

Curriculum Vitae
Bruno S. Cortes
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Education

Hillsdale College / Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship

August 2014 - Present, Hillsdale, MI

- PhD in Politics (ABD)
 - Dissertation: “Empire of Liberty: Territorial Expansion in the Old Northwest Territory.”
 - Committee: John W. Grant (Chair), Thomas G. West, William Morrisey
- M.A. in Politics (2017)

St. John’s College / Graduate Institute

August 2009- May 2011, Annapolis, MD

- M.A. in Liberal Arts (2011)

University of Connecticut / College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

August 2005 - May 2009, Storrs, CT

- B.A., *Magna cum Laude* in Political Science
- Honors: University Scholar, Dean’s List, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Teaching Experience

Lecturer/ Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan

Fall 2020-Present

- POL 220: Introduction to American Foreign Policy

Upper School Teacher / Founders Classical Academy of Leander (Public Charter), Leander, TX

August 2019-May 2020

- Taught 8th grade American History; 11th and 12th grade Philosophy and Political Thought.
- Designed coursework, curricula, and daily lessons according to state (TEKS) and Barney Charter School Initiative guidelines.
- Participated in regular faculty and departmental meetings and professional development.
- Additional duties as expected and/or required: 504 and SPED accommodations, IEP meetings, proctoring STAAR exams, TELPAS rating, etc.
- Taught online classes for ¼ of the 2019-2020 academic year using JUPITER and Google Suite.

Related Experience

Part-Time Graduate Aide / Department of External Affairs: Online Courses Division, Hillsdale College

Fall 2019-Present

- Helped develop online content for Hillsdale College free online courses.
- Helped in the development of the curriculum for the College's first online, for-credit course in American government.
- Co-hosted a weekly live study session through Youtube designed to help engage and assist online students.

Graduate Research Assistant / Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship

August 2017- May 2019

- Prepared thorough revisions and commentary for Thomas G. West's book, *The Political Theory of the American Founding: Natural Rights, Public Policy, and the Moral Conditions of Freedom* (published 2017), as well as several of Dr. West's book chapters, articles, syllabi and conference presentations.
- Prepared thorough revisions and commentary for Kevin Slack's book, *Benjamin Franklin, Natural Right, and the Art of Virtue* (published 2017).
- Prepared thorough revisions for John Marini's book, *Unmasking the Administrative State: The Crisis of American Politics in the Twenty-First Century* (published 2019).

Research Assistant / Hillsdale College President's Office, The Harry V. Jaffa Archives

August 2017- August 2018

- Researcher and archivist working to create a comprehensive database of Dr. Harry V. Jaffa's personal and academic correspondence for scholarly use.

Courses Prepared to Teach

- Ancient political thought
- Medieval political thought
- Early modern political thought
- Late modern and 20th century political thought
- The political thought of Plato; Aristotle; Aquinas; Locke; Hobbes; Rousseau; Hegel; Marx; Nietzsche
- Early American political thought
- American ante-bellum political thought
- Progressivism and post-1960's Liberalism
- American Foreign Policy
- Comparative Politics
- Post-WWII international affairs

Fellowships and Honors

- Philadelphia Society Fellowship (March, 2018)
- Jack and Marty Davidson Graduate School Scholarship (2017)
- Abraham Lincoln Graduate Scholarship (2014)
- Galbraith Graduate Scholarship (2014)

Conference Papers & Book Reviews

- "American Indian? A Review of Colin G. Calloway's *The Indian World of George Washington*." Published book review in September 2018 edition of the CRB Digital.

- "The First American Constitution: The Founders on Territorial Expansion and the Quebec Act." Paper presented at the 2018 meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association; Montreal, Canada
- "The Founders' Criticisms of British Territorial Expansion." Paper Presented at the Van Andel Graduate School's 2018 Statesmanship Colloquium; Hillsdale College, Michigan.
- "Publius and the Federalist on Empire." Paper presented at the 2017 meeting of the American Political Science Association; San Francisco, CA.
- "Nietzsche's Critique of Modern Education in Schopenhauer as Educator." Paper presented at the 22nd annual Association of Core Texts Conference, 2015; Atlanta, GA.

Languages

Portuguese & Spanish/ reading & speaking proficiency

French / reading proficiency (by examination)

Latin / reading proficiency (by examination)

References

John G. Grant / Department Chair and Associate Professor of Politics, Hillsdale College. 323 Kendall Hall, Hillsdale, Michigan, 49242. jgrant1@hillsdale.edu.

Thomas G. West / Paul Ermine Potter and Dawn Tibbetts Potter Endowed Professorship in Politics. 313 Kendall Hall, Hillsdale, Michigan, 49242. twest@hillsdale.edu.

Kevin Slack / Associate Professor of Politics. Kendall Hall, Hillsdale, Michigan, 49242. kslack@hillsdale.edu.