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Curriculum Vitae

Arizona State University
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor – School of Civic, Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University (August 2025–Current).

Assistant Teaching Professor – School of Civic, Economic Thought and Leadership, Arizona State University (August 2024–May 2025).

Postdoctoral Fellow – Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021–August 2024.

Lecturer – Political Science Department, Texas State University, 2018–2021.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Politics (Political Theory) – The Catholic University of America, 2018.

M.A. in Political Theory – The Catholic University of America, 2014.

M.A. in Political Science and International Relations – Institute of Political Studies, Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon, Portugal, 2010.

B.S. in Economics – Federal University of Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brazil, 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Journal Articles

“What is Political Theology? Augustine’s Critique of Civil and Natural Theology,” *European Journal of Political Theory* (online first 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851251337341>

“Tyranny in the Americas: Sarmiento’s Tocquevillian Science and Modern Tyranny,” *Political Science Reviewer*, Vol. 48 No. 2 (2024): 115-138.
<https://politicalsciencereviewer.com/index.php/psr/article/view/841/1012>

“Leo Strauss, the Latin Averroists, and the Eternity of the World,” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. XLV, No. 1 (Spring 2024): 39-60. <https://doi.org/10.53765/20512988.45.1.39>

“Race and State: Voegelin, Bolívar, and Bonifácio on Race and Latin American Political Thought,” *Eric Voegelin Studies Yearbook* Vol. 3 (2024): 137-154.
https://doi.org/10.30965/9783846768860_006

“Political Thought and Race Ideas in Brazil: Oliveira Vianna and Gilberto Freyre,” *Comparative Political Theory* Vol. 3, No. 1 (2023): 53-73. <https://doi.org/10.1163/26669773-bja10046>

“Eric Voegelin and the Natural Law Tradition,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 48, Issue 3 (2019): 210-217. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10457097.2019.1612506>

“The Blood of the Martyrs: Erik Peterson’s Theology of Martyrdom and Carl Schmitt’s Political Theology of Sovereignty,” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 80, No. 3 (Summer 2018): 487–510.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670518000220>

“Carl Schmitt’s Political Theory during the Third Reich,” *Political Science Reviewer*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (June 2018): 197-217.
<https://politicalsciencereviewer.com/index.php/psr/article/view/541/518>

“Eric Voegelin e as Religiões Políticas: o Substrato Comum entre a Religião e a Política” [*Eric Voegelin and the Political Religions: the Common Ground between Religion and Politics*], *Revista Sol Nascente - Revista do Centro de Investigação sobre Ética Aplicada*, Vol. 1 (2012): 10-18.

Book Chapter, Encyclopedia Entry, and Others

“Schmitt, Carl.” In *Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Legal Theory and Philosophy*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing (forthcoming, Fall 2025).

“Posfácio: Mário Vieira de Mello e a Busca pela Verdadeira Cidadania.” In Mário Viera de Mello, *O Cidadão: Ensaio de Política Filosófica*, 2ª edição. São Paulo, Brasil: Editora É Realizações (forthcoming, Fall 2025).

Book Reviews

“Political Thought in Portugal and its Empire, c.1500–1800, edited Pedro Cardim and Nuno Gonçalo Monteiro,” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 86, Issue 2, (Spring 2024).
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670523000803>

“Carl Schmitt’s Early Legal-Theoretical Writings: Statute and Judgment and the Value of the State and the Significance of the Individual,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 22 (Suppl 1), 34–37 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-022-00551-y>

“The Political Discourse of Carl Schmitt: A Mystic of Order by Montserrat Herrero (Book Review),” *Voegelin View*, (September 2017).
<https://voegelinview.com/political-discourse-carl-schmitt-mystic-order/>

“Francis Fukuyama’s The Origins of the Political Order (Book Review),” *Leviathan: Cadernos de Pesquisa Política*, No. 6 (2013): 153-158.
<https://doi.org/10.11606/issn.2237-4485.lev.2013.132327>

Articles under Review

“The Apocalyptic Imagination of Alexis de Tocqueville” (*Political Science Reviewer*, accepted for revisions, February 2025)

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Carl Schmitt’s Strange Christianity: The Theology of the Political” (Book Manuscript, 4 out of 5 chapters completed)

“Who or what is the *katechon*? From Peter Thiel, Aleksandr Dugin, Carl Schmitt, back to the source” (APSA 2025)

“Abolitionism and Body Politics: The Political Thought of Joaquim Nabuco and the Brazilian Abolitionist Movement” (APSA 2024, APT 2023)

“Stasiology: Carl Schmitt’s Theory of Civil War”

Other Publications

“Donald Trump e o Fim de uma Era” [*Donald Trump and the End of an Era*], *Diário Catarinense*, Florianópolis, Brazil, February 4, 2017.

