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EDUCATION

Ph.D., with distinction, Political Science, Boston College, 1979-85
M.A., Classical Greek, Boston College, 1983-91
M.Div., with distinction, Weston School of Theology, 1973-76
A.B., Magna cum laude, Assumption College, 1968-72
Major: English Literature

Languages:

Reading ability: French, German, Classical Greek

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships:

NEH-based Humanities Development Grant, Furman, Summer-Fall, 2012 (most recent)
Phi Beta Kappa Society, awarded April 2008
Summer Fellowship Research Grant, Earhart Foundation, 2004 (most recent)
Visiting Scholar in Residence, Liberty Fund Inc., August 2002-August 2003
Mellon Grant for integrating technology into the classroom, 1996, 1997
Research and Professional Growth Grant, Furman University, 2001 (most recent)
Bradley Fellow, Institute for Politics and Religion, Boston College, 1991
Weaver Fellowship, Boston College, 1982-83
Doctoral Fellowship, Boston College, 1979-82
Pi Sigma Alpha: National Political Science Honor Society

TEACHING

Full Professor, Furman University, 2002-present
Associate Professor, Furman University, 1995-2002
Assistant Professor, Furman University, 1992-95
Assistant Professor, Assumption College, 1985-92
Instructor, Assumption College, January 1984-85
Lecturer, Boston College, 1981-82

Furman University Meritorious Teaching Award, 2002
Award for Teaching Excellence, Association of Furman Students, 1992-93
Listed, *Who's Who Among American Teachers*

SCHOLARSHIP

Books:

Aristotle and Modern Politics: The Persistence of Political Philosophy, edited volume, Notre Dame University Press, 2002

Reading Aristotle's Ethics: Virtue, Rhetoric, and Political Philosophy, State University of New York Press, July 1996

Publications:

"Tocqueville's American Thesis and the New Science of Politics," in *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, forthcoming Fall 2014

"Tocqueville on Enlightenment Philosophy and Biblical Religion in American Democracy," in *Resistance to Tyrants, Obedience to God: Religion and Reason at the American Founding*, edited by Dustin Gish and Daniel Klinghard, Lexington Press, 2013

"Aristotle and Tocqueville on Statesmanship," in *Alexis de Tocqueville and the Art of Democratic Statesmanship* edited by Brian Danoff and Joseph Hebert, Rowman & Littlefield, 2010

"Socrates or Nietzsche: Reflections on European Identity," in *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity* edited by Henry Frendo, University of Malta Press, 2010

"The Competition Paradigm and Modern Politics," in *Competition in Theory and Practice: A Multidisciplinary Analysis* edited by Worthen, Henderson, Rasmussen and Benson, Sense Publications, 2009: 97-109

"Political Theology and the Theological-Political Problem," *Perspectives in Political Science*, Vol. 38, No.1 (Winter 2009): 5-12

"Socrates, Nietzsche and European Identity," (expanded version of paper given at the biennial conference of the ISSEI) in *Reason or Unreason as the Foundation of European Identity* edited by Ann Ward, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2007

"Tocqueville and Gobineau on the Nature of Modern Politics," *Review of Politics*, Vol. 67:4 (Fall 2005)

"Tocqueville on the Incommensurability of America's Founding Principles," in *Democracy and its Friendly Critics: Tocqueville and American Political Life Today* edited by Peter Augustine Lawler, Lexington Books, 2004

"The Political Philosophy of Thomas Jefferson," in *The History of American Political Thought*, edited by Bryan-Paul Frost and Jeffrey Sikkenga, Lexington Books, 2003

"Justice, Politics, and Piety in Sophocles' *Philoctetes*," *Review of Politics*, Vol. 65:1, Winter 2003

"Tocqueville on the Natural State of Religion in the Age of Democracy," *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 64, No. 4, November 2002

"Aristotle and MacIntyre on the Foundation of Virtue," in *Aristotle and Modern Politics: The Persistence of Political Philosophy*, Notre Dame University Press, 2002

"Socrates in Aristotle's *Philosophy of Human Affairs*," in *Action and Contemplation: Studies in the Moral and Political Thought of Aristotle*, edited by Robert Bartlett and Susan Collins, SUNY Press, 1999

