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DEGREES

Rutgers University, Ph.D., 1995: Political Science
Rutgers University, B.A., 1986: English, *Highest Honors*

OTHER UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED

Universität Düsseldorf, Germany: 1992-1994
The University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought: 1986-1987
Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland: 1984-1985

CURRENT POSITION

David A. Potenziani Memorial Associate Professor of Constitutional Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame. 2012-

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSTS

Georgetown University. Markos and Eleni Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis Associate Professor of Government, 2005-2012
Georgetown University. Visiting Assistant Professor, Georgetown University, 2004-5.
Princeton University. Assistant Professor of Politics, 1997-2005

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

U. S. Information Agency, Washington, D.C. 1995-1997.
Special Advisor and Speechwriter to the Director

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Madison Program Fellowship, Princeton University. Ann and Herbert W. Vaughan Visiting Fellow, James Madison Program on American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University. 2008-09.
2001 APSA Foundations of Political Theory Section Best First Book Honorable Mention.
Higher Education Initiatives Summer Grant, Summer, 2002.
Laurence S. Rockefeller University Preceptorship, Princeton University, 2000-2003.
James Madison Program Research Fellowship, Princeton University, 2001.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship, 1999; 2001-2002; 2005
Princeton University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Award, 2001.
Center for the Study of Religion Faculty Fellow, Princeton University, 2000-2001.
Princeton University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Award, 1999.
Pew Scholar Fellowship, 1999-2000.
1995 APSA Leo Strauss Award - Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy

SCHOLARSHIP

Books - Published

1. *The Odyssey of Political Theory: The Politics of Departure and Return*. (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000; Paperback, 2003).

Study of the influence of Homer's *Odyssey* in the history of political thought, with particular emphasis on themes of belonging and cosmopolitanism.

- Awarded 2001 APSA Foundations of Political Theory Best First Book Honorable Mention.

Citation: "Patrick J. Deneen's *The Odyssey of Political Theory* is an engagingly written and elegantly crafted study of the long half-life of the figure of Odysseus in political theory. Deneen explores the fascination evinced by philosophers such as Plato, Rousseau, Adorno and Horkheimer with the political themes and dilemmas on display in Homer's epic. And he adds to these hermeneutic contributions a thoughtful meditation of the lessons of the *Odyssey* for the contemporary confrontation of the claims of cosmopolitanism and particularism upon our loyalties."

Reviews:

American Political Science Review, 96 (June, 2002): 401-2.

Choice (June, 2001).

Modern Age, 44 (Summer, 2002): 261-265.

Perspectives in Political Science 30 (Spring, 2001): 124.

Polis, 20 (2004).

Polity, "Platonic Entanglements," 35 (April, 2003): 459-477.

Political Studies, 49 (June, 2001): 349.

Political Theory, 30 (June, 2002): 441-448.

Review of Politics, "There and Back Again," 64 (Winter, 2002): 184-7

2. *Democratic Faith*. Princeton University Press, 2005.

Synopsis: The American political reformer Herbert Croly wrote, "For better or worse, democracy cannot be disentangled from an aspiration toward human perfectibility." *Democratic*

Faith is at once an analysis and a critique of this underlying assumption that informs democratic theory. I argue that among democracy's most ardent supporters there is an oft-expressed belief in the need to "transform" human beings in order to reconcile the sometimes disappointing reality of human self-interest with the democratic ideal of selfless commitment. This "transformative impulse" is frequently couched in religious language, a resonance that is particularly striking given the frequent accompanying condemnation of traditional religious belief that informs the "democratic faith." At the same time, because so often this democratic ideal fails to materialize, democratic faith is often subject to a particularly intense form of disappointment. A mutually reinforcing cycle of faith and disillusionment is frequently exhibited by those who profess a democratic faith--in effect imperiling democratic commitments due to the cynicism of its most fervent erstwhile supporters. Authors examined include proponents of "democratic faith" such as the sophist Protagoras, Rousseau, Emerson, Whitman, and Dewey, and "friendly critics" of democratic faith including Plato, Tocqueville, Lincoln, Reinhold Niebuhr and Christopher Lasch.

- **Edited Books**

Redeeming Democracy in America. (Essays by Wilson Carey McWilliams). Co-edited with Susan J. McWilliams. University Press of Kansas, 2011.

The Democratic Soul: A Wilson Carey McWilliams Reader. Co-edited with Susan J. McWilliams. University Press of Kentucky, 2011.

Democracy's Literature: Politics and Fiction in America. Co-edited with Joseph Romance. Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.

Essays devoted to articulating the grounds for political/theoretical readings of (American) fiction and several essays on selected political fiction, including Melville, Hawthorne, Twain, Flannery O'Connor, William Faulkner, James Baldwin, Ralph Ellison, Octavia Butler, and Don DeLillo. Contributors include Wilson Carey McWilliams, Paul A. Cantor, Catherine Zuckert, Daniel Sabia, Peter Augustine Lawler, Pamela Jensen, Lawrie Balfour, and the editors.

