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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, Ph. D. in Political Science, October 29th, 2003
Dissertation: Political History and the Study of Politics: Book I of Thucydides' *History*

Michigan State University, M.A. in Political Science, Received 1997

Boston College, B.A. in Political Science, Received 1995
Honors: *Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-2026 ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, Visiting Professor, SCETL Program

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, USA: 2025-2026
CEL 503 Classic Texts in Philosophy and Justice

2021-Present ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY, Professor, Political Science
2011-2021 ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY, Associate Professor, Political Science
2005-2011 ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, Assistant Professor, Political Science
2003-2005 ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science

Assumption College, Rome Campus, Rome, Italy: Summer 2017, Spring 2019, Summer 2025
ROM 205 Making Rome Great Again. And Again. And Again
ROM 200 Encounters With Rome

Assumption College, Worcester, MA, USA: 2003-2018, 2020-Present
POL 110 The Quest for Justice
POL 199ST Great Constitutions
POL 205 Introduction to Political Philosophy
POL 207 Peace and War
POL 338 Nationalism and Fascism
POL 345 Political Mass Murder
POL 350 Republicanism: Ancient & Modern
POL 351 Classical Political Philosophy: The 'Hulls' of Democracy
POL 351 Classical Political Philosophy: Aristophanes and Athens at War
POL 351 Classical Political Philosophy: Thucydides' *History*

POL 352 Early Modern Political Philosophy
 POL 354 Classic Utopias
 POL 356 Machiavelli: Teacher of Tyrants?
 POL 371 Foreign Policy & Diplomacy
 POL 372 American Foreign Policy
 POL 376 Terrorism and the Modern World
 POL 377 Politics of Just Wars
 POL 381 Shakespeare's Politics: From Roman Republic to Roman Empire
 POL 381 Shakespeare's Politics: Greatness and Goodness in Political Life
 POL 381 Shakespeare's Politics: Birth of the British Nation
 IS: POL 399 Philosopher or Statesman? Xenophon's *Education of Cyrus*
 IS: POL 399 Thucydides' "History"
 IS: POL 399 The Ancient Polis
 IS: POL 399 Plato's *Republic*
 POL 399ST Greek Liberty and The *Polis*
 POL 409 Senior Seminar: The Soul of Democracy
 POL 409 Senior Seminar: Death By Education - How the Academy
 Undermines Citizenship and Destroys the Common Good.
 HON 101 Global Perspectives

2002-2003 QUEENS COLLEGE, Adjunct Lecturer, Political Science

QC286 Theories of Law and Human Rights

QC 281 The Public Service

2002-2003 HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY, Adjunct Lecturer, Political Science

PSC 143 Ideas in Conflict

PSC 100 Introduction to American National Government

1998-2000 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Instructor, Political Science

PLS 170 Introduction to Political Philosophy

PLS 100 Introduction to American National Government

1995-1999 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Teaching Assistant, Political Science

PLS 372 Introduction to Modern Political Philosophy

PLS 371 Introduction to Classical Political Philosophy

PLS 342 International Political Economy

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Mark Twain's Joan of Arc: Political Wisdom, Divine Justice, and the Origins of Modernity. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024). Part of its Recovering Political Philosophy Series.

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

Shakespeare and the Body Politic. Co-Editor with Dustin Gish. (Lanham: Lexington Books Press, 2013).

“The Political Wisdom of William Shakespeare”. Co-editor with Dustin Gish of a special edition of *Perspectives on Political Science* Volume 41. Issue 4. 2012.

Souls With Longing: Representations of Honor and Love in Shakespeare. Co-editor with Dustin Gish. (Lanham: Lexington Books Press, 2011).

Articles

“A Quixotic Joan? Twain and Cervantes on Modern Politics.” *The Mark Twain Annual*. (December 19, 2024) 22: 45-66.

“The *Stripes* of *Coriolanus*: A Democratic Appropriation of Roman Republicanism.” Published in a special issue of *Perspectives on Political Science* in honor of Paul Cantor and David Lowenthal. Vol. 53. No. 3 (Summer 2024) 119-127.

“Gospel of Joan: Statesmanship and Providential Politics in Mark Twain’s *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*.” *The Journal of American Political Thought*. Vol. 9. No. 3 (Summer 2020) 423-452.

