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EDUCATION

Boston College Ph.D. in Political Science, December 1994	Chestnut Hill, MA
University of Alberta Master of Arts in Political Science, August 1987 Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, June 1984	Edmonton, Canada

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Notre Dame Department of Political Science Associate Professor Fall 2013-Present Book Review Editor, <i>Review of Politics</i> 2016-Present	Notre Dame, IN
University of Houston Department of Political Science <i>Ross M. Lence Distinguished Teaching Chair</i> Joint Appointment with The Honors College Full Professor 2013 Associate Professor Fall 2006-2013 Founding Director of <i>Phronesis: A Program in Politics & Ethics</i> Assistant Professor Fall 2000-2006	Houston, TX
Liberty Fund Fellow August 1998-June 2000	Indianapolis, IN
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Department of Political Science Assistant Professor August 1995 - August 1999 (on leave 1998-99) Instructor, January - May 1995	Carbondale, IL
Boston University Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy September - December 1994 <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada</i> <i>Postdoctoral Award</i>	Boston, MA

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Books

Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. Translated, with Interpretive Essay, Notes, and Glossary. With Robert C. Bartlett. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2011. (Paperback ed. April 2012).

Aristotle and the Rediscovery of Citizenship. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2006. (Paperback ed. April 2009).

Empire and the Ends of Politics: Plato's "Menexenus" and Pericles' Funeral Oration. Translations, with Notes and Interpretive Essay. With Devin Stauffer. Newbury, MA: R. Pullins (Focus Philosophical Library), 1999.

Edited Volumes

Review of Politics Special Issue. Co-editor with Ruth Abbey. *Ancients, Moderns, Postmoderns: Honoring Catherine H. Zuckert*. 80(2) Spring 2018.

Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle. Co-editor with Robert C. Bartlett, and contributor. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999.

Journal Articles

"Moral Virtue and the Limits of the Political Community in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." *American Journal of Political Science*. 48 (January 2004): 47-61.

"The Challenge of Plato's *Menexenus*." With Devin Stauffer. *Review of Politics*. 61 (January 1999): 85-115.

Book Chapters

"Xenophon's *Regime of the Lacedaimonians*." With Catherine Sims Kuiper. Translation. In *Xenophon's Shorter Writings*. Ed. Gregory McBrayer. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018.

"Introduction to Xenophon's *Regime of the Lacedaimonians*." Interpretive Essay. In *Xenophon's Shorter Writings*. Ed. Gregory McBrayer. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2018.

"Aristotle's Political Science, Common Sense, and the Socratic Tradition in *The City and Man*. In *Companion to Leo Strauss' Studies of Classical Political Thought*. Ed. Timothy Burns. Leuven: Brill Academic Publishers, 2015.

"Aristotle and Aristotelianism in *Norms of Liberty*." In *Reading Rasmussen and Den Uyl: Critical Essays on "Norms of Liberty"*. Ed. Aeon Skoble. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008.

"Justice and the Dilemma of Moral Virtue in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." In *Aristotle and Modern Politics: The Persistence of Political Philosophy*. Ed. Aristide Tessitore. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2002.

"The Moral Virtues in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*." In *Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1999.

"Pericles' Funeral Oration" In *Liberty, Equality and Modern Constitutionalism: From Socrates and Pericles to Thomas Jefferson*, ed. George Anastaplo. Newbury, MA: R Pullins, 1999.

"*Democracy in America: The Laws and the American Republic.*" In *American Government, Politics, and Law: Unity in Diversity*. ed., Michael Esler, Barbara Brown, and Thomas McAfee. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University, 1999. (Revised version in UH Department Textbook.)

Review Essays, Encyclopedia Articles, and Conference Proceedings

"On the Use of Greek History for Life: Josiah Ober's Athens and Paul Rahe's Sparta." *Review of Politics*, Forthcoming 81(2) Spring 2019.

"Aristotle and Herodotus." Forthcoming. *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Herodotus*. Ed. Christopher Baron.

"In the Beginning: The Socratic Turn in Plato's Philosophers." *Review of Politics*, Special Issue in Honor of Catherine Zuckert. 80(2) Spring 2018: 247-55.

