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**Education**

- Ph.D. (cand.), Politics, University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies: May 2009
- M.A., Politics, University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies: May 2007
- M.A., Philosophy, University of Dallas: August 2004
- B.A., Anthropology/Philosophy, University of North Texas: August 1999

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**Areas of Specialization**

- History of political philosophy: especially Plato, Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Tocqueville, Nietzsche, and Heidegger
- American Government and American Political Theory

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**Dissertation**

- *Nietzsche's Philosophic Politics and the Crisis for the West*: argues for a reading of Nietzsche's project as one of philosophic legislation attempting to overcome the moral crisis of the West, with emphasis on Nietzsche's understanding of the philosopher as commander and legislator, the roots of this crisis in what Nietzsche sees as Plato's own philosophic legislation, and the way in which Nietzsche's teachings contribute to his legislative project. Defense date: March 1, 2013.
- Adviser: Dr. Thomas G. West

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**Teaching Experience**

- University of North Texas at Dallas (Dallas, TX), 2013-present – adjunct professor of political science
- University of North Texas (Denton, TX), 2011-2012 – adjunct professor of political science
- North Central Texas College (Corinth, TX), 2009-present – adjunct professor of philosophy
- University of Dallas (Irving, TX), 2007, 2009-2012 – adjunct professor of politics
- Mountain View College (Dallas, TX), 2005-present – adjunct professor American government and philosophy
- Brookhaven College (Dallas, TX), 2004-present – adjunct professor of philosophy, lecture and eCampus courses
- Texas Woman's University (Denton, TX), 2004-2006 – adjunct professor of philosophy

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## Courses Taught

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- PSCI 1050: American Government—Laws and Institutions (University of North Texas at Dallas); college textbooks supplemented with readings from *The Federalist Papers* as well as recent contemporary writings on American political institutions and law.
- PSCI 3310: Political Theory to 1700 (University of North Texas); close readings of Aristophanes' *Clouds*, Plato's *Apology of Socrates* and *Republic*, Aristotle's *Politics* and Machiavelli's *The Prince* as well as short supplemental readings in the history of political theory.
- PSCI 3320: Political Theory since 1700 (University of North Texas); close readings of Hobbes's *Leviathan*, Locke's *Two Treatises on Government*, Rousseau's *First and Second Discourses*, portions of Hegel's *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*, and Nietzsche's *Thus Spake Zarathustra* (supplemented with material from his other writings). This is a hybrid course, featuring online material and assignments as well as in-class meetings.
- POL 1311: Principles of American Politics (University of Dallas); assigned readings are primary texts in American politics, including Locke's *Second Treatise* and *Letter on Toleration*, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, *The Federalist Papers*, other Founding-era writings, Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*, laws, speeches, court decisions, writings from various progressive-era philosophers and statesmen, and contemporary readings.
- GOVT 2301: American Government I (Mountain View College); college textbook supplemented with readings from *The Federalist Papers* and other primary source texts (excerpts from Hobbes, Locke, Founding-era writers, political speeches, laws, court decisions, essays).
- GOVT 2302: American Government II (Mountain View College); college textbook supplemented with readings from *The Federalist Papers* and other primary source texts (political speeches, laws, court decisions, essays).
- GOVT 2305: American Federal Government (Mountain View College); college textbook supplemented with readings from *The Federalist Papers* and other primary source texts (excerpts from Hobbes and Locke as well as political speeches, laws, court decisions, essays and other readings stretching from the Founding to today).
- PHIL 1301: Introduction to Philosophy (Mountain View College, Brookhaven College, North Central Texas College; classroom and online); in the past, assigned readings have included Plato's *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito* and *Republic* (excerpts); Aristophanes' *Clouds*; Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (excerpts), *On the Soul* (excerpts), *Politics* (excerpts), *Physics* (excerpts) and *Metaphysics* (excerpts); St. Anselm's *Proslogion* (excerpts); St. Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica* (excerpts); Machiavelli's *The Prince*; Descartes' *Meditations on First Philosophy*; Hobbes's *Leviathan* (excerpts); Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (excerpts), *Second Treatise on Government* (excerpts) and *Letter on Toleration* (excerpts); Rousseau's *Discourse on the Arts and Sciences* and *Discourse on the Origins of Inequality*; Hegel's preface to the *Philosophy of Right*; Nietzsche's *Use and Disadvantage of History for Life*, *Twilight of the Idols* (excerpts), and *Beyond Good and Evil* (excerpts); Heidegger's "The Question Concerning Technology;" Rorty's *Contingency, Irony and Solidarity* (excerpts). Recent classroom sections have been hybrid courses, featuring online material and assignments as well as in-class meetings.
- PHIL 1301-H: Honors Seminar on Plato's Republic (North Central Texas College); readings include Aristophanes' *Clouds*, Plato's *Apology of Socrates* and *Republic*, as well as other selected texts from the history of philosophy.
- PHIL 2306: Ethics (Mountain View College, Brookhaven College, North Central Texas College; classroom and online); readings include contemporary ethical issues from Arthur and Scalet's