“Escape from Plataea: Political and Intellectual Liberation in Thucydides’ History.” *Philosophy and Literature*. Vol. 42. No. 1 (April 2018) 201-216.

“The Enduring Necessity of Periclean Politics.” *POLIS: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*. Vol. 34. No. 1 (2017) 62-93.

“Shakespeare, the Body Politic and Liberal Democracy.” *Perspectives on Political Science* (special edition dedicated to the political wisdom of William Shakespeare). Volume 41. Issue 4. 2012. Co-authored with Dustin Gish.

“Thucydides’ Philosophic Turn to Causes.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. Vol. 37. Issue 2 (Winter 2010) 123-155.

“Athenian Democracy Re-Founded: Xenophon’s Political History in the *Hellenika*.” *POLIS: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* (special edition dedicated to the political thought of Xenophon). Vol. 26. No. 2 (2009) 316-338.

“We Should See Certain Things Yet, Let Us Hope and Believe: Technology, Sex, and Politics in Mark Twain’s *Connecticut Yankee*.” *Review of Politics* 69 (2007) 599-624. Co-authored with B. Kleinerman.

Book Chapters

“The Power of the Particular: Liberal Education and Cosmopolitanism in *Titus Andronicus*.” Forthcoming chapter in a volume dedicated to Shakespeare and published by Mercer University Press.

“Neither Patriot, Nor Saint: The Theological Implications of Twain’s Portrait of Nationalism in *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*”. In *The Artistic Foundations of Nations and Citizens: Art, Literature, and the Political Community*, edited by Ann Ward (Routledge, 2021) 161-173.

"Democracy, Demagogues, and Political Wisdom: Understanding Trump in the Wake of Thucydides’ *History*." In *Trump and Political Philosophy: Leadership, Statesmanship, and Tyranny*, edited by Marc Sable and Angel Jaramillo. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018) 75-92.

“Separation of Powers in the *History*? Thucydides on the Measured Virtue of the ‘Five Thousand’.” In *Power and the People: Thucydides and the American Founding*, edited by Charlotte Thomas. (Mercer University Press, 2019) 131-152.

“A Naturally Disastrous War: Nature, Politics, and Historiography in Thucydides’ *History*.” In *Classical Rationalism and the Politics of Europe*, edited by Ann Ward. (Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2017).

“The Incomplete Whole: The Structural Integrity of Thucydides’ *History*”. In *Socrates and Dionysus: Philosophy and Art in Dialogue*, edited by Ann Ward. (Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, Spring 2013).

“Shakespeare and the Body Politic.” Introductory Chapter to *Shakespeare and the Body Politic* (Lanham: Lexington Books Press, 2013).

“Souls with Longing.” In *Souls with Longing: Representations of Honor and Love in Shakespeare*, ed. by Bernard Dobski and Dustin Gish (Lanham: Lexington Books Press, 2011) 3-18.

“Friendship and Love of Honor: The Education of Henry V.” In *Souls with Longing: Representations of Honor and Love in Shakespeare*, ed. by Bernard Dobski and Dustin Gish (Lanham: Lexington Books Press, 2011) 143-167.

“Thucydides and the Soul of Victory: Olympic Politics in the Peloponnesian War.” In *Socrates: Reason or Unreason as the Foundation of European Identity*, edited by Ann Ward (Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007) 98-111.

Review Essays

“Classical Regimes at War: Spartan Republicanism and Athenian Democracy.”
Review Essay of Paul Rahe’s *The Grand Strategy of Classical Sparta: The Persian Challenge* and Debra Hamel’s *The Battle of Arginusae: Victory at Sea and its Tragic Aftermath in the Final Years of the Peloponnesian War*. Published in *Society*. Vol. 53. No 6. (November/December, 2016) 657-661.

“The Use and Abuse of Political History.” Review Essay of Donald Kagan’s *Thucydides and the Landmark Hellenika*, edited by Robert Strassler and translated by John Marincola. Published in the September/October 2012 *Society*.

Book Reviews

Review of Nicolas McAfee’s *Political Wisdom in Late Shakespeare: A Way Out of the Wreck*. Published in *The Review of Politics*. Vol. 87, Issue 4 (Fall 2025).

