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### **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 1992

M.A., Political Science, University of Chicago, 1988

B.A. *cum laude* with High Honors in Government, Dartmouth College, 1985

### **Professional Experience**

University of California, Davis, 2000 - present

Distinguished Professor of Political Science, 2021 - present

Professor of Classics (Affiliated), 2016 - present

Professor of French and Italian (Affiliated), 2014 – present

Professor of Political Science, 2005 – 2021

Associate Professor of Political Science, 2000-05

Executive Associate Dean, College of Letters & Science, 2023-

Associate Dean of Faculty in the Social Sciences, College of Letters & Science, 2019-23

Administrative Lead Chair, Orange Cluster, Division of Social Sciences (Departments of Communication, Linguistics, and Political Science; International Relations Program; UC Center Sacramento), 2012-17

Chair, Department of Political Science, 2010-17

Director of Graduate Studies, 2006-08, 2003-05

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2001-03

University of Houston, 1994-2000

Assistant Professor of Political Science and in the Honors College

Dartmouth College, 1993-94

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government

Loyola University of Chicago, 1992-93

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of Chicago, 1991-92

Grodzins Prize Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Lecturer, College of Social Sciences

## Publications

### Books

*Rousseau's God: Theology, Religion, and the Natural Goodness of Man.* x + 288 pp. University of Chicago Press, 2023. Hardback and paperback editions.

*Rousseau's Reader: Strategies of Education and Persuasion.* 336 pp. University of Chicago Press, 2020

Reviewed: *H-France* (June 2021); *Perspectives on Politics* (June 2021); *Choice* (May 2021); *Review of Politics* (February 2021); *Review of Metaphysics* (December 2020); *The Wanderer* (August 19, 2020)

“The Political Theory Review” podcast interview, January 26, 2021

*The Routledge Guide to Machiavelli's "The Prince."* xx + 270 pp. Routledge, 2016. Hardback and paperback editions.

“The Political Theory Review” podcast interview, April 28, 2017

*The Philosophers' Quarrel: Rousseau, Hume, and the Limits of Human Understanding.* x + 238 pp. Yale University Press, 2009; paperback edition, 2010 (with Robert Zaretsky)

Spanish language edition by Ediciones de Intervención Cultural (Barcelona), 2010

Reviewed: *Estudios* (Winter 2015); *The Eighteenth Century* (Winter 2013) *French History* (April 2013); *Annual Review of Historical Literature* (March 29, 2012); *Il Sole 24 Ore* (Milan) (August 14, 2011); *Daimon: Revista Internacional de Filosofía* (no.52; 2011); *Philosophy Now* (March/April 2011); *Times Literary Supplement* (November 2010); *Choice* (2010); *American Historical Review* (June 2010); *Political Studies Review* (May 2010); *H-France* (April 2010), along with authors' response; *The Review of Politics* (Fall 2009); *The Times of London Higher Education Magazine* (October 20, 2009); *Svenske Dagbladet* (Stockholm) (August 17, 2009); *Virginia Quarterly Review* (Summer 2009); *Good Book Guide* (May 2009); *Standpoint Magazine* (May 2009), also featured as the lead review in *Arts & Letters Daily*; *American Conservative Magazine* (May 4, 2009); *The Weekly Standard* by Gertrude Himmelfarb (March 30, 2009); *Chronicle of Higher Education* (March 13, 2009); *The Thinking Read* by A.C. Grayling in his inaugural column in the forum for Barnes & Noble (February 25, 2009), and also featured as the lead review in *Arts & Letters Daily* and in a feature article in the *Boston Globe* (February 25, 2009); *Booklist* (February 10, 2009); *Bookseller* (January 23, 2009); *Publisher's Weekly* (January 5, 2009); *Library Journal* (December 22, 2008)

“Rationally Speaking” podcast interview (2 episodes), July 2011; Bluegreenearth.com feature interview (February 2010); Treasury Department Executive Institute speaking series (July 17, 2009); “Marketplace of Ideas” (out of KCSB Santa Barbara) radio interview and podcast (July 2, 2009)

Finalist, Annabel Jenkins Biography Prize, American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies; Finalist, Scaglione Prize for French Studies, Modern Language Association

## Edited and Translated Works

*Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 40 (1): January 2023. *A Memorial in Honor of Rex Stem, Scholar and Friend*. Ed. Michelle Clarke, Daniel J. Kapust, and John T. Scott.

