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**EDUCATION**

University of Dallas, Ph. D., Political Theory, Great Books Core, American Politics, 2010

University of Alberta, M.A., Political Science/Political Theory, 2005

University of Alberta, B.A., Film Studies and Art History, 2001

**ACADEMIC POSTS**

University of Colorado Boulder, College of Engineering and Applied Science, Herbst Program Of Humanities, Instructor, 2014—

Carthage College, Division of Interdisciplinary Studies and Political Science, Western Heritage Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 2011-14

Aurora University, Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Professor, 2010-11

Roosevelt University, Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Professor, 2010-11

University of Dallas, Department of Politics, Adjunct Professor, 2008-09

**RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION**

Ancient Political Thought (Plato, Thucydides, Aristotle), Ancient Philosophy (Plato)

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

History of Political Thought, History of Western Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Philosophy, Ancient Greek History and Literature, Early Modern Political Thought, Logic, Epistemology, Science Studies, Science and Religion, Roman History, American Political Thought, American Government

**ARTICLES AND REVIEWS**

“The Moral Foundations of Public Trust: Thucydides’ Pericles and the Limits of Enlightened Statecraft” (co-author). *Anamnesis* 5 (2016): 42-67.

“Reason and the Rhetoric of Legal Obligation in Plato’s Crito.” *Polis* 31 (2014): 1-27.

Review of *Plato’s Tough Guys and Their Attachment to Justice*, by Peter J. Hansen. *Polis* 38 (2021): 153-156.

Review of *The Socratic Turn: Knowledge of Good and Evil in an Age of Science*, by Dustin Sebell. *Contemporary Political Theory* 17 (2017): 86-89.

Review of *The Socratic Paradox and Its Enemies*, by Roslyn Weiss. *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* 35, no. 3 (2008): 283-289.

**BOOK CHAPTER**

“Editors’ Introduction: Why Clarifying Socrates’ Motive Matters for Platonic Philosophy.” *Socrates in the Cave: On the Philosopher’s Motive in Plato*, Diduch, Harding eds. (Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan), 1-9.

## **EDITED VOLUMES**

*Socrates in the Cave: On the Philosopher's Motive in Plato*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.  
*David Bolotin's Lecture Course on Plato's Republic* (co-editor; projected for 2021-22).

## **WORKING PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPT**

"The Explanatory Relevance of Evolutionary Arguments for Political Phenomena: Evolutionary Psychology versus Classical Political Thought."

"The Problems of Virtue and Knowledge in Plato's Meno" (co-author).

"On the Status of Mind and Reason in Genesis 1-11."

"Sociality in Plato's Republic."

Untitled manuscript on the major phases of Plato's Socrates' intellectual biography.

## **NON-ACADEMIC WRITING**

"Yuval Harari's Lessons for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Engineers." *Colorado Engineer*, Spring 2020.

## **INVITED LECTURES, TALKS, AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

"Francis Bacon on Daedalus and the New Atlantis." Summer Program in Political Philosophy, Dallas Institute for the Humanities, 2019.

"Thomas Hobbes on Covenant, Sovereignty, and Monarchy." Summer Program in Political Philosophy, Dallas Institute for the Humanities, 2019.

"The Problem of the Goodness of Justice in Book 2 of Plato's Republic." Hannibal Lecture Series, Carthage College, 2018.

"Glaucon's Challenge: Moral Skepticism and the Problem of the Goodness of Justice in Republic 2." Montgomery Liberal Arts Foundation, Montgomery College, 2018.

"The Sack of Rome and the Problem of Evil in Book 1 of Augustine's City of God." Summer Program in Political Philosophy, Dallas Institute for the Humanities, 2018.

"Moral Skepticism in Plato." Herbst Faculty and Staff Seminar, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2017.

"From Creation to the Call: Reading Genesis as Literature." Monthly Reading Seminar at First Presbyterian Church, Boulder, 2017-2018.

"Revisiting the Argument of Genesis 1-11." Herbst Faculty and Staff Seminar, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2017.

"A Cinematic Exploration of Human Being in Three Films by Terrence Malick: Badlands, The Thin Red Line, and Tree of Life." Herbst Faculty and Staff Seminar, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2015.

"Shakespeare's Tempest." Herbst Faculty and Staff Seminar, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2014.

"Why Does Socrates Obey the Law?" Invited Lecture, University of Colorado at Boulder, Herbst Program of Humanities, 2014.