“Teoria Pura e Impura do Direito: Kelsen, Schmitt e Voegelin” [*Pure and Impure Theory of Law: Kelsen, Schmitt and Voegelin*], *Dicta & Contradicta*, No. 07 (Jun. 2012).

“Justiça e Democracia na Tragédia *As Suplicantes* de Ésquilo” [Justice and Democracy in Aeschylus’ *The Suppliant Women*], in *Anais da II Semana de Direitos Humanos da UFSC* (Curitiba: Multideia, 2011): 123-132.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Best Paper Award, “Traditions of Latin American Political Thought and Constitutionalism Conference,” SPSA, New Orleans, LA.

2020 Teaching Award of Honor, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute Fellowship, Jack Miller Center, June 2022.

Lumen Christ Institute, Summer Seminar on Augustine’s *City of God*, July 2021.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021-2023.

Intensive Language Course Scholarship, *Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst* (DAAD), Düsseldorf, Germany, Summer 2017.

Professor Henri Hyvernat Doctoral Scholarship, School of Arts and Sciences, CUA, 2016-2017.

Human Ecology Doctoral Fellowship, Institute for Human Ecology, CUA, 2016-2017.

Kathryn Davis Fellowship, Middlebury Language School (German), Middlebury College, Summer 2016.

Research Assistantship, School of Arts and Sciences, CUA, Spring 2016.

Teaching Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, CUA, Spring 2016.

Teaching Assistantship, School of Arts and Sciences, CUA, 2015.

Graduate Assistant Scholarship, School of Arts and Sciences, CUA, 2012-2015.

Santander Universities/Fordham Ethics and Society Scholarship, Fordham University, May 2012.

TRAVEL GRANTS, AND GRANTS

Artinian Travel Award for the SPSA Conference, SPSA, Jan. 2025.

Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Grant for the “Graduate Student Summer Workshop on Carl Schmitt's Political Theory,” Summer 2022.

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, September 2017.

Travel Grant for Summer Research in Germany, Graduate Student Association, CUA, July 2017.

Hayek Fund for Scholars, Institute for Humane Studies, April 2017.

Travel Grant, Department of Government, CUA, April 2017.

Conference and Research Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, August 2016.

Travel Grant, Department of Government, CUA August 2016.

Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, CUA, August 2015.

Calihan Travel Grant, Acton Institute, 2015.

Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, CUA, July 2014.

Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, CUA, June 2013.

Travel Scholarship, Acton Institute, June 2011.

INVITED TALKS

“O que é a Teologia Política? Carl Schmitt e a Tradição da Teologia Política,” Seminários de Pesquisa PPGSP, Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina, Florianópolis, Brasil, June 30, 2025.

“What is Political Theology? Augustine on Civil Theology, Natural Theology, and True Religion,” University of Notre Dame, Political Theory Colloquium, South Bend, IN, April 2023.

“The Conquest of the New World, the Spanish Contributions to the International Public Law: Juan Ginés de Sepúlveda, Bartolomé de Las Casa, and Francisco de Vitoria,” presented at St. Paul’s Catholic Center at UW-Madison on February 10, 2022.

“Gilberto Freyre and the Idea of Race in Brazil,” University of Texas at Austin, Portuguese Flagship Program, Austin, TX, February 2020.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panel Chair

“Using Voegelin to Understand the Present Moment,” APSA, Vancouver, Canada, 2025 (September).

“Latin American Political Thought in the 1800s: Ideas, Identity, and Institutions,” APSA, Philadelphia, September 2024.

“Democracy and the Rule of Law: Lessons from the Weimar Republic,” APSA, Philadelphia, September 2024.

“The Influence and Reception of Eric Voegelin’s Philosophy in Brazil,” APSA, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

“Political Theology: I,” APSA, Online Conference, September 2020.

“Religion and the Democratic State,” APSA, Online Conference, September 2020.

“The Initial Reception of Eric Voegelin in Brazilian Thought,” APSA, Washington, DC, August 2019.

“Contributions and Challenges of Identity in Politics,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

“Crime & Terrorism in the Americas,” ESMOAS Academic Conference, San Marco, TX, November 2018.

Papers Presented

“Who or what is the *katechon*? From Peter Thiel, Aleksandr Dugin, Carl Schmit, back to the source,” APSA, Vancouver, Canada, 2025 (September).

“The Apocalyptic Imagination of Alexis de Tocqueville,” SPSA, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2025.

“The Political Thought of Joaquim Nabuco and the Abolition of Slavery in Brazil,” APSA, Philadelphia, 2024.