Articles or Chapters in Books

Refereed

"The Great Combination: Modern Political Thought and the Collapse of the Two Cities," in *Political Theology*, ed. Michael Kessler, Oxford University Press, 2013. (forthcoming)

"Cities of Man on a Hill." *American Political Thought*, 1:1 (Spring, 2012): 29-52.

“What G.K. Chesterton Saw in America: The Cosmopolitan Threat from a Patriotic Nation.” In *America Through European Eyes*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2008/9.

“Faith and Reason in Henry Adams’s *Mont-Saint Michel and Chartres*.” In *A Political Companion to Henry Adams*, ed. Natalie Taylor. University Press of Kentucky, 2009.

“Democratic Prospects in Undemocratic Times.” Invited concluding essay, *Democratization: Comparisons, Confrontations, and Contrasts*, ed. Jose Cipurut. Forthcoming, Cambridge U. Press, 2008/9.

“The Alternative American Tradition in the Thought of Wendell Berry.” In *Wendell Berry: Life and Work*. Ed. Jason Peters. University Press of Kentucky, 2007.

“The Only Permanent State: Tocqueville on Religion in Democracy,” forthcoming, *Talking About Religion in Academic Disciplines*, ed. James Boyd White. University of Notre Dame Press, 2006.

“Was Huck Greek?: The *Odyssey* of Mark Twain.” *Modern Language Studies* 32 (Spring, 2003): 35-44.

- Included in the *Huck Finn: The Complete Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Manuscript – Teaching and Research Digital Edition*, edited by Victor Doyno, 2003.

“Invisible Foundations: Science, Democracy, and Faith among the Pragmatists,” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 26 (November, 2003).

“Antigone and the Limits of Tragedy.” *Polis* 16 (Fall, 1999), 1-16.

Non-Refereed

“Manners and Morals: Or, Why You Should Not Eat the Person Sitting Next to You.” Forthcoming, *Festschrift for Rev. James V. Schall, S.J.* Ed. Marc Guerra. Augustine Press.

“Wendell Berry and Democratic Self-Governance.” In *Wendell Berry and The Modest Republic*, I.S.I. Books, 2012.

“The Science of Politics.” *The New Atlantis*, 2011.

“The Crisis of the University and the Restoration of the Humanities.” *New Atlantis*, Winter, 2009.

“Strange Bedfellows: John Dewey and Allan Bloom Against Liberal Education, Rightly Understood.” Invited essay, *The Good Society (PEGS)*, 2008.

- “A Different Kind of Democratic Competence: Citizenship and Democratic Community.” *Critical Review*. 2008.
- “A House Divided: Peter Lawler’s America, Rightly Understood.” *Perspectives on Political Science*, 2008.
- “Technology, Culture and Virtue.” *The New Atlantis* 21 (Summer, 2008): 63-74.
- “Transcendentalism, Ancient and Modern: Brownson vs. Emerson.” *Perspectives on Political Science*. 2008.
- “Liberty, Equality and Fraternity in the Thought of Wilson Carey McWilliams.” *Perspectives on Political Science*, 2007.
- “Rising Religious Pluralism? A Contrarian View.” In *Religion and Politics in Germany and America*. Edited by Kerstin Jager. Published by the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies, 2007.
- “From the Active Society to the Good Society: The Second Sailing of Amitai Etzioni.” Invited and Commissioned essay in *The Active Society Revisited*. Edited by Wilson Carey McWilliams. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.
- “Ordinary Virtue.” Invited Essay, *Democracy and Excellence*, ed. Neil Reimer and Joseph Romance. Praeger, 2004.
- “Hearing Tocqueville in DeLillo’s *White Noise*.” *Democracy’s Literature: Politics and Fiction in America*, ed. Patrick J. Deneen and Joseph Romance. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.
- “Introduction: ‘There’s Nothing Political About American Literature’” to *Democracy’s Literature: Politics and Fiction in America*, ed. Patrick J. Deneen and Joseph Romance. Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.
- “Ordinary Virtue.” *Democracy and Excellence*, ed. Neil Reimer and Joseph Romance. New York: Praeger, 2005.
- “Christopher Lasch and the Limits of Hope. *First Things*. December, 2004: 26-30.
- “Citizenship as a Vocation.” Invited chapter in *Tocqueville and American Political Life Today*. Edited by Peter A. Lawler. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004.
- “Desecration.” *Society* 39 (September, 2002): 48-52.
- “‘Lonesome No More’: Individualism and the Rise of Democratic Despotism.” Invited essay in *The Hedgehog Review* 4 (Spring 2002): 57-73.

“Awakening from the American Dream: The End of Escape in American Cinema?” Invited essay in *Perspectives on Political Science* 31 (Spring, 2002): 96-103.

“Patriotic Vision: At Home in a World Made Strange.” *Intercollegiate Review*, Spring, 2002.

