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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Politics, Institute of Philosophic Studies, University of Dallas, Irving, TX, 2006.

- Dissertation: *Administration and the American Regime*. Director: Ronald J. Pestritto.
- Languages: German and Latin (reading), qualification by examination.

Master of Arts in Politics, University of Dallas, Irving, TX, 2003.

Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude, Ashland University, Ashland, OH, 2001.

- Majors: Political Science and Mathematics
- Minor: History
- Thesis: “An Apple of Gold: Abraham Lincoln and Constitutional Interpretation.”
Available online at <http://www.ashbrook.org/publicat/thesis/portteus/home.html>

Employment

Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, 2008 – present.

- Associate Professor Politics, 2012 – present. Assistant Professor of Politics (tenure track), 2008 – 2012.
- Lawrence Fertig Chair in Politics, 2016 – present.
- Director of American Studies, 2015 – present.
- Member of the graduate faculty and graduate committee, 2012 – present.
- Courses taught:
 - Undergraduate: U.S. Constitution, Congress, Presidency, American Progressivism and Liberalism, Nationalism and Sectionalism (American political thought, 1815-1865), Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln, Statesmanship of Frederick Douglass, Modern American Regime (the development of the modern state, 1932 – present), Modern Political Philosophy II (Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche).
 - Graduate: Nationalism and Sectionalism, Modern American Regime, Congress, Statesmanship of Lincoln, Parties and Elections.

Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC, 2006 – 2008.

- Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track), 2006 – 2008.
- Courses: American Government, Congress, The Presidency, *The Federalist*, Late Modern Political Thought (Rousseau, Kant, Hegel), American Founding, Lincoln, The Progressives, Pre-Law Skill Development.

Mountain View College, Dallas, TX, 2004 – 2006.

- Adjunct Instructor of Government, 2004 – 2006.
- Courses: American Government I and II.

Related Experience

Faculty, Publius Fellowship Program, The Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy, 2013, 2016 – present.

Visiting Graduate Faculty of American History and Government, Ashland University, 2009 – 2012. Courses: American Founding, Sectionalism and Civil War.

Faculty, Congressional Academy for American History and Civics, 2009 – 2011.

Fellowships and Honors

- Finalist, Professor of the Year, Hillsdale College (2015, 2017).
- Visiting Scholar, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, 2008.
- Hatton W. Sumners Fellow, Hatton W. Sumners Foundation, Dallas, TX, 2005-2006.
- Henry Salvatori Fellow, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Wilmington, DE, 2003-2004.
- H.B. Earhart Fellow, The Earhart Foundation, Ann Arbor, MI, 2002-2005.
- Publius Fellow, The Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy, Claremont, CA, 2001.
- Ashbrook Scholar, The John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, Ashland University, 1997-2001.

Conference Papers

“Sovereignty, Immigration, and the Law of Nations in the American Founding.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2013.

“The American Founders on Immigration. Paper presented at the Hillsdale College Free Market Forum “Markets, Government, and the Common Good”, Houston, TX, October 5, 2012.

“Enabling the Will of the State to Govern: The Hegelian Roots of Herbert Croly’s Institutional Design.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2007.

“Publius on the President and Administration.” Paper presented at the Southwest Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2006.

“Administration and the Legislative Power.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, NM., March 2006.

“Herbert Croly on Democracy.” Paper presented at the Southwest Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, March 2005.

“Vindicating Alexander Hamilton.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2004.

Academic Research

Executive Details: Public Administration and American Constitutionalism. Book manuscript. Forthcoming (manuscript completed).

“My Beau Ideal of a Statesman?: Lincoln’s Eulogy on Henry Clay”. Article. Forthcoming (manuscript completed).

“Immigration, Sovereignty, and the Law of Nations in the American Founding”. Article.
Forthcoming (manuscript completed).

Conferences

- “The Lessons of the 1850s”. Panel remarks. Philadelphia Society semiannual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, October 1, 2016.
- “Congress as Enabler of the Administrative State.” Roundtable sponsored by the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 3, 2016
- “Reagan: A Centenary Retrospective”. Faculty Roundtable. Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, October, 2011.
- “The 112th Congress?” Roundtable sponsored by the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1, 2011.
- “A More Perfect Union: Teaching the Constitution of the United States.” Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, The Vanguard School, Colorado Spring, CO, November 5, 2010. Conference director.
- “Abraham Lincoln, Slavery, and Secession: Understanding the Civil War.” Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN, October 8, 2010. Conference director.
- “Can the Judiciary Moderate the Administrative State?” Roundtable sponsored by the Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 4, 2010.
- “A More Perfect Union: Teaching the Constitution of the United States.” Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, American Preparatory Academy, West Valley City, UT, August 17, 2010. Conference director.
- “A Living Constitution: Progressives and the American Regime.” Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence, Hillsdale College, April 16-17, 2010. Conference director.
- “Lincoln, Tocqueville, and America”. Faculty roundtable. Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, September, 2009.
- “Liberty, Progressivism, and the Administrative State,” conference sponsored by Liberty Fund, Clearwater, FL, February, 2007.
- Seminar Leader, Striving for Excellence and Accountability in the Teaching of Traditional American History: Biography, Leadership, and Constitutionalism (SEATTAH), University of Dallas, Irving, TX, July 2005.
- Participant, “Liberty and Liberal Education,” conference sponsored by Liberty Fund and the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Concord, Mass., April 2004.