“The Church and Political Catholicism in Carl Schmitt’s Early Works,” MPSA, Chicago, 2024.

“Tyranny in Americas: Sarmiento’s Tocquevillian Science and the Roots of Tyranny,” SPSA, New Orleans, LA, January 2024.

“Abolitionism and Body Politics: The Political Thought of Joaquim Nabuco and the Brazilian Abolitionist Movement,” APT, Schenectady, NY, October 2023.

“Abolitionism and Body Politics: The Political Thought of Joaquim Nabuco and the Brazilian Abolitionist Movement,” APSA, Los Angeles, CA, September 2023.

“What is Political Theology? Augustine on Civil Theology, Natural Theology, and True Religion,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

“David Walsh and Leo Strauss – On Reason and Revelation,” Walsh Conference, Washington DC, March 2023.

“Eric Voegelin’s *Race and State* and Latin American Political Thought,” Conference: Body Idea and Political Communities in Voegelin’s Early Work, Barcelona, Spain, December 2022.

“What is Political Theology: the Meaning and Legitimacy of a Political Concept,” APSA, Montreal, September 2022.

“Race Ideas and Political Thought: Gilberto Freyre and Oliveira Vianna,” UW-Madison, Political Theory Workshop, Madison, WI, September 2022.

“The Chicago Averroists: A Methodological Critique of Leo Strauss Based on the Medieval Encounter between Reason and Revelation and Philosophy of the so-called Latin Averroists,” UW-Madison, Political Theory Workshop, Madison, WI, April 2022.

“On the Tension between Reason and Revelation: The Philosophy of Siger of Brabant, the Latin Averroism, and Leo Strauss’ Methodological Limitations,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

Roundtable on: “Contemporary Analyses of the State of American Culture: Bruno Macaes’ *History Has Begun: The Birth of a New America*,” SCSS, Steubenville, OH, October 2021.

“Oliveira Vianna, Gilberto Freyre, and Eric Voegelin on the Idea of Race and its Political Consequences,” APSA, Washington, DC, August 2019.

“Carl Schmitt’s Strange Christianity,” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2019.

“Carl Schmitt’s Political Theology and the Arian Controversy,” APSA, Boston, MA, September 2018.

“The Blood of the Martyrs: Erik Peterson’s response to Carl Schmitt’s Political Theology” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“Carl Schmitt and Erik Peterson on Political Theology” at APSA, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.

“Political Theology and Revelation: the controversy between Carl Schmitt and Erik Peterson” National Capital Political Science Association – Political Theory Conference, Washington, DC, March 2016.

“Justiça e Democracia na tragédia ‘As Suplicantes’ de Esquilo” [*Justice and Democracy in Aeschylus tragedy “The Suppliants”*] 2nd Human Rights Week of UFSC, Florianópolis, Brazil, October 2011.

“Sociedade Aberta e Diferenciação em Eric Voegelin” [*Open Society and Differentiation in Eric Voegelin*] 5th Congress of the Portuguese Political Science Association (APCP), Aveiro, Portugal, March 2010.

Discussant

“Politics and Friendship in the Cosmos,” panel discussant at APSA, Philadelphia, PA, 2024.

“The Transcendental and the Political,” panel discussant at MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2023.

“Threats to Liberalism,” panel discussant at MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2022.

“The Influence and Reception of Eric Voegelin’s Philosophy in Brazil,” panel discussant at APSA, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

“Political Theology: I,” panel discussant at APSA, Online Conference, September 2020.

“Regions of the Political: Territoriality, Sovereignty, and the Body Politic,” panel discussant at APSA, Washington, DC, August 2019.

“Contours and Implications of Living in Tension toward the Transcendent,” panel discussant at APSA, San Francisco, CA, September 2017.

“Political Theory: Justice, Common Goods, & the Promise of Political Theory,” poster discussant at MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“Political Anthropology and Authenticity,” panel discussant at APSA, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

“Empathy’s Role in Community Cohesion,” Discourse in Democracy and Department of Political Science, April 2019.

“Brazilian Election Presidential Election: New Perspectives for Brazil-US Relationship,” Jolt Student Organization at Texas State University, November 2018.

“Brazilian Presidential Election 2018: Is Brazilian Democracy under Threat?” Texas State University, Department of Political Science, October 2018.

RESEARCH INTEREST

Political Theology, Contemporary Political Theory, History of Political Thought, Comparative Political Theory, American Political Thought, Latin American Political Thought, Brazilian Political Thought.

TEACHING AREAS

Ancient, Medieval, Modern, and Contemporary Political Thought; Political Theology; Religion and Politics; American Political Thought; American, Civics; Latin American Political Thought.