"The Primacy of Justice and the Problem of the *Politeia* in Aristotle's Political Science." 2017. Proceedings from *Aristotele e le sfide del suo tempo. Anniversario aristotelico 2016: a 2400 anni dalla nascita di Aristotele*. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore - Milan, 9-11 November 2016. Milan, IT: Edizioni Unicopli.

"Aristotle's Political Science and the Problem of the Regime." 2017. *L'excellence politique chez Aristote*. Eds. Bermon, E. Laurend, V. Terel J. Leuven, BE: Peeters Publishers. (Conference proceedings of 2008 Bordeaux Conference).

"Aristotle." 2014. *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. Eds. Michael Gibbons, William E. Connolly, Diana Coole, Elizabeth Ellis. Wiley-Blackwell.

"Aristotle's Pedagogy." 2003. *Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought*. 20 (October): 132-141.

"Translating the Philosopher." 2003. *Claremont Review of Books*. 3 (Summer): 19-21.

"The Problem of Law in Aristotle's *Politics*: A Response to Quentin Taylor." 2002. *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. 29 (Spring): 261-264.

Book Reviews

Review of Politics (Summer 2013). Review of Eugene Garver. 2011. *Aristotle's "Politics": Living Well and Living Together*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Claremont Review of Books (Summer 2009). Review of Ronna Burger. 2008. *Aristotle's Dialogue with Socrates: On the "Nicomachean Ethics"*: Chicago, IL. University of Chicago Press.

Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought 24 (Autumn 2007) Review of Brendan Nagle. 2006. *The Household as the Foundation of Aristotle's Polis*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.

Perspectives on Politics (December 2005). Review of Jill Frank. 2005. *A Democracy of Distinction: Aristotle and the Work of Politics*. Chicago, IL. University of Chicago Press.

Claremont Review of Books (Spring 2005). Review of Philip Fisher. 2002. *The Vehement Passions*. Princeton, NJ. Princeton University Press.

Journal of Politics 65 (May 2003). Review of Thomas W. Smith. 2001. *Revaluing Ethics: Aristotle's Dialectical Pedagogy*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

Presidential Studies Quarterly 31 (September 2001). Review of Ethan M. Fishman. 2000. *The Prudential Presidency: An Aristotelian Approach to Presidential Leadership*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

American Political Science Review. 92 (September 1998). Review of J. Peter Euben. 1997. *Corrupting Youth: Political Education, Democratic Culture, and Political Theory*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Interviews

"Translating Aristotle" in *Expositions: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities*," 5 (2), 2011.

"UH Author Transports Aristotle into Modern Age" in *Houston Chronicle*, Sunday, July 17, 2011.

Research in Progress and Under Review

Constituting the Ancient City: The Political Regime and Classical Sparta (Book Manuscript in Progress)

In Ancient thought, the *politeia* or "regime" is the foundational principle of the political association: it determines not only the distribution of political offices but also the practices and education that form a common way of life for citizens. This book explores the principle of the regime as it is most fully articulated by Aristotle, as well as its most famous instantiation in Sparta. A study of the ancient regime is naturally tied an investigation of Sparta since it is the city that both ancient and modern thinkers alike identify as having legislated a way of life that wholly identified human happiness with civic activity and devotion to the common good.

"Sparta and the Problem of War in Aristotle's Political Philosophy" (In progress)

An examination of the critique of Sparta by Aristotle, with a view to understanding the significance of Sparta in his thought.

Academic Conferences and Talks

Political Science National/Regional Meetings (last 7 years)

Chair & Moderator, "On the Work of Michael Sandel," Notre Dame Niemeyer Lectures, October 2018.

Chair & Discussant, "Politics & Political Predicament in Plato and Aristotle," MPSA, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

Discussant, "Political Science, Political Rhetoric, and Political Medicine," MPSA, Chicago, IL. April 2018.

Discussant, "Political Science and the Life of Philosophy in Ancient Athens," APSA, San Francisco, CA. September 2017.

Discussant, "Plato's Democratic Pedagogy" APSA, Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.

