Pre-Law (100+ students and alumni)

Course selection, law as appropriate profession, essay design and editing

Undeclared (2-3)

Mandatory meetings for registration, discerning study abroad, internships, academic goals with focus on determining interest in major

Teaching Load 3/2 (since 2014, received 1 course reduction for pre-law from 3/3)

Teaching Awards and Grants

Merit Awards for Advising, Saint Joseph's University, 2006, 2019

Summer Research Grants, Saint Joseph's University, 2004, 2011, 2018

Faculty Merit Award for Justice, Saint Joseph's University, 2016

Online Curriculum Grants, Saint Joseph's University, 2015, 2016

General Education Curriculum Development Grants, Saint Joseph's University, 2012, 2013

Merit Awards for Teaching, Saint Joseph's University, 2005, 2012

Wayne C. Booth Prize for Excellence in Teaching, The University of Chicago, 1995

Grodzins Prize Lectureships, The University of Chicago, 1992, 1995

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

New Books in Political Science Podcast, 2019-present

Co-host, 2019-present

- Select books in all political science fields and invite authors
- Read books to create 40-50 minute [weekly podcast](#) (downloaded by 5-7,000 people per episode)
- Write short blog posts
- Handle all technology including management of microphones and downloading of files

Association for Political Theory, 2010-present

Chair, Standing Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, Summer 2019 – present

Member, Standing Committee on Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, Spring 2018 – present

Mentor, Professional Development Mentoring Program, 2017-present

- Organize pre-conference workshop “Queering the Demos” and pedagogy panel “Feminist Ideologies” for 2019 Annual Meeting
- Create agendas, organize documents, and chair monthly meetings
- Oversee the committee’s review of harassment and childcare policies
- Helped organize 2018 pre-conference workshop “Critical Solidarities” attended by 25 scholars

Member and Chair, Governance Committee, 2012 – 2015 (Member), 2014 – 2015 (Chair)

- Elected by membership to the committee that controls APT’s finances, insurance, programming, conference locations, and membership policies
- Prepared the agenda, chaired the annual meeting of the GC, and ran the election of officers at the annual business meeting

Co-Director of National Conference, 2012

- Wrote call for papers, assembled program committee, assigned, read, and evaluated peer reviews of ~150 proposals, selected papers and assembled all panels for 3-day national conference
- Chaired program committee that created plenary, pedagogy panel, professional workshops, and online book group by identifying topics and inviting speakers

Program Committee Member, 2011

- Read commented on, and ranked approximately 30 proposals
- Collaborated with program committee to craft plenary address, pedagogy panel, online book group

Columbia University, Law and Politics Seminar, elected member Spring 2014 – present

- Faculty from history and political science present scholarly work for discussion

Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisers, 2014 – present

- Mentor new pre-law advisers since 2018

American Political Science Association, 1993 – present

Midwest Political Science Association, 1995 – 2009

Western Political Science Association, 2005 – 2010

Scholarly Review

BOOKS (peer review)

MIT University Press, Routledge Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Oxford University Press

JOURNALS (blind peer review)

American Journal of Political Science, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Ethics & the Environment*, *Journal of Politics*, *Polity*

PROGRAM

External review of the Law and Politics and Law and Public Policy majors at Dickinson College, Carlisle, March 4-6, 2018

- Review of two law-based majors with colleague from Ithaca College
- Interviewed faculty, administrators, and students and met with provost
- Wrote 16-page report with evaluation and recommendations

TENURE AND PROMOTION

- Confidential review of candidate in political theory for tenure and promotion

SELECT SJU SERVICE SINCE PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE

Executive Committee Member, Faculty Senate, 2019 – present

Founding Director, Justice and Ethics in the Law Minor, 2014-2016, 2017 – June 2019

- Collaborate with Arts & Sciences and Business faculty to create program
- Advise 30 minors
- Create programming and mentor faculty to enable their events
- Wrote 16-page report with evaluation and recommendations
- Will continue to serve on Advisory Board 2019 – 2021

Member, Board of Rank and Tenure, 2018 – 2019

Chair, General Education Program Writing Intensive Certification Committee, 2013 – 2015

Founding Director, Global Smarts Internship Program, 2012 – present

- Collaborative with Philadelphia World Affairs Council to create community engaged internship
- Annually 22 SJU students mentor 60 middle school students in under-resourced public, Catholic, and charter schools to learn global policy, research skills, and oral presentation

- Middle school students perform on par with students from private and well-funded public schools, winning merit awards

Director, Philadelphia Area Internship Program, 2010 – 2016, 2018 – 2019

Founding Faculty Adviser, Hawk Hill Law 2018 – present

Commencement Marshal 2004 – present

MLK 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Committee, 2017

Parliamentarian, University Council, 2014 – 2017

Phi Beta Kappa, Historian Speech for Induction and event planning, 2014 – 2017

Deans' and Provost's Scholarship Committee to evaluate essays, interview and select 2014 – 2017

Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Adviser, 2014 – 2016

Honors Committee Advisory Board 2013 – 2015

Environmental Studies Advisory Board 2012 – 2014

Faculty Peer Review (1-2 per semester)

SELECT NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

The Constitution of Democracy Center, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, 1995.

Center for Ethics, Rationality, and Society, University of Chicago, Chicago, 1993-1996.

Hans Zeisel Illinois Capital Sentencing Project, The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, 1992.

- Landmark study determined jurors' (mis)understanding of judge's instructions in death penalty cases
- Trained by Zeisel and staff to interview jurors under a simulated court room situation
- Testified in Federal Court regarding administration of the study

Executive Chambers of Governor Mario M. Cuomo, New York

Assistant Director of Research (1984-1986); Chancellor's Executive Intern (1983-1984)

- Researched and edited five biweekly reports for Governor
- Helped design, administer, and code polls
- Hired, supervised, and designed projects for 25 research interns

SELECT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Havertown Public Library, "No Small Talk: How Ruth Bader Ginsburg Became a Judicial Superstar," March 24, 2019 (public lecture)

Rutgers University, Center for Vector Biology, ACTS Sustainable Resident-Based Mosquito Control Using Mass Deployment of Lethal Ovitrap, Block Leader, May 2018 – present

- Collaborated with Dr. Brian Johnson (Rutgers) and Diane Heimlich (Highland Park Dept. of Health)
- Trained to communicate information on mosquito biology and prevention
- Recruited people to participate and led orientation for 20 people
- Mapped area, oversaw 40 traps, coordinated data collection

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST