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RESEARCH INTERESTS AND TEACHING

History of political philosophy; politics and religion, especially natural rights, statesmanship; enlightenment; politics and literature.

EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, Ph.D. in Political Philosophy, 2006
Thesis Title: *Church and State Relations in Thomas Hobbes's Behemoth*
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, ONTARIO, M.A. in Political Science, 1997
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, B.A. (*magna cum laude*) in Political Science, 1996

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

HILLSDALE COLLEGE
Associate Professor of Politics, August 2018-present

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY
Director of the Pell Honors Program, September 2009 – 2018
Associate Professor of Political Philosophy (tenured), September 2012
Assistant Professor of Political Philosophy, September 2005 – 2012

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Summer Faculty Associate, The Lewis Lehrman Summer Institute on the Teaching of America's Founding Principles, sponsored by The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, June 2010

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Lecturer in the Writing Program, 2001 - 2003
Designed and taught political philosophy and literature-based writing seminars centered on the classics of Western Civilization
Adjunct Faculty, Metropolitan College, 2002 - 2005

COURSES TAUGHT (select)

Ancient Political Philosophy

Modern Political Philosophy

Montesquieu

Aristotle's Politics

Philosophical Foundations of Politics and International Relations (graduate course)

The Enlightenment and its Critics

Morality and Politics

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP

SALVE REGINA UNIVERSITY

Director of the Pell Honors Program (2009 - 2017), appointed by the President and the VPAA

- Responsible for writing annual reports and 3-5 year strategic plans; responsible for annual budgets, faculty, and assessment of courses; organizing and coordinating social events, dinners, day trips, guest speakers and programming; mentoring incoming students; and the recruitment and retention of top students

Faculty Fellow at the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy, September 2014 – 2018

PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS

BOOKS:

- 1) *The Soul of Statesmanship: Shakespeare on Nature, Virtue, and Political Wisdom*, volume of original essays, co-edited with Joseph Hebert, for which we co-authored an introduction and in which my chapter, “The Bastard: Honor, Integrity, and the need for Nations in *King John*” appears. Lexington Book, 2018.
- 2) *Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Globalization: Citizens Without States*, a volume of political philosophy and literary essays that I co-edited with Lee Trapanier, and for which we co-authored the Introduction, (University of Kentucky Press, 2011), and in which my chapter, “Ibn Tufayl’s Critique of Cosmopolitanism in *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan*” appears.

ESSAYS AND ARTICLES:

- 1) “Persecution and the Art of Freedom: Alexis de Tocqueville on the Importance of Free Press and Free Speech in Democratic Society,” *Social Philosophy & Policy* 37, no. 2 (Winter 2020)
- 2) Symposium on Montesquieu: “The Oracle Explained,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Volume 49. no. 3, 137-141, (Winter, 2020)

- 3) "Liberty and Tyranny and the Family in Plato and Machiavelli," in Charlotte C.S. Thomas ed., *Liberty, Justice, and the Temptations of Tyranny in Plato* (Mercer University Press, 2021).
- 4) "Smithian Sympathy in the Arabian Nights," Adam Smith Works, (June 12, 2019).
- 5) "Christianity and Western Civilization: An Introduction to Christopher Dawson's *Religion and the Rise of Western Culture*," in *Political Science Reviewer* vol. 41, no 2, 2017.
- 6) "Faith and Reason in Montesquieu," *Ramify*, volume 5, issue 2, 2016, 1-15.
- 3) "The Meaning of Socrates' Asceticism in Aristophanes' *Clouds*," in Jeremy J. Mhire and Bryan-Paul Frost ed., *The Political Theory of Aristophanes: Explorations in Poetic Wisdom* (SUNY Press, Albany, 2014), pp 29-45.
- 4) "Between Compassion and Misanthropy: On Moral Reasoning in Fyodor Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*," in Richard Avramenko and Lee Trapanier, eds., *Dostoevsky's Political Thought* (Lexington Books, 2013) pp. 141-59.
- 5) "Machiavelli and Tocqueville on Majority Tyranny," in Brian Danoff and L. Joseph Hebert, Jr., eds., *Alexis de Tocqueville and the Art of Democratic Statesmanship* (Lexington Books, 2011).
- 6) "Islam and the Divine Law in Remi Brague's *The Law of God*," in *Political Science Reviewer*, Vol. XXXVIII (2009)
- 7) "Federalism of Islam? Ibn Khaldun on Islam, Politics, and Tribalism," in Lee Ward and Ann Ward, eds., *The Ashgate Companion to Federalism* (Ashgate Publishing, 2009)
- 8) "Aristophanes' *Birds* and Empire," in *Bloom's Literary Themes: The Grotesque*, in Harold Bloom and Blake Hobby, eds. (Chelsea House Publishers, 2009)
- 9) "Gilgamesh and the Quest for Self-Knowledge," in *Philosophy and Literature*, Institute of Advanced Philosophical Research, (2009)
- 10) "Gilgamesh and the Education of a Tyrant," in *The International Journal of the Humanities*, (2009)
- 11) "Machiavelli's Realism and a Tale of Two Fatherlands," in *Contemporary Philosophy*, Vol. XXVII No. 3 (2007)