Paper, "Political Moderation and Xenophon's Critique of Sparta," MPSA, Chicago, IL. April 2016.

Chair & Discussant, "Political Virtue and Ambition in Ancient Political Philosophy," Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2015.

Paper, "Aristotle's Political Science and the Problem of the Regime," American Political Science Association Meeting. Washington, DC. August 2014.

Discussant, "Reconsidering the Ancients," Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting. Madison, WI. Oct 16-18, 2014.

Discussant, "Fundamentals and Origins of Ancient Political Theory." Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2014.

Chair, "Conflicts within Ancient Thinkers" Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL. April 2014.

Paper, "Civic Freedom and Reverence for Law: The Legacy of Ancient Sparta." Northeast Political Science Association Meeting. Boston, MA. November 2012.

Paper, "Xenophon's *Regime of the Lacedaimonians*." American Political Science Association Meeting. Seattle, WA. September 2011.

Paper, "The Spartans and the Ancient Regime." American Political Science Association Meeting. Washington, DC. September 2010.

Discussant, "Classical Rationalism Before Socrates." American Political Science Association Meeting. Washington, DC. September 2010.

Invited Talks (last 7 years)

"Periclean Leadership and the Ethics of Athenian Imperialism," University of Notre Dame, Honors Lecture in Ethical Leadership, Notre Dame, IN January 2018

"War and the Good Life: The Spartan Regime," University of Houston, *Phronesis* Program, Houston, TX. January 2018.

"Political Philosophy and Public Affairs," University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs, Houston, TX. January 2018

"Aristotle on the *Politeia* and Classical Sparta," University of Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium. Notre Dame, IN. March 2017.

"*E Pluribus Unum: Citizens, Friends, and Free Thinkers in the Ancient City*," Lee University. Cleveland, TN. March 2017

"On LeMoine's *Plato's Caves: The Liberating Sting of Cultural Diversity*." Keynote Speaker and Moderator for First Book Conference. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI. February 2017.

"The Primacy of Justice and the Problem of the *Politeia* in Aristotle's Political Science," Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan. November 2016.

"War and Political Wisdom in Xenophon's Sparta," Hillsdale College, February 2016.

"Seminar on Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*," Hillsdale College, February 2016.

"Sparta and the Problem of War in Ancient Political Philosophy." Political Theory Institute. American University. Washington, DC. November 20. 2015.

"Sparta and the Problem of War in Ancient Political Philosophy." Carl Friedrich Von Siemens Foundation. Munich, Germany. November 11, 2015.

"The Right Questions. Hard Facts. Tough Choices: Public Policy, Social Science, and Political Judgment." Inaugural Gelwick Lecture. Hobby Center for Public Policy. University of Houston. April, 2015.

"*E Pluribus Unum: Citizens, Friends, & Free Thinkers In the Ancient City.*" Holy Cross College, February 9, 2015.

Commentator, "Aristotle on the Character Virtues of Natural Slaves" (Kristen Inglis). Workshop on "Workers, Slaves, and the Disenfranchised in Aristotle," Co-sponsored by ND Philosophy Department and ND Workshop on Ancient Philosophy. May 2-4, 2014.

"Civic Freedom and Reverence for Law: The Legacy of Ancient Sparta." Emory University, March 19, 2014.

"*E Pluribus Unum: Citizens, Friends, & Free Thinkers In the Ancient City.*" University of Dallas, March 22, 2013.

"*E Pluribus Unum: Citizens, Friends, & Free Thinkers In the Ancient City.*" University of Notre Dame, January 13, 2013.

"Civic Freedom and Reverence for Law: The Legacy of Ancient Sparta." University of Notre Dame, March 22, 2012.

"Aristotle's Political Science and the Problem of the Regime." University of Notre Dame, March 23, 2012.

"Aristotle's Political Science and the Problem of the Regime." Baylor University, January 20, 2012.

"Friendship in a Good Life." Thoreau Unitarian Universalist Church. Fort Bend, TX. October 16, 2011.

Other Academic Conferences (last 7 years)

Participant, "The Federalists, The Anti-Federalists, and the Constitution They Created," Santa Barbara, CA, November 29-Dec. 2, 2018.