Professional Service

- Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee, Hillsdale College, 2017-present.
- Assessment evaluator, Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship, 2013-present.
- Member, Graduate Committee, Hillsdale College Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship, 2012-present.
- Undergraduate comprehensive examination coordinator, Politics department, Hillsdale College, 2016.

- Member, Education Policies Committee, Hillsdale College, 2015-2016.
- Member, Library Committee, Hillsdale College, 2011-2012.
- Honors thesis and senior thesis advisor, Hillsdale College, 2009-present.
- Faculty Representative, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, Hillsdale College, 2011-2013.
- Faculty Advisor, Washington-Hillsdale Internship Program, Hillsdale College, 2010-2012.
- Academic Advisor, Hillsdale College, 2009-present.
- Member, Academic Standards Committee, Hillsdale College, 2009-2011.
- Member, Great Books Steering Committee, Belmont Abbey College, 2007-2008.
- Library Purchaser, Political Science Department, Belmont Abbey College, 2006-2008.
- Faculty Assembly Secretary, Belmont Abbey College, August 2006-June 2008.
- Member, Faculty Committee on Teacher Education, Belmont Abbey College, 2006-2007.
- Academic Provost Search Committee, Ashland University, 2001.

Public Intellectual Activities

Popular writing

- “Abraham Lincoln and the SJWs.” *The American Spectator*, November 4, 2017.
<https://spectator.org/abraham-lincoln-and-the-sjws>
- “2016 As a Realigning Election.” *Liberty & Law*, January 2017.
<http://www.libertylawsite.org/liberty-forum/2016-as-a-realigning-election/>
- “EpiPen Debate Sheds Light on Ruling Class”. *Forbes*, September 13, 2016.
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/realspin/2016/09/13/epipen-debate-sheds-light-on-ruling-class/#4c3dc37f37b2>
- “Lincoln’s Birthday Reflections”. *The American Spectator*, February 12, 2016.
<https://spectator.org/65459-lincolns-birthday-reflections/>
- “Our Dysfunctional Congress.” *Biggovernment.com.*, April 17, 2010.
- “The Soul of the Republican Party, Part II.” *HumanEvents.com*, December 15, 2009.
- “The Soul of the Republican Party.” *HumanEvents.com*, December 14, 2009.
- “Democracy and Health Care Reform.” *TheConservatives.com*, September, 2009.
- “‘Our Ancient Faith’: The Peoria Speech.” *On Principle*, February 2008.

Hillsdale College Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence

- “Slavery and the American Founding.” Talk.
 - Portland, OR, November 4, 2016.
 - Franklin, TN, November 6, 2015.
 - Tampa, FL, January 8, 2015.
 - Minneapolis, MN, October 10, 2014.
- “Separation of Powers: Preventing Tyranny.” Talk. Dallas, TX, October 12, 2012.
- “The Constitution and Slavery.” Talk. Ft. Lauderdale, FL, October 14, 2011.
- “Congress and the Rise of the Administrative State.” Talk. Colorado Springs, CO, November 5, 2010.
- “Lincoln in Peoria: Slavery from the Founding to the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska.” Talk. Harrogate, TN, October 8, 2010.
- “Congress and the Rise of the Administrative State.” Talk. West Valley City, UT, August 17, 2010.

- “Progressivism, Congress, and the Presidency.” Talk. Hillsdale College, April 16, 2010.

Hillsdale College Online Seminars

- “The Supreme Court”. Fall 2016. One session: “*NFIB v. Sebelius*: Federalism”.
- “Public Policy”. Spring 2016. One session: “Immigration”.
- “The Presidency”. Fall 2014. Three sessions: “Rhetoric and the Modern Presidency”, “The President as Chief Executive”, and “The Administrative Presidency”.
- “Constitution 101, 2nd edition”. Spring 2014. Two sessions: “Consent of the Governed and the Separation of Powers”, and “The Administrative State Today”.
- “Constitution 201”. Fall 2012. Two sessions: “LBJ’s Great Society”, and “The Transformation of America’s Political Institutions.”
- “Constitution 101”. Spring 2012. Two sessions: “Separation of Powers: Preventing Tyranny”, and “Abraham Lincoln and the Constitution.”

