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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D, Political Science, 2015**
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA
Dissertation: *Liberalism and Globalization: Montesquieu, Tocqueville, and Manent*

**MA, Political Science, 2007**
University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Thesis: *Ascent from the Biological Baseline to Philosophical Openness: An Essay on the Order of Inquiry into Human Nature and Politics*

**BA (*With Great Distinction*), Political Science, 2005**
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

## EMPLOYMENT

**Assistant Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Aug 2025 – Present**
School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA

**Assistant Teaching Professor and Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Aug 2023 – July 2025**
School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA

**Instructor and Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Mar 2021 – Aug 2023**
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Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA

**Postdoctoral Scholar, Aug. 2018 – Feb 2021**
School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA

**Adjunct Assistant Professor, Aug 2017 – June 2018**
Department of History and Philosophy
St. Mary's University, Calgary, AB, Canada

**Lecturer, Aug. 2010 – May 2014**
Department of Political Science
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, USA

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

*Renewing America's Civic Compact* ([Co-edited with Carol McNamara] New York: Lexington Press, 2023)
Reviews in: *The University Bookman*

*Citizenship and Civic Leadership in America* ([Co-edited with Carol McNamara] New York: Lexington Press, 2022).
Reviews in: *Voegelin View*, *The University Bookman*

*Liberalism and Globalization: Montesquieu, Tocqueville, and Manent* (South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2020).
Reviews in: *Law and Liberty, Global Intellectual History*, *H-France Review*, *Review of Politics*

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

"'If I was really you…': Adam Smith on Imagination, Education, and as Antidote to Identity Politics," *The Adam Smith Review* Vol. 15 (2026): 173-197.

"Commerce, Democracy, and Fortune: Smith and Tocqueville on Equality and Chance," *Social Philosophy & Policy* "Human Capital and Human Flourishing" (Summer 2026): 124-142.

"Science, Tragedy, and Purpose: A Reading of Bertrand Russell's *The Free Man's Worship*" (with Charles T. Rubin) *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol. 52, No. 2 (2026), 245-263.

"Consent, Revolution, and the End of the World: America's Apocalyptic Fascination as Politics" (with Aaron Kushner), *Perspectives on Political Science* Vol. 55, No. 1 (2026), 1-14.

"Can the Metaverse Remedy Political Polarization?" (with Eric Schmidt and Freke Ette) *Society* (Jan. 2025), 223-233.

"Adam Smith on the Effectual Truth of Imagination," *Perspectives on Political Science* Vol. 53, No. 4 (2024): 206-220. ***Winner of the Review of Politics Award (MPSA 2024)

"Restoring the Distinctiveness of Politics: On the Political and the Forms of Rule" (with Clifford A. Bates, Jr.), *The Polish Political Science Yearbook*, Vol. 51, No 1 (2023): 1-22.

"Modern Liberty, Partisanship, and Identity: On Mark Lilla and Yuval Levin," *Canadian Review of American Studies* Vol. 51, No. 4 Special Issue (Summer 2022): 206-228.

"Tocquevillean Poetics: Political Science, the Nation, and Humanity," *The Political Science Reviewer* Vol. 44, No. 2 (2020): 289-319.

"Is Pain a Problem?: Human Nature and Suffering in J.J. Rousseau and C.S. Lewis" (with Jacob Seigler), *Sehnsucht: A Journal on C.S. Lewis*, Vol. 4 (2010): 19-41.

***Refereed Book Chapters***

"Localism, Nationalism, and Globalism," in *The Cambridge Companion to Localism*, eds. Zachary German and Tyler Moore (Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming 2027)

"Five (un)Heroic Days at Memorial: Crisis and Dubious Democratic Heroism," in *A Hero in All of Us?: Heroism and American Political Thought as Seen on TV,* eds., Stephen Clouse and Aaron Kushner (New York: Lexington Press, 2024).

"A Political Science of *Mores*: Tocqueville on Citizenship and Civic Leadership" in *Citizenship and Civic Leadership in America*, eds. Carol McNamara and Trevor Shelley (New York: Lexington Press, 2022).

"The Spirit of Death: Montesquieu on Dying, Death, and the Law" in *Political Theory on Death and Dying*, eds. Erin Dolgoy, Bruce Peabody, and Kimberly Hurd Hale (New York: Routledge Press, 2021), 261-270.

"Pierre Manent on the Nation, Humanity, and Politics as the Great Mediation" in *Polis, Nation, Global Community: Philosophical Foundations of Citizenship*, ed. Ann Ward (New York: Routledge Press, 2021), 168-181.