“Friendship and Politics: Ancient and American.” *Citizens and Friends: Essays in Honor of Wilson Carey McWilliams* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000).

“Introduction: What Wilson Carey McWilliams Saw in America.” *Citizens and Friends: Essays in Honor of Wilson Carey McWilliams* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000).

“The Politics of Hope and Optimism: Rorty, Havel and the Democratic Faith of John Dewey.” *Social Research* 66 (Summer, 1999): 577-609.

“The Odyssey of Political Theory.” In *Justice and Law in Greek Political Thought*, ed. Leslie Rubin (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1997).

Book Reviews

Review Essay, Allan Bloom’s *Closing of the American Mind* after 25 years. *American Conservative*, October, 2012.

Review of Paul Rahe’s *Soft Despotism, Democracy’s Drift*. *First Things*, 2009.

Review of Ross Douthat and Reihan Salam, *Grand New Party*. *Intercollegiate Review*. Forthcoming, 2008.

Review of Steven Greenhouse’s *The Big Squeeze*. *The American Conservative*, 2008.

Review of Lucas Swain’s *The Liberal Conscience*. In *Perspectives on Politics*, 2007.

Review of Bryan Garsten’s *Saving Persuasion*. In *The Weekly Standard*, 2006.

Review of Alan Wolfe’s *Return to Greatness*. In *Intercollegiate Review*, 2006.

Review of *Bertrand de Jouvenel* by Daniel J. Mahoney. In *Society*, 43 (July/August, 2006): 91-3.

Review of *Platonic Noise* by J. Peter Euben. In *Polis*, 2005.

“Augustinian America,” review essay of James A. Morone’s *Hellfire Nation* and James A. Block, *A Nation of Agents*. In the *APSA Religion and Politics Newsletter* 20 (Dec., 2003) pp. 14-20.

Review of *The Platonic Political Art* by John R. Wallach. In *Political Theory* 31 (April, 2003): 321-5.

Review of *Ship of State* by Norma Thompson. *Society* 40 (April, 2003): 82-84.

Review of *Aliens in America: The Strange Truth About Our Souls*, by Peter A. Lawler. *Philadelphia Inquirer*, October 2002.

Review of *Christian Faith and Modern Democracy* by Robert Kraynak. *Commonweal*, October 26, 2001.

Review Essay: "Chasing Plato." Review of J. Peter Euben's *Corrupting Youth*; Christopher Rocco's *Tragedy and Enlightenment*; Gerald M. Mara's *Socrates' Discursive Democracy*. *Political Theory*, 28 (June, 2000): 421-439.

Review Essay: *Reconstructing America* by James W. Ceaser and *Requiem for Modern Politics* by William Ophuls. In *Polity: The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association*, 30 (Spring, 1998): 547-554.

Review of *Real Politics* by Jean Bethke Elshtain. *Commonweal*, May 22, 1998.

Review of *Reinventing the American People*, Edited by Robert Royal. *Commonweal*, May 3, 1996.

Review of *Democracy: The Unfinished Journey*, Edited by John Dunn. *Commonweal*, April 9, 1993.

Review of *The End of History and the Last Man* by Francis Fukuyama. *Commonweal*, May 3, 1992.

- Reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism* (Detroit, Mich: Gale Research Co., 2001).

Occasional Writing

"Counterfeiting Conservatism," *The American Conservative*, April 2010, 16-18.

"Folk Tales: An Appreciation of Kurt Vonnegut" *Claremont Review of Books*. Winter, 2007.

"Tocqueville." Entry in *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia*. Wilmington, DE: I.S.I. Books, 2006.

"Escaping the Cave: On Film, Reality, and Civic Education." Introduction to special issue, *Perspectives on Political Science* 31 (Spring, 2002): 69-70.

“Higher Math.” (On Ron Howard’s film “A Beautiful Mind”). *Commonweal*, February 8, 2002. Reprinted in *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, April, 2002.

Entry on “Benjamin R. Barber,” for *American Political Scientists: A Dictionary*, Edited by Glenn H. Utter and Charles Lockhart (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2002): 17-20.

“George Bailey’s Secret Life.” (On “It’s a Wonderful Life”) In *Commonweal*, December 19, 1997.

Entries in *The Encyclopedia of New England Culture*: “John Bailey,” “Ella Grasso,” and “Lowell Weicker.” Yale University Press, Forthcoming 2002.

Articles in *The Mark Twain Encyclopedia*: “The Boxer Rebellion,” “Ulysses S. Grant,” “Imperialism,” “William Marcy ‘Boss’ Tweed.” Garland Publishing, 1993.

CONFERENCE PAPERS – Pre-Notre Dame (until 2012)

A Tale of Two Cities on a Hill: American Exceptionalism from Winthrop to Reagan.
American Political Science Association, 2011.