"Courage and Comedy in Plato's *Laches*," *Journal of Politics*, February 1994

"Aristotle's Ambiguous Account of the Best Life," *Polity*, Winter 1992

- "Euripides' *Medea* and the Problem of Spiritedness," *Review of Politics*, Fall 1991
- "Making the City Safe for Philosophy: *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book X," *American Political Science Review*, December 1990
- "Plato's *Lysis*: An Introduction to Philosophic Friendship," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* Spring 1990
- "A Political Reading of Aristotle's Treatment of Pleasure in the *Nicomachean Ethics*," *Political Theory*, May 1989
- "Aristotle's Political Presentation of Socrates in the *Nicomachean Ethics*," *Interpretation*, Fall 1988

Book Reviews:

- James T. Schleifer, *The Chicago Companion to Tocqueville's Democracy in America* (University of Chicago Press 2012), in *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, forthcoming
- Lucien Jaume, *The Aristocratic Sources of Liberty*, trans. by Arthur Goldhammer (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2013) in *Review of Politics*, forthcoming
- Kevin Cherry, *Plato, Aristotle, and the Purpose of Politics* (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012) in *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2013, Vol. 11, Number 3, APSA
- Review essay of Robert Faulkner, *The Case for Greatness: Honorable Ambition and its Critics* (New Haven and London: Yale 2007) in *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*, Vol. 26, No. 2 (Fall 2009)
- Lenn E. Goodman and Robert B. Talisse, ed., *Aristotle's Politics Today* in *Polis* Vol. 25, No.1 (Spring 2008): 163-167
- Christopher Wolfe, *Natural Law Liberalism* in *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (September 2007): 622-623
- Josiah Ober, *Athenian Legacies: Essays on the Politics of Going On Together* in *Journal of Political Science*, 34 (2006): 164-167
- T. W. Smith's *Revaluing Ethics: Aristotle's Dialectical Pedagogy* in *The Classical Review*, Vol. 54, No. 2, 2004
- Sheldon Wolin's *Tocqueville Between Two Worlds: The Making of a Political and Theoretical Life* in the *Journal of Politics*, Vol. 64, No. 4, November 2002
- John Wallach's *The Platonic Political Art* in the *American Political Science Review*, September 2002
- Charles Segal's *Sophocles' Tragic World: Divinity, Nature, Society* in *The Review of Politics*, Fall 1997
- Fred Miller's *Nature, Justice, and Rights in Aristotle's Politics* in *The Journal of Politics*, November 1996
- "Aristotle on the Serious Life," a review of Francis Sparshott's, *Taking Life Seriously: A Study of the Argument of Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics* in *Review of Politics*, Winter 1996
- "Aristotle and Modern Liberalism," a review essay of Mary Nichols, *Statesmen and Citizens: A Study of Aristotle's Politics*; Stephen Salkever, *Finding the Mean: Theory and Practice in Aristotelian Political Philosophy*; Judith Swanson, *The Public and the Private in Aristotle's Political Philosophy* in *Polity*, Summer 1993
- "Plato as Teacher," a review of James A. Arieti's *Interpreting Plato: The Dialogues as*

Drama, in Review of Politics Winter 1993
Richard Kraut's *Aristotle on the Human Good*, in *Interpretation*, Spring 1992

Public Lectures and Conferences:

- Invited Seminar Participant, "Liberty and Responsibility in the *Essays* on Montaigne," directed by Professor Charlotte Thomas of Mercer University, Charleston SC, January 9-12, 2014
- Respondent for two panels, "The Practice of Moral Virtue in Aristotle," and "Divine Law in Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 14-17, 2013
- Invited Lecture, "Tocqueville on America's Theological Foundation," University of Virginia, Charlottesville VA, November 10-11, 2013
- Invited Participant, "Finance, Democracy and Empire in Classical Athens," directed by Thomas Martin of the College of the Holy Cross, at Tucson AZ, September 12-15, 2013
- Respondent, "Justice in the Perspective of Classical Political Thought," Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, November 15-17, 2012
- Seminar Participant, "Political Philosophy, Political Economy and Liberty in the Thought of Tocqueville," directed by Simon Green, of All Souls, Oxford University at Seattle, WA, July 16-22, 2012
- "Tocqueville on Reason and Religion in the American Founding," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 13-15, 2012
- Seminar Director, "Tocqueville and J. S. Mill on Liberty in a Democratic Age," Savannah GA, November 10-13, 2011
- Invited Lecture, "Tocqueville's American Thesis and the New Science of Politics," for a conference on "The Tocqueville Thesis Revisited" hosted by Michael Zuckert, University of Notre Dame, September 29-30, 2011
- Invited Participant, Conference on "Liberal Democracy and Liberal Education," sponsored by the Bradley Foundation, Chicago, April 14-16, 2011
- Respondent, "Justice without Foundations: Moral Sensitivity in an Age of Darwinism and Relativism," sponsored by the *Arete Initiative* at the University of Chicago, Berry GA, April 8-9, 2011
- Invited Presentation, "Tocqueville on the Enduring Need for a Politics of the Human Soul, Center for the Teaching of America's Western Foundations, Mercer University, April 6-7, 2011
- Invited Lecture, "Aristotle and Tocqueville on the Politics of the Human Soul," Assumption College, Worcester MA, November 16, 2010
- Invited Lecture, "Tocqueville on America's Uncertain Future," College of the Holy Cross, Worcester MA, November 15, 2010
- "The Enduring Significance of Alexis de Tocqueville," American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 15, 2010
- Seminar Participant, "Locke and Sidney on Liberty and Free Government," directed by Horst Mewes of University of Colorado at Boulder, Portland ME, July 15-18, 2010
- Seminar Participant, "The Family and Republican Liberty in Early America," directed by Daniel Ritchie of Bethel University, Louisville KY, May 6-9, 2010
- "Socrates on Science and Political Philosophy," invited presentation, conference on "The Ancient Republic and the Birth of Political Philosophy," Mercer University, March 24-