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau's Major Political Writings*. Trans. and ed. John T. Scott. iv + 287 pp. University of Chicago Press, 2012; paperback edition, 2014

Reviewed: *Political Theory* (2014); *Interpretation* (2013)

*Rousseau and l'Infâme: Religion, Toleration, and Fanaticism in the Age of Enlightenment*. Faux Titre series no. 326. Ed. Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott. 308 pp. Rodopi, 2009

Reviewed: *Reference Reviews Europe* (2012); *Francia-Recensio* (2011, vol. 3); *The French Review* (March 2011); *Romanische Forschungen* (2011, vol.1); *French Studies* (October 2009)

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments*. Ed. John T. Scott. *Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers* series. 4 vols. 1823 pp. total. Routledge, 2006

Tzvetan Todorov, *Frail Happiness: An Essay on Rousseau*. Trans. and ed. John T. Scott and Robert A. Zaretsky. xxxii + 70 pp. Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001; paperback edition, 2004

Reviewed: *Times Literary Supplement* (January 2, 2004); *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (December 2002); *Ethics* (July 2002); *Review of Politics* (Spring 2002)

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Essay on the Origin of Languages and Writings Related to Music*. Trans. and ed. John T. Scott. *The Collected Writings of Rousseau*, vol. 7. xlv + 610 pp. Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 1998; paperback edition, 2009

Reviewed: *Choice* (February 2000); *French Studies* (2000); *French History* (January 2000); *Translation Review* (December 1999)

The *Levite of Ephraïm* reprinted (in revised translation) in *Reframing Rousseau's Lévite d'Ephraïm*. Ed. Barbara Abrams, Mira Morgenstern, and Karen Sullivan. Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment, 2021: 5. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2021

The *Levite of Ephraïm* reprinted in Christopher Kelly and Eve Grace, ed., *Rousseau on Love, Women, and the Family*, Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 2009; pp. 178-93

*Essay on the Origin of Languages* reprinted in Christopher Kelly, ed., *Rousseau on Philosophy, Religion, and Morality*, Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 2007; pp. 102-46

## Journal Articles

- “Rousseau and the Development of Identity,” *Political Research Quarterly*, published online November 3, 2023
- “The Paradoxical Perfection of *Perfectibilité*: From Rousseau to Condorcet,” *History of European Ideas*, published online April 15, 2023
- “Machiavelli’s Catilinarian Oration,” *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 40 (January 2023): 110-27
- “Constitutional Innovation and Imitation in the American States,” *Political Research Quarterly* 75 (February 2022): 244-58 (with Erik J. Engstrom and Matthew Pietryka)
- \* *Political Research Quarterly* Best Article Award, 2022
- “Rousseau’s *Observations* on Inequality and the Causes of Moral Corruption,” *Political Research Quarterly* 73 (February 2020): 184-95 (with Kendra A. Tully)
- “Mutual Sympathy and the Moral Economy: Adam Smith Reviews Rousseau,” *Journal of Politics* 81 (January 2019): 66-80 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “The Fortune of Machiavelli’s Unarmed Prophet,” *Journal of Politics* 80 (July 2018): 615-29
- “Spontaneous Disorder in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*: Resentment, Injustice, and the Appeal to Providence,” *Journal of Politics* 77 (April 2015): 463-76 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “The Illustrative Education of Rousseau’s *Emile*,” *American Political Science Review* 108 (August 2014): 533-46
- “Capitol Mobility: Madisonian Representation and the Location and Relocation of Capitals in the United States,” *American Political Science Review* 107 (May 2013): 225-40 (with Erik J. Engstrom and Jesse R. Hammond)
- “Do You See What I See? The Education of the Reader in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” *The Review of Politics* 74 (Summer 2012): 443-63
- “Sin City: Augustine and Machiavelli’s Reordering of Rome,” *Journal of Politics* 73 (July 2011): 857-71 (with John M. Warner)
- “Courting the Public: The Influence of Decision Attributes on Individuals’ Views of Court Opinions,” *Journal of Politics* 71 (July 2009): 909-25 (with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink)
- “What’s Fair in Foul Weather and Fair? Distribution Principles across Different Allocation Contexts and Goods,” *Journal of Politics* 71 (July 2009): 831-46 (with Brian H. Bornstein)
- “The Cold War on Ice: Constructivism and Identity in Olympic Figure Skating Judging,” *Perspectives on Politics* 5 (March 2007): 17-29 (with Brian R. Sala and James F. Spriggs II)
- “The Politic Argument of Rousseau’s *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*,” *American Journal of Political Science* 49 (October 2005): 819-29 (with Sally H. Campbell)