***Review Articles***

"Minding the Nation Anew: Reflections on Recent Studies of Nationalism," *Society* Vol. 57, No. 6 (2020): 704-709.

***Conference Proceedings***

"'A Sound Mind in a Sound Body': John Locke on Education," *The Quest for Excellence: Selected Papers from the Seventeenth Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses*, eds. D. Gish, C. Constas, and J.S Lee (Lanham: University Press of America, 2013), 86-92.

***Encyclopedia Entries***

"Nationalism, Globalism, and Leadership," in George R. Goethals, Scott T. Allison, and Georgia J. Sorenson (eds.) *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Leadership Studies* (New York: SAGE Publications Inc., 2023), Vol 1: 392-396.

"The Axial Age," "The Oracle of Delphi," & "Themistocles," in M.E. Ackermann et. al. (eds.) *Encyclopedia of World History*, Vol. I, V, & VI (NY, USA: Facts On File, June, 2008), (I) 39-40; (V) 100-102; (VI) 458-459.

***Book Reviews***

"The Rise of the World Builders," Review of Bruno Maçães, *World Builders: Technology and the New Geopolitics*, in *The University Bookman*, July 13, 2025.

"Not One but Many: Restoring the Varieties of Canadian Conservatism," Review of *Canadian Conservative Political Thought* (eds. L. Trepanier & R. Avramenko), *Voegelin View*, Dec 16, 2023

"A Time for Restoration," Review of Daniel Mahoney, *Recovering Politics, Civilization, and the Soul: Essays on Pierre Manent and Roger Scruton*, in *The University Bookman*, Sept 17, 2023.

Review of Yoram Hazony, *The Virtue of Nationalism*, in *Society*, Vol. 56, No. 3 (2019): 297-299.

Review of Aurelian Craiutu, *Faces of Moderation: The Art of Balance in an Age of Extremes*, in *Society*, Vol. 55, No. 1 (2018): 467-70.

Review of John McNerney, *Wealth of Persons: Economics with a Human Face*, in *Voegelin View* (Sept. 20, 2017).

Review of Paul Carrese, *Democracy in Moderation: Montesquieu, Tocqueville, and Sustainable Liberalism*, in *Society*, Vol. 54, Issue No. 5 (Sept./Oct., 2017).

"The Synoptic Citizen: Pierre Manent's Political Perspective," *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (2016): 142-44.

"You Gotta Have Heart," Review of Arthur C. Brooks, *The Conservative Heart*, *C2C: A Journal of Ideas*, Oct. 15, (2015).

***Manuscripts in Preparation***

- *The Madness of Leviathan: Reclaiming Political Judgment from the Techno-Political Fallacy* (monograph with Eric Schmidt)
- "The Feasibility of Parliamentary Nationalism: On Janet Ajzenstat"
- "Transhumanism and Transnationalism" (with Charles T. Rubin)

***Web-Based Publications***

- "On Vol. II, Part 1, Ch. 20 of *Democracy in America*." The Genius of America – A Journey into Our Republic: A Study on Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*. "Constituting America" (2024).
- "Renewing Canadian Citizenship," *Convivium*, Feb. 22 (2018).
- "The Sum of All Tocqueville's Fears," *C2C: A Journal of Ideas*, Summer Issue, June 1 (2016).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

***Arizona State University***

- "Tocqueville and the American Founding: A Dialogue" [Grad Seminar]
- "Introduction to Civic Thought and Leadership"
- "Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership Capstone Seminar"
- "Debating Capitalism"
- "Great Ideas of Politics and Ethics"
- "Debating Globalism and Nationalism"
- "City, Nation, and Globe: Debating Forms of Community [Grad Seminar]
- "Love, Dating, and Marriage—Past and Present"

***St. Mary's University***

- "History of Ideas: Antiquity to the Renaissance"
- "History of Ideas: Scientific Revolution to the 20th Century

***Louisiana State University***

- "Modern Political Thought, From Machiavelli to Nietzsche"
- "Twentieth Century Political Thought"
- "Introduction to American Government"
- "Introduction to Comparative Politics"