"On the Two Ends of Bacon's Great Instauration." Workshop Presentation, Western Heritage Workshop, Carthage College, 2014.

"The Basic Argument of Genesis 1-11." Workshop Presentation, Western Heritage Workshop, Carthage College, 2013.

"Plato's Republic and the Foundations of Socratic Education." Book That Changed My Life Lecture Series, Carthage College, 2012.

"Reason and the Rhetoric of Legal Obligation in Plato's Crito." Social Science Colloquium,

Carthage College, 2012.

“Prospero and the Political / Philosophical Dimensions of Shakespeare’s *Tempest*.” Workshop Presentation, Western Heritage Workshop, Carthage College, 2012.

“Philosophy and Law in the *Crito*.” Invited talk, Brock University, 2012.

“Teaching Homer’s *Odyssey*.” Workshop Presentation, Western Heritage Workshop. Carthage College, 2011.

“Socrates’ On the Just, Noble, and Good: Introducing Socrates’ Strange Case for the Just Life.” Public lecture, University of Dallas, 2010.

“Ben Franklin’s Moral Teaching.” Invited lecture for *Arete* Summer Program, University of Dallas, 2010.

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Paper: “Psychology, The New Queen of the Sciences.” Panel: “Approaches to Philosophy.” Association for Core Texts and Courses; Santa Fe, NM 2019.

Paper: “Why the Question of Motive Matters for Platonic Political Philosophy.” Panel: “Platonic Education.” Association for Core Texts and Courses; Dallas, TX 2017.

Paper: “The Problems of Virtue and Knowledge in Plato’s *Meno*: Reversing Socrates’ Turn and Approaching Science” (paper presented by co-author). Panel: “Greek Political Thought.” Southern Political Science Association; San Juan, PR 2016.

Paper: “Reconciling Socrates’ Philosophic Clarity With his Motives for Helping Others: Three Views Considered.” Panel: “Philosophy, Philanthropy, Politics.” Association for Core Texts and Courses; Plymouth Harbor, MA 2015.

Paper: “The Question of Virtue and Socratic Education: Using Plato’s *Alcibiades 1* to illuminate the *Meno*.” Panel: “Philosophy, Education, and Citizenship.” Association for Core Texts and Courses; Los Angeles, CA 2014.

Paper: “Moral Emotion and Political Stability: Thucydides’ Critique of Pericles.” Panel: “Lessons From Antiquity: Poetry, Sophistry, and Philosophy on the Good Life.” Midwestern Political Science Association; Chicago, IL 2014.

Paper: “Public Trust and Moral Emotion: Thucydides’ Critical Portrait of Pericles and the Limits of Enlightened Statecraft.” Panel: “Ancient Political Thought.” Southern Political Science Association: New Orleans, LA 2014.

Paper and Panel Chair: “Divided Heart and Mind: The Conflict between Heroic and Self-Protective Virtue in Homer’s *Odysseus*.” Panel: “Kings, Princes, Presidents & Statesmen: Fit for Study, but Would Liberal Education Fit Them?” Association for Core Texts and Courses; Ottawa, ON 2013.

Paper: “Divine Justice and Human Virtue in Homer’s *Odyssey*.” Panel: “Approaches to Justice, Piety, and Civic Education in Homer, Thucydides, and Aristotle.” Midwestern Political Science Association Conference; Chicago, IL 2013.

Paper: “Piety and Love in Plato’s *Euthyphro*.” Panel: “Poetry, Piety, and Love: Core Texts Whispering Softly.” Association for Core Texts and Courses; Milwaukee, WI 2012.

Paper: “Psychic Structure and Psychic Virtue: A Consideration of Socrates’ Presentation of the Soul in *Republic IV*.” Panel: “Virtue, Law, and the Divine: Essential Themes in Plato.” Southern Political Science Association Conference; New Orleans, LA 2009.

Paper: “Dante’s Approach to God’s Justice in the *Divine Comedy*.” The Institute for Philosophic Studies Biannual Colloquium, Dallas, TX 2008.

Paper: "Civic Education and the Tripartite Soul: Preliminary Thoughts on Socrates' Moral Psychology." Panel: "The Boundaries, Nature, and Inculcation of Moral Education in the Core." Association for Core Texts and Courses; Williamsburg, VA 2007.

