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Associate Professor

Highly motivated and experienced teacher of Government, Philosophy, and Liberal Arts with proficiency in managing all aspects of lesson plans, curriculum development, active learning strategies, and program coordination for both classroom and online environments. Capable of developing performance and practice techniques that engage students and encourage maximum retention of knowledge.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Politics (Institute of Philosophic Studies) University of Dallas, Irving, TX. 2005

M.A. Politics (Institute of Philosophic Studies) University of Dallas, Irving, TX. 2004

M.A. Liberal Arts (Graduate Institute) St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. 2000

B.A. Political Science (*cum laude*) University of North Texas, Denton, TX. 1998
Minor in Spanish, *Centro de Estudios Linguisticos* Cuernavaca, Mex. Summer, 1996

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

American Government, Philosophy, Humanities, Classics, Modern History, Comparative Religion, Online Curriculum Development & Teaching, Effective Teaching Strategies, Distance Learning Tools

FULL TIME TEACHING POSITIONS

- **OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.** Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71998
Associate Professor. Spring 2016 to Present
- **OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.** Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71998
Assistant Professor. Fall 2008 to Fall 2015
- **UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OF OKLAHOMA.** Chickasha, Oklahoma 73018
Assistant Professor. Fall 2006 to Spring 2007
Department Chair and Pre-Law Advisor
- **ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.** Jonesboro, Arkansas 72467
Visiting Political Theory Professor. Fall 2005 to Summer 2006

COURSES TAUGHT

Political Science

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| ● PSCI 2013. American National Government | ● PSCI 3413. Classical and Medieval Political Theory |
| ● PSCI 2133. Comparative Government | ● PSCI 3423. American Political Theory |
| ● PSCI 2343. Government of the United States | ● PSCI 3433. Political Ideologies |
| ● PSCI 3053. Western Political Thought I | ● PSCI 3453. Modern Political Theory |
| ● PSCI 3063. Western Political Thought II | ● PSCI 4003. Islamic Political Theory |
| ● PSCI 3072. Washington Seminar | ● PSCI 4423. United States Constitutional Law |
| ● PSCI 3653. The Presidency and Congress | ● PSCI 4880. Ancient Political Thought |

Philosophy

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| ● PHIL 1301. Introduction to Philosophy | ● HONR 3911. Philosophy of Law |
| ● PHIL 3053. Western Political Thought I | ● PHIL 4003. Islamic Political Theory |
| ● PHIL 3063. Western Political Thought II | ● PHIL 4383. Christianity and Philosophy |
| ● PHIL 3413. Classical and Medieval Political Theory | ● PHIL 4873. Topics in Feminism |
| ● PHIL 3453. Modern Political Theory | ● PHIL 4880. Ancient Political Philosophy |

Humanities / Liberal Arts

- **CORE 1002. Connections: Plato and the Western Tradition**
- **CORE 1002. Connections: Christianity and Politics**
- **CORE 1012. Introduction to the Liberal Arts**
- **CORE 1023. The Contemporary World**
- **IDS 3313. World Thought and Culture to 500 A.D.**
- **IDS 3223. Political and Economic Systems and Theories**

OTHER TEACHING AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- **Visiting Professor**, Chamberlain College, Spring 2018
- **Reviewer**, *Midsouth Political Science Review*, Fall 2017
- **Conference Section Chair: Political Theory**, Arkansas Political Science Conference, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, March 2013
- **AP American Government Reader**, Summer 2007
- **Junior Statesman Instructor**, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, Summer 2007
- **Upward Bound Instructor**, North Lake Community College, Irving, Texas, Summer 2005
- **Adjunct Instructor**, North Lake Community College, Irving, Texas, Spring 2005
- **Tutor**, Brookhaven Community College, Farmer's Branch, Texas, Fall 2000 to Spring 2001
- **Chairman of Graduate Student Committee on Instruction**, St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, Fall 1999
- **Volunteer Tutor**, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas Fall 1997 to Spring 1998

ONLINE INSTRUCTIONAL AND DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71998
Developed and taught the following courses (Blackboard and Moodle):

- **PSCI 2013 American National Government** eight week hybrid course, beginning spring 2015.
- **PSCI 2013 American National Government** four week summer term course, beginning spring 2010.
- **CORE 1023 Contemporary World** four week summer term course, beginning spring 2009.

Other Courses Taught (Canvas):

- **POLI 330 Political Science** eight week hybrid course, beginning spring 2018.