*Morality and Moral Controversies* (essays, articles, Supreme Court decisions) supplemented by readings in the history of philosophy.

- **PHIL 3013: Ancient Philosophy** (Texas Woman's University); readings included Aristophanes' *Clouds*, Plato's *Apology of Socrates* and *Republic*, Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, *Politics* (excerpts) and *On the Soul* (excerpts).
- **PHIL 3023: Medieval and Modern Philosophy** (Texas Woman's University); readings included excerpts or short texts from St. Augustine, the Pseudo-Dionysius, St. Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Hobbes, Locke, and Hume.
- **PHIL 3043: Philosophy of Religion** (Texas Woman's University); readings included excerpts from Plato, St. Augustine, the Pseudo-Dionysius, St. Anselm, St. Thomas Aquinas, Hume, and Nietzsche.
- **PHIL 3053: Ethics** (Texas Woman's University); Readings from Morgan's primary source collection *Classics of Moral and Political Theory*, including Plato, Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Kant, Mill, Nietzsche, and excerpts from Heidegger.
- **PHIL 4913: Independent Study—Political Philosophy** (Texas Woman's University); readings included selections from Plato, Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, Hobbes, Locke, *The Federalist Papers*, Rousseau, Hegel, and Nietzsche.
- **PHIL 4913: Independent Study—Plato's Republic** (Texas Woman's University); readings included Aristophanes' *Clouds* and Plato's *Republic*.

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## Research Languages

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- Classical Greek
- German
- Lithuanian (beginning)

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## Publications

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- "Clergy in Public Office," in ABC-CLIO's *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America* (forthcoming)
- "Election Sermons," in ABC-CLIO's *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America* (forthcoming)
- "Natural Rights," in ABC-CLIO's *Encyclopedia of Religion and Politics in America* (forthcoming)
- Co-Author (with William R. Geisler) of *A Leader's Guide*, a study guide for Matthew Spalding's *We Still Hold These Truths* (Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2009)

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## Short Book Reviews

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- Review of Wendling, Amy; *The Ruling Ideas: Bourgeois Political Concepts* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (forthcoming)
- Review of Greenway, James; *The Differentiation of Authority* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2012)
- Review of Tabachnick, David and Koivukoski, Toivo, eds; *On Oligarchy: Ancient Lessons For Global Politics* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2012)
- Review of Robin, Corey; *The Reactionary Mind: Conservatism from Edmund Burke to Sarah Palin*

- for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2012)
- Review of Feit, Mario; *Democratic Anxieties: Same-Sex Marriage, Death, and Citizenship* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2012).
- Review of Howard, Dick; *The Primacy of the Political: A History of Political Thought from the Greeks to the French & American Revolutions* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2011)
- Review of Levin, Michael; *Political Thought in the Age of Revolution (1776-1848): Burke to Marx* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2011).
- Review of Sternhell, Zeev; *The Anti-Enlightenment Tradition* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2010)
- Review of Capponi, Niccolò; *An Unlikely Prince: The Life and Times of Machiavelli* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2010)
- Review of Taylor, Natalie Fuehrer, ed.; *A Political Companion to Henry Adams*, for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2010)
- Review of Bunce, R.E.R.; *Thomas Hobbes* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2009)
- Review of Slomp, Gabriella; *Carl Schmitt and the Politics of Hostility, Violence and Terror* for the American Library Association's *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2008)

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## Papers Presented

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- "Nietzsche's Philosopher and Political Action" (New York State Political Science Association annual meeting, New York, NY, April 2012)
- "Civic Virtue and Luxury in Rousseau's *Discourse on the Arts and Sciences*" (Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2011)
- "Progress and Historicism in Nietzsche's Second *Untimely Meditation*" (Association for Core Texts and Courses annual meeting, New Haven, CT, April 2011)
- "The Place of Religion in Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*" (Association for Core Texts and Courses annual meeting, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2010)
- "Democracy, Despotism and the Passion for Equality in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," (Association for Core Texts and Courses annual meeting, Memphis, TN, April 2009)
- "Eros as Political Problem in Plato's *Republic*," (Southwestern Political Science Association annual meeting; Denver, CO, April 2009)
- "Education and Technology in Plutarch's *Lycurgus* and *Numa*," (Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting; Boston, MA, November 2008)
- "Natural Man in Rousseau's *Discourses*," (University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies Colloquium presentation, Irving, TX, September 2008)