25, 2010

- Invited Lecture, "Individualism or Greatness: Tocqueville on America's Uncertain Future," All-College Honors Program, Canisius University, Buffalo NY, February 9, 2010
- "The Political Science of Aristotle and Alexis de Tocqueville," Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 19-20, 2009
- "*Greek Tragedy and Political Philosophy* by Peter Ahrensdorf," Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 19-20, 2009
- Roundtable Participant, "Religion and Liberty," Marriott North, Indianapolis IN, October 21-22, 2009
- Roundtable Participant, "Political Philosophy," The Conrad, Indianapolis IN, May 26-27, 2009
- "The Socratic Turn in Plato's *Phaedo*," Annual conference for Association for Core Texts and Courses, Memphis, April 16-19, 2009
- Seminar Discussion Leader, "Three Rival Views of the University," directed by Tim Fuller of Colorado College, Indianapolis, IN, January 15-18, 2009
- "Considering the Case for Greatness," Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, November 13-15, 2008
- Seminar Discussion Leader, "Liberty and Majority in Tocqueville and Ortega y Gasset," directed by Alan S. Kahan of Florida International University, Indianapolis IN, August 28-31, 2008
- Seminar Director, "J.S. Mill and Tocqueville on Liberty and Religion in a Democratic Age, Essex Junction VT, June 26-29, 2008
- Seminar Participant, "Ancient Greek Sophists," directed by Tom Martin of the College of the Holy Cross, Pasadena CA, April 17-20, 2008
- Seminar Director, "Thomas Jefferson and the Meaning of Liberty," Charleston SC, January 27-29, 2008
- "On Confronting Aristotle's Ethics," Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 15-17, 2007
- Seminar Discussion Leader, "Freedom in the Thought of Hannah Arendt," directed by Horst Mewes of the University of Colorado at Boulder, San Diego, November 8-11, 2007
- Seminar Participant, "Freedom and Individualism in Benjamin Constant," directed by Dennis O'Keefe of the University of Buckingham (UK), Montreal Canada+, September 20-23, 2007
- Seminar Discussion Leader, "Individual Freedom and the Influence of Public Opinion," directed by Horst Mewes of the University of Colorado at Boulder, Vancouver BC, August 16-19, 2007
- Invited lecturer for an NEH Institute on "The Continuing Significance of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," Bethel University, St Paul MN, June 24-26, 2007
- Seminar Discussion Leader, "Aristotle and Jane Austen," directed by Lorrie Clark of Trent University, Montreal, May 31-June 3, 2007
- Seminar Participant, "The Role of Religion in a Free Society," directed by Sanford Kessler of North Carolina State University, Cambridge MA, March 15-18, 2007
- "The Lilly Program and Curricular Reform at Furman University," Lilly PTEV Conference, Indianapolis, February 8-10, 2007
- Chair and Discussant, "International Relations and Moral Principle," American Political

Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-3, 2006

Discussant, "The Problem of Evil," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-3, 2006

Invited Participant for Conference on "Biblical History and Liberty," directed by Stephen Grosby of Clemson University, Flat Rock NC, August 3-6, 2006

"Socrates or Nietzsche: Reflections on European Identity," 10th biennial conference of the International Society for the Study of European Identity (ISSEI), Msida, Malta, July 24-29, 2006