- “Rousseau’s Anti-Agenda-Setting Agenda and Contemporary Democratic Theory,” *American Political Science Review* 99 (February 2005): 137-44
- “Rousseau and the Revival of Humanism in Contemporary French Political Thought,” *History of Political Thought* 24 (Autumn 2003): 599-623 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- “Doing Rawls Justice: An Experimental Study of Distributive Justice Norms,” *American Journal of Political Science* 47 (July 2003): 523-39 (with Brian H. Bornstein, Richard E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach)
- “Just Deserts: An Experimental Approach to Distributive Justice,” *American Journal of Political Science* 45 (October 2001): 749-67 (with Brian H. Bornstein, Richard E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach)
- “The Sovereignless State and Locke’s Language of Obligation,” *American Political Science Review* 94 (September 2000): 547-61
- “The Harmony Between Rousseau’s Musical Theory and His Philosophy,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 59 (April 1998): 287–308
- “Rousseau and the Melodious Language of Freedom,” *Journal of Politics* 59 (August 1997): 803–29
- “Patricide and the Plot of *The Prince*: Cesare Borgia and Machiavelli’s Italy,” *American Political Science Review* 88 (December 1994): 887-900 (with Vickie B. Sullivan)
- “Politics as the Imitation of the Divine in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” *Polity* 26 (Summer 1994): 473–501
- “The Theodicy of the *Second Discourse*: The ‘Pure State of Nature’ and Rousseau’s Political Thought,” *American Political Science Review* 86 (September 1992): 696–711

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

\* = refereed

- “Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Rhetoric,” in *The Cambridge History of Rhetoric: Volume 4, Seventeenth to Nineteenth Centuries (1650-1900)*, ed. Adam Potkay and Dietmar Till. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2024
- \* “Every Legitimate Government is Republican: Rousseau’s Debt to and Departure from Montesquieu,” in *Cambridge Companion to Rousseau’s “Social Contract,”* ed. David Lay Williams and Matthew W. Maguire. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023; pp. 10-39
- “Narrowing the Scope of Resentment in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” in *Interpreting Adam Smith: Critical Essays*, ed. Paul Sagar. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023; pp. 210-31 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “What Did Usbek—and the Reader—Know and When Did He Know It?” in *The Spirit of Montesquieu’s “Persian Letters,”* ed. Constantine Vassiliou, Jeffrey Church, and Alin Fumurescu. Lexington Books, 2023; pp. 205-24