Review of Paul Hollander’s *From Benito Mussolini to Hugo Chavez*. Published in *Society*. Vol. 56. No. 2. (March-April 2019), 185-187.

Review of David Lowenthal’s *Shakespeare’s Thought: Unobserved Details and Unsuspected Depths in Thirteen Plays*. Published in *Interpretation*. Vol. 45.1 (Fall 2018).

Review of Walter Newell’s *Tyrants: A History of Power, Injustice, & Terror*. Published in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. Vol. 44.3 (Spring 2018).

Review of Paul Cartledge’s *Democracy: A Life*. Published in *Society*. Vol. 55. No. 6. (November-December 2018), 568-571.

Review of Leon Craig’s *The Philosopher’s English King: Shakespeare’s Second Henriad as Political Philosophy*. Published in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. Vol. 43.2 (Winter 2017) 341-345.

Review of *On Sovereignty and Other Political Delusions* by Joan Cocks and *Freedom Beyond Sovereignty: Reconstructing Liberal Individualism* by Sharon Krause. Published in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. Vol. 42.3 (Spring 2016).

Review of Barry Strauss’s *The Death of Caesar: The Story of History’s Most Famous Assassination*. Published in *Society*. Vol. 53. No. 4. (July-August 2016), 460-462.

Review of Robert Howse’s *Leo Strauss Man of Peace*. Published in *Society*. Vol. 53 No. 2 (March 2016), 226-229.

Review of Larry May’s *War Crimes and Just War*. Published in *The Review of Metaphysics: a philosophical quarterly*. Vol. 63, No. 4 (June 2010), 931-933.

Review of Marc Plattner’s *Democracy Without Borders? Global Challenges to Liberal Democracy*. Published in *Society*. Vol. 47 (March 2010), 164-166.

Review of Robert Faulkner’s *The Case for Greatness: Honorable Ambition and Its Critics*. Published in the May/June 2009 *Society* (Vol. 46 No. 3).

Review of *Ethical Realism* by Anatol Lieven and John Hulsman. Published in the September/October 2007 *Society* (Vol. 44 No. 6).

Review of Victor Davis Hanson's *A War Like No Other: How the Athenians and Spartans Fought the Peloponnesian War*. Published in the July/August 2006 *Society* (Vol. 43 No. 5).

Online Publications

Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc (1896). Entry on Mark Twain's last complete novel for The Center for Mark Twain Studies. June 2025

<https://marktwainstudies.com/personal-recollections-of-joan-of-arc/>

"Can Demagoguery Be Good Sometimes? A Republican Defense of Trump", *The Constitutionalist*, 08/01/2022

<https://theconstitutionalist.org/2022/08/01/can-demagoguery-be-good-sometimes-a-republican-defense-of-trump/>

"Freedom, Barbarism, and Triremes," *Law & Liberty*, 9/29/2020

<https://lawliberty.org/freedom-barbarism-and-triremes/>

"The Monuments of Our Republic," *The American Mind*, 8/14/2020

<https://americanmind.org/post/the-monuments-of-our-republic/>

"America, the *Republican Nation*: A Response to Critics of the Nation-State," *Heritage Foundation*, 6/05/2020

<http://report.heritage.org/fp79>

"America Is a Republic, Not a Democracy," *Heritage Foundation*, 6/19/2020

<http://report.heritage.org/fp80>

"Thrasymachus Online," *Law & Liberty*, 12/03/2019

<https://lawliberty.org/thrasymachus-online/>

Works in Progress

Mark Twain, Midwife of Modernity: Technology, Freedom, and Natural Right. Book-length study of five of Twain's novels: *The Prince & The Pauper*, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*, *Pudd'nhead Wilson*, *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*, and *No. 44, The Mysterious Stranger*. My study shows how America's foremost man of letters illustrates the promise and perils of the modern "rights based" response to the problem of natural right.

Solicited essay on Mark Twain's *Pudd'nhead Wilson* for a special issue of *Literature*.

Solicited chapter on the career of David Lowenthal for a collection of essays on the students of Leo Strauss (submitted).

Solicited review essay on Ron Chernow's forthcoming biography on Mark Twain for *Public Discourse* (due Fall '25).