“The End of Modernity? Peak Oil and Political Theory.” Western Political Science Association Meeting. Las Vegas, NV, March, 2007.

“Conservatism in America?” Presented before the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy at the American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference.
Washington, D.C. January, 2007.

“The Alternative Tradition in America: Against the Hartz Thesis.” Association for Political Theory Meeting. Bloomington, IN. October, 2006.

“The Alternative Tradition: The Anti-liberalism of Wendell Berry.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. September, 2006.

“Minding One’s Own Business: The Division of Labor in Plato’s *Republic*.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. September, 2006.

“Liberty, Equality and Fraternity in the Thought of Wilson Carey McWilliams.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. September, 2005.

“What G.K. Chesterton Saw in America.” Invited presented at a conference entitled “America Through Foreign Eyes,” held at Indiana University, March, 2005.

- “Transcendentalism Ancient and Modern: Orestes Brownson vs. Ralph Waldo Emerson.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. September, 2004.
- “Aristotle on the Limits of Democracy.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Portsmouth, NH. May, 2004.
- “Hearing Tocqueville in DeLillo’s *White Noise*.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November, 2003.
- “Toward a Critique of Democratic Faith.” Presented at American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. September, 2003.
- “Civil Religion and Democratic Faith.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Providence, RI. May, 2003.
- “Democratic Faith.” Presented at Law and Public Affairs Conference on Religion and Law, Princeton University. February, 2003.
- “Democratic Faith.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Conference, Providence, RI. November, 2002.
- “A Pattern Laid Up in Heaven: Plato’s Democratic Ideal.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Conference, Philadelphia, PA. November, 2001.
- “Civil Religion and Democratic Faith in Rousseau.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. September, 2001.
- “Awakening from the American Dream: The End of Escape in American Cinema?” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. September, 2001.
- “Was Huck Greek?: The *Odyssey* of Mark Twain.” Presented at the Elmira College Center for Mark Twain Studies. Elmira, NY. August, 2001. Also presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August, 2002.
- “Tocqueville on Democracy, Religion, and Philosophy.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Portsmouth, NH. May, 2001.
- “The Utility of Religion: Tocqueville’s Thoughts on Religion in a Democratic Age.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV. March, 2001.
- “Protagoras Unbound: The Mythical Democracy of Protagoras’ Great Speech.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. August, 2000.

“Comedy and Memory: The Ancient Spirit of Mark Twain.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Hartford, CT. May, 2000.

“The Harrowing of Rousseau’s Emile.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, 1999.

“The Politics of Hope and Optimism.” Presented at the Communitarian Summit. Washington D.C.: February, 1999.

“*Antigone* and the Limits of Tragedy.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston: November, 1998.

“John Dewey’s Democratic Faith.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Boston: September, 1998.

“John Dewey on Religion and Politics.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Worcester, MA. May, 1998.

“Plato on Democratic Self-Rule.” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. November, 1997.

“The Chastened Democratic Faith of Abraham Lincoln.” Presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, New London, CT. May, 1997.

“Plato’s Odyssey: Reconciling the Ancient Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry,” Presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association: Providence, R.I. November, 1994.

“Pluralism, Friendship and Community,” Presented at the International Political Science Association XVI World Congress, Berlin, Germany. August, 1994.

“The Odyssey of Political Theory,” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago. September 1992.

“The Democratic Implications of Advice and Consent” Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Philadelphia. May, 1992.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES – As Notre Dame Faculty (from Summer, 2012)

“American Faith: From Civil Religion to Anti-Religion.” I.S.I. Honors Program, Richmond,

VA; July, 2012.

“The (Conservative) Case Against the Constitution,” Constitution Day lecture, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN; September, 2012.

“Was the American Founding already Progressive?” Kirby Center Annual Meeting, Hillsdale College; Washington, D.C.; September, 2012.

“The Future of Liberal Education,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA; September, 2012

“The Culture of Technology: How Who We Are Shapes What We Make,” Plenary Lecture, Conference on “Technology and Human Flourishing,” Baylor University; October, 2012.

Lectures and Presentations – Pre-Notre Dame (through Spring, 2012)

“After Liberalism,” Sponsored by *First Things*, New York, NY; Feb. 2012.

Honors College Convocation Address, “On the Liberal Arts.” Baylor University, April, 2012.

“Front Porches and the Prospects for Democracy,” The Monteagle Assembly, Chattanooga, TN; June, 2012.

“The Future of the Liberal Arts.” Invited Lecture, Manhattan Institute. September, 2010.

“The Case for the Anti-federalists.” University of Virginia, September, 2010.

“Sensus Communis and Natural Law.” Conference: Natural Law and Natural Right in the American Constitutional Tradition. Princeton, NJ. May, 2010.

Roundtable Participant, “On Benedict XVI’s *Caritas in Veritate*.” Lumen Christi. University of Chicago. April, 2010.

“Tocquevillian Freedom.” Eastern College, Philadelphia, PA. March, 2010.