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2024 Review of Politics Award (MPSA)
- 2021-2022, Co-PI, "Renewing America's Civic Compact" Grant Recipient (with Carol McNamara), Institute for Humane Studies, (ASU)
- 2020-2021, Co-PI, "Key Challenges within a Free Society" Grant Recipient (with Carol McNamara), Institute for Humane Studies and John Templeton Foundation (ASU)
- 2019-2020, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty "From (Adam) Smith to (Vernon) Smith Research Grant" (ASU)
- 2019 Southern Political Science Association Artinian Travel Award
- 2013-14, Paul Grosser Award for Teaching Excellence (LSU)
- 2012-13, 2013-14, Earhart Fellowship (LS
- 2010-11, 2011-12, Sidney Richards Moore Fellowship in Political Philosophy (LSU)
- 2010-11, Northeastern Poli Sci Assoc Award, Best Grad Student Paper, Political Theory
- 2008-09, 2009-10, Eric Voegelin Scholars Fellowship (LSU)
- 2009-10, Eric Voegelin Institute Fund (LSU)
- 2008-13, Louisiana State University Flagship Graduate Assistantship (LSU)
- 2008-09, Louisiana State University Graduate Award for Academic Excellence (LSU)
- 2005-06, 2006-07, Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarships (UofC)

## INVITED TALKS

- "Thinking Politically about Globalization: Tocqueville and Manent on Democracy, the Nation, and Humanity," Coastal Carolina University, Dept of Political Science, The Cincinnatus Center and Jack Miller Center, March 2022.
- "Multiculturalists at Home, Monoculturalists Abroad—Some Remarks on a Paradox," The Alexander Hamilton Society, ASU, November 2019.
- "'Owner of a Lonely Heart': A Tocquevillian Discussion of the Democratic Heart," University of Lethbridge, Dept of Political Science, March 2016.
- "Eric Voegelin and The Voegelin Institute," Jim Engster Radio Show, WRKF NPR, Baton Rouge, LA, 2010.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

***Paper Presentations***

- "Civic Capacity in the Digital Age" (with Eric Schmidt) MPSA 2026
- "The Digital Transformation of the Nation: Making Patriots in the Digital Age?" (with Eric Schmidt) MPSA 2025
- "Adam Smith on the Effectual Truth of Imagination," MPSA 2024
- "Liberalism and the Metaverse: Hobbes as First Founder?" (with Eric Schmidt) MPSA 2024
- "'If I was really you…': Smith on Imagination, Sympathy, and Moral Education," ILA 2023.
- "Five (un)Heroic Days at Memorial: Desire, Crisis, and Dubious Democratic Heroism," MPSA 2023.

- "Against (Maçãesean) Virtualism: The Metaverse as Apotheosis of Liberalism?" (with Eric Schmidt & Freke Ette) MPSA 2023.
- "Commerce, Democracy, and Fortune: Smith and Tocqueville on Equality and Chance," SP&P 2022.
- "Consent, Revolution, and the End of the World: America's Apocalyptic Fixation as Politics" (with Aaron Kushner), MPSA 2022.
- "Liberty and Society Before Liberalism and Socialism: On Adam Smith" (with Ecem Okan), IDEA Colloque Université de Lorraine, 2021.
- "Global Leadership without Nations? On Globalism, Nationalism, and Leadership Studies," ISL, 2021.
- "Democratic Poetry Slam: Tocqueville's "New Political Science" in the "Globalist-Populist Age," NEPSA, 2019.
- "The Tyranny of Reason, The Persistence of Political Theology, & The Possibility of Politics: Yuval Levin & Mark Lilla on Liberty & America," SPSA, 2019.
- "Making the Common Good Great Again: The Reform Conservatism of Yuval Levin and the Political Liberalism of Mark Lilla—Two Alternatives in Restoring Citizenship to the Mainstream," CAAS, 2018.
- "'Considered as inhabitants of a planet so large that different peoples are necessary': Montesquieu on the Importance of Political Distinctions." SPSA, 2013.
- "Imaginative Recollections: A Discussion of Rousseau on Community," DFS, 2013.
- "'The power, the pride, the reach of perished Rome': Pierre Manent and the Science of Rome," APSA, 2012.
- "What is 'Humanity'?: Eric Voegelin and Pierre Manent on the Uses and Abuses of a Concept," SPSA, 2012.
- "A Matter of Form: Pierre Manent and Jürgen Habermas on the Nation, Democracy, and the Possibility of Politics," NPSA, 2011.
- "'A Sound Mind in a Sound Body': John Locke on Education," ACTC, 2011.
- "Shades of Gray: Tocqueville on Enlightenment," NPSA, 2010.
- "The Importance of Memory and Imagination for Community in the Thought of Rousseau" NPSA, 2010.