Invited Participant for Conference on "Teaching America's Founding Principles," cosponsored by NEH, Rhodes College, December 1-3, 2005

Seminar Participant, "Stoicism," directed by Timothy Fuller of Colorado College, San Francisco, November 3-6, 2005

Seminar Director for "Liberty in International Politics," Montreal Quebec, September 29-October 2, 2005

Seminar Participant, "The Faust Theme," directed by Horst Mewes of the University of Colorado at Boulder, Vancouver BC, August 11-14, 2005

Three Invited Lectures on Alexis de Tocqueville, given to the Honors College at the University of Houston, March 2005

Seminar Discussion Leader, "Emerson," directed by Eduardo Velasquez of Washington and Lee University, Miami FL, December 9-12, 2004

Seminar Director for "International Politics: Classic and Contemporary Views," Clearwater FL, November 10-14, 2004

"Tocqueville and Gobineau: Debating the Secularization Thesis," Association for Political Theory, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, October 29-31, 2004

Discussant for panel on "Ancient Reflections," Association for Political Theory, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, October 29-31, 2004

"Debating the Ethical Ground of Modern Politics," Furman University Faculty Seminar, October 7, 2004

Seminar Participant, "Thomas Paine," directed by Lance Banning, University of Kentucky, Lexington, September 16-19, 2004

"Tocqueville and Gobineau on the Nature of Modern Politics," American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1-5, 2004

Seminar Director, "Thomas Jefferson and the Meaning of Liberty," Charlottesville VA, June 16-20, 2004

Invited Lecture, "Thomas Jefferson's Enduring Legacy: How He Still Shapes the Way We Think," North Carolina State University, April 21, 2004

Seminar Participant, "Beginnings: Plato, Genesis, and Rousseau," directed by Eduardo Velasquez of Washington and Lee University, New Orleans, March 25-28, 2004

Discussion leader, "Dostoyevski's *Crime and Punishment*," Charleston SC, November 6-9, 2003

"On the Genre of Tocqueville's Writing," American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 28-31, 2003

Conference director, "Tocqueville on Liberty, Religion and Politics," Columbia Falls MT, July 3-6, 2003

Seminar participant, "Universal Rights and Conflicts of Cultures," directed by Timothy Fuller of Colorado College, Denver, June 12-15, 2003

Seminar participant, "Imagining the Possibilities of Liberty with the Discovery of the New World," directed by John Scott, University of California at Davis, Portland OR, May 29- June 1.

Seminar participant, "Philosophy, Religion and Liberty," directed by Michael Gillespie of Duke University, Chicago, April 24-27, 2003

Invited lecture at the University of Indiana at Bloomington entitled "Tocqueville and Gobineau on Philosophy and Religion in Modern Politics," April 11, 2003

Seminar participant, "The Thought of William James," directed by John Lachs of Vanderbilt University, San Francisco, April 3-5, 2003

Invited lecture at the University of Notre Dame entitled "Tocqueville and Gobineau on the Nature of Modern Politics," March 20, 2003.

Seminar participant, "Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism," organized by Aurelian Craiutu of University of Indiana at Bloomington, Old Town Alexandria, March 13-16, 2003

Seminar director, "The Matrix: Launching Religious and Philosophic Conceptions of Human Liberty," Indianapolis, February 12, 2003

Seminar participant, "Constitutionalism and Economic Development," organized by Leonard Liggio, President of Atlas Economic Research Foundation, San Antonio TX, January 16-19, 2003

Seminar participant, "Hobbes and Contemporary Political Theory," organized by Timothy Fuller of Colorado College, San Francisco, November 21-24, 2002

Seminar participant, "Tocqueville and Guizot," organized by Aurelian Craiutu of University of Indiana at Bloomington, Sante Fe NM, October 17-20, 2002

Discussant for panel, "Is Religion a Public Good?" American Political Science Association, Boston, August 28-September 1, 2002

Seminar participant, "Liberty, Commerce and Virtue," organized by Eduardo Velasquez of Washington and Lee University, Victoria BC, July 11-14, 2002

Seminar participant, "Shakespeare and Political Leadership," organized by David Womersley of Oxford University, Malmesbury England, April 10-14, 2002

Conference Director, "Socrates on Law and Piety," Charleston SC, January 17-20, 2002

Seminar participant, "Freedom and Representative Government in Early Liberalism," organized by Horst Mewes of University of Colorado, November 8-11, 2001

"Tocqueville on the Incommensurability of America's Founding Principles," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001

