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Education

PhD, Political Science, *Baylor University*, Waco, TX, USA, 2012

Dissertation: "The Other as Friend: A Platonic Reply to the Political Thought of Jacques Derrida,"

- *Nominated for the APSA Award for best dissertation in political philosophy*
- *Supported by a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship*

Advisor: Mary P. Nichols

Fields: political philosophy (major), international relations (minor), politics and literature (interdisciplinary minor)

MA (Distinction), Political Science, *Baylor University*, Waco, TX, USA, 2008

BA (Distinction), Honours in Great Ideas and Honours in English Language and Literature, *St. Thomas University*, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, 2006

Areas of Expertise: history of political philosophy, especially ancient Greek, Roman Catholic, and contemporary; religion and politics; the Catholic intellectual tradition; politics, literature, and film

Academic Appointments

July 2014-Present: St. John XXIII Chair in Catholic Studies and Assistant Professor, *St. Thomas University*, Fredericton, NB, Canada

July 2014-Present: Subject Co-ordinator for Catholic Studies, *St. Thomas University*, Fredericton, NB, Canada

August 2013-June 2014: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, *College of the Holy Cross*, Worcester, MA, USA

August 2011-May 2013: *Veritas* Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, *College of the Holy Cross*, Worcester, MA, USA

August 2008-May 2010: Graduate Student Teacher of Record, Honors College and the Department of Political Science, *Baylor University*, Waco, TX, USA

Teaching Experience

Courses (as instructor)

Catholic Studies 2003: Introduction to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, *St. Thomas University*, Fall 2014
 Aquinas: Great Books for Journalists and Great Books & Human Rights, *St. Thomas University*, 2014
 Political Science 101: Introduction to Political Philosophy, *College of the Holy Cross*, Spring 2014, Fall 2011
 Montserrat 103: Contingency, Control, and Meaning, *College of the Holy Cross*, Spring 2014 (two sections)
 Political Science 229: Contemporary Political Theory, *College of the Holy Cross*, Fall 2013, Spring 2012
 Montserrat 102: Fate, Fortune, and Freedom, *College of the Holy Cross*, Fall 2013 (two sections)
 Montserrat 103: Creation, Liberation, and Belief, *College of the Holy Cross*, Spring 2013
 Montserrat 115: The Truth About Love, *College of the Holy Cross*, Spring 2013 (two sections)
 Montserrat 114: Loving the Truth, *College of the Holy Cross*, Fall 2012 (two sections)
 Political Science 3315: Fundamentals of International Politics, *Baylor University*, Spring 2010
 Political Science 4355: Power, Morality, and International Relations, *Baylor University*, Fall 2009
 Baylor Interdisciplinary Core 2330: Social World I – The City and the Soul, *Baylor University Honours College*, Fall 2008

Teaching Apprenticeships

Political Science 3324: World Political Systems (Introduction to Comparative Politics) with Dr. Lichao He, *Baylor University*, Fall 2009
 Political Science 3315: Fundamentals of International Politics with Dr. David Clinton, *Baylor University*, Spring 2008
 Political Science 4383: Contemporary Political Theory with Dr. David Corey, *Baylor University*, Spring 2007

Publications and Works in Progress

“Keeping the old name: Derrida and the deconstructive foundations of democracy,” *European Journal of Political Theory* 13 (1), January 2014, 61-77.

 < <http://ept.sagepub.com/content/early/2013/03/19/1474885112474441> >

“On Wolves and Dogs: The Eleatic Stranger’s Socratic Turn in the *Sophist*” in *Socratic Philosophy and Its Others*, eds. Denise Schaeffer and Christopher Dustin (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books), 115-140.

“Kierkegaard’s Socratic Alternative to Hegel in *Fear and Trembling*,” under review, *Review of Politics*.

“Aristotle, Rawls, and Derrida on Justice and Principle,” in preparation.

“Catholicism, Liberalism, and the Post-Secular State in Habermas,” in preparation

Conference Participation

“The Robot Condition: Karel Capek’s *RUR* and Hannah Arendt’s Critique of Technology,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2014.

Invited Participant, “‘What So Proudly We Hail:’ A Conference on American Political Thought,” The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, June 2013

“Plato’s *Sophist* and the Question of Method in the Human Sciences,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2012.

“A Democracy to Come: Nietzsche and Derrida on the Chance of Democratic Renewal,” accepted to the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2012, presentation cancelled due to Hurricane Isaac.

“Derridean Democracy: Metaphysical not Political,” at the Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, November 2011.

Invited Panelist, “Renaissance Drama and Liberty of Contract,” The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, July 2011.

“Derridean Democracy and Political Philosophy,” at the Baylor University Workshop in Political Science, November 2010.

“Who Can Learn Political Science? Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* on/as Liberal Education,” at the International Conference on the Liberal Arts, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, NB, Canada, October 2010.

“Traces of Plato: Derrida on Philosophy and the City,” at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., September 2010.

“Decadent Socrates, Ascetic Nietzsche: Reconsidering Nietzsche’s Ascetic Ideal,” at the Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory in Cambridge, MA, October 2009.

Invited Panelist, “Machiavelli and Shakespeare: Alternative Visions of Modern Politics,” The Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of Western Civilization, July 2009.

“Kierkegaard’s Return to Socratic Political Philosophy in *Fear and Trembling*” at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2009.

“The Apology of René Descartes: Philosophy and the City in the *Discourse on Method*” at the Southern Political Science Association Meeting in New Orleans, LA, January 2009.

“Self-knowledge and Tragedy in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*” at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2008.

“*Nemesis, Megalopsuchia*, and the Space Between Aristotle’s Words and Deeds,” at the Southwest Political Science Association Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, March 2007.

Invited Lectures

“*Ecce Homo*: The Strange Ways in Which Reading Nietzsche Can Make Us Better Catholics” invited lecture at the Society of Sts. Peter and Paul, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, November 2013

“The Life of a Constitution,” invited lecture at Worcester’s Humanities Scholar Collaborative for High School Students, Worcester, MA, October 2013

“Speak, Pray, Love: On the Friend as Absolute Other in Plato’s *Phaedrus*,” Invited Lecture, College of the Holy Cross, April 2013.

“Faith, Freedom, and the Libertarian Temptation,” invited lecture at the G.K. Chesterton Society, Worcester, MA, January 2013.

“Paradox, Passion, and Politics: Kierkegaard’s *Fear and Trembling* and Political Theory,” invited lecture, College of the Holy Cross, May 2012.

Awards

Teaching Awards

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, *Baylor University Graduate School*, Spring 2010
Citation from *Phi Beta Kappa* (Texas Zeta Chapter at Baylor University) for Excellence in Teaching

Academic Honors

Nominated, Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy, *APSA*, 2012

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute Fellow, 2012

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship, 2009-2010

Richard D. Huff Distinguished Doctoral Student in Political Science, *Baylor University*, 2010

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 2008

Stormie Schott Outstanding Graduate Student in Political Science, *Baylor University*, 2008

Dean’s Fellowship, *Baylor University Graduate School*, 2006-2011

Graduate Assistantship, Department of Political Science, *Baylor University*, 2006-2011

Tuition Scholarship, *Baylor University*, 2006-2012

Canada Graduate Scholarship, SSHRC, 2006 (declined)

Msgr. George W. Martin Scholarship, St. Thomas University, 2002-2006

The Governor General of Canada’s Bronze Medal for Academic Achievement, 2002

Languages

English; French; Attic Greek (reading knowledge); German (basic reading knowledge)

References

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