“Tocquevillian Freedom.” ISI Regional Conference. Dallas, TX. February, 2010.

“Conservatism and the Law.” University of Florida Law School. February, 2010.

“Restoring Time: Connecting Past, Present and Future.” William and Mary College, Williamsburg, VA. August, 2009.

“The Sustainable Republic and the Alternative Tradition in America,” Mercer University, November, 2009.

- “Liberating the Liberal Arts: On Re-learning the Art of Being Free.” Invited Lecture, Ohio University. October, 2009.
- “Robert Nisbet and the Future of Conservatism.” I.S.I. Conference. Seattle, WA. June, 2009.
- “The Future of Liberalism and Conservatism in America.” Invited Lecture. Concordia University, Montreal Canada. March, 2009.
- “The Antifederalists: Men of Great Faith.” Invited Lecture. University of Notre Dame Law School, March, 2009.
- “The Antifederalists: Men of Great Faith.” Invited Lecture. Christendom College, March, 2009.
- “The Future of the Liberal Arts.” Invited Lecture. Oglethorpe University, April, 2009.
- “How the War is Going: Wendell Berry on Technology, Virtue, Culture and Nature.” Invited Lecture, Augustana College. May, 2008.
- “Wendell Berry on Education.” Roundtable Participant, Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College. April, 2008.
- “The Future of Liberalism and the Future of Nations.” Roundtable Participant, Wofford College, Conference on Leadership and Statesmanship. April, 2008.
- “The Alternative Tradition in American Political Thought.” Invited Lecture, Patrick Henry College. April, 2008.
- “Technology, Virtue and Nature in Wendell Berry.” Invited Lecture, Berry College. March, 2008.
- “The Alternative Tradition in American Political Thought.” St. Vincent’s College. February, 2008.
- “The Pre-Modern Tradition in American Political Thought.” Weaver Award Conference. Belmont Abbey College, October 2007.
- “Is Religion Necessary for Democracy” *ETHICA* Conference. Asti, Italy. October, 2007.
- “The Alternative Tradition in America,” Community, Place and Tradition Conference. Charlottesville, VA. March, 2007.
- “The End of Modernity? Peak Oil and Political Theory,” University of Maryland, February, 2007.

- “The End of Modernity? Peak Oil and Political Theory,” Pomona College, February, 2007.
- “American Democratic Faith.” Invited Lecture for *ETHICA*. Asti, Italy. November, 2006.
- “Teaching the American Culture Wars.” Durango Colorado School District. July, 2006.
- “Growing Religious Pluralism in the U.S. and Germany? Prospects for the Future.” Invited Lecture for the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany. May, 2006.
- “Renewing the Heritage: Religion and Politics in America.” Annual Christus Lecture. Spring Hill College. April, 2006.
- “The Political God of Our Times: Faith in Democracy.” Invited Lecture for Conference “The Political God of Our times: Civic Religion and Democratic Politics in Europe and America.” Princeton University. March, 2006.
- “The Odyssey After 9/11.” Invited Lecture: Brigham Young University. February, 2006.
- “Democracy in America Under the Constitution.” Constitution Day Lecture. Berry College. September, 2005
- “The *Odyssey* After 9/11.” Lecture to the Honors College. University of Tulsa. September 11, 2005.
- “Democratic Faith.” Presented at American University, Political Philosophy Colloquium. March, 2005.
- “Democratic Faith.” Invited speaker. Yale University Political Philosophy Colloquium. May, 2004.
- “Democratic Faith.” Invited Speaker, Villanova University, March, 2004.
- “Toward a Critique of Democratic Faith.” Invited Speaker, Boston College. 2004.
- “A Model of Democratic Charity.” Invited Speaker: Berry College. November, 2003.
- “The Choice of Odysseus.” Invited Speaker: Oglethorpe University. November, 2003.
- “Citizenship as a Vocation.” Invited Lecture, N.J. Governor’s School. Monmouth, NJ, July, 2003.
- “Democratic Faith.” Invited Lecture, University of Oregon, May 2003.

“Democratic Faith.” Princeton University Political Philosophy Colloquium, April, 2003.

“Invisible Foundations: Science, Democracy, and Faith among the Pragmatists.” Invited lecture, Cornell University (for Conference entitled “Ethnography in the Realm of the Pragmatic”), March, 2003.

“Democratic Faith.” Invited Lecture, University of Virginia, February 2003.

“Democratic Faith.” Invited Lecture, Indiana University, November 2002.

“Democratic Faith.” Invited Lecture, Mershon Citizenship Lecture Series. The Ohio State University, October 2002.

“Ordinary Virtues,” Invited Lecture, New Jersey Governor’s School. Monmouth, NJ, July, 2002.

“Democratic Faith.” Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Seminar, Princeton Univ., April 2002.

“Democratic Faith.” Political Philosophy Colloquium, Harvard University. March, 2002.

