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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Political Science** Harvard University, 2002
Major field: Political Philosophy
Minor fields: American Politics, Comparative Government
- M.A. in Political Science** Harvard University, 1998
- B.A. (*summa cum laude*) in Political Science and Honors History** Gustavus Adolphus College, 1996

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Professor of Government and International Affairs, Augustana University** 2015-present
- Associate Professor of Government and International Affairs, Augustana College** 2009-2015
- Stanley L. Olsen Chair of Moral Values, Augustana College** 2013-2016
- Fulbright Senior Scholar in American Studies, Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany** 2010-2011
- Assistant Professor of Government and International Affairs, Augustana College** 2003-2009
- Lecturer, Department of Government, Harvard University** 2002-2003

DISSERTATION

Title: “Liberal Democracy and Cultural Greatness: Cooper, Twain, and Howells on the Possibilities of Individual Development.”

Committee: Michael Sandel (Chair), Richard Tuck, J. Russell Muirhead, Philip Fisher.

BOOKS

Beyond Practical Virtue: A Defense of Liberal Democracy through Literature.
Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2007.

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND REVIEWS

Review of Steven Michels, *Sinclair Lewis and American Democracy.* Forthcoming, *The Review of Politics* (2017).

“A Novel Twist to Tocqueville: Competing Visions of Democracy in *Parrot & Olivier in America.*” *The Review of Politics*, vol. 79, no. 2 (Spring 2017).

“Mosses, Manses, and Mores: Hawthorne on the Construction and Preservation of Political Institutions.” *American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture*, vol. 5 (Spring 2016).

“Introduction,” in Frederick Manfred, *King of Spades*, second edition. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2014.

“Literature and the Political Cultures of South Dakota,” in *The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture*, ed. Jon Lauck, John Miller, and Donald Simmons. Pierre: The South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2011.

“Modes of Moral Reasoning in *Uncle Tom’s Cabin,*” in *Damned If You Do: Dilemmas of Moral Action in Literature and Popular Culture*, ed. Margaret Hrezo and John Parrish. New York: Lexington Books, 2010.

“Brutus and Cato Unmasked: General John Williams’ Role in the New York Ratification Debate, 1787-1788.” *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* (2009).

“A Connecticut Yankee in Saddam’s Court? Mark Twain on Benevolent Imperialism.” *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 5, no. 1 (March 2007).

“Disposed to Seek Their True Interests: Representation and Responsibility in Anti-Federalist Thought,” *The Review of Politics*, vol. 66, no. 4 (Fall 2004).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “A Novel Approach to Tocqueville: Peter Carey’s *Parrot and Olivier in America*.”**
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2015).
- “The Lasting Forms of Revolution: On the Constraining Power of Declarations of Independence.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2013).
- “Modes of Moral Reasoning in *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2008).
- “Wild Justice: Revenge and the Limits of Political Liberalism.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2006).
- “Oppressive Rhyming: Orwell on Totalitarian Poetry and Politics.”** Presented at the Poetry and Politics conference, Stirling, Scotland (2006).
- “A Connecticut Yankee in Saddam’s Court? Mark Twain on Benevolent Imperialism.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2005).
- “Disposed to Seek Their True Interests: Representation and Responsibility in Anti-Federalist Thought.”** Presented as a paper at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, and as a poster at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2002).
- “Mosses, Manses, and Mores: Nathaniel Hawthorne on the Nature of Political Institutions.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2004).
- “Liberal Democracy and Cultural Greatness: Cooper, Twain, and Howells on the Possibilities of Individual Development.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2000).
- “Strategy, Issues, and Voter Impact: Christian Right School Board Candidacies in Urban and Suburban Contexts.”** Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Co-authored by Christopher Gilbert, Jeffrey Gustafson, and Paul Mueller (1996).
- “George Fitzhugh, Proslavery Thought, and American Conservatism.”** Presented at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NCUR) (1996).