- “Rousseau’s Paradoxical Cosmopolitan Anti-Cosmopolitanism,” in *Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents: Rethinking Politics in the Age of Brexit and Trump*, ed. Lee Ward, Lexington Books, 2020; pp. 53-66
- “*Emile, or On Education*,” in *The Rousseauian Mind*, ed. Eve Grace and Christopher Kelly. Routledge, 2019; pp. 175-85
- “Rousseau on Economic Liberty and Human Flourishing,” in *Economic Liberty and Human Flourishing: Perspectives from Political Philosophy*, ed. Michael R. Strain. American Enterprise Institute Press, 2016; pp. 30-45
- “Cutting Your Cake and Having It Too; Or, Is Equality a Distributive Justice Principle?” in *Justice, Conflict and Well-Being*, ed. Brian H. Bornstein and Richard L. Wiener. Springer Publishing, 2014; pp. 31-56
- “En vertu de la bonté: Shaftesbury, Diderot et la bonté naturelle de l’homme,” in *Philosophie de Rousseau*, ed. Bruno Bernardi. Paris: Garnier (*Classiques Garnier*, collection *L’Europe des Lumières*), 2014; pp. 233-47
- “Jean-Jacques Rousseau,” in *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, ed. Gregory Claeys; *CQ Press*, 2013; pp. 715-21
- \* “Between Religious Fanaticism and Philosophical Fanaticism: Rousseau’s ‘Profession of Faith of the Savoyard Vicar,’” in *Enlightenment and Secularism: Essays on the Mobilization of Reason*, ed. Christopher Nadon, Lexington Books, 2013; pp. 189-98
- \* “Rousseau’s Unease with Locke’s Uneasiness,” in *The Challenge of Rousseau*, ed. Christopher Kelly and Eve Grace, Cambridge University Press, 2012; pp. 295-311
- \* “*Emile* et les principes du droit politique: Le précis partiel du *Contrat social* et la double visée de la théorie politique de Rousseau,” in *Jean-Jacques Rousseau en 1712: Puisqu’enfin mon nom doit vivre*, ed. Michael O’Dea, *Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment*, 2012:1; Voltaire Foundation and Liverpool University Press; pp.140-61
- \* “Another Dangerous Supplement: Diderot’s Dialogue with Rousseau in the *Supplément au Voyage de Bougainville*,” in *Rousseau et les philosophes*, ed. Michael O’Dea, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century (SVEC)*; 2010:12; pp. 175-91
- \* “Pride and Providence: Religion in Rousseau’s *Letter to Voltaire*,” in *Rousseau and l’Infâme: Religion, Toleration, and Fanaticism in the Age of Enlightenment*, ed. Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott. Rodopi, 2009; pp. 115-36
- \* “Rousseau’s Quixotic Quest in the *Rêveries du promeneur solitaire*,” in *The Nature of the “Rêveries,”* ed. John C. O’Neal, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century (SVEC)*; 2008:3; pp. 139-52
- “‘*La Morale sensitive*’ dans l’*Essai sur l’origine des langues* de Rousseau et ses sources,” in *Langues de Rousseau*, ed. Charles Porset and Tanguy L’Aminot, *Études Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, no. 16; 2007; pp. 9-32
- “General Will,” in *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, ed. Maryanne Cline Horowitz, 6 vols.; in both book and online formats; Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004; 3: 891-92

- \* “Climate, Causation, and the Power of Music in Montesquieu and Rousseau,” *Musique et langage chez Rousseau*, ed. Claude Dauphin, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century (SVEC)*; 2004: 8; pp. 51-61
- “Rousseau and the Dialogue of Identity,” in *Rousseau juge de Jean-Jacques: Études sur les “Dialogues,”* ed. Philip Knee and Gérard Allard. Paris: Honoré Champion, 2003; pp. 67-78
- \* “Godolphin and the Whale: Friendship and the Framing of Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” in *Love and Friendship: Rethinking Politics and Affection in Modern Times*, ed. Eduardo A. Velásquez, Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield, 2002; pp. 119-38
- “The Play of the Passions: Music, Mores, and Rousseau’s *Lettre à d’Alembert*,” in *Rousseau on Art and Politics*, ed. Melissa Butler; *Pensée libre* no. 6; Rousseau Association, 1997; pp. 77-89
- “Aristotle and the City of Sows: Doing Justice to Plato,” in *Justice v. Law in Greek Political Thought*, ed. Leslie G. Rubin; Rowman and Littlefield, 1997; pp. 41–68

### **Other Publications**

- Review of Thomas L. Pangle, *The Life of Wisdom in Rousseau’s “Reveries of the Solitary Walker”* and Laurence D. Cooper, *Dreaming of Justice, Waking to Wisdom: Rousseau’s Philosophical Life, Interpretation*, forthcoming 2023
- Review of Flora Champy, *L’Antiquité politique de Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Entre modèles et exemples*, *Journal of Eighteenth-Century Studies* 46:2 (June 2023): 300-301
- Review of Johanna Lenne-Cournez, *Être à sa place: La formation du sujet dans la philosophie morale de Rousseau*, *French Studies* 77:1 (January 2023): 129-30
- “Rage Against Reason,” *The American Scholar*, January 21, 2021 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- Review of Catherine Fletcher, *The Beauty and the Terror: The Italian Renaissance and the Rise of the West*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, August 6, 2020
- Review of Clay Risen, *Single Malt: A Guide to the Whiskies of Scotland*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, September 6, 2019
- “How Trump Channels Henry VIII,” *Washington Post* op-ed, national and international editions, June 4, 2019 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- Review of Robin Douglass, *Hobbes & Rousseau: Nature, Free Will, and the Passions*, *Review of Politics*, 79: 2 (Spring 2017)
- Review of Catherine Fletcher, *The Black Prince of Florence: The Spectacular Life and Treacherous World of Alessandro de’ Medici*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, August 31, 2016
- Review of Adam Rogers, *Proof: The Science of Booze*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, October 21, 2014

