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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor of Politics Austin, TX
Center for Economics, Politics, and History July 2024 – Present
University of Austin

Assistant Professor of Government Virginia Beach, VA
Honors College | Department of Government July 2021 – June 2024
Regent University

Associate Director Virginia Beach, VA
Lincoln Program in America’s Founding Principles August 2022 – June 2024
Regent University

2020-2021 Barry Postdoctoral Research Fellow Princeton, NJ
James Madison Program in American Ideals September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
and Institutions
Princeton University

EDUCATION

Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA
Ph.D., Political Science (Double Major) July 2020

- ***Dissertation Title: Harmonizing Heaven and Earth: Democratization and Individualism in American Religion***
- ***Major Fields:*** (1) Political Theory and (2) American Politics
- ***Areas of Specialization:*** History of Political Philosophy, American Political Thought, Religion and Politics, Late Modern Political Philosophy (especially English and French), Individualism and American Institutions, and American Political Development.

University of Northwestern, St. Paul (formerly Northwestern College) St. Paul, MN
B.A. Summa Cum Laude May 2011

- ***Major Fields:*** History
- ***Minor Fields:*** Political Science and Theology

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. **“The Philosophic Root of American Anti-Institutionalism”** in *The Political Science Reviewer*, Volume 48, Issue 1 (2024).

2. **“Ralph Waldo Emerson: America’s Prophet of Expressive Individualism”** in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Volume 50, Issue 4, pp. 247-261.
DOI: [10.1080/10457097.2021.1967692](https://doi.org/10.1080/10457097.2021.1967692)

Book Chapters

1. **“Philip Rieff’s Critique of Oscar Wilde, Expressive Individualism, and the Religion of the Self.”** (Invited Chapter in William Batchelder IV’s and Michael Harding’s *The Philosophy of Philip Rieff: Cultural Conflict, Religion, and the Self*, forthcoming from Bloomsbury Press).

Manuscripts in Progress

1. **“Nietzsche, H. P. Lovecraft, and the Problem of Progress”** (Invited Essay from editors of the *Journal for the Study of Radicalism*)
2. **“Alexis de Tocqueville and Americans’ Almost-Religious Work Ethic”** (Invited Chapter in Eugene Callahan’s *By the Sweat of Your Brow: Philosophical Perspectives on Work*, submitted to Palgrave Macmillan).
3. **“Nathaniel Hawthorne and the Puritan Foundation of Democracy”** (For publication in *Pietas*, the Journal of the Ciceronian Society).

Scholarly Book Reviews

1. **“Seeking a Good (and Great) Man”** a review of Daniel J. Mahoney’s *The Statesman as Thinker: Portraits of Greatness, Courage, and Moderation*, in *Pietas: Journal of the Ciceronian Society*. Forthcoming in Spring 2024.
2. **“The Religion of Democracy”** a review of Emily B. Finley’s *The Ideology of Democratism*, in *The Public Discourse: Journal of the Witherspoon Institute*, July 3, 2023, accessible here: <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2023/07/89366/>.
3. **“The Spirit of Liberalism”** a review of Steven Pittz’ *Recovering the Liberal Spirit*, in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Volume 47, Issue 4, 2021, accessible here: <https://interpretationjournal.com/shop/recovering-the-liberal-spirit-by-steven-f-pitz-by-jacob-c-j-wolf/>
4. **“The Politics of Moral Revival: James M. Patterson on Jerry Falwell Sr.”** part of a written symposium on James M. Patterson’s *Religion in the Public Square*, in *The Political Science Reviewer*, Volume 45, Issue 1, 2021, accessible here: <https://politicalsciencereviewer.wisc.edu/index.php/psr/article/view/694>

Popular Writing

1. **“Getting to Know You: A Written Interview with Jacob Wolf, Political Theorist and Scholar of Contemporary American Religion”** Daniel Bennett’s *Uneasy Citizenship*, August 2, 2022, accessible here: <https://danielbennett.substack.com/p/getting-to-know-you-jacob-wolf>

SELECTED AWARDS AND ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS

Teaching Awards

<i>Excellence in Civic Education Award</i> , Jack Miller Center	2022
<i>Donald J. White Award for Teaching Excellence</i> , Boston College	2018

Academic and Research Fellowships

<i>2024 Founders Fellow</i> , The Philadelphia Society	2024
<i>George Washington Fellow</i> , Intercollegiate Studies Institute	Deferred to 2024
<i>JMC Fellow</i> , Jack Miller Center	2019-2022
<i>Richard M. Weaver Fellow</i> , Intercollegiate Studies Institute	2019-2020
<i>PLI Alumnus</i> , Philos Leadership Institute, Philos Project	2019-2020
<i>Humane Studies Fellow</i> , Institute for the Humane Studies	2016-2020
<i>Graduate Fellow</i> , Clough Center for Constitutional Democracy	2016-2017