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES, OP-EDS, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- “In College, Finding Moral Purpose.”** Letter to the Editor, *The New York Times*, September 17, 2014, page A26.
- “Remembering Nelson Mandela,”** SDPB Radio, December 10, 2013. With Dr. Susan Hasseler.
- “The Art of Editorial Cartoons.”** Conducted public interview with Washington Post cartoonist Ann Telnaes as part of gallery exhibition, Augustana College, October 2012.
- “2012 and Beyond: The Challenges of Governance in an Age of Globalization, Hyperpartisanship, and Mistrust.”** Public lecture, Augustana Thought Leader Forum, Sioux Falls, SD (March 2012). Interview on Dakota Midday, SDPB Radio, March 27, 2012.
- “S.E.A.L.ing the Deal: Will Osama’s Death Ensure Obama’s Reelection?”** Lecture at the American German Business Club, Frankfurt, Germany (July 2011).
- “America and the World in the Twenty-first Century.”** Public lecture at the University of Rostock, Germany (June 2011).
- “When American Politics Turns Nast-Y: Visualizing American Partisanship in Cartoons.”** Public lecture at Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany (June 2011).
- “High Noon and America’s Self-Image.”** Public lecture at the University of Trieste, Italy (May 2011).
- “Competing Identities in *The Godfather*.”** Public lecture at the University of Trieste, Italy (May 2011).
- “Conservatism and Liberalism/Progressivism in American Political History.”** Public lecture at the Evangelische Akademie Arnoldshain, Germany. Sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General, Frankfurt, Germany (April 2011).
- “Nothing New? Conservatism in U.S. Politics and History.”** Public lecture at the Landeszentrale für politische Bildung Rheinland-Pfalz, Mainz, Germany. Co-sponsored by the Atlantische Akademie and the U.S. Consulate General, Frankfurt, Germany (February 2011).
- “The Tea Party and the Paranoid Style in American Politics.”** Public lecture at Philipps-Universität Marburg (January 2011).
- “Half-Time: President Obama and American Politics After the 2010 Mid-Term Elections.”** Public lecture at Seeheim-Jugenheim International School, Germany. Sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General, Frankfurt, Germany (November 2010).

- “Contemporary American Politics: Philosophical and Cultural Roots.”** Public lecture at Teacher Academy Speyer, Germany. Sponsored by the U.S. Consulate General, Frankfurt, Germany (November 2010).
- “China—A Challenger for the U.S.?”** Public lecture at Teacher Academy Weilburg, Germany. Co-sponsored by the Center for North American Studies, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität; and the Hessische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung (November 2010).
- “U.S. Relations with Asia: Economy, Environment, Education.”** Public lecture at Teacher Academy Weilburg, Germany. Sponsored by the Center for North American Studies, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität; and the Hessische Landeszentrale für politische Bildung (November 2010).
- “Reactions to the National Election.”** Public lecture with Brent Lerseth, Augustana Thought Leader Forum, Sioux Falls, SD (2008).
- “Mark Twain and American Democracy.”** Public lecture at Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD (2008).
- “Excellence in Teaching: Honoring the Career of Michael Sandel.”** Delivered remarks during this Teaching and Learning Plenary Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2008).
- “Beyond Practical Virtue: A Discussion with Joel Johnson.”** Thirty minute interview with KCPO television, Sioux Falls, SD (2007).

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Program Development Grant** (2014). Lead writer for \$50,000 grant to Augustana College for developing a new first-year experience, centering on the concept of vocation.
- Stanley L. Olsen Chair of Moral Values Award**, Augustana College (2013-2016). Three-year appointment to “provide leadership to the campus in the areas of ethics and moral values by challenging faculty and students alike to confront value questions in our society, in our campus community, and in our individual private lives.”
- Fulbright Senior Scholar Award** (2010-2011) Highly competitive, full academic year award for researching and teaching in the Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik at Philipps-Universität in Marburg, Germany.
- Augustana Research and Artists Fund (ARAF) Grant** (2009). Five thousand dollar award for researching and writing an original work of political philosophy.

Finalist, Wilson Carey McWilliams Prize, American Political Science Association (2008).

Augustana Research and Artists Fund (ARAF) Grant (2006). Five thousand dollar award for researching theories of primitive justice.

Augustana Research and Artists Fund (ARAF) Grant (2005). Five thousand dollar award for researching Mark Twain's political thought.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (2004). Highly competitive five thousand dollar award for researching the identity of the Anti-Federalist "Cato."

Core Fellowship, Harvard University (2002-2003). Provided the salary and rank of Lecturer for one year in recognition of teaching and research ability. Teaching responsibilities included leading a junior seminar on the American political novel.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (on five occasions, 1998-2002). Awarded by Harvard University's Derek Bok Center, based on confidential student evaluations of overall teaching effectiveness.

Teaching Fellowship, Harvard University (1998-2002).

Program on Constitutional Government Grant, Harvard University (1997).

Fellowship, Harvard University (1996-1998).

Partners in Scholarship Award, Gustavus Adolphus College (1992-1996).

PROFESSIONAL AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association. Member.

Midwest Political Science Association. Member.

Phi Beta Kappa. Awarded membership as a college junior.

Pi Sigma Alpha. Political science honorary association.

LANGUAGES

German: reading and some conversation

Latin: reading