- Review of Clay Risen, *American Whiskey, Bourbon, and Rye*, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, January 5, 2014
- “Why Machiavelli Matters,” *New York Times* op-ed, December 10, 2013 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- “First Theater, Then Facebook,” *New York Times* op-ed, June 17, 2012 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- “Boswell’s Enlightenment,” *Southwest Review* 94 (Fall 2009): 349-65 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- “Boswell Knocks,” *The Drawbridge* 12 (2009): 4 (with Robert Zartesky)
- “Philosophy Leads to Sorrow: An Evening at the Theater with Jean-Jacques Rousseau and David Hume,” *Southwest Review* 91 (Winter 2006): 36-55 (with Robert Zaretsky)
- Review of Leo Damrosch, *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Restless Genius*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies* 39 (Spring 2006): 574-6
- Translation of Raymond Trousson, “Public Prosector Servan and the Reception of Rousseau’s *Confessions*,” in *Approaches to Teaching Rousseau’s Confessions and Rêveries of the Solitary Walker*, ed. John C. O’Neal and Ourida Mostefai; Modern Language Association of America, 2003: 62-7
- “Civilized Naturalness,” review of Laurence D. Cooper, *Rousseau, Nature, and the Problem of the Good Life*, *Review of Politics* 63: 3 (Summer 2001): 594-7
- Review of *Early Modern Skepticism and the Origins of Toleration*, ed. Alan Levine, *Review of Metaphysics* 54: 3 (March 2001): 665-6
- “Thumbing through Rousseau’s Universe,” review of *Dictionnaire de Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, ed. Raymond Trousson and Frédéric S. Eigeldinger, *Rousseau Bulletin* (New Series) 2: 1 (Spring 1999): 68-70
- “A Kind of Virtue,” review of Ruth W. Grant, *Hypocrisy and Integrity: Machiavelli, Rousseau, and the Ethics of Politics*, *Review of Politics* 60: 2 (Spring 1998): 396-8

### Conference and Invited Presentations

(Since 2010)

- “Glimpsing Possibilities Through the Hedges in the *Discourse on Inequality*: Pour ainsi dire, peut-être,” Rousseau Association Colloquium, Paris, France, June 1-3, 2023
- “Rousseau’s Freedom: Phenomenological, Not Metaphysical,” A.V. Eliot Conference on Great Books and Ideas, Mercer University, April 17-18, 2023 (keynote address)
- “Trimming Rousseau’s Hedges: So to Speak, Perhaps,” Boston College, November 11, 2022
- “Narrowing the Scope of Resentment in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” Workshop on Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*, King’s College London, January 10-11, 2022 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)



- “What Did Usbek—and the Reader-- Know, and When Did He Know It?” 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference on Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters*, University of Houston, December 9-10, 2021
- “Narrowing the Scope of Resentment in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2021 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “Overcoming the Limitations of Writing: Rousseau as Musical Author,” Rousseau Association Colloquium, Ann Arbor, MI, May 21-23, 2021
- “Rousseau on Truth and Utility in Matters of Religion,” University of Notre Dame, April 30, 2021
- “Narrowing the Scope of Resentment in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” University of Toronto, August 12, 2020 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “The Humbling of Resentment in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” International Adam Smith Society meeting, Tokyo, Japan, March 15-17, 2020 (canceled)
- “Visualizing Natural Man in Rousseau’s *Discourse on Inequality*,” Tufts University, November 4, 2019
- “Rhetoric and Aesthetics in the Spectacle of Nature,” Rousseau Association colloquium, June 6-9, 2019, Stockholm, Sweden
- “The Education in Appearance and Reality in Rousseau’s *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*,” University of California, Riverside, October 22, 2018
- “Dennis Rasmussen’s *The Infidel and the Professor*,” Hume Society meeting, Budapest, Hungary, July 23-27, 2018 (plenary address)
- “Rousseau and the Rhetorical Situation,” Persuasion after Rhetoric Conference, University of California, Davis, April 27-28, 2018
- “Rousseau and Modern Political Thought,” Boise State University, April 15, 2018
- “Innovation and Imitation in the American State Constitutions,” Midwest Political Science Association,” 2018 (with Erik J. Engstrom and Matthew Pietryka)
- “Rousseau’s *Observations* on the Causes of Moral Corruption in Defense of the First *Discourse*,” London School of Economics, November 16, 2017 (with Kendra A. Tully)
- “The Identity of Rousseau’s General Will,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2017
- “Rousseau’s Pregnant Silence in the *Observations*,” Rousseau Association colloquium, Gainesville, Florida, June 1-3, 2016 (with Kendra A. Tully)
- “The Possibility of Progress: Smith and Rousseau on *Pitié*, Sympathy, and the Moral Economy,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2016 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “‘Every Legitimate Government Is Republican’: Rousseau and Montesquieu on Republics,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 6, 2016 (plenary address)