“The Choice of Odysseus.” 2002 Goldfarb Lecture, Colby College, February, 2002.

“What’s Wrong with Democracy.” Invited Lecture to the Princeton 55Plus Club. October, 2001.

“Responding to the Unimaginable: Voltaire vs. Rousseau on the Lisbon Earthquake.” Invited Lecture, College Colloquium, Christ College, Valparaiso University. September 15, 2001.

“What Students Should Know,” Atlanta Princeton Alumni Club, April 2001.

“The Utility of Religion for Democracy.” Invited Lecture, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, March 2001.

“The Legacy of Abraham Lincoln.” Short Hills Lincoln Club, Annual Lincoln Day Luncheon. February, 2001.

“The University and the World.” Washington D.C. Princeton Alumni Club. January, 2001.

Political Ethics and Public Affairs Forum, Princeton University. “Political Rhetoric and Democratic Deliberation.” October, 2000.

University of Chicago. "Against Cosmopolitanism: Resisting the Sirens' Song." For "Lessons of Classical Political Thought for the 21st Century" John M. Olin Lectures. February, 2000.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for Secondary School Teachers: Rutgers University, August, 1999: "Ancient Traditions in Colonial American Thought."

Princeton University Political Philosophy Colloquium. "The Politics of Hope and Optimism: The Democratic Faith of John Dewey." March, 1999.

Rockefeller College Fellows Luncheon, Princeton University. "Was Huck Greek?: Reflections on the *Odyssey* and *Huckleberry Finn*." April, 1999.

Walt Whitman Center Seminar: "John Dewey's Democratic Faith." Rutgers University, March 1998.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for Secondary School Teachers: Rutgers University, August, 1996: "Liberal Traditions in American Foreign Relations."

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

University of Notre Dame
Faculty Advisor, *The Irish Rover*

Georgetown University

Columnist. "Against the Grain" (fortnightly), *The Hoya*. 2010-11.

Judge, Merrick Medal Debate. Philodemic Society. March, 2009.

Roundtable Participant: On Human Dignity and Bioethics. March, 2008.

Speaker, "Take Back Georgetown Day," February, 2007.

Speaker, Phi Delta Epsilon Lecture Series, February, 2007.

Speaker, Phi Delta Epsilon Lecture Series. February, 2006.

Princeton University

Columnist, *The Daily Princetonian*, 2002 – 2004.

Invited Faculty Dinner Speaker: "The End of Education." Rockefeller College, Princeton University.

Human Values Forum, Princeton University, 2000-2005.

Invited Participant, Colloquium on Religion and the Law, Princeton University Program in Law and Public Affairs, February, 2003.

Panelist, "The State of Intellectual Life at Princeton," Princeton USG sponsored forum, November 2002.

Panelist, "What it Means to Be an American." Sponsored by James Madison Program, September, 2001.

Faculty Speaker for Early Admitted Princeton Freshmen: Washington D.C. and Atlanta, 2001.

Faculty Fellow, Charter Eating Club, Princeton University: 1999-2001.
Speaker, to “Paideia,” Princeton Student Organization promoting faculty-student dialogue.
1999 – On the Election;
2000 – On the Electoral College
Speaker, to the Princeton University ACLU, on Church/State relations.
Political Ethics and Public Affairs Colloquium, Invited Participant. Princeton University, 1997-2005.
Political Philosophy Colloquium, Invited Participant. Princeton University, 1997-2005.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Graduate Admissions Committee, AY 2012-2013.

Georgetown University

Founding Director, The Tocqueville Forum on the Roots of American Democracy, 2006-12
Georgetown College Admissions Committee, 2010-11.
Provost’s Committee on Curriculum Reform, 2007-08.
Field Chair, Political Theory. Department of Government. 2006-08.
Steering Committee, Berkley Center, 2006-12
Graduate Admissions Committee. Department of Government. 2005-6, 2006-7, 2009-10, 2010-11.
Political Theory Search Committee. 2005-6
Open Field Search Committee, 2011.
Director: Political Philosophy Colloquium. 2005-08
Political and Social Thought Summer Seminar. May-June, 2005, 2006.

Princeton University:

Freshman/Sophomore Advisor and Faculty Fellow, Rockefeller College: 1998–2005
Political Theory Advisor (Departmental Representative), 2002 –2005
Departmental Committee on Junior Faculty Advancement, 2002-3.
University Committee for the Use and Care of Animals: 2000-2003.
Executive Committee, James Madison Program, 2002-2005
Faculty Associate, James Madison Program, 2000 – 2002
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, 2001 – 2005.
Undergraduate Committee, Politics Department: 2000-2001.
Mellon Dissertation Seminar Leader: Political Theory, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Liberty Fund, On Robert Nisbet’s “Quest for Community,” October, 2012.
Mentor, I.S.I. Honors Program, July 2012.
Liberty Fund Conference. John Stuart Mill’s *On Liberty*. San Diego, CA. September, 2010.
Mentor. I.S.I. Honors Program, July, 2010.
Jack Miller Center. Presentation: On Liberal Education. Charlottesville, VA. June, 2009.