REVIEWS:

- 1) "Petrarch's Humanistic Revolution" in *New Criterion* (October 2020).
- 2) "Corrupter of the Youth" in *New Criterion* (June 2019)
- 3) John Gray, "Seven types of Atheism," in Claremont Review of Books, Winter 2019
- 4) Andrew Moore, "*Shakespeare between Machiavelli and Hobbes*," in VoegelinView, August 15, 2017.
- 5) Leon Harold Craig, "*The Philosopher's English King: Shakespeare's Henriad as Political Philosophy*," in VoegelinView, August 14, 2017.
- 6) Peter Foster, "*Why We Bite the Invisible Hand: The Psychology of Anti-Capitalism*," in VoegelinView, August 15, 2016.
- 7) "Review of Noah Feldman's 'The Fall and Rise of Islamic State' for *ISSEI*, 2011
- 8) Review of Ronald Weed's "Aristotle on *Stasis*: A Moral Psychology of Political Conflict" (Logos Verlag Berlin, 2007) for *Ancient Philosophy* (2010)

- 9) Review of Martha Nussbaum's "Frontiers of Justice: Disability, Nationality, Species Membership (The Tanner Lectures on Human Values)" (Belknap Press, 2006) for *The Polish Journal of Philosophy* (Fall 2009)
- 10) Review of David Lewis Schaefer's "Illiberal Justice: John Rawls vs. The American Political Tradition" (University of Missouri Press, 2007) for the *Review of Metaphysics* (2008)
- 11) Review of Mark Kremer's "Plato's *Cleitophon*: On Socrates and the Modern Mind", Edited, Introduction, Translation with Interpretive Essay by Mark Kremer (Lexington Books, 2004) for *Review of Metaphysics* (Winter Edition, 2004)
- 12) Review of Stanley Rosen's "The Elusiveness of the Ordinary" (Yale University Press, 2002) for the *Review of Metaphysics* (2003). Co-Authored with Damjan De Krnjivic-Miskovic

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Liberty and Empire and National Interest," Mossey Library, Hillsdale College, October 15, 2020.

"Virtue Politics in the Renaissance," Collegiate Scholars Program, Heritage Room, Hillsdale College, 9/18/20

"Montesquieu and Modernity," *Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chair and Discussant
*virtual conference due to covid-19, 9/11/20.

"Empire, Liberty, and Political History in Thucydides' *Peloponnesian War*, Strategic Broadening Forum, University of Louisville, Cadiz Kentucky, co-sponsored by the McConnell Center and the Pentagon, September 11-12, 2020. Followed by three small seminars for military personnel

"Aristophanes II," Discussant on two panels devoted to Aristophanes, Doctoral Humanities Colloquium, Hillsdale College, September 16, 2019.

"Hobbes Contra Machiavelli," *Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC., 9/1/2019.

"Details and Depths: David Lowenthal and Shakespeare's Thought on the Good Life," presenter on a roundtable *Politics, Literature, and Film*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, September 1, 2018

"Adam Smith and Alexis de Tocqueville on the Importance of Sympathy and Voluntary Associations, " paper presented at The Association of Private Enterprise Education 44th Annual Meetings, April 6, 2019.

