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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of California-Davis (*expected 06/2010*)

- Primary field: political theory
- Secondary field: American politics

M.A., Political Science, University of Georgia (2004)

B.S., Political Science and Philosophy, Belmont University (2000, *magna cum laude*)

Research and Working Manuscripts

“Men, Citizens, and the Women Who Love Them: Eros and Tragedy in Rousseau’s *Emile*.”

- Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2008)
- Conditionally accepted for publication at the *Review of Politics*

“Sin City: Augustine and Machiavelli on Fratricide, Rape, and Rome,” with John T. Scott.

- Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2007)

“Why Can’t We Be Friends? Friendship, Erotic Longing, and Human Wholeness in Rousseau’s *Emile*.”

- Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2006)

“Locke’s Noble Lie: on the Unreasonableness of Christianity as Delivered in the Scriptures,” with James R. Zink.

- In preparation

Dissertation

Squaring the Social Circle: Tragedy and Human Connectedness in Rousseau

- Committee: John T. Scott (chair), Robert S. Taylor, Christopher J. Kelly

My dissertation investigates the psychological foundations of human sociability as they are treated in the work of Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and argues that Rousseau ultimately provides a pessimistic or *tragic* teaching concerning the nature and scope of human connectedness. In the course of making this argument, I identify three related but distinct forms of association—sexual love, friendship, and civil or political association—systematically examine how these associational types recur in Rousseau’s work, and demonstrate that none of them, whether examined individually or together in sum, provides a satisfactory resolution to the problem of human dividedness that is located at the center of Rousseau’s thought.

Distinctions

Dissertation Grant, UC Davis Department of Political Science (2008)

Travel Grant, UC Davis Department of Political Science (2008, 2006)

Joint Faculty-Student Research Grant, UC Davis Department of Political Science (2007)

Peter Mekis Fellowship, University of Georgia Department of Political Science (2002)

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis

- Spring 2009: “Eros and Politics” (POL 116, syllabus available)
- Fall 2009: “Introduction to Political Theory” (POL 4, syllabus available)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis (2004-present)

- Courses in Primary Field:
 - Foundations of Political Thought (Thucydides, Hobbes, Nietzsche, Foucault)
 - Late Modern Political Thought (Rousseau, Diderot, Nietzsche, Freud)
 - Legal Theory (Dworkin, Rawls, Hart)
 - Introduction to Political Theory (Plato, Aristotle, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Rawls)
- Courses in other fields:
 - Introduction to American Government
 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
 - Constitutional Interpretation

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia (Fall 2003)

- Course: Introduction to American Government

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia (Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2004)

- Courses: Introduction to American Government, Comparative Legal Systems

Skills

Intermediate Proficiency in French

References

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