LANGUAGES (READING PROFICIENCY)

Ancient Greek, Latin, French, German, Spanish

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Philosophy and Law: An Interpretation of Plato's *Minos*." *Polis: Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought* (Fall, 2014)*
- "Law, Philosophy, and Civil Disobedience: The Laws' Speech in Plato's *Crito*," *Midsouth Political Science Review* (Fall, 2012)*

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Plato's Machiavelli: An Interpretation of Callicles' Speech in Plato's *Gorgias*," Southwest Political Science Conference in Austin, Texas, April, 2017.*
- "Aristotle's Ideal Regime as Utopia," Southwest Political Science Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2016.*
- "Aristotle on Human Nature and the Nature of Democracy," Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013.*
- "Plato's *Realpolitik*: Re-considering Callicles' Speech in the *Gorgias*." Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, Illinois April 2012.*
- "Law, Philosophy, and Civil Theology: An Interpretation of Plato's *Epinomis*," Southwest Political Science Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2011.*
- "Aristotle's Critique of Democracy," Southwest Political Science Conference, Houston, Texas, March 2010.
- "Aristotle's Political Economy," Arkansas Political Science Association, Russellville Arkansas, February 2009.

- "Law, Philosophy, and Civil Disobedience in Plato's *Crito*," Southwestern Political Science Association conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2008.
- "Ancient Law and Civic Virtue," Public Dissertation Lecture at the University of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, May 2005.
- "Plato's *Republic* and The Problem of Socrates," Colloquium for the Institute of Philosophic Studies at the University of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, Fall 2003.
- "Islam and Christianity," The University of Texas at Dallas on behalf of the Multicultural Student Organization, Dallas, Texas, Spring 2003.

* available through Scholarly Commons

PUBLIC LECTURES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- Participant: "Roundtable: Discussion of Erica Benner, Machiavelli's *The Prince: A New Reading*," Arkansas Political Science Association, Hendrix University, February 2014
- Discussion Leader: Jerry Mander, *Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television*, Gutenberg Conspiracy, Ouachita Baptist University, March 2013
- Participant: "Roundtable: Discussion of John Searle's *Making the Social World: The Structure of Human Civilization*," Arkansas Political Science Association, Ouachita Baptist University, March 2013
- Discussant on Panel "Aristotle's Virtue," Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, Illinois April 2012
- Chair and Discussant on panel "Justice and Political Reform in Early Modernity," Southwest Political Science Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2011
- "Leo Strauss' *Natural Right and History*," Guttenberg Book Review Faculty Presentation at Ouachita Baptists University, January 2011
- Chair and Discussant on panel "Topics in Thomism and the Natural Law Tradition," Southwest Political Science Conference, Houston Texas, March 2010
- Chair and Discussant on panel "Institutions and Constitutions," Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference, Ouachita Baptist University and Henderson State University, March 2010
- Discussant on panel "Rights, Power, and Freedom," Arkansas Political Science Association Meeting, Arkansas Tech University, February 2010
- "Aristotle's Critique of Democracy," Faculty Colloquium, Ouachita Baptist University, November 2009
- "Machiavelli and the Origins of Modernity," Faculty Colloquium, Ouachita Baptist University, Spring 2008
- "How the Founders Understood the First Amendment," speaker in a panel discussion for Constitution Day at Arkansas State University, Fall 2005
- "Islam and Liberal Democracy," presented in a panel discussion at the Islamic Center of Learning in Irving Texas, Spring 2004

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND COMMITTEE WORK

- Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, Fall 2013 to Spring 2016
- Curriculum Revision (Subcommittee 2), Fall 2012
- Curriculum Revision (Team A), Spring 2012
- Honors Council, Fall 2010 to Spring 2012
- College Society Advisory Board, Fall 2010
- Awards and Events Committee, Fall 2009 to Spring 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, **Southwest Political Science Association**, 2007 to 2011, 2016 to Present
- Member, **Arkansas Political Science Association**, 2009 to Present
- Member, **Midwest Political Science Association**, 2012 to 2013
- Member, **American Political Science Association**, 2006 to 2010

HONORS

- Humanities Assistantship, University of Dallas, 2003
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, University of North Texas, 1998
- Golden Key National Honor Society, University of North Texas, 1998
- Reward for Excellence in Tutoring, University of North Texas, 1998

REFERENCES

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