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### **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 1992

M.A., Political Science, University of Chicago, 1988

B.A. *cum laude* with High Honors in Government, Dartmouth College, 1985

### **Professional Experience**

University of California, Davis, 2000 - present

Professor of Political Science, 2005-  
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2000-05

Chair, 2010-  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2006-08, 2003-05  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2001-03

University of Houston, 1994-2000

Assistant Professor of Political Science and in the Honors College

Dartmouth College, 1993-94

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government

Loyola University of Chicago, 1992-93

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of Chicago, 1991-92

Grodzins' Prize Lecturer, Department of Political Science  
Lecturer, College of Social Sciences

## Publications

### Books

*The Philosophers' Quarrel: Rousseau, Hume, and the Limits of Human Understanding.* x + 238 pp. Yale University Press, 2009; paperback edition 2010 (with Robert Zaretsky)

### Edited and Translated Books

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Major Political Writings.* Trans. and ed. John T. Scott. University of Chicago Press. Under contract, forthcoming 2011.

*Rousseau and l'Infâme: Religion, Toleration, and Fanaticism in the Age of Enlightenment.* Faux Titre series no. 326. Ed. Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott. 308 pp. Rodopi, 2009

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments.* Ed. John T. Scott. 4 vols. 1823 pp. total. *Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers* series. Routledge, 2006

Tzvetan Todorov, *Frail Happiness: An Essay on Rousseau.* Trans. and ed. John T. Scott and Robert A. Zaretsky. xxxii + 70 pp. Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001; paperback edition, 2004

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Essay on the Origin of Languages and Writings Related to Music.* Trans. and ed. John T. Scott. *The Collected Writings of Rousseau*, vol. 7. xlv + 610 pp. Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 1998; paperback edition, 2009

*The Levite of Ephraim* reprinted in Christopher Kelly and Eve Grace, ed., *Rousseau on Love, Women, and the Family*, Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 2009; pp. 178-93

*Essay on the Origin of Languages* reprinted in Christopher Kelly, ed., *Rousseau on Philosophy, Religion, and Morality*, Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 2007; pp. 102-46

### Journal Articles

"Sin City: Augustine and Machiavelli's Reordering of Rome," *Journal of Politics* (with John Warner), forthcoming

"Courting the Public: The Influence of Decision Attributes on Individuals' Views of Court Opinions," *Journal of Politics* 71 (July 2009): 909-25 (with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink)

"What's Fair in Foul Weather and Fair? Distribution Principles across Different Allocation Contexts and Goods," *Journal of Politics* (July 2009): 831-46 (with Brian H. Bornstein)

"The Cold War on Ice: Constructivism and Identity in Olympic Figure Skating Judging," *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (March 2007): 17-29 (with Brian R. Sala and James F. Spriggs II)

- “The Politic Argument of Rousseau’s *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*,” *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (October 2005): 819-29 (with Sally H. Campbell)
- “Rousseau’s Anti-Agenda-Setting Agenda and Contemporary Democratic Theory,” *American Political Science Review* 99 (February 2005): 137-44
- “Rousseau and the Revival of Humanism in Contemporary French Political Thought,” *History of Political Thought* 24 (Autumn 2003): 599-623 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- “Doing Rawls Justice: An Experimental Study of Distributive Justice Norms,” *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (July 2003): 523-39 (with Brian H. Bornstein, Richard E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach)
- “Just Deserts: An Experimental Approach to Distributive Justice,” *American Journal of Political Science* 45 (October 2001): 749-67 (with Brian H. Bornstein, Richard E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach)
- “The Sovereignless State and Locke’s Language of Obligation,” *American Political Science Review* 94 (September 2000): 547-61
- “The Harmony Between Rousseau’s Musical Theory and His Philosophy,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 59 (April 1998): 287–308
- “Rousseau and the Melodious Language of Freedom,” *Journal of Politics* 59 (August 1997): 803–29
- “Patricide and the Plot of *The Prince*: Cesare Borgia and Machiavelli’s Italy,” *American Political Science Review* 88 (December 1994): 887-900 (with Vickie B. Sullivan)
- “Politics as the Imitation of the Divine in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” *Polity* 26 (Summer 1994): 473–501
- “The Theodicy of the *Second Discourse*: The ‘Pure State of Nature’ and Rousseau’s Political Thought,” *American Political Science Review* 86 (September 1992): 696–711

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

\* = refereed

- \* “Rousseau’s Unease with Locke’s Uneasiness,” in *The Challenge of Rousseau*, ed. Christopher Kelly and Eve Grace, Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2012
- \* “*Emile* et les principes du droit politique: Le précis partiel du *Contrat social* et la double visée de la théorie politique de Rousseau,” in ‘*Vivant ou mort il les inquiétera toujours*’: *Etudes pour le tricentenaire de Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-2012)*, ed. Michael O’Dea, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century (SVEC)*; 2012:1
- “Jean-Jacques Rousseau,” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, ed. Gregory Claeys; *CQ Press*, forthcoming 2011