Co-Discussion Leader, "Liberty and Equality," Fund for American Studies. Washington, DC, Feb 2016.

Discussion Leader, "Liberty and Equality," Washington, DC, Feb 7-9, 2016.

Participant, "Walker Percy on Alienation, Liberty, and the Modern World," New Orleans, LA. Dec. 3-6, 2015.

Chair, Plenary Session V. "Transcending Orthodoxies: Reexamining Academic Freedom in Religiously Affiliated Universities. University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, IN Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2015.

Participant, "Liberty and Responsibility in the Age of Nuclear Weapons," West Sulphur Springs, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2014.

Participant, "James Q. Wilson on Human Nature, Liberty, and Choice," Pasadena, CA. Feb. 13-16, 2014.

Discussion Leader, "Essaying Liberty in Hume's *History of Elizabeth I*," Mountain Sky, MT. May 27-30, 2013.

Participant, "Liberty and Self-Command in Smith and Kant," Chicago, IL. April 25-28, 2013.

Participant, "Classical Liberalism in Contemporary Political Philosophy," La Jolla, CA. January 20-23, 2011.

Participant, "John Locke and Algernon Sidney on Liberty and Free Government," Portland, ME. July 15-18, 2010.

Interdisciplinary Conference Development

Representative sample of over thirty interdisciplinary conferences developed as Liberty Fund Fellow with scholars from across North America and Europe

“Liberty in the Thought of Hegel.” Director: Noel O’Sullivan, University of Hull. Tunbridge Wells, UK. July 6-9, 2000.

“The Darwinian Challenge to the Doctrine of Natural Rights.” Director: James Ceasar, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, VA. March 16-19, 2000.

“Beethoven’s *Fidelio* and Liberty.” Director: John Lachs, Vanderbilt University. Chicago, IL. Nov. 11-14, 1999.

TEACHING AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The Ross M. Lence Distinguished Teaching Chair
University of Houston Provost Core Teaching Excellence Award 2004-2005
Founding Director of Phronesis: A Program in Politics and Ethics

Undergraduate Courses

War, Politics, Political Judgment (ND)
CLP II: American Constitutionalism (ND)
Freedom & Empire in Classical Greece (ND)
Introduction to Political Theory (ND)
PPE Colloquium (ND)
Human Situation-Antiquity (UH Honors)
Human Situation-Modernity (UH Honors)
Ancient/Medieval Political Phil. (UH)
Introduction to Political Theory (UH)
Modern Modes and Disorders (UH)
Sparta and the Ancient Regime (UH)

Graduate Courses

Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* (ND)
Aristotle’s Constitutionalism (ND)
Thucydides (ND)
Graduate Proseminar (ND)
Ancient/Medieval Pol. Phil. (UH)
Democratic Thought (UH)
Philosophy of Social Science (SIU)
Proseminar in Political Theory (SIU)
Seminar on Aristotle and Kant (SIU)

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Dissertation Chair

Jonathan Gondelman, “Thucydides on the Origin and Destruction of Political Societies: *Anankē*, *Stasis*, and *Archē*” (Proposal defended Dec. 2017)

Fr. Justin Brophy, “Erotic Law: Interiority and Transcendence in Plato’s *Symposium*.” (Proposal Defense 01/16/18)

Tyler Thomas, “Architect of Modernity: René Descartes and the Discourse on Method. (Proposal Defense

Committee Member

Jorden Dorney (proposal defended April 2017; dissertation defended November 2018)
Theresa Smart (dissertation defended August 2018)
Colleen Mitchell (proposal defended July 2017)
Jakub Vorboril (dissertation defended July 2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Department

Mission & Diversity Committee (Climate Review), Spring 2018

Department Recording Secretary 2017-18

Ad hoc Committee, Academic Honesty Fall 2016
Diversity & Mission Committee, 2016-17
Graduate Admissions Committee. Spring 2016
Ad Hoc Committee, Response to the Dean Regarding Core Curriculum Review. Spring 2015.
First Year Ph.D. Advisor
 2015/16: Justin Brophy
 2016/17: Abigail Staysa
 2017/18: Matthew Dahl
Political Theory Field Chair, Fall 2014
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee of Associate Professors on the CAP, Fall 2013

College

Book Review Editor, *Review of Politics* 2016-Present

University

Library Committee, 2016-19
Catholic Mission Focus Group of the Core Curriculum Review Committee, 2014-2015.
NDIAS Political Theory/Political Philosophy Applicant Review Committee, 2015-2017.
Faculty Advisory Committee, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, 2015-Present.

