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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013-14 John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow, John Marshall International Center for the Study of Statesmanship, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond.

2011-13 Jack Miller-Veritas Fund Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Rhodes College.

2010-11 Jack Miller-Veritas Fund Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Boston College.

EDUCATION

2010 Ph.D., Political Theory and International Relations.
University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government.

Dissertation: "Liberal Theology in the Age of Equality: Tocqueville and the Enlightenment on Faith, Freedom, and the Human Soul." Nominated by the Department of Government for the 2012 Leo Strauss Award for the Best Dissertation in the Field of Political Philosophy.

Dissertation Committee: Thomas L. Pangle (supervisor), Russell Muirhead (Dartmouth), J. Judd Owen (Emory), Lorraine Smith Pangle, Devin Stauffer, Jeffrey Tulis.

2003 M.A., Political Theory with Minor in International Relations.
University of Toronto, Department of Political Science.

2002 B.A. (High Honors, Phi Beta Kappa), Political Science; History.
Emory University.

PUBLICATIONS

"Spinoza's Liberal Republicanism and the Challenge of Revealed Religion." *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming June 2014.

"'The Chief Characteristical Mark of the True Church': John Locke's Theology of Toleration and His Case for Civil Religion." *The Review of Politics*, forthcoming Spring 2014.

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

"Tocqueville on Religion, the Enlightenment, and the Democratic Soul." Currently being prepared for submission to the *American Political Science Review*.

"Benedict de Spinoza on Civil Religion and Natural Right." Currently being prepared for submission to *The Review of Politics*.

"Lincoln and Tocqueville on Democratic Ambition." Currently being prepared for submission to *American Political Thought*.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Liberal Theology in the Age of Equality: Spinoza and Tocqueville on Faith, Freedom, and the Human Soul. Beginning from social scientific research and the writings of contemporary political theorists, I examine the unexpected revival of religious questions in modern politics. To uncover the origins of that revival, I analyze Spinoza's efforts to found both liberal democracy and liberal Christianity, and I then evaluate those efforts by turning to the friendly critique of the Enlightenment that can be found in Tocqueville's observations about religion in America.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2013 "Tocqueville on Religion, the Enlightenment, and the Democratic Soul." Public Lecture at the John Marshall International Center for the Study of Statesmanship, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond.

2013 "Benedict de Spinoza on Civil Religion and Natural Right." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2012 "Benedict de Spinoza on Civil Religion and Natural Right." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

2012 "No Traces of Divine Justice Except Where Just Men Rule? Locke's Response to Spinoza on the Question of Civil Religion." Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2012 "Tocqueville and the Democratic Soul." Public Lecture at the Center for American Studies, Department of Leadership and American Studies, Christopher Newport University.

2011 "Tocqueville and the Democratic Soul." Public Lecture at the Project for the Study of Liberal Democracy, Department of Political Science, Rhodes College.

2011 "Tocqueville and the Democratic Soul." Public Lecture at the Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

2011 "Spinoza and the Political Foundations of Modern Rationalism,"

Public Lecture in the Department of Political Science, Boston College.

2011 "Secular Republicanism and Spinoza's Critique of Theology." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2010 "Tocqueville's Critique of Enlightenment Rationalism." Public Lecture in the Department of Political Science, Boston College.

2009 "Freedom of Thought and Hobbes's Liberal Critique of Christianity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association.

2009 "Freedom of Thought and Hobbes's Liberal Critique of Christianity." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2008 "Lincoln and Tocqueville on Democratic Ambition." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2008 "Lincoln and Tocqueville on Democratic Ambition." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

2006 "Spinoza and Tocqueville on Liberalism and Religion." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion and Liberal Democracy; Early Modern Liberal Political Thought and Its Critics; The Problem of Statesmanship in Modern Political Life; Theoretical Problems in International Relations.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2011 Miller Summer Institute Fellow, Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History, University of Virginia.

2009 Thomas Jefferson Fellow, Thomas Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas, University of Texas at Austin.

2009 University Continuing Fellowship, Awarded by the School of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

2009 Donors Trust Foundation Award, Awarded by the University of Texas at Austin.

2009 Professional Development Award, Awarded by the School of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

2008 Macdonald Dissertation Fellowship, Awarded by the Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

2006 Earhart Graduate Fellowship, Awarded by the Earhart Foundation.

2002 Earhart Graduate Fellowship, Awarded by the Earhart Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2014 "Tocqueville and the Challenges of Democracy," University of Richmond. Senior Seminar.

2013 "The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and

Religion II," Rhodes College. Discussion-based course for first year students covering Lucretius, Seneca, Virgil, the New Testament, the Qur'an, Augustine, Aquinas, Al-Farabi, Dante, and other religious, philosophical, and literary works of Rome, Christianity, and Islam.

2012 "The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and Religion I," Rhodes College. Discussion-based course for first year students covering Homer, the Hebrew Bible, Sophocles, Thucydides, Plato, and Aristotle.

2012 "Political Questions," Rhodes College. Discussion-based introduction to political theory covering Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, *The Federalist*, Jefferson, Lincoln, Tocqueville, and various contemporary debates.

2012 "Political Questions," Rhodes College.

2011 "The Search for Values in the Light of Western History and Religion I," Rhodes College.

2010 "Liberal Democracy and Its Critics," Boston College. Lecture-based class covering Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Tocqueville, Marx, and Nietzsche.

Teaching Assistant

2011 "Introduction to Political Theory," (Tutorial Instructor) Boston College. Taught weekly seminars on Lincoln, Machiavelli, Shakespeare, the Bible, Xenophon, and Plato.

2008 "Urban Politics," University of Texas at Austin.

2007 "Liberty, Equality, and Democracy: America's Founding Principles," University of Texas at Austin. Lectured on Tocqueville.

2006 "Competing Visions of the Good Life and the Just Society;" (Supplemental Instructor) University of Texas at Austin. Taught twenty-eight seminars covering the history of political thought from Plato to Nietzsche.

2005 "Constitutional Politics, Law, and Citizenship," University of Texas at Austin.

2005 "The Citizen's Presidency," University of Texas at Austin. Lectured weekly on executive branch powers.

2004 "Competing Visions of the Good Life and the Just Society," University of Texas at Austin. Taught twenty-eight seminars covering the history of political thought from Plato to Nietzsche.

MAIN AREAS OF TEACHING INTEREST

Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Political Thought; Foundations of American Constitutionalism; Religion and Politics; International Politics; Problems of Justice in International Relations.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer for *Political Research Quarterly*.

2013 Search Committee: Gladney Family Award for Excellence in Interdisciplinary Humanities, Rhodes College.

2012 Discussant: "Religious Liberty and Toleration in Early Modernity." Panel at

the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

2010 Discussant: "Social Norms and Agency in World Politics," by Robert O. Keohane. IR Seminar Series, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

2006 Discussant: "Fixing the Meaning of September 11: Hegemony, Coercion, and the Road to War in Iraq," by Ronald R. Krebs. IR Seminar Series, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

LANGUAGES

Intermediate reading knowledge of French, Spanish, and Classical Greek.
Introductory reading knowledge of Latin.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association.
Midwest Political Science Association.