"To Generate and Destroy: The Power of Women in Thucydides." This article-length study of women in the History sheds new light on the metaphysical significance of 'the female' to classical political thought.

"What Thucydides Can Teach Us About China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan." Article on Thucydides' relevance to contemporary foreign policy challenges.

Awards, Grants, & Invited Lectures

Visiting Professor. School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership (SCETL), Arizona State University, 2025-2026

Invited Lecturer. "The Trouble Begins at Eight" series by the Center for Mark Twain Studies. Elmira, NY, May 28th, 2025. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7nEItgKOToY>

Invited Discussant. "Cultural Debris" Podcast with Alan Cornett to discuss my book on Mark Twain's Joan of Arc. Recorded April 2025; release date set for June 2025.

Invited Discussant. "The New Thinkery" on Mark Twain, Joan of Arc, and my book on them both. April 30th, 2025.
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1u8JDgFsqRxmjqtiNRCyAz?si=fZKZ3gG8TZ-tDJ27mqjYbg&nd=1&dlsi=c25bc5b6c89d4cee>

Invited Discussant. "The New Book Network" with Lilly Goren on my book, *Mark Twain's Joan of Arc: Political Wisdom, Divine Justice, and Origins of Modernity*. January 13th, 2025. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/mark-twains-joan-of-arc>

Invited Discussant. "The Constitutionalist" on my book, *Mark Twain's Joan of Arc: Political Wisdom, Divine Justice, and Origins of Modernity*. October 5th, 2024.
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/36-mark-twains-joan-of-arc-with-bernard-j-dobski/id1710322491?i=1000671855325>

Invited Lecturer. "An American Political Philosopher: Mark Twain's *Connecticut Yankee* in Context." Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 9th, 2023.

Invited Lecturer. "Mark Twain's *Connecticut Yankee*: The Book that Wasn't Banned (But Probably Should Have Been)" Banned Book Series at Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA, October 5th, 2023.

Invited Discussant. “The New Thinkery” on “The *Stripes* of *Coriolanus*: How A Democratic Comedy Appropriates Shakespeare’s Republican Tragedy.” October, 2023.
<https://podcasts.apple.com/it/podcast/stripes-coriolanus-with-b-j-dobski/id1524739522?i=1000632555936>

Quarry Farms Fellowship, Residential Fellow for Center for Mark Twain Studies, 2023

Invited Lecturer. “Twain’s Machiavellian Princess: *Personal Recollections* and Political Philosophy.” Park Church Summer Lecture Series, Elmira, NY. July 26th, 2023.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt6wouzQVXY>

Invited Discussant. “The New Thinkery” on Plutarch’s “Life of Themistocles”, January 4th, 2023.
<https://thenewthinkery.libsyn.com/interview-dr-bernard-j-dobski-on-plutarchs-life-of-themistocles>

Invited Discussant. “The New Thinkery” on Thucydides’ “Archaeology”, September 21st, 2022
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/interview-bj-dobski-on-thucydides-archaeology/id1524739522?i=1000580167065>

Invited Participant. Lincoln Symposium, Jack Miller Center. Portland, OR, October 22-24, 2021.

Invited Speaker. “Thucydides on Hong Kong and China: A Critical Response to Graham Allison’s *Thucydides Trap*.” Christopher Newport University. September 30, 2021.

Visiting Scholar. *The Heritage Foundation*, 2019-2020.

Invited Speaker. “What Thucydides Can Teach Us about Hong Kong and China: A Critical Response to Graham Allison’s *Thucydides Trap*.” Institute of World Politics, Washington, DC, November 16, 2019.

Invited Speaker. “Aristophanes and Athenian Democracy” (October 31, 2019) and “Mark Twain and American Democracy” (November 1, 2019) as part of “Comedy & Democratic Culture” sponsored by The Honors College, University of Houston.

Invited Speaker. “On Catholic Liberal Education.” Lead faculty seminar for instructors in the Honors College, University of Houston, November 1, 2019.

Invited Speaker. “Thucydides, Trump, and Cleon: the Place of Populism in a Constitutional Order,” for Constitution Day at James Madison College of Michigan State University, September 17, 2019.

Invited Speaker. “Thucydides’ Trump: Cleon and the Virtues of Democratic Demagoguery.” Christopher Newport University, October 5th, 2018.