"Taking Citizenship Seriously" Hillsdale Center for Constructive Alternatives 1/29/19

"Shakespeare's *Tempest* and the Importance and Purpose of the Liberal Arts," Portsmouth Abbey, Rhode Island, 1/19/19

DHS Lecture on "Aristophanes' *Birds* and Nationalism" (10/5/18), with a follow up seminar with the graduate students on politics on the *Birds*.

Participated in a statesmanship colloquium, "Statesmanship and Rhetoric: Cicero, Lincoln, and Churchill," Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship, Hillsdale College, October 5 2018

Lecture followed by seminar on 'Thucydides' *Peloponnesian War* presented at University of Louisville, KY, Strategic Broadening Program co-sponsored by the McConnell Center and the Pentagon (9/14/2018)

Lecture at the King's College, NYC, "Moral and Political Decline in Aristophanes' *Birds* and *Clouds*, 10/12/18.

"Ibn Khaldun and the Rise and Fall of Empire," Eleanor and Nathaniel P. Phillips, Sr. Memorial Lecture, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 2/19/18

"Individualism and Community in Political Philosophy," *Claremont Institute for the Study of Statesmanship and Political Philosophy*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, co-discussant, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018.

"Machiavelli on War, Peace, and Republicanism," Co-Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA., 2016

"Compassion, Cruelty, and the Virtues of the Enlightenment," Discussant on a Montesquieu and Rousseau panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA., 2015

"Liberty, Commerce, and Luxury in Montesquieu's *Spirit of the Laws*," 40th Annual International Conference Association of Private Enterprise Education, Cancun, Mexico, April 2015.

"Gods in Ancient Political Thought," Panel Chair, Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA., 2014.

“Nature and the common good in Greek Political Philosophy,” the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC., 2014.

“Hobbes, Locke, and the Modern Regime” Panel Chair, the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC., 2014.

“Does Liberalism Today Really Come out of the Progressive Movement?” Panel Chair, the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA., 2012.

“Xenophon, the Philosopher, and the Theological-Political Problem,” Panel Discussant, the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA., 2011

“Dostoevsky and the Problem of Western Rights,” Discussant, The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA., 2011.

“Political Theory: Machiavelli and Hobbes” and “Political Theory: Non-domination in the International Domain” Chaired and responded to four papers at the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2010

“Cosmopolitanism in Ibn Tufayl’s *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan*,” the Association for Core Texts and Courses 16th Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ., 2010.

“Tocqueville and Ibn Khaldun on Islam and the West,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada., 2009.

“Socrates’ Conversation with Cephalus and the Reform of Religious Patriarchy in Plato’s *Republic*,” the 27th annual joint meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy, 2009

“Tocqueville on the Tyranny of the Majority and the Corruption of the Judicial Process,” the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, ME., 2009.

“Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, 2008.

“Reading Plato” Chair, 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, 2008.

“Plato and Public Life” Chair, Eighth Annual Association for Political Theory Meeting, Wesleyan University, 2008.

“Platonic Philosophy” Chair, 40th Annual Conference for the Northeast Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, 2008.

“Tocqueville and the Problem of Freedom in America” Discussant, 40th Annual Conference for the Northeast Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, November 14, 2008.

“The Depiction of the Philosopher in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” 40th Annual Conference for the Northeast Political Science Association Meeting, Boston, 2008

“Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, 2008.

“Reading Plato” Chair, 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, 2008.

“Plato and Public Life” Chair, Eighth Annual Association for Political Theory Meeting, Wesleyan University, 2008.

“Gilgamesh and the Quest for Self-Knowledge,” the Sixth International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, Istanbul, 2008.

“Empire and Tyranny in Aristophanes’ *Birds*,” the New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, 2008.

“Aristophanes’ the *Birds*,” the Association for Core Texts and Courses, Plymouth, MA, 2008.

“Hobbes and Terrorism,” the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2005.

PUBLIC LECTURES (select)

“Honor, Integrity, and the Need for Nations in Shakespeare’s *King John*,” Kirk Center forum on “From Statesmanship to Poetry,” The Tocqueville Forum at Hope College, November 22-24, 2019, hosted at the Russel Kirk Center, MI

“Nationalism or Patriotism? : The Case of America,” The Forum for Citizenship and Enterprise at Northwood University, a Jack Miller program, November 14, 2019, Northwood University, MI.