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## Invited Panels and Presentations, Panels Chaired or Organized

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- "What is the Purpose of Government? A Philosophy Faculty Discussion Panel" (Organizer and participant in a panel discussion on political philosophy, North Central Texas College, Corinth, TX, November 2012)
- "Constitution Day Forum: The One-Year Anniversary of the Occupy Movement and the US Constitution" (Participant in panel discussion of the Occupy movement, contemporary politics,

and the principles of the American Founding, Mountain View College Constitution Day Celebration, September 2012)

- “Cowboys, Radicals and Private Eyes: Political Theory and American Archetypes,” (Panel chair, Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2011)
- “Community and Character: the Relation Between Politics and Virtue in Ancient, Modern and Postmodern Thought,” (Organizer and participant, Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2011)
- “The Aristophanic Critique of Socrates: A Philosophy Faculty Discussion Panel” (Organizer and participant in a panel discussion of Aristophanes’ *Clouds*, North Central Texas College, Corinth, TX, November 2011)
- “Constitution Day Forum: Bioethics and Property Rights” (Participant in panel discussion on property rights in light of the HeLa [Henrietta Lacks] and Mo [John Moore] cell lines, Mountain View College Constitution Day Celebration, Dallas, TX, September 2011)
- “On the Law of Nature in Hobbes and Locke” (Mountain View College, Dallas, TX July 2011)
- “Liberal Education in Iraq: a Discussion with the American University of Iraq’s Professor William R. Geisler” (Organizer and Moderator, Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, June 2011)
- “A Reading of Martin Heidegger’s *Question Concerning Technology*” (Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, May 2011)
- “Two Views of Plato’s *Apology of Socrates*: a Faculty Discussion for the Honors Program” (Organizer and presenter, North Central Texas College, Corinth, TX, April 2011)
- “Nietzsche’s Philosophy: An Introduction” (Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, November 2010)
- “Political Philosophy, Virtue and the U. S. Constitution” (North Central Texas College Constitution Day Celebration, Corinth, TX, September 2010)
- “Religious Liberty in the American Founding” (Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, July 2010)
- “Moral Philosophy and the Constitution of the United States” (Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, June 2010)
- “Apathy, *Akrasia*, and Alienation,” (Panel chair and discussant, Association for Core Texts and Courses annual meeting, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2010)
- “Political Philosophy and Heidegger’s Critique of Technology: Viewing Humans as *Bestand*” (North Central Texas College philosophy club; Corinth, TX, February 2010)
- “Soft Despotism and the Last Man: What We Can Learn From Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America* and Nietzsche’s *Beyond Good and Evil*,” (Dallas Philosopher’s Forum; Dallas, TX, May 2009)
- “October Surprises, November Elections,” (Participant in moderated panel discussion of the 2008 American elections, Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, October 2008)

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### **Manuscripts in Progress**

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- “On Nietzsche’s Philosopher as Legislator”—working paper
- “Nietzsche’s Will to Power as Monist Metaphysic”—working paper
- “Eternal Recurrence as Great Politics”—working paper

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### **Professional Service**

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- Internal manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press (ethics and philosophy) and Pearson Academic Publishing (politics)
- University of Dallas, Faculty Contact for Student Government Senate, 2011-2012

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## **Scholarships, Stipends and Grants**

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- University of Dallas Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference Stipend (2011)
- University of Dallas Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference Stipend (2010)
- University of Dallas Braniff Graduate School Doctoral Teaching Stipend (2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- University of Dallas Braniff Graduate School Graduate Fellowship in Politics (2007, 2008)
- University of Dallas Braniff Graduate School Doctoral Living Stipend (2006-2009)
- University of Dallas Institute of Philosophic Studies Doctoral Scholarship (2006-2009)
- Claremont Institute Publius Fellowship (2007)
- University of Dallas Braniff Graduate School Texas Tuition Equalization Grant (2002)
- University of Dallas Braniff Graduate School Scholarship (2000-2004)

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## **Professional Associations**

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- Association for Core Texts and Courses
- American Political Science Association
- Midwestern Political Science Association
- New York State Political Science Association