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Education

University of Notre Dame | Notre Dame, IN *Expected May 2026*
Ph.D., Political Science
Fields: Constitutional Studies and Political Theory

University of Notre Dame | Notre Dame, IN *May 2023*
M.A., Political Science

Westmont College | Santa Barbara, CA *December 2011*
B.A., Political Science (Pre-Law)

Professional Experience

American Enterprise Institute | Washington, DC *Jan. 2013 – Aug. 2021*

Positions Held: Director, Initiative on Faith & Public Life (*June 2019 – Aug. 2021*); Director, Academic Programs (*July 2017 – May 2019*); Manager, Academic Programs (*July 2016 – June 2017*); Senior Associate, Academic Programs (*July 2015 – June 2016*); Program Associate, Values & Capitalism (*Sept. 2013 – June 2015*); Intern, Values & Capitalism (*Jan. 2013 – June 2013*)

Key Responsibilities and Accomplishments During Tenure:

- Played a lead role in the strategic design, planning, and execution of over 80 multi-day conferences and intensive programs for college students and faculty, as well as hundreds of smaller-scale events. Each program focused on substantive issues of public policy, political theory, economics, culture, or theology.
- Formed high-level relationships with over 300 college professors, leaders of peer organizations, and program partners, and helped build a network of student leaders at over 100 college campuses nationwide.
- Starting in 2016, gained significant program management experience: serving as the direct supervisor for teams of up to six full-time staff, overseeing the budgeting and strategic planning process for the program, and playing a lead role in proposal writing and reporting for multi-million dollar grants.
- In 2018, launched an extensive review of the Values & Capitalism Project's brand, which resulted in a full rebrand to AEI's Initiative on Faith & Public Life; also spearheaded the logo and website redesign (faithandpubliclife.com) and rollout process.
- Edited and oversaw the production of two books, four short publications, and two documentaries. Also curated, edited, and wrote introductions for five essay compilations on topics of political theory, policy, and economics.
- Authored over 60 original blog posts, published on the program's website.

Maho & Prentice Attorneys at Law | Santa Barbara, CA
Filing Clerk

Jan. 2012 – May 2012

- Managed the filing of over 30 cases (opening, organizing, closing files); summarized medical records; and completed various legal administrative duties.

Office of U.S. Congressman Bill Huizenga (MI-2) | Washington, DC

Sept. 2011 – Dec. 2011

Intern

- Composed policy summaries; attended and took notes at Congressional hearings for legislative staff; and assisted with constituent relations, including helping with written correspondence, answering telephone calls, sorting and logging mail, and giving tours of the U.S. Capitol.

Teaching and Research Experience

University of Notre Dame | Notre Dame, IN

August 2022 – Present

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science

- Served as a teaching assistant for two classes taught by Professor Daniel Philpott: “Catholicism & Politics” (Fall 2022) and “Why the Church?” (Spring 2023). Delivered lectures on Catholic integralism (and its critics) and Christian apologetics; graded student essays, exams, and presentations; and led weekly discussion sections.

Westmont College | Santa Barbara, CA

Jan. 2012 – May 2012

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science

- Served as a teaching assistant for “International Organizations and Law,” taught by Professor Susan Penksa. Led small group classroom discussions; provided guidance and criticism on student projects and papers; planned and handled logistics for a trip to New York for the National Model United Nations.

Westmont College | Santa Barbara, CA

Aug. 2010 – May 2011

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science

- Worked primarily with Professor Jesse Covington, conducting research related to Augustine’s political thought and assisting with the planning and execution of an academic conference.

Conference Presentations

“Leo Strauss and Jacques Maritain on Natural Law and History,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (April 2023)

Other Projects

Essay Compilations Edited

“Building a Humane Economy: Contemporary Reflections on Morality, Economics, and Human Flourishing” – AEI Initiative on Faith & Public Life (January 2021)

“Visions for Christian Public Life: Exploring Christian Engagement in Contemporary American Politics and Society” – AEI Initiative on Faith & Public Life (January 2020)

“The Future of Liberalism: Christian Perspectives on the Sustainability of the Liberal Order” – AEI Values & Capitalism Project (January 2019)

“The University at a Crossroads: Assessing the Purpose, State, and Future of Higher Education in America” – AEI Values & Capitalism Project (January 2018)

“Is America Coming Apart? Addressing Economic, Social, and Ideological Stratification in the United States” – AEI Values & Capitalism Project (January 2017)

“A World Without Work? Technology Automation, and the Future of Work” – AEI Values & Capitalism Project (January 2016)

Documentary Films Produced

“For Love of Neighbor: Politics for the Common Good” – AEI Initiative on Faith & Public Life (October 2020)

“To Whom Is Given: Business for the Common Good” – AEI Values & Capitalism Project (February 2017)

Fellowships and Awards

David Solomon Fellow, deNicola Center for Ethics and Culture – University of Notre Dame (August 2021 – Present)

Fellow – John Jay Institute (August 2012 – December 2012)

References

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