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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Miami University (8/05-present)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Miami University (8/04-8/05)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lewis and Clark College (8/03-8/04)

EDUCATION

Rutgers University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2003.
Dissertation: "Alexis de Tocqueville and Authority in America."
Advisor: Wilson Carey McWilliams.

Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research

M.A., Liberal Studies, 1996.
Thesis (awarded honors): "Arendt, Kafka, and the Nature of Totalitarianism."

University of California, Santa Cruz,

B.A., Politics, with college honors and honors in the major, 1993.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Co-PI, \$25,000 grant from the Seasongood Good Government Foundation. Funding for campus visits by Cass Sunstein and William Galston to discuss digital democracy with faculty, students, and the public. Miami University, Spring 2007.

Outstanding Professor Award Nominations, Miami University, 2006 and 2007.

Louis Bevier Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University, 2001-2002.

Svoboda Prize, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 1999. Awarded annually to the best manuscript submitted for publication by a graduate student.

Excellence Fellowship, Rutgers University, 1996-2000.

Dean's Fellowship, New School for Social Research, 1994-1996.

Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles:

"Asking of Freedom Something Other than Itself: Tocqueville, Putnam and the Vocation of the Democratic Moralizer." *Politics and Policy*, Vol. 35, no. 2 (June 2007), 165-90.

"Lincoln and Tocqueville on Democratic Leadership and Self-Interest Properly Understood." *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 67, no. 4 (Fall 2005), 687-719.

“Arendt, Kafka, and the Nature of Totalitarianism.” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 29, no. 4 (Fall 2000), 211-218.

“Lincoln, Machiavelli, and American Political Thought.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 30, no. 2 (June 2000), 290-311.

Invited articles:

“Anti-Federalist Thought.” In *The U.S. Political System: An Interdisciplinary Encyclopedia of American Political Development*, edited by Daniel Tichenor and Richard Harris. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming.

“Leo Strauss, George W. Bush, and the Problem of ‘Regime Change.’” *Social Policy*, Vol. 34, no. 2-3 (Winter/Spring 2004), 35-40.

Book reviews:

Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Tocqueville*, edited by Cheryl B. Welch. Forthcoming in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 36, no. 1 (Summer 2007).

Review of *A Preface to Democratic Theory: Expanded Edition*, by Robert A. Dahl. Forthcoming in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 35, no. 4 (Spring 2007).

Review of *Return to Greatness: How America Lost Its Sense of Purpose and What It Needs to Do to Recover It*, by Alan Wolfe. *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 34, no. 4 (Fall 2005).

Review of *Protestantism and the American Founding*, edited by Thomas S. Engeman and Michael P. Zuckert. *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 34, no. 2 (Spring 2005), 107.

Review of *The Politics of Moral Capital*, by John Kane. *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 32, no. 1 (Winter 2003), 58.

Review of *Totalitarianism and the Modern Conception of Politics*, by Michael Halberstam. *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 30, no. 2 (Spring 2001), 120-121.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Chair, “Virtue and the American Founding,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois, scheduled for September, 2007.

Chair and discussant, “Assessing the Ancients,” Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association. Hyde Park, New York, 2007.

“Woodrow Wilson: Hegelian or Tocquevillian?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Political Science Association. Hyde Park, New York, 2007.

“Asking of Freedom Something Other than Itself: Tocqueville, Putnam and the Vocation of the Democratic Moralizer.” Faculty Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Miami University, 2006.

“Putnam, Tocqueville, and the Vocation of the Democratic Moralism.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois, 2006.

“Asking of Freedom Something Other than Itself: Tocqueville, Putnam and the Vocation of the Democratic Moralism.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2006.

Discussant, “The Secret Charm of Eastern Europe,” Havighurst Center Conference on “Thinking in/after Utopia,” Miami University, to be held October, 2005.

Invited participant in roundtable entitled, “What Would Tocqueville Say if He Visited America Today?” Conference on “Celebrating the Bicentenary of Tocqueville’s Birth (1805-2005),” convened by the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis of Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana, 2005.

“Lincoln and Tocqueville on Democratic Leadership and Self-Interest Rightly Understood.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Oakland, California, 2005.

“A Tocquevillian in the White House: Woodrow Wilson on the ‘Character Foundations of American Democracy.’” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, Louisiana, 2005.

Discussant, “Tocqueville and Mill,” Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois, 2004.

Discussant, “Topics in Ancient Political Thought,” Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. Portland, Oregon, 2004.

“Lincoln and Tocqueville on Authority and the Elevation of the American Character.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association. Providence, Rhode Island, 2002.

“The Antifederalists on the Relationship Between Authority and Democracy.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2001.

“Alexis de Tocqueville on Leadership and Authority in Democratic Times.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. San Francisco, California, 2001.

“Alexis de Tocqueville on Leadership and Authority in America.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Albany, New York, 2000.

“Arendt, Kafka, and the Nature of Totalitarianism.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Atlanta, Georgia, 1999.

“Lincoln, Machiavelli, and American Political Thought.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Political Science Association. Providence, Rhode Island, 1999.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Miami University, Oxford, Department of Political Science, 2004-present. Courses taught: Political Thinking (POL201 and POL201H), Modern Political Philosophy (POL303), American Political Thought (POL411 and POL511), Civil Society and Modern Politics (POL419).

Miami University, Summer 2007. Civics Instructor for a two-week Congressional Academy summer program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, titled "Journey to Freedom."

Lewis and Clark College, Department of Political Science, 2003-2004. Courses taught: American Political Thought, American Constitutional Law: Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers, American Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties, Introduction to U.S. National Politics, and Inventing America (a first year core course).

City College, CUNY, Department of Political Science, Summer 2003. Taught "Political Ideas and Issues," an introductory political theory course.

Rutgers University, Department of Political Science, Spring 2003, Summer of 2000, Summer of 1999. Taught "Law and Society."

Rutgers University, English Department, Fall of 2002 and 2000. Taught "Expository Writing."

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *The Review of Politics, Presidential Studies Quarterly, Journal of Ethics and International Affairs.*

Reviewer: Houghton Mifflin Company, Broadview Press.