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EDUCATION

Ph.D.—Institute of Philosophic Studies, University of Dallas, Dallas, Politics, Honors, May 2009. Dissertation Committee: Tom West (Chair), Leo Paul De Alvarez, Tiffany Miller.
Thesis Title: *Benjamin Franklin and the Science of Virtue*.

M.A.—University of Dallas, Dallas, Political Philosophy, May 2006.
Fields: American Political Thought, Classical Political Thought.
Classical and Modern Language Requirements: German, Latin.

M.A.—University of California, Davis, Political Science, Sep. 2003.
Fields: Political Theory, American Politics, and Social Theory and Comparative History.
Languages: Ancient Greek.

B.A.—Indiana University, South Bend, History, Honors, 1999.
Languages: Spanish.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Politics—Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan,
Department of Politics, Fall 2013-present
POL 804: Herbert Marcuse
POL 804: Late Scholastic Property Law in 16th Century Mesoamerica
POL 740: Martin Heidegger
POL 711: Alexandr Solzhenitsyn
POL 597: Empire, Nationalism, Republicanism
POL 514: G.W.F Hegel
POL 416: Idealism and Historicism: Kant and Hegel
POL 416: 20th-21st Century Political Philosophy
POL 416: Globalism
POL 416: Political theory in Action: Rawls to the Present
POL 405/747: American Colonial Thought
POL 405/520: Neoliberalism and Identity Politics
POL 405/752: American Liberalism and Neo-Progressivism
POL 403: American Progressivism
POL 308: 20th-21st Century Public Policy

POL 220: American Foreign Policy
 POL 214/605: Modern Political Philosophy II: Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche
 POL 101: The U.S. Constitution
 CSP 259: The Sexual Revolution

Associate Professor of Political Science and History—Merced College, Los Baños, California, Department of History and Political Science, Summer 2009-Spring 2013:

POSC 1: The American Political System: United States Constitution and Institutions
 HIST 22: African-American History
 HIST 17A: United States History and the United States Constitution: Colonization to the Civil War
 HIST 17B: United States History and the California Constitution: Civil War to Present.
 HIST 04A: History of Civilization, Part I: Origins to Renaissance
 HIST 04B: History of Civilization, Part II: Renaissance to Present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics—Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio, Department of History and Political Science, 2007-2008:

POLSC 346: Political Theory IV, Late Modern Political Thought (Rousseau, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche)
 POLSC 315: Congress and the Presidency
 POLSC 102: Democracy in America
 HIST 211: History of Western Civilization I
 HIST 212: American History I: Reconstruction to Present
 HIST 213: American History II: Colonization to Civil War

Professor of Politics—University of Dallas, Dallas, Department of Politics, 2006:

POL 1311: Principles of American Politics

SCHOLARSHIP:

A. Books—

Benjamin Franklin, Natural Right, and the Art of Virtue (Rochester, NY: University of Rochester Press, 2017).

War on the American Republic: How Liberalism Became Despotism (New York: Encounter Press, 2022).

B. Publications in peer-reviewed journals—

“Benjamin Franklin’s Metaphysical Essays and the Virtue of Humility,” *American Political Thought* 2, No. 1 (Spring 2013): 31-61.

“On the Sources and Authorship of ‘A Letter From Father Abraham to His Beloved Son,’” *New England Quarterly* 86, No. 3 (September 2013): 467-87.

“On the Origins and Intention of Benjamin Franklin’s ‘On the Providence of God in the Government of the World,’” *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 137, No. 4 (October 2013): 345-79.

“The False Genealogies of Neo-Progressivism,” *Anamnesis* (August 2013).

“Review: Jessica Choppin Roney. Governed by a Spirit of Opposition: The Origins of American Political Practice in Colonial Philadelphia,” *American Political Thought* 5, No. 2 (Spring 2016): 326-29.

“A Foucauldian Study of Spanish Colonialism,” *The Latin Americanist* 62, Iss. 3 (September 2018): 433-457.

“Machiavelli’s Thoughts on Venice,” *Ramify, Symposium in Honor of Leo Paul de Alvarez* (Fall 2019): 51-66.

“Sontag Sontag Was Not the Sole Author of Freud: The Mind of the Moralists,” *VoegelinView* (May 2020).

“Benjamin Franklin and the Reasonableness of Christianity,” *Church History* 90, Iss. 1 (March 2021): 68-97.

“The Dilemmas of Pluralism,” *Pietas* 1, no. 1 (Fall 2022): 90-103.

C. Book Chapters—

“Thomas Hobbes and the Defense of Liberalism,” in *Trump and Political Philosophy: Leadership, Statesmanship, and Tyranny*, ed. Marc Sable and Angel Jaramillo Torres (New York: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2018): 107-30.

D. Other Scholarly Publications—

“Review: Thomas Jefferson and the Science of Republican Government: A Political Biography of Notes on the State of Virginia, by Dustin Gish and Daniel Klinghard,” *H-FedHist* (June 2019).

“Progressivism’s Aristocratic Fantasies: Kevin Slack replying to David Azerrad,” *The American Mind*, April 22, 2019.

“Benjamin Franklin’s Last Prayer,” *The American Thinker*, September 17, 2017.

“Liberalism Radicalized: The Sexual Revolution, Multiculturalism, and the Rise of Identity Politics,” *Heritage First Principles Series*, No. 46 (2013).

E. Selected Presentations—

“The Politics of Thomas More’s *A Dialogue of Comfort Against Tribulation*,” Center for Thomas More Studies at the University of Dallas,” Fall 2022.

“The Constitution and the Virtues of a Free People,” The King’s Academy’s O’Keeffe Pre-Law Studies, Fall 2022.

“Thomas More’s Critique of Philosophy,” Center for Thomas More Studies at the University of Dallas,” Fall 2021.

“Identity Politics and the Seeds of Tyranny,” Kirby Center, November 14, 2020.

“The Origin and Essence of Identity Politics,” 2019 American Political Science Association.

“Franklin’s Ideals of Liberal Governance and the Law of Nations,” Organization of American Historians, April 4-7, 2019.

“The 1990s Progressive Revival,” Michigan Political Science Association, October 25-6, 2018.

“Freedom and Western Civilization,” Hillsdale College Freedom Forums. March 13-17, 2017.

“Principles of the Declaration,” Center for Teacher Excellence. November 4, 2016.

Republican Debate, Pulliam Public Lecture, featuring James Rosen, October 26, 2016.

“Hannah Arendt and the Human Condition,” Collegiate Scholars Retreat: “Man as *Zoon Politikon*: From Aristotle to Arendt,” August 27, 2016.

“What Happened to Marriage?” 2016 Ciceronian Society.

“Marriage and Family,” 2016 Hillsdale College lecture series, Public Policy from a Constitutional Viewpoint.

“Principles of the Declaration,” Center for Teacher Excellence, November 11, 2015.

“Constitutionalism and Environmental Policy,” 2014 Center for Constructive Alternatives II.

“The BBS as the Poetry of Modern Progressivism,” 2011 Northeastern Political Science Association.