

# **J. Michael Hoffpauir**

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Claremont Graduate University, 2017  
Fields: Political Philosophy and American Politics

M.A., Political Science, Boston College, 2007  
Fields: Political Theory and American Politics

B.A., Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2003

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

University of Austin, Assistant Professor of Political Theory in Intellectual Foundations, 2024-

Arizona State University, Instructor, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, 2023-2024

Clemson University, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, and Associate Director, Lyceum Program, 2018-2023

Hillsdale College, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2017-2018

## **INVITED FACULTY POSITIONS**

Hudson Institute, Faculty Member, Hudson Institute Political Studies, 2018-  
Course taught: The American Founding (summer 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2019)  
Course taught: Political Foundings (summer 2018)

American Enterprise Institute, Faculty Member, 1789 Fellowship in American Political Thought & Modern Practice, 2022  
Course taught: Tocqueville: Citizenship and Civil Society (summer 2022)

Clemson University, Faculty Member, Clemson Summer Scholars, 2019-2022  
Course taught: Statesmanship and Greatness (summer 2022, 2021, 2019)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Between Socrates and the Many: A Study of Plato's Crito*. Lexington Books, 2020

### **Book Chapters**

"The Road to Freedom: Seneca on Fear, Reason, and Death," in *Political Theory on Death and Dying: Key Thinkers*. Ed. Erin A. Dolgoy et al. Routledge, 2021

## Book Reviews

[“Abraham Lincoln and the Union of Sentiments: On His Greatest Speeches,”](#) *The James Madison Review of Books* (Winter 2024)

## Encyclopedia Entries

[“Plato’s Political Thought,”](#) (with Mark Blitz). *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. L. Sandy Maisel. Oxford University Press, 2016 (updated, 2019)

## Other Publications

[Leo Strauss 1971-1972 Course on Nietzsche’s Beyond Good and Evil.](#) Ed. Mark Blitz, Jay Michael Hoffpauir, and Gayle McKeen. Chicago: The Leo Strauss Center at the University of Chicago, 2014

## Public Scholarship

Co-host of [“The Good Government Podcast,”](#) a program on politics, philosophy, literature, and history

[“What the Ancients Might Teach Us About Civic Education,”](#) *Jack Miller Center* (May 2025)  
[Featured in RealClear Politics \(May 2025\)](#)

[“In Praise of Vanity,”](#) *Inside UATX* (November 2024)  
Revised and reprinted as [“Benjamin Franklin’s Scandalous Praise of Vanity,”](#) in *RealClear History* (April 2025)

[“A Liberal and Civic Education for All,”](#) *Law & Liberty* (September 2024)  
Named among [“The Best of 2024”](#) by Law & Liberty Editors

## INVITED TALKS

2025, “The Death of Socrates.” Telos Academy, Claremont Institute

2023, “Statesmanship in Speech and Deed: On Washington’s Farewell Address.” Hudson Institute Political Studies Parents Association

2023, “Publius’ Political Science.” James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation Summer Institute, Washington, District of Columbia

2021, “A Place to Ride at Anchor: Reading Seneca’s On Leisure.” Hudson Institute Political Studies Alumni Event

2019, “Virtue, Law, and Property in Machiavelli’s Prince.” Politics and Economics Lecture Series, Coastal Carolina University, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Papers Presented

2019, “Machiavelli’s Republican Virtue.” American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, District of Columbia

2015, “On Machiavelli’s Discourses on Livy.” American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, California

- 2014, “On Friends, Enemies, and Plato.” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2013, “On Gratitude and Ingratitude in Machiavelli’s Discourses on Livy.” Western Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, California
- 2012, “The Two Contracts of Plato’s Crito.” Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, California
- 2012, National Forum on Civility and American Democracy Web Conference Participant, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2012, “On Book IV of Plato’s Laws.” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2009, “On War and Injustice in Machiavelli’s Discourses on Livy.” Claremont Graduate University Transdisciplinary Conference, Claremont, California
- 2008, “American Cupidity and American Science: Bacon and Tocqueville.” Claremont Graduate University Transdisciplinary Conference, Claremont, California

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

- 2018-2023, “Summer Fellowships, Internships, and Graduate School.” Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina
- 2018, “How and Why to Read Plato.” Graduate Student Society Lecture Series, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Austin**

- Knowing, Doing, Making, Wisdom (fall 2024)  
Polaris Ideas (fall 2024)

### **Arizona State University**

- Great Ideas of Politics and Ethics (spring 2024 x 2, fall 2023)  
Great Debates in American Politics (spring 2024, fall 2023 x 2)

### **Clemson University**

- Introduction to Political Theory (spring 2023, fall 2022, fall 2021, fall 2020, spring 2020, fall 2019, spring 2019, fall 2018 x 2)  
Contemporary Political Thought (spring 2023) Modern Political Thought (fall 2022)  
Wisdom of the Ancients (spring 2022, spring 2021)  
Political Leadership (spring 2022, spring 2021, spring 2020) Political Rhetoric (fall 2021)  
Political Thought of the American Founding (fall 2020)

### **Hillsdale College**

The United States Constitution (spring 2018, fall 2017 x 2) Classical Political Philosophy (spring 2018)  
Graduate Seminar: Plato's Dialogues (spring 2018)  
American Government: Executive-Congressional Relations (fall 2017)

**California State University, Fullerton**

Graduate Seminar: Readings in Political Philosophy (spring 2017)

**California State University, San Bernardino**

Postmodern Political Thought (spring 2017)  
Introduction to American Government (winter 2013, fall 2012)

**University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Introduction to Political Theory (fall 2013)

**UNDERGRADUATE MENTORSHIP**

**Clemson University**

2021-2023, Thesis Director:

- W.G., "Virtue and Politics in Plato's Meno"
- E.B., "The Beautiful in Plato's Greater Hippias"
- M.J., "On Nietzsche's The Gay Science"
- S.G.V., "Statesmanship in Shakespeare's Henry V"
- A.B., "Borders and the Bosnian War"

2019-2023, Clemson University, American Enterprise Institute (AEI) Executive Council, Advisor

2018-2023, Scholarships and Fellowships Advisor

**Hillsdale College**

2017-2018, Thesis Director:

- L.S., "Skilled Trades and Education"

**COLLOQUIA AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2025, Liberty Fund, VRG, "Liberty and the American Statesman: George Washington"

2024, Liberty Fund, VRG, "On Cruelty Well-Used: Machiavelli and Realism"

2023, Liberty Fund, Colloquium, "Massachusettensis versus Novanglus: Contending Claims of Liberty and Authority on the Eve of the American Revolution"

2022, Common Sense Society, Carolina Fellowship, Bluffton, South Carolina

2012, Jack Miller Center, Summer Institute Fellowship, Chicago, Illinois

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2024-, *Rhetorica: A Journal of the History of Rhetoric*, Johns Hopkins University Press, Peer Reviewer

2023, 2022, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Selection Committee Member

2021-, *Political Research Quarterly*, Sage Publications, Peer Reviewer

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Changes often—available upon request.

### **LANGUAGES**

Attic Greek, intermediate reading level

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.