Paper: "Preliminary Thoughts on Achilles' Love of Honor." The Institute for Philosophic Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Dallas, TX 2006.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

Director, Culture Wars In Rome (Herbst and CU Study Abroad), 2016–

Director, Herbst Certificate Program in Engineering, Ethics & Society, 2015–

Senior Editor and Faculty Advisor, *Colorado Engineer*, 2014–

Organizer, Herbst Speaker Symposium: "The Imminent Rise of Intelligent Machines" (Partially funded through grant from Engineering Excellence Fund, CU Boulder) 2015

MA Exam Chair, Ancient Philosophy and Political Theory Track, Department of Classics, CU Boulder, 2015-16

Member, Herbst Curriculum Committee, CU Boulder, 2015–

Member, Herbst Search Committee, CU Boulder, 2015

Reviewer, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2016–

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, 2014

Interviewer, Lincoln Fellowship Program, Carthage College, 2012-2013

Volunteer Bibliotherapist, Hedberg Library, Carthage College, 2012

Hedberg Library Celebration Committee, Carthage College, 2011-2012

Co-Director, Jack Miller Summer Seminar for Teaching American Political Thought to High School Teachers, Montesquieu Forum, Roosevelt University, 2010-2012

Member, Volunteer Organizer, and Presenter, Philosophy Club, Aurora University, 2010-2011

Volunteer Mentor, Early Academic Warning Program at Aurora University, 2010

Member, Graduate Students Association, University of Dallas, 2005-2010

Student Representative to the University of Alberta Political Science Graduate Students Association, University of Alberta, 2003-2004

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

Grant for course development in science and religion, Engineering Excellence Fund, University of Colorado Boulder, 2016

Grant for AI speaker event, Engineering Excellence Fund, University of Colorado Boulder, 2015

Senior Fellowship, The Montesquieu Forum, Roosevelt University, 2011-12

Summer Fellowship, Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History, University of Virginia, 2010

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, 2007-2009

Earhart Fellowship, 2006-2007

Braniff Graduate Fellowship, Braniff Graduate College, University of Dallas, Dallas Texas, 2005-2010

Dr. Frank W. Peers Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 2004

Graduate Student Scholarship from the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund in recognition of academic achievement, 2004

Alberta Opportunities Bursary, 2003

Concordia University Academic Award of Distinction: Arts and Sciences ‘Scholar’ and Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List, 2003

First Prize in ‘Ancient History’ essay contest held through Concordia University Classics Department, 2002. Paper Title: “Thoughts Concerning Thucydides’ Political Sympathies.”

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **University of Colorado, Boulder (2014—)**

ENES 2210 / 3843 “Modern Science and the Technological Society”

ENES 1010 “Language and Leadership” (w / Learning to Work in Teams)

ENES 1010 “Intro to Moral Psychology”

HUEN 3843 “Special Topics: Science and Religion”

HUEN 3843 “Special Topics: Meaning and Morality after Darwin”

HUEN 3100 “Advanced Humanities for Engineers”

HUEN 1010 “Atheism: Arguments Pro, Contra”

HUEN 1010 “Great Books, Great Films: Plato’s Republic”

HUEN 1010 “Knowledge, Mind, Soul, Self”

HUEN 1010 “The Human Quest”

HUEN 1010 “Culture Wars in Rome”

HUEN 2210 “Engineering, Science, and Society”

CLAS 4041 “Classical Political Thought” (cross-listed as CLAS 5041, HIST 4041, PHIL 4210).

CLAS 1061 “Rise and Fall of Rome” (cross-listed as HIST 1061).

#### **Carthage College (2011-2014)**

CORE 1100 “Western Heritage I”

CORE 1110 “Western Heritage II”

GFW 200 “Topics In Great Ideas”.

GFW 675N “Topics In Great Ideas”

GFW 2210 “Foundations of Western Thought: Ancient and Medieval”

**Roosevelt University (2010-2011)**

PHIL 230 “Ethics”

“Montesquieu Forum Reading Seminar” Material Covered: Locke’s *Second Treatise* and The Declaration of Independence.

**Aurora University (2010-2011)**

PHIL 3500 “Philosophy of Love and Sex”

PHIL 2100 “Ethics”.

PHIL 1200 “Logic”

PHIL 1100 “Problems of Philosophy”

**University of Dallas (2008-2009)**

POL 1311 “Principles of American Politics”

RESEARCH SKILLS

Languages: Attic Greek (intermediate level); French (intermediate reading proficiency)

REFERENCES

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