TEACHING

Assistant Teaching Professor – Arizona State University (SCETL) – Undergraduate

CEL 100 – Great Ideas of Politics and Ethics (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025).

CEL 200 – Great Debates in American Politics (Fall 2024).

CEL 394 – Latin American Political Thought (Spring 2025).

Postdoctoral Fellow – University of Wisconsin-Madison - Undergraduate

POLI SCI 460 – Conservative Political Thought (Fall 2023, Spring 2024).

POLI SCI 400.006 – Latin American Political Thought (Fall 2021, 2022).

POLI SCI 460 – Christian Political Thought (Spring 2022, 2023).

Postdoctoral Fellow – University of Wisconsin-Madison - Graduate

Graduate Student Summer Workshop on Carl Schmitt’s Political Theory (Summer 2022).

Lecturer – Texas State University

PS 3300 – Basic Political Ideas (Fall 2018–Fall 2020).

PS 3001 – Basic Political Institutions (Spring 2021).

PS 3313 – Contemporary Political Theory (Spring 2019).

PS 3351 – Intro to International Studies (Fall 2019, 2020, Summer 2020, 2021).

POSI 2320 – Functions of American Government (Fall 2018–Summer 2021).

POSI 2310 – Principles of American Government (Fall 2019).

Teaching Fellow – Catholic University of America

POL 350 – Latin American Politics (Spring 2016).

Teaching Assistant – Catholic University of America

POL 474 – International Political Economy (Fall 2015).

POL 112 – Introduction to Comparative Politics (Spring 2015).

POL 359 – Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Fall 2014).

RESEARCH**Ph.D. Dissertation Committee**

Bruno Meirelles Garschagen, “Anatomia da Revolução Brasileira: Um Estudo sobre o 15 de Novembro de 1889,” Instituto de Estudos Políticos, Universidade Católica Portuguesa expected graduation 2025, dissertation committee member.

Ph.D. Dissertation Project

Fabício Lobato Alexandrino, “Eric Voegelin e a ‘Segunda Realidade:’ Um estudo sobre a relação entre intelectuais e ideologias,” Department of Philosophy, Universidade Federal Fluminense, expected graduation 2025, dissertation committee member.

OTHER RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021 – 2024.

Visiting Researcher, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, Nov. 2016-Nov. 2018.

Summer Research at Carl Schmitt’s Archives, *Landesarchiv Nordrhein-Westfalen*, Duisburg, Germany, Summer 2017.

Research Assistant: Professor Christopher Darnton, “Frontier Politics: The Subnational Roots of War and State Formation,” CUA, Spring 2016.

Teaching and Event Assistant at “The Mystery of Money”, Summer Seminar at Elm Institute, New Haven, June 2016.

Teaching and Event Assistant at “Search for Order in History”, Summer Seminar at Elm Institute, New Haven, July 2015.

Rare Books Assistant at the Rare Books and Special Collections, CUA, Aug. 2014-Jun. 2016.

Assistant Librarian and Archivist at the Oliveira Lima Library, CUA, Oct. 2012-Jun. 2014.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Associate Editor (*Political Science Reviewer*, 2024–current)

Conference Program Committee (Association for Political Theory, 2024)

Coordinator (Conference: Traditions of Latin American Political Thought, SPSA, New Orleans, LA, January 2024)
Manuscript reviewer (*European Journal of Political Theory*, 2025)
Manuscript reviewer (*Political Science Review*, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024)
Manuscript reviewer (*American Political Science Review*, 2022)
Manuscript reviewer (*Open Theology*, 2022)
Manuscript reviewer (*Brazilian Political Science Review*, 2020, and 2021)
Manuscript reviewer (*The Review of Politics*, 2018)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

College Research Council Member (College of Arts and Science, ASU, Fall 2025 – Current)

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Award Committee Member (SCETL, ASU, Fall 2025 – Current)
Coordinator (Undergraduate Essay Competition, SCETL, ASU, April 2025)
Coordinator (Undergraduate Essay Competition, CSLD, UW-Madison, April 2022-24)
Coordinator (Reading Group in Catholic Political Thought, CLSD, UW-Madison, Fall 2022)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Portuguese (native language)
English (fluent)
Spanish (fluent reading and listening)
German (advanced reading: *Niveaustufe*, B2)
French (advanced reading: *Test de Connaissance du Français*, niveaux B2)
Latin (intermediary reading).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Associação Brasileira de Ciência Política (ABCP)
Association for Political Theory (APT)
National Capital Area Political Science Association (NCAPSA)
Eric Voegelin Society (EVS)

REFERENCES

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