Liberty Fund. The Political and Legal Thought of James Wilson. San Diego, CA. February, 2009.

Liberty Fund. Religion and Fanaticism. San Diego, CA. March, 2009.

Faculty Speaker. Jack Miller Center Summer Symposium. Boulder, CO. August, 2008.

Mentor. I.S.I. Honors Program, Quebec, Canada. June, 2008.

Liberty Fund Conference, "Spinoza's *Politico-Theological Treatise*." June, 2008.

Liberty Fund Conference, "Vico's *New Science*." September, 2007.

Liberty Fund Conference, "Wharton and Tocqueville," July, 2007.

Chair, Best First Book Award Committee, Foundations of Political Science Section, American Political Science Association, 2006-7.

Liberty Fund Conference, "Conversion Literature," Pasadena, CA, February 2007.

Distinguished Lecturer: "The Culture Wars." U.S. Department of Education Summer Institute: Durango School District. Durango, Colorado. July, 2006.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Tradition." March, 2006.

Invited Discussant, "Toleration and Truth: The Impact of Liberal Societies on Religion," Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, Emory University. March, 2006.

Liberty Fund Conference (Director): "Homer's Odyssey." December, 2005.

Liberty Fund Conference (Discussion Leader): Community and Liberty. October, 2005

Program on Politics and Economics Summer Seminar. George Mason University. Summer, 2005.

Mentor, I.S.I. Honors Program, "What G.K. Chesterton Saw in America." July, 2005.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Christopher Lasch's *Culture of Narcissism*." March, 2005.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Hume's Essays." February, 2004.

Invited Speaker, Honor's Program Annual Conference, I.S.I. "On Vocation." Indianapolis, April 2004.

Fulbright Summer Institute in American Studies for Foreign Secondary School Teachers: "American Political Fiction." University of Massachusetts at Amherst. July, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Utopianism in Swift and Butler," June 2003.

Mentor, I.S.I., "Reconsidering Russell Kirk." Oxford, England. August, 2003.

Liberty Fund Conference, Discussion Leader: "Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism," March 2003.

Mentor, I.S.I. "Progress and Revolution." Washington D.C. July, 2002.

Center for Civic Education: Invited participant, Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. May, 2002. Mentor, I.S.I. "Shakespeare in Oxford," Oxford, England. August, 2001.

Liberty Fund Colloquium: "Liberty and Self-Rule," July, 2001.

Commonweal Colloquium: Catholicism and Politics. April, 2001.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Abraham Lincoln on Liberty and Union," March 2001.

Liberty Fund Conference: "The Political Thought of Guizot," November, 2000.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Bertrand de Jouvenel's *A Pure Theory of Politics*," July 2000.

Erasmus Institute Summer Faculty Workshop, Notre Dame: June 2000.

Liberty Fund Conference: "Shakespeare's Early Comedies," May 1999.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board, *American Political Thought*, Cambridge Journal.

Editorial Board, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Heldref Journal.
 Series Editor. "Political Companions to Great American Authors." University of Kentucky Press, 2004-(Titles to date on Thoreau, Henry Adams, and Walt Whitman).
 Faculty Advisor. Jack Miller Center. 2007-.
 Chair, Best First Book Award Committee. Political Theory Section, APSA. 2008.
 Member at Large. Politics, Literature and Film Section. 2005-6.
 Review Panel Member, "Landmarks of American History," N.E.H., September, 2004.
 Program Co-Chair, New England Political Science Association. 2004-2005.
 Award Committee Member, Best Paper Award, A.P.S.A. Politics and Literature Section. 2003-4.
 Section Chair (2002-3), A.P.S.A. Politics and Literature Section. 2003-2004.
 Editorial Advisory Board, University of Kentucky, "Provocations: Political Theory and Contemporary Issues," 2002-present.
 Guest Editor, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Spring 2002: "Images in a Cave: American Film"
 Panel Organizer for the Society for Greek Political Thought, 2001 Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting.
 Award Committee, Best Graduate Student Conference Paper. New England Political Science Assoc., 1998.

Panel Discussant / Roundtables:

Respondent, "The Good World," Institute for the Advanced Study of Culture, University of Virginia, June, 2012.
 American Political Science Conference. Washington, DC. Roundtable Discussant, "Adam Smith Today." September, 2010.
 New England Political Science Conference. Newport, RI. Roundtable Discussant, "*Between Eternities* by Gregory Bruce Smith." May, 2010.
 American Political Science Conference. Boston, MA. Chair: "Future Direction in American Political Thought." September, 2008.
 Southern Political Science Conference, New Orleans, LA. Discussant, "Modern Political Thought."
 Roundtable Participant, "The Future of America in International Affairs." January, 2008.
 American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. Roundtable: "Religion and Politics Today" September, 2008.
 Northeastern Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA. "Politics and Literature." November, 2007.
 New England Political Science Association, Boston, MA. Roundtable participant: "Author Meets Critics: Lucas Swaine's *The Liberal Conscience*," May, 2007.
 Southwestern Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM. Roundtable respondent, "Author Meets Critics: Patrick Deneen's *Democratic Faith*." April, 2007.
 New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH. Discussant: "Democracy in Alexis de Tocqueville." May, 2006.
 New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH. Roundtable on "The Intellectual Contribution of Wilson Carey McWilliams." May, 2006.

Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. Roundtable on “Wilson Carey McWilliams and American Political Thought,” November, 2005.

Association for Political Theory, St. Louis, MO. Discussant, “Early Modern Political Thought,”. October, 2005.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Roundtable on “The Legacy of Wilson Carey McWilliams.” Washington, D.C. September, 2005.

New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME. Roundtable on Patrick J. Deneen’s *Democratic Faith*. May, 2005

New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME. Roundtable on Daniel J. Mahoney’s *Bertrand de Jouvenel*. May, 2005

New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME. Roundtable on Gerald M. Pomper’s *Ordinary Heroes*. May, 2005

Association of Political Theory. Discussant: “The Other Enlightenment: Hume, Montesquieu, Tocqueville.”

APSA, Chicago, IL. Roundtable Chair and participant: “Author Meets Critics: John Seery’s *America Goes to College*.” September, 2004.

Southern Political Science Conference. New Orleans, LA. Roundtable participant: Religion and Politics in America. January, 2003.

- Recipient of Artinian Travel Award for attendance at the Southern Assoc. Meeting.

APSA, Philadelphia, PA. Roundtable Chair: “The Politics of Literature.” September, 2003.

Discussant. New England Political Sci. Assoc., Providence, RI. “Passions and Politics.” May, 2003.

APSA, Boston, MA. “Mortality in Political Theory.” September, 2002.

APSA, Atlanta, GA. “Roundtable on Michael Davis’s *Autobiography of Philosophy*.” September 2000.

Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. “Political Dispositions.” October, 1999.

New England Political Science Association, Providence, RI. “Roundtable on Mary Nichol’s *Redeeming Woody: ‘Woody Allen as Platonic Mythmaker’*” May, 1999.

APSA, Chicago, IL. “McWilliams’ Fraternity in America After 25 Years.” Sept. 1998.

New England Political Science Association, Springfield, MA. “American Political Fiction.” May 1996.

Reviewer:

Yale University Press, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Northern Illinois University Press, 2005

Cambridge University Press, 2005

University Press of New England, 2005

Princeton University Press, 2004 (twice), 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004

Oxford University Press, 2004

Cambridge University Press, 2003

University of Kentucky Press, 2003, 2005, 2006 (twice), 2008.

Polity Press (U.K.), 2003

Journal of Politics, 2003, 2006
Cornell University Press, 2001.
Political Theory, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006.
State University of New York Press, 2001.
American Political Science Review, 1998, 1999 (twice), 2000, 2001 (thrice), 2002 (twice), 2003 (twice), 2005, 2006, 2007.
Broadview Press, 2001
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2001.
Review of Politics, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007.
Edinburgh University Press, 2000.
American Journal of Political Science, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004.
University of Minnesota Press, 1999.
Review Invitations (declined): Northern Illinois University Press, 2003 (on Rousseau);
Edinburgh University Press (on international political theory).

Subjects reviewed: Athenian democracy, Plato (*Apology, Republic, Protagoras, Symposium, Laws*), *Odyssey*, Aristophanes, Xenophon, Aristotle, Cicero, Rousseau (*First and Second Discourses, Social Contract, Emile*), Algernon Sidney, Paine, Madison, Tocqueville, W. James, Walt Whitman, Thoreau, Twain, John Dewey, “moderation,” modern political thought, democratic theory, pragmatism, civic education, “cunning,” citizenship.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University, 2004-2012. Democracy, Ancient and Modern; The Division of Labor in Western Political Thought; Critics of Modernity; Political and Social Thought; The Political Philosophy of Leo Strauss; The End of Education; The Good Society.
Princeton University: 1997-2005
Political Theory: Ancient and Medieval Political Theory; Modern Political Thought; American Political Thought; The Idea of America; Literature and Politics; Rhetoric and Politics; Critics of Modernity; Graduate Research Seminar
The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.: 1996
American Political Theory
Universität Duisburg, Germany: 1992-1993
Political Theory, American Government
Rutgers University, 1988-1992: Teaching Assistant
Political Theory, American Government, Literature and Politics

TEACHING INTERESTS

Ancient Political Theory (Emphasis on Greek thought)
Modern and Contemporary Political Thought
Democratic Theory
American Political Thought
Liberalism and Communitarianism
Religion and Politics
Literature and Politics