- \* “Another Dangerous Supplement: Diderot’s Dialogue with Rousseau in the *Supplément au Voyage de Bougainville*,” in *Rousseau et les philosophes*, ed. Michael O’Dea, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century* (SVEC); 2010:12; pp. 175-91.
- \* “Pride and Providence: Religion in Rousseau’s *Letter to Voltaire*,” in *Rousseau and l’Infâme: Religion, Toleration, and Fanaticism in the Age of Enlightenment*, ed. Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott. Rodopi, 2009; pp. 115-36
- \* “Rousseau’s Quixotic Quest in the *Rêveries du promeneur solitaire*,” in *The Nature of the “Rêveries,”* ed. John C. O’Neal, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century* (SVEC); 2008:3; pp. 139-52
- “‘La Morale sensitive’ dans l’*Essai sur l’origine des langues* de Rousseau et ses sources,” in *Langues de Rousseau*, ed. Charles Porset and Tanguy L’Aminot, *Études Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, no. 16; 2007; pp. 9-32
- “General Will,” in *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, ed. Maryanne Cline Horowitz, 6 vols.; in both book and online formats; Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004; 3: 891-92
- \* “Climate, Causation, and the Power of Music in Montesquieu and Rousseau,” *Musique et langage chez Rousseau*, ed. Claude Dauphin, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century* (SVEC); 2004: 8; pp. 51-61
- “Rousseau and the Dialogue of Identity,” in *Rousseau juge de Jean-Jacques: Études sur les “Dialogues,”* ed. Philip Knee and Gérard Allard. Paris: Honoré Champion, 2003; pp. 67-78
- \* “Godolphin and the Whale: Friendship and the Framing of Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” in *Love and Friendship: Rethinking Politics and Affection in Modern Times*, ed. Eduardo A. Velásquez, Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield, 2002; pp. 119-38
- “The Play of the Passions: Music, Mores, and Rousseau’s *Lettre à d’Alembert*,” in *Rousseau on Art and Politics*, ed. Melissa Butler; *Pensée libre* no. 6; Rousseau Association, 1997; pp. 77-89
- “Aristotle and the City of Sows: Doing Justice to Plato,” in *Justice v. Law in Greek Political Thought*, ed. Leslie G. Rubin; Rowman and Littlefield, 1997; pp. 41–68

### **Literary Essays**

- “Boswell Knocks,” *The Drawbridge* 12 (2009): 4 (with Robert Zartesky)
- “Boswell’s Enlightenment,” *Southwest Review* 94 (Fall 2009): 349-65 (with Robert Zartesky)
- “Philosophy Leads to Sorrow: An Evening at the Theater with Jean-Jacques Rousseau and David Hume,” *Southwest Review* 91 (Winter 2006): 36-55 (with Robert Zartesky)

### **External Research Grants**

National Science Foundation funded award through Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Courting the Public: An Experimental Study of Institutional Specific Support for Supreme Court Decisions”; with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink; 2006

National Science Foundation Research Grant, “Distributive Justice Norms Concerning Income: A Cross-National Experimental Study” (SBR-9810243, SBR-9810473); co-PI with Richard E. Matland and Brian H. Bornstein (\$105,792 total budget), 1998-2000

Earhart Foundation Fellowship Research Grant, 1997-98

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Fellowship, 1997

### **Professional Activity**

Comité Scientifique, “La Philosophie de Rousseau,” colloquium sponsored by the Centre nationale de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) et École nationale supérieure—Lettres et sciences humaines (ENS-LSH), Lyon, France, June 2012

Rousseau Association

Publications Director, 2005-2009

President, 2001-05

Vice President, 1999-2001

Secretary-Treasurer, 1995-99

Nominating Committee, American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, 2008-09

Foundations of Political Thought Section Chair and Conference Program Committee, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2009

Comité Scientifique, “Rousseau et les philosophes,” XVth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association and Groupe de Recherche LIRE, Université de Lyon II, Lyon, France, June 28-30, 2007

Conference Director (with Ourida Mostefai), “Rousseau, Voltaire, and Fanaticism,” XIIIth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Oxford, England, July 26-29, 2003

Political Theory Section Chair and Conference Program Committee, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2001

### **Academic Awards and Honors**

Finalist, University of California, Davis Teaching Award, 2007

Faculty Development Award, University of California, Davis, 2005-06

Finalist, University of Houston Teaching Award, 1998, 1999

Grodzins' Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 1991–92

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1991–92 (declined)

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1989-91

University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship, 1986–89

Bennett Essay Prize (Best Senior Honors Thesis), Dartmouth College, 1985

Rufus Choate Scholar (*summa cum laude*), Dartmouth College, 1984-85