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## **EDUCATION**

Ph. D. Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Davis

Fields of Study: Political Theory, American Politics, and Comparative Literature

Dissertation: "What Can Be Done in Light of What Has Been Done: The

Intersection of Theory and Practice in Rousseau"

Committee: John T. Scott (Chair), Robert S. Taylor, Julia Simon (French)

M.A. Political Science, University of Houston B.A. Political Science, University of Houston

Summa Cum Laude

With Honors from the Honors College

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Right, Legitimacy, and Institutional Design

Pluralism in Democratic Theory

Public Discourse and Rhetoric in Political Theory

Republicanism, Ancient and Modern

Theories of Progress

History of Political Thought

Modernity and its Critics

French Enlightenment

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**Revise and Resubmit**- "Rousseau's Rome: Book IV of the *Social Contract* and the Specter of Montesquieu" at *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 

Article Under Review- "Conjectural History in Kant and Rousseau: the Interplay of Past and Progress" (with Ryan Reed)

Working Article- "Rousseau's Practical Philosophy: Applying a Standard of Right to Poland and Corsica"

Working Article- "Rousseau's Cosmopolitan Republicanism: Confederation, Political Progress, and the Limits of Universalizing the General Will"

Working Article- "Deliberation in Large Democracies: Rousseau and Condorcet on Factional Interests in Voting"

Working Article- "Rousseau and Silencing the Law: Emergency Powers and Tacit Consent"

Working Article- "Righteous Indignation: The Political Role of *Thumos* in Plato's *Republic*"

Working Book- "Men as They Are and Laws as They Can Be:" Practical Politics in Rousseau

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Theory, Florida International University (2020-current)

Contemporary Political Theory Introduction to Political Theory American Political Thought Political Ideologies U.S. Government

# **Adjunct Instructor, Online Education, University of New Mexico, Valencia (2019-2020)**

The Political World U.S. Government

# **Adjunct Instructor, Portland Community College (2016-2018)**

U.S. Government Citizenship and Engagement Globalization and International Relations Political Ideologies

## Visiting Instructor, University of La Verne, La Verne, CA (2015)

Modern Political Theory

# Adjunct Instructor, Online Education, Odessa College, Odessa, TX (2013-2017)

Introduction to Federal Government Texas State Government

# **Instructor**, University of California, Davis (2010-2012)

Late Modern Political Theory Basic Concepts of Political Theory

### **Teaching Assistant (University of California, Davis and University of Houston)**

Courses in Political Theory

Introduction to Political Theory (Honors and Standard)

Plato's Republic Seminar

**Ancient Political Theory** 

Early Modern Political Theory

Late Modern Political Theory

Contemporary Analytic Political Theory

War in Political Theory

Politics of Greek Theatre (Honors)

History of Political Philosophy (Graduate Level)

Techniques of Textual Analysis (Graduate Level)

American Political Thought (Graduate Level)

Courses in American Politics

Introduction to American Politics/U.S. Government

American Public Policy

Political Communication and Politics of Mass Media

Legislative Processes/Congress

Politics of Equality in Constitutional Law

Science and Technology Policy

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES/COMPUTER SKILLS

French (Intermediate), Greek (Basic), Latin (Basic), STATA, SPSS, FileMaker Pro, R

Harvard University Data Science Professional Certificates in R, Data Visualization, Inference and Modeling, Probability, Productivity Tools (R Markdown, UNIX, GitHub), and Linear Regression

Online Live Teaching Microcredential at Florida International University (2021)

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (RECENT SELECTIONS)**

"Rousseau's Practical Philosophy: Applying a Standard of Right to Poland and Corsica." Presented at the 2021 meeting of the Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2021, Online

Participant at the 2021 meeting of the Rousseau Association, hosted by the University of Michigan

Presented at multiple meetings of the Midwestern Political Science Association and the Western Political Science association (2009-2021)

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### **Research Assistant**

Research Assistant for Dr. Scott MacKenzie

Research Assistant for Dr. Cindy Kam

Research Assistant for Dr. Richard Matland

Research Assistant for Dr. Ross M. Lence

Research Assistant for Dr. Donald Lutz

Data coding (2009-2013)

Content analysis, editing, research (2006-2007)

Editing, research (2004-2006)

Editing, research (2004-2006)

## **Formal Research Groups**

Member, UC Davis Eighteenth Century Studies Research Cluster

Member, UC Davis Early Modern Mellon Initiative and Research Cluster

Member, UC Davis Political Theory Reading Group (Orti Oricellari)

#### SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles, Summer Institute Fellow (2012)

UC Davis and Humanities Research Fellowship (2010-2011)

UC Davis Charles Hardin and Emeriti Travel Award (2010)

Earhart Foundation Fellowship, Awarded Twice (2005-2006, 2006-2007): stipend of \$17,000 plus tuition

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Website and Social Media Manager, Politics and International Relations Department at Florida International University (2021-current)

Departmental Committee Service at Florida International University (2020-2021)

Chair of Panel "Virtuous Collisions" at Western Political Science Association Meeting (2021)

U.S. Government Advanced Placement Exam Reader, Salt Lake City, UT (2016, 2018)

Chair of Panel "Rousseau: Possibility, Omnipotence, Intimacy & Communion" at WPSA Meeting (2010)

Social Chair of Political Science Graduate Student Association, UC Davis (2007-2008)

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Graduate Committee, UC Davis Dept. of Pol. Sci. (2006-2007)

Vice President/Social Chair of Graduate Student Association, University of Houston (2005-2006)

## GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Press and Public Affairs Division, British Consulate-General, Houston, TX

Public Liaison, Office of Houston City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan

### **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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