Other Awards and Grants

Constitution Day Grant (\$2,500), Jack Miller Center	2023
Civic Education Grant (\$12,000), Jack Miller Center	2022-2023
GAANN Grant (\$13,000), U.S. Department of Education	2019-20
Bradley Memorial Foundation Grant (\$5,000), Boston College	2015-19
Ernest L. Fortin Memorial Foundation Grant (\$1,000), Boston College	2015-18
Tip O'Neill Fellow in American Politics (\$5,000), Boston College	2015-16
Summer Fellow, Intercollegiate Studies Institute	2014
Summer Fellow, Hertog Political Studies Program	2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024 Ciceronian Society Annual Meeting <i>“Nathaniel Hawthorne as Political Thinker: Is Democracy Compatible with the Idea of Innate Goodness?”</i>	Plano, TX March 2024
2023 Ciceronian Society Annual Meeting <i>“Oscar Wilde’s Strange Gospel: Jesus as Expressive Individualist”</i>	Belmont, NC March 2023
2023 ISI American Government and Politics Summit <i>“Walt Whitman’s Boundless Individuality: A Moral Foundation for American Democracy?”</i>	Fort Lauderdale, FL February 2023

2021 Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Admin. <i>“A Tocquevillean Meditation on Public Service”</i>	Virtual Conference October 2021
Culture and Crisis Conference, Liberty University <i>“The Philosophical Roots of Contemporary American Anti-Institutionalism”</i>	Lynchburg, VA March 2021
New England Political Science Association <i>“Tocqueville and the Changing Nature of American Religion”</i> (Nominated for “Best Conference Paper”)	Portland, ME April 2019
Northeast Political Science Association <i>“The Seeds of American Democracy: The American Puritans in Burke, Tocqueville, and Adams”</i>	Philadelphia, PA November 2017
New England Political Science Association <i>“John Stuart Mill’s Philosophy of History in his Political Thought”</i>	Newport, RI April 2016

INVITED TALKS

Morningside Institute, Columbia University <i>“Maintaining Intellectual Curiosity in a Teaching-Heavy Job”</i>	New York, NY December 2023
Phi Beta Kappa, Regent University <i>“Election Day Reflections: Then and Now”</i>	Virginia Beach, VA November 2022
2022 Annual Lecture, Christians in Political Science <i>“What’s Up with American Religion?”</i>	Virtual (Zoom Mtg.) August 2022
Morningside Institute, Columbia University <i>“Christopher Lasch: Coasting on Cultural (and Religious) Capital”</i>	New York, NY June 2022
Boisi Center for Religion and U.S. Public Life, Boston College <i>“Tocqueville, Individualism, and the American Vocation”</i>	Chestnut Hill, MA October 2018
Clough Center for the Study of Const. Democracy, Boston College <i>“Tocqueville and U.S. Immigration: Hopes and Challenges”</i>	Chestnut Hill, MA February 2017

SCHOLARLY CONSULTATION

Research Consultant (Philosophical Origins of Declaration of Independence) Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles	(Jan 2022- Present)
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PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Elected Positions

Vice President, Christians in Political Science (2022-Present)
Communications Director, Christians in Political Science (2020-2022)

Memberships

James Madison Society, Princeton University
Ciceronian Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Regent University

GOVT 240: American Government and Politics I
GOVT 245: American Government and Politics II
GOVT 301: The American Presidency
GOVT 327: Ancient Political Philosophy (On Campus and Online)
GOVT 329: Modern Political Philosophy (On Campus and Online)
GOVT 360: Religion and Politics
GOVT 457: Research Methods
GOVT 493: Senior Seminar
HONS 250: The Just Society (Honors College)
HONS 300: The Exceptional Country (Honors College)

Boston College

Rights in Conflict
Democracy in America (Guest Lecturer for Shep Melnick)
U.S. Politics and Public Policy (Guest Lecturer for Shep Melnick)

DISCUSSION LEADER

Montesquieu and the American Constitutional Order Spring 2024
Lincoln Program in America's Founding Principles, Regent University

George Washington: American Statesman Spring 2023
Lincoln Program in America's Founding Principles, Regent University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"The Hebrew Bible and the American Regime" Nov. 4, 2023
The Jack Miller Center Virtual (Zoom)

"Locke on the Public Role of Religion" Oct. 6-8, 2023
Liberty Fund / American Enterprise Institute Washington D.C.

“Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and the Human Condition Today” Center for Religion, Culture & Democracy	Sept. 28-Oct. 1, 2023 Kansas City, MO
“Democracy and the Nation” The Jack Miller Center	Apr. 29, 2023 Virtual (Zoom)
“The Family in 17th Century Thought” The Jack Miller Center	Dec. 3, 2022 Virtual (Zoom)
“Global Markets, Nationalism, and the Future of Econ. Growth” Intercollegiate Studies Institute / Liberty Fund	Oct. 27-30, 2022 Providence, RI
“Adam Smith & the American Colonies” The Jack Miller Center	Apr. 2, 2022 Virtual (Zoom)
“Lincoln and the Paradox of Democratic Sovereignty” The Jack Miller Center	Nov. 20, 2021 Virtual (Zoom)

LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

French (Advanced Speaking and Reading)
Classical Latin (Intermediate Reading)
Spanish (Intermediate Speaking and Reading)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.