“Shakespeare’s *Tempest* and the Importance and Purpose of the Liberal Arts,” Portsmouth Abbey, Rhode Island, 1/19/19

“Empire, Liberty, and Political History in Thucydides,” Strategic Broadening Forum hosted at the McConnell Center at the University of Louisville, September 6, 2019

“Ibn Khaldun and the Rise and Fall of Empire,” public lecture sponsored by the Judeo-Christian Studies Public Lecture Series, Tulane University, 2018.

“Ibn Khaldun and the Golden Age of Islamic Philosophy,” The Live Ideas Lecture Series, Kansas State University, 2017.

“The Islamic Golden Age: A Few Debates to Consider between Farabi, Avicenna, and Ghazali,” the Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship in conjunction with Doctoral Humanities Seminar, Hillsdale College, 2017.

“Avicenna and Ghazali and the Debate over the Eternality or Creation of the World,” Kinder Institute, University of Missouri, 2017.

“Shakespeare as Statesman: Leadership Lessons from the Bard,” keynote address on the occasion of the McConnell Center’s 25th anniversary at the University of Louisville, KY., 2016.

“Liberty and Greatness in Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*,” keynote address at Lee University’s symposium on *Democracy in America*, Lee University, Cleveland, TN, 2016.

“Empire, Liberty and Political History in Thucydides,” United States Army Strategic Broadening Seminar, Sponsored by the United States Pentagon, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 2016.

“Ibn Tufayl and the Islamic Contribution to Classical Liberalism in the West,” Miami Dade Honors College, InterAmerican Campus, Miami, Florida, 2016.

“Montesquieu and the Limits of Statesmanship and Regime Change,” United States Army 2015 Strategic Broadening Seminar, Sponsored by the Pentagon, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, 2015.

“The Role of Religion in Montesquieu’s Political Philosophy.” Keynote address presented at the Graduate conference, “On Reason and Revelation,” hosted by the Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts, University of Dallas, Irving, TX., 2015

“The Meanings and Uses of Cosmopolitanism,” University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway., 2012.

“Can Islam Co-exist with Western Civilization?” Invited Keynote address at the University of Maine, Orono, 2010

“Ibn Khaldun’s History of Bedouin and Sedentary Existence,” University of Louisville, Kentucky, Young Leaders Academy Conference, 2009.

“Islam and the West” Keynote address at the McConnell Center’s Civil Education Program, University of Louisville, Kentucky, Young Leaders Academy Conference, 2009.

“American Statesmanship: Founding Principles, Historical Examples” Invited participant, The Lewis Lehrman Summer Institute on the Teaching of America’s Founding Principles, sponsored by The James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University and The Intercollegiate Studies Institute, June 2009.

“Middle East and Gulf States” Moderator and co-chair for Middle East and Gulf States, Student Council on United States Affairs, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 2007.

“Against Impoverished Programs: Reconsidering Our Texts and Aims for the Liberal Arts Journey” Chair, the Association for Core Texts and Courses 13th Annual Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, 2007.

“Middle East and Gulf States” Panel co-chair for Middle East and Gulf States, Student Council on United States Affairs, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 2006.

“Hobbes’s Views on Education,” at The Association for Core Texts and Courses 12th Annual Conference, Chicago, 2006.

ACADEMIC GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Institute on Medieval Political Philosophy, Spokane, Washington, 2014 (Honorarium for participation in four-week seminar.)

Salve Regina University Faculty Recognition Award, 2009 (for teaching excellence; voted on by the students)

Salve Regina University Media Relations Award, in recognition for outstanding service as a media expert or spokesperson on behalf of Salve Regina University and the Office of University Relations, 2009 - 2010

Earhart Fellowship, 2001 - 2003

Phi Beta Kappa Member, 1996 - present

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

VOEGELINVIEW, ONLINE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY JOURNAL

Associate Editor (2017-present).

PORTSMOUTH INSTITUTE, PORTSMOUTH ABBEY HIGH SCHOOL

Member of the Academic Advisory Board (2014-present)

WYOMING CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Member of the Board of Trustees (October, 2016-2018)

QUEST MONTESSORI SCHOOL, Narragansett, RI

Member of the Board (2009-2014)

SAINT MICHAEL’S COLLEGE

Member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC) evaluation team for Saint Michael’s College (2009-2010)

LANGUAGES

English, Arabic, some reading knowledge of French.