- “Rousseau’s Open and Hidden Republicanism in the *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*,” University of Nevada, Las Vegas, April 27, 2016
- “‘Men as They Are and Laws as They Can Be’: The Twofold Character and Aim of Rousseau’s Political Theory,” Association for Political Theory conference, October 22-24, 2015
- “The Possibility of Progress: Smith and Rousseau on *Pitié*, Sympathy, and Moral Economy,” Themes from Smith and Rousseau, joint conference of the International Adam Smith Society and Rousseau Association, University of Glasgow, July 20-22, 2015 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “The Possibility of Progress: Smith and Rousseau on *Pitié*, Sympathy, and Moral Economy,” for Adam Smith; Critic of Capitalism? Yale University, April 9-11, 2015 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “God and Man in Rousseau,” Furman University, February 19, 2015
- “Spontaneous Disorder in Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*: Resentment, Injustice, and the Appeal to Providence,” Center for Liberal Arts and Free Institutions, UCLA, January 22, 2015
- “The Fortune of Machiavelli’s Unarmed Prophet,” Association for Political Theory conference, October 16-18, 2014
- “Rousseau and Economic Liberty,” American Enterprise Institute, May 27, 2014
- “Do the Ends Justify the Means? Machiavelli and Modernity,” California State University, Chico, April 8, 2014
- “Resentment, Injustice, and the Appeal to Providence in Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” St. John’s College, Annapolis, January 10, 2014 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “Providential Harmony: Religion and Justice in Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” Association for Political Theory conference, October 10-12, 2013 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)
- “The Education of the Reader in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” XVIIIth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Wake Forest University, June 27-29, 2013 (keynote address)
- “The Psychology of the Citizen in Rousseau,” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 2013
- “The Illustrative Education of Rousseau’s *Emile*,” The Enduring Challenge of Rousseau’s Thought, Colorado College and the Rousseau Association, December 13-15, 2012
- “The Illustrative Education of Rousseau’s *Emile*,” Rhodes College, September 27-28, 2012
- “Rousseau between Locke and Shaftesbury,” Rousseau and Great Britain, University of Leeds (England), June 28-30, 2012 (keynote address)
- “By Virtue of Goodness: Shaftesbury, Diderot, and Rousseau’s Argument for the Natural Goodness of Man,” Philosophie de Rousseau, Lyon, France, June 6-9, 2012
- “The Argument of Rousseau’s *Discourse on the Science and the Arts*,” Montesquieu Forum, Roosevelt University, April 16, 2012

- “Montaigne as Political Philosopher: Clothed and Naked,” Center for the Foundation of the Study of America’s Western Foundations, Mercer University, March 28-30, 2012 (keynote address)
- “Having Your Cake and Cutting It Too; or, Is Equality a Distributive Justice Principle?” Department of Psychology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, November 30-December 2, 2011
- “‘Every Legitimate Government Is Republican’: Rousseau’s and Montesquieu on Republics,” XVIIIth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Bristol, United Kingdom, July 21-23, 2011
- “Revisiting the Effects of Majority Coalition Size on Individual Perceptions of Judicial Legitimacy,” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2011 (with James R. Zink and James F. Spriggs II)
- “Sin City: Augustine and Machiavelli’s Reordering of Rome,” Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