Conference Director, "Locke on Religious and Political Liberty," Big Sky MT, August 9-12, 2001

Discussion leader (with two others) for advanced graduate student conference on "The Age of Revolution," Park City UT, June 25-July 1, 2001

"Tocqueville and the 2000 Election," invited speaker for Berry Conference on Politics, Religion, Culture, and Community, Berry College, GA, March 15, 2000

Seminar participant, "The Liberal Family, Patriarchy, Liberty and Virtue," organized by Eduardo Velasquez of Washington and Lee, Richmond VA, February 15-18, 2001

Discussant for "Politics in Plato's Dialogues," Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton NY, October 27-29, 2000

Seminar participant, "Jefferson, Madison, and the Constitution of a Liberal Republic," organized by Lance Banning of University of Kentucky, September 14-

17, 2000

Discussion leader (with two others) for advanced graduate student conference on “The Age of Revolution,” Lake Tahoe, June 19-25, 2000

International Conference Director, “Plato on Religion and Politics,” Old Towne Alexandria, April 6-9, 2000

Invited lecture, “Religion and Enlightenment in Tocqueville’s America,” University of South Carolina, Columbia SC, January 28, 2000

Conference Director, “Alexis de Tocqueville,” Aspen, September 1999

“Religion and Politics in Sophocles’ *Philoctetes*,” American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1999

Conference Director, “Sophocles and Plato,” Aspen, August 1999

Seminar participant, “Character Formation in Liberal Society,” organized by John Danford of Loyola University, Chicago, April 1999

Seminar participant, “Liberty and Tyranny in Ancient Thought,” organized by Ronna Burger of Tulane University, January 1999

Seminar participant, “Jefferson and the Cause of Liberty,” organized by Gene Miller of University of Georgia, October 1998

Discussant for “Contemporary Aristotelianism,” American Political Science Association, Boston, September 1998

Conference Director, “Liberty and Religious Identity in the Modern University,” Aspen, August 1998

“Aristotelian Social Democracy in the Thought of Martha Nussbaum,” American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 1997

“Does Character Matter?” Furman University Lecture Series, January 1997

Discussant for “Classical and Modern Notions of Virtue” Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 1996

Invited Lecture, “Classical Political Philosophy,” Rhodes College, February 1996

Invited Lecture, “Ascent and the Mean: Aristotle in Platonic Context,” Rhodes College, February 1995

“Aristotle’s Checkered Account of Magnanimity,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, October 1994

“Aristotle on Political Justice,” American Political Science Association, N.Y.C., September 1994

Seminar participant, “Aristotle’s *Ethics*” organized by Catherine Zuckert of Carleton College, August 1994

“Incompatible Virtues in Plato’s *Republic*,” New England Political Science Association, Salem, Massachusetts, April 1994

“A Political Defense of Philosophy,” Political Science Symposium, Furman University, March 1994

“The Political Dimension of Aristotle’s Teaching on Friendship,” Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, Binghamton, New York, October 1993

“Aristotle as the Philosophic Teacher of Gentlemen in *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books VIII and IX,” American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 1993

“Plato’s *Laches*,” Political Science Symposium, Furman University, April 1993

Seminar participant, “Christianity and Politics in Tocqueville,” Fort Worth, Texas,

January 1993

"Roundtable on Aristotle," Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, November 1992

Discussant for "Virtue and the Common Good: Classical and Christian Views," Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, November 1992

"Incendiary Justice in Plato's *Republic*," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Columbia University, October 1992

Discussant for "Aristotle's Best Regime," American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1992

"Courage and Comedy in Plato's *Laches*," Southwestern Political Science Association, Austin, Texas, March 1992

"Plato on Courage," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, Baruch College, New York, October 1991

Seminar participant, "Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," Prout's Neck, Maine, October 1991

"Plato's *Laches*," American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 1991

"Aristotle's Ambiguous Account of the Best Life," American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 1991

"Civic Friendship: A Response to Henk Woldring," Clark University, April 1991

"Socrates on Political Speech," New York State Political Science Association, New School of Social Research, April 1991

"Publius and Socrates on Ambition: A Response to Charles Rubin," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 1990

"The Rhetorical Art of *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 10," American Political Science Association, Atlanta, August 1989

"Plato's *Lysis*: An Introduction to Philosophic Friendship," Annual North American Meeting of Society for Greek Political Thought, Boston College, March 1989

"Aristotle on Faction: A Response to Patrick Coby," American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., August 1988

"Aristotle on *Akrasia*: A Response to David Schaefer," American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 1987