University of Houston

Founding Director of *Phronesis: A Program in Politics and Ethics*, 2008-2013.

Faculty Mentor, UH Center for Teaching Excellence, 2010-13
Committee Member, UH Honors College Dean Search, 2008-2009
Committee Member, UH QEP Discovery Curriculum Task Force, 2008-2009

Honors College

Committee Chair, Honors Bylaws Committee 2009-2010 (complete revision of College Bylaws)
Committee Chair, Ross M. Lence Master Teacher Residency Program 2008-2012
Committee Member, Personnel Committee 2010-11
Committee Member, Center for Creative Work Steering Committee 2009-2010
Chair, Honors Subcommittee in Joint Search with Philosophy 2007-2008
Chair, Joint Searches with Political Science 2006-2007
Invited Speaker, Panel on Martin Luther King (AAHSA), April 2007
Faculty and Postdoc Recruitment Committees 2002-2005
Chair, The XXV Anniversary Celebration of the Human Situation, Feb. 2002
Funding Initiative – “The Great Conversation” 2001-2002; 2004-2012
High School Recruitment Banquets & Open Houses, Fall and Spring 2000-2012
Annual Retreat for First Year Students, August 2000-2012

College of Liberal Arts and Social Science

The *Civitas* Project for the Interdisciplinary Study of Political Society and Civic Life
Committee member for College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences 2005 CW Moores Fellowship

Department

Executive Committee (2006-08, 2009-13), Undergraduate Committee (2000-01, Chair 2008-09, 2012-13),
Graduate Committee (2003-04, 2005-08), Recruitment Committee (2006-07), Department Planning
Committee (2005-2006), Institutional Effectiveness Committee (2006-07), Speakers Committee (2000,
2001, 2003)

Committee chair

Krystafer Redden, Honors Thesis 2013 (SURF student 2010)
Catrina Kim, Honors Thesis 2013 (SURF student 2011)
Andrew Sapp Hamilton, Honors Thesis 2011 (SURF student 2011)
Faisal Baluch, Masters Thesis 2007
Stefan Brooks, Ph.D. Dissertation 2006

Elizabeth Rodrigues, Honors Thesis 2005

Committee member for 5 Ph.D. Dissertations, 7 Ph.D. exams, 9 Honors Theses, 4 Masters Theses

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, *University of California Press*, *University of Chicago Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *University of Pennsylvania Press*, *National Endowment for the Humanities*, *American Political Thought*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Hackett Publishing*, *Ancient Philosophy*.

Division Chair for *Foundations of Political Theory*, Midwest Political Science Conference 2006

Editorial Boards: *University of Notre Dame Press*; *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Political Science Reviewer*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship 2018-19

Earhart Foundation Research Fellowship 2015

Texas State Legislature Distinguished Service to University of Houston 2013

The Honors College *Arete* Award for Outstanding Service 2013

Ross M. Lence Distinguished Teaching Chair 2012

Elected to *Phi Kappa Phi* 2008

University of Houston Provost Core Teaching Excellence Award 2004-05

Earhart Foundation Summer Research Fellowship, Summer 2005

John M. Olin Junior Faculty Research Fellowship 2002-03

Earhart Foundation, Research Fellowship Grant, Summer 1997

Special Research Award, Office of Research Development at SIU 1996-98

Women's Studies/University Women's Juried Competition Award at SIU 1996

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship 1994-95

Dissertation Nominated for American Political Science Assn's Political Theory Prize 1994

Bradley Foundation Doctoral Fellowship 1992-93

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowships 1987-91

LANGUAGES

Classical Greek & French (Advanced)

Latin & German (Basic)