Hillsdale College Freedom Forum

- “Freedom and Western Civilization”. Delivered two lectures at each: “Liberty, Equality, and Nature”, and “The Modern American Regime”.
 - Lafayette, LA, January 10-11, 2018 (forthcoming).
 - Santa Clara, CA, January 10-11, 2017.
 - Stuart, FL, January 6-7, 2016.
 - Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, January 7-8, 2015.
- “What Is America?”, August 13-14-2012, Bay Harbor Michigan. Delivered two lectures: “The Declaration and the Constitution” and “The Progressive Rejection of the Constitution.”

Hillsdale Hostel/Lifetime Learning Seminars

- “Constitutional Issues and Controversies”, 2015-present. Delivered four lectures at each program: “Civil Rights and the Founding”, “Civil Rights Today”, “Administration and the Founding”, “Administration Today”.
- “The American Constitution”, 2011-2014. Delivered four lectures at each program: “Lincoln and Douglas”, “Lincoln, Union, and Secession”, “Lincoln, the Constitution, and the Civil War”, “Lincoln and Emancipation”.

Media

- Interviewed by Ian Swanson, 94.5 FM/1420 AM KOTK, Omaha, NE, September 15, 2017.
- Interviewed by Tamara Scott, 99.3 FM KTIA, Des Moines, IA, September 16, 2016.
- “The Kansas-Nebraska Act”. Hillsdale Dialogue. *The Hugh Hewitt Show*, taped July 16, 2015; aired July 24, 2015.
- Interviewed by Dennis Prager, *The Dennis Prager Show*. March 19, 2014
- Interviewed by Mike Gallagher, *The Mike Gallagher Show*. March 29, 2012.

Other

- “Lyndon Johnson: The Great Society and Vietnam.” Online seminar. John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, Ashland University, Ashland, OH, April 9, 2016.

- “James Madison: Statesman for Union and Constitutional Government.” Online seminar. John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, Ashland University, Ashland, OH, September 19, 2015.
- “Are Congress and the Courts Too Strong or Too Weak?” Online seminar. John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, Ashland University, Ashland, OH, April 11, 2015.
- “Is a Constitutional Convention of the States a Good Idea?” Talk. Center for Constitutional Values, Stuart, FL, January 6, 2015.
- ““With Firmness in the Right: Abraham Lincoln’s Civil War””. Address. First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI, November 13, 2014.
- “The Rule of Law and the Obama Administration”, Hillsdale College Hometown Luncheon, Birmingham, AL, October 21, 2014.
- “CAFÉ Standards and the Modern Regulatory State”, Ladies for Liberty Conference, Hillsdale College, August 3, 2014.
- “Immigration and the American Founding, Ladies for Liberty Conference, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, May 2013.
- Flag Day Lecture. Branch County Republican Women’s Club, Coldwater, June 14, 2012.
- “Preserving and Protecting the Constitution. Address. Branch County Tea Party, Coldwater, MI, April 14, 2012.
- “Congress, the Presidency, and the Constitution”. Talk. Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship, Washington, DC, January 28, 2012.
- Constitution Day Lecture, Hillsdale College, September 17, 2010.
- “The Legislative Vesting Clause and the Founders’ Political Science.” Address delivered at the Center for Constructive Alternatives, Hillsdale College, February 2, 2010
- “The Necessity of Morals and Ethics in a Free Society.” Address delivered at the Liberty and Learning Youth Conference, Hillsdale College, July 2011.
- “Woodrow Wilson, Progressivism, and World War I.” Lecture delivered at SEATTAH, University of Dallas, July 18, 2005
- “Lincoln and Slavery.” Lecture delivered at SEATTAH, University of Dallas, July 15, 2005.

Related Employment

Member, Republican Party Central Committee, Summit County, OH, 2000-03.

- Elected twice (2000, 2002) to represent my precinct.
- Functions: campaign worker, plan party activities, vote in filling vacancies in county and local offices.

Intern, Summit County Board of Elections, Akron, OH, 2001- 2002.

- Internship in the operation of local government.
- Records maintenance, election support and administration, redistricting.

Research Assistant, The John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs, 1998-1999.

- Research in policy issues and Supreme Court case law.

References

Dr. Mickey Craig

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