***Discussant/Participant***

- "Theoretical Encounters with Democracy," MPSA, 2022 (Discussant and Chair)
- "Patriotism vs. Nationalism," The Bradley Foundation Fellowship Program, 2022
- "Civic Education and the American Regime," Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, 2021
- "Adam Smith on Ethics and Economics," Liberty Fund & Acton Institute, 2018
- "Liberty and the Declaration of Independence," Liberty Fund & Acton Institute, 2017
- "Economics From Smith to Friedman," Liberty Fund, 2015
- "Post-Modern Political Thought," Louisiana Political Science Association Conference, 2012
- "Freedom and Responsibility in the Thought of Max Weber," Liberty Fund, 2012
- "Joseph Story and the Stewardship of American Constitutionalism," Liberty Fund, 2011
- "Contemporary Political Philosophy: Theme and Variations," APSA, 2010
- "Democracy, Democratic Theory, and Transition," Central European University, HU, 2007

## CAMPUS TALKS

- "War and Trade: Two Sides of the Same Coin, or Two Different Currencies?" LSU, 2013
- "The Politics of Aristotle's *Politics*," LSU, 2010
- "Eric Voegelin, Hannah Arendt, and the Phenomenon of Totalitarianism," UofC, 2006

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Member, Development Committee (SCETL) Aug. 2018 – Present
- Member, Graduate Studies Committee (SCETL) Mar. 2021 – Present
- Member, Executive Committee (SCETL) Mar. 2022 – July 2024
- Member, PPE Planning Committee (SCETL) Aug. 2018 – Aug 2023
- Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee (SCETL) Aug. 2018 – May 2019

*Honors and M.A. Thesis Committees*

- Chair – Georgia Gaffney, "Franklin's Education and the Education of Franklin" (M.A. 2027)
- Member – Anais Nicole-Wolpert, "Beyond the Eye of the Beholder: Edmund Burke and the Recovery of Objective Aesthetic Judgment in Classical Education" (M.A. 2026)
- Member – Reilly Klug, "On Reproductive Rights in America" (Honors, 2026)
- Chair – Joseph Kavetsky, "Plato and Nietzsche on the Superiority of the Philosophical Life" (Honors, 2026)
- Member – Lucas Mukai, "L'Eminence Rouge: Le Prince de l'Église Contra Il Principe del Mondo" (M.A. 2025)
- Member – Mike Denk, "Leadership and Literature: On Harriet Beecher Stowe" (M.A. 2025)
- Member – Alexander England, "Revisiting Tocqueville on Religion" (Honors, 2025)
- Member - Breonna Roberts, "Adam Smith's Commercial Sentiments: Morals for a Commercial Age" (M.A. 2025)
- Member – Christa Reichert, Applied Project on Classical Education (M.A. 2024)
- Member – John Goodwin, "Xenophon's Incompatibility of Justice and Political Stability" (M.A. 2024)
- Chair – Craig Ruiz, "Tocqueville's Innovation in Social Cohesion: Reforging Bonds of Community in a Modern and Democratic Age" (Honors, 2023)
- Member – Magda Vibbert, "Renewing Classical Liberal Arts in Catholic Schools: The Path Forward" (M.A. 2023)

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- Reviewer, *Society*, Spring 2025 – Present
- Reviewer, Notre Dame University Press, Fall 2022 – Present
- Reviewer, *The Political Science Reviewer*, Spring 2020 – Present
- Reviewer, *Perspectives on Political Science*, Fall 2019 – Present

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Podcast Cohost, "Pandemic Dialogues" Arizona State University, 2020 – 2021
- The Haultain Research Institute, Advisor, Calgary, AB, 2019 – Present
- Research Project Director, "Calgary on Purpose" Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations, May 2018 – Oct. 2018

- Executive Director, Imagination150, Non-Profit, Sept. 2016 – Mar. 2018
- Biweekly Columnist, *Troy Media,* Calgary, AB, Dec. 2015 – Sept. 2016

## LANGUAGES

▪ French (fluent translation and conversation)
▪ Hungarian (near fluent translation and conversation)
▪ German (working knowledge)
▪ Ancient Greek (working knowledge)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

▪ Southern Political Science Association (2009-11, 2018 – Present)
▪ Midwest Political Science Association (2008-09, 2018 – Present)
▪ Canadian Association for American Studies (2018 – 2022)
▪ Canadian Political Science Association (2014-2016)
▪ Association for Core Texts and Courses (2011-2016)
▪ Association for Political Theory (2008-2013)
▪ American Political Science Association (2008-2013)
▪ Eta Sigma Phi, Honorary Society for Students of Greek (2011-2013)
▪ Intercollegiate Studies Institute, VP of LSU Chapter (2011-2013)

## REFERENCES

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