Invited Speaker. "Statesmanship and War in Thucydides." Christopher Newport University, October 3-5, 2017.

The Michael O'Shea Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, Assumption College, 2015

Intercollegiate Studies Institute, "What So Proudly We Hail: American Civic Education Through Literature" November 10-12, 2015, Providence, RI

Intercollegiate Studies Institute, "What So Proudly We Hail: American Civic Education Through Literature" November 21-23, 2013, Providence, RI

Liberty Fund Conference, "Wealth, Liberty and Morality", Huntington Beach, CA, October 24-26, 2013

Grant, Charles G. Koch Foundation, 2012

"Natural Right in Thucydides' *History*." Guest lecturer at James Madison College of Michigan State University, Thursday, September 16th, 2010.

Shakespeare and Politics Scholar for "Shakespeare & the Law: *Henry V*" sponsored by the Boston chapter of the Federalist Society. June 15th, 2010.

Conference Co-Organizer, *Love and Honor in Shakespeare*, Assumption College, Oct. 2009

Faculty Development Grant, Assumption College, 2007, 2009, 2012

Jack Miller Constitution Day Initiative Grants, 2011-2015, 2017

Academic Fellow, *Foundation for the Defense of Democracy*, 2007-08

Earhart Grant, 2005

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2024

"The Power of the Particular: Liberal Education and Cosmopolitanism in Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus*." Mercer University's A.V. Elliott Conference on Great Books and Ideas (on Shakespeare). Macon, GA, April 15th-16th.

"After the Flood: 'Place' in Machiavelli's *Discourses on Livy*." Association for Core Texts Conference. Memphis, TN, April 11-13th.

2023

“*Pudd’nhead Wilson* and the New Foundation of American Freedom?” Paper presented for the panel Conceiving Liberty and Equality in Antebellum America at the ALSCW. Houston, TX. October 14th.

“The *Stripes* of Coriolanus.” Paper delivered for Interpreting Shakespeare as a Political Thinker: The Achievements of David Lowenthal and Paul Cantor. New England Political Science Association. Mystic, CT. April 21st.

2022

Roundtable Participant for “Precedent for the Unprecedented Mini-Conference: Teaching Classical Political Thought to (Post-)Modern Students.” American Political Science Association. Montreal, CA. September 15th.

“The *Stripes* of Coriolanus.” Paper delivered for Interpreting Shakespeare as a Political Thinker: The Achievements of David Lowenthal and Paul Cantor. Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA. November 11th.

Discussant for the panel “Xenophon.” Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA. November 10th.

2019

“Neither Patriot, Nor Saint: Theological Implications of Twain’s Defense of Nationalism in *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*”. Annual Meeting of Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers, October 3rd-6th

“Neither Patriot, Nor Saint: A Study of Book III of Mark Twain’s *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc*.” Paper Delivered at ISSEI Conference “From Polis to Nation to Global Community and Back Again,” in Zaragoza, Spain, July 5th.

Discussant for the panel “The Politics of Wit II”. American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 29-September 1st

2017

“Shakespeare on the Causes and Conditions of Modernity: *3 Henry VI*.” Blackfriar’s Conference, American Shakespeare Center, Staunton, VA, October 26th

Participant. Roundtable on the volume *Trump and Political Philosophy*, Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 10th

“Religion in Thucydides’ *History*: The Curious Case of Demosthenes.” Paper delivered at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 11th

“The Measuredness of Thucydides.” Mercer University’s A.V. Elliott Conference on Great Books and Ideas (on Thucydides), March 27-28.

2016

“*Personal Recollections on the Divine Right of Kings: Mark Twain and the Theological-Political Problem.*” Paper delivered at Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 14th.

Discussant for panel on Classical Political Philosophy. Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 14th

2015

“Shakespeare’s Critique of Divine Right Monarchy: *1 Henry VI*,” Blackfriar’s Conference, American Shakespeare Center, Staunton, VA, October 26th

Discussant for the panel “Politics, Love, and Education in Xenophon’s Political Thought” Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 14th

2014

“Escape from Plataea: The Image of the Cave in Thucydides and Plato”. Paper delivered at the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5-6th.

2013

Participant in a Roundtable on the book *Shakespeare’s Political Wisdom* by Timothy Burns, Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 14th-15th.

“Wealth, Liberty and Morality” Participant at Liberty Fund Conference, Hermosa Beach, CA, October 24-26th.

“Generation and Destruction: Women in Thucydides’ History”. Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science association, Chicago, IL, April 11th-14th.

“America’s Greatness: The Cultural Foundations of Freedom and Prosperity”. Participant in a conference sponsored by the Bradley Foundation and the Jack Miller Center, Boston, MA, April 4-6th.

2012

“The Incomplete Whole: The Structural Integrity of Thucydides’ *History*”. Paper delivered at the ISSEI Conference, “Socrates and Dionysus: Philosophy and Art in Dialogue”, in Nicosia, Cyprus, July 1-5th.

Discussant for a panel on “Justice, Tyranny and Political Philosophy in Shakespeare”. Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14th.

2011

“A Naturally Disastrous War: The Question of Nature in Thucydides’ *History*.” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Conference Chicago, IL, March 31st-April 3rd.

Organizer and discussant for panel entitled “Immortal Longings and Political Passions: Political Wisdom in the Plays of William Shakespeare.” Midwest Political Science Conference Chicago, IL, March 31st-April 3rd.

“Demosthenes and Nature in Thucydides’ Political History.” Paper delivered at the New England Political Science Conference Hartford, CT, April 28th- April 30th.

2010

Chair for panel entitled “Thucydides and Democratic Politics” at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 13th.

“Natural Right in Thucydides’ *History*.” Guest lecturer at James Madison College of Michigan State University, Thursday, September 16th.

“Periclean Athens and Thucydidean Moderation: *Metrios* and *Sophrosune* in the History.” Paper presented at the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2nd - September 5th.

Shakespeare and Politics Scholar for “Shakespeare & the Law: *Henry V*” sponsored by the Boston chapter of the Federalist Society. June 15th.

2009

“Friendship and Love of Honor: The Political Education of Henry of Monmouth.” Paper delivered at the Conference *Love & Honor in Shakespeare*, Assumption College, October 15-17th.

Discussant on a Roundtable for *The Civic Conversations of Thucydides and Plato* by Gerald Mara at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 19th-21st.

Discussant on the Panel “Theory: Democratic Decision-making” at the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 8th -9th.

“Machiavellian Prince or Christian King: The Political Education of Henry of Monmouth.” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois in April 2009th.

2007

“Socrates, Xenophon and Thucydides.” Paper presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-17th.

“Thucydides and the Historical Origins of Political Philosophy.” Paper presented at the 18th International Symposium of Philosophy in Pyrgos, Greece. July.

Interview with Hank Stolz of WCRN *True Talk* 830AM regarding Israel’s response to terrorism and what we can learn from Israel’s experience. Summer.

Participant. "Defending Democracy, Defeating Terrorism" Fifth Annual Academic Fellowship at Tel Aviv University from May 26th to June 6th.

"Socratic Political History: Xenophon's Response to Thucydides." Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois in April, 11-12th.

Discussant for "Knowledge and Ignorance" at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois April 11-12th.

"A Xenophonic Response to Thucydides." at the New England Political Science Association, Newton, Massachusetts in April.

2006

"Leo Strauss, Athens and America: Political History and Thucydides." Paper delivered for the conference "New Perspectives on Leo Strauss from America and Europe" at the New School for Social Research, New York, NY, November 17-19th.

Discussant for the panels "Rhetoric in Action" and "Athens, Persia and Rome" at the Northeastern Political Science Association in Boston, MA, November 10-12th.

Participant. Miller Summer Institute for "The Teaching of America's Founding Principles" at the University of Colorado, July 31st to August 12th.

"Thucydides and the Soul of Victory: the Olympic Character of Politics and War." Paper delivered at the ISSEI Conference "Socrates: Reason or Unreason as the Foundation of European Identity?" in Malta, July 24-30th.

2005

Participant. Earhart Conference. Charleston, SC, November.

"A Connecticut Yankee: Mark Twain's Treatment of the Inescapability of our Theological Hopes." Paper delivered at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C., September 1st-3rd.

Discussant for "Modern Problems and Ancient Solutions," a panel covering Plato, Aristotle and Homer at the New England Science Association, Portland, ME April 29-30th.

"Leo Strauss, Thucydides and the Conduct of American Foreign Policy." Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-11th.

Discussant for the panel on "Education in Plato's Republic" at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 7-11th.

2004

Commentator for papers on Thucydides' Melian Dialogue at the Illinois Political Science Association, Schaumburg, IL, November 5th-7th.

- Panel Co-Organizer, *Ambition, Humility and Democracy*, Association for Political Theory Conference in Colorado Springs, CO, October 29-31st.
- “The Periclean Solution to Democratic Ambition.” Paper delivered at the Association for Political Theory Conference in Colorado Springs, CO, October 29-31st.
- “The Liberalism of Mark Twain: A Reconsideration of A Connecticut Yankee in Light of Contemporary Debates.” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 14-15th.
- “Political Rhetoric, Political Leadership and Political History: The Case for a Digression in Thucydides *History*.” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 14-15th.
- 2003
- “Politics and Rhetoric.” Commented on papers on rhetoric in Thucydides and the Bible at the Illinois Political Science Association, Elgin, IL, October.
- “Marx Goes to Hollywood.” Chaired a panel on Marx’s influence on American Cinema at the New York State Political Science Association, Staten Island, NY, April 11-12th.
- 2002
- “From Thucydides to Xenophon: The Classical Conception of Political History.” Paper delivered at the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 3rd – 4th.
- “The American Executive: Aristotle, Hamilton and Madison.” Co-authored paper, delivered at the New York State Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls, NY, April 19-20th.
- 2001
- “The Problem of Political History: Thucydides’ Relevance to Rawls and Habermas.” Paper delivered at the Southern Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, November 7-10th.
- “Speech and Deed in Thucydides’ *History*: Implications for Deliberative Democracy,” paper delivered at the New England Political Science Association, Portsmouth, NH, May 4-5th.
- 2000
- Participant, “Liberty and Responsibility in Higher Education,” conference sponsored by the Liberty Fund in Aspen, CO, July 12-16th.
- Participant, “Liberal Democracy and Religion” Institute for Political Studies, Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon, Portugal, June 21st – 24th.
- 1999
- Participant, “Is America in Moral Decline?” Michigan State University, Spring.
- 1997
- Participant, “Public Intellectuals” Michigan State University, Spring.

Service

Director, Rome Campus, Summer 2025
ASPIRE Alumni Seminar, Spring 2025
College of Liberal Arts & Science Mission Committee, 2023-24
Lead Discussant on Frederick Douglass's *Narrative* for CTEQ Alumni, 2023
University Mission Committee, 2021-22
President's Committee on Race and Ethnic Diversity, Fall 2020
Representative Faculty Senate, 2019, 2020-23
Co-Organizer, Articulation Agreement with Institute of World Politics, 2019
Faculty Member, Rome Campus, Summer 2017, Spring 2019
Department Chair, 2011-2018
Evaluation Committee (for Tenure and Promotion), 2013-2018
Fulbright Committee, 2011-2018
Co-Lead Student Trips Through Ruins of Ancient Greece, Spring Break, 2016, 2019
Organizer for Annual Constitution Day Events, 2011-2018
Director of Honors Theses, 2009-Present (M. Jose, '10; C. Delaney, '10; B. Murphy, '12; J. DellaFerra, '16; S. Eghian, '18; T. Haller, '20; D. Disho, '23)
Pi Sigma Alpha, Assumption Chapter Coordinator, 2016-2018
Academic Advisor, 2005-Present
Director of Pre-Law Program, 2011-2017
Curriculum Committee, 2009-2011
Search Committee Chair for Political Science, 2010 and 2011
Academic Assessment Committee, 2009-2011
Vice President, Representative Faculty Senate, 2008-09
Secretary, Representative Faculty Senate, 2007-08
NEASC Steering Committee, Standard 4, 2009-2011
Augustine Scholars Awards Committee, 2009
Faith & Culture Dialogue Committee, 2009-2010
Search Committee. Director of Library Services, 2009
Search Committee. Director of Fortin-Gonthier Foundations of Western Civilization
Strategic Plan: Student Life Task Force, Summer 2008
Standing Committee on General Education, 2005-2007

Professional Service:

Reviewer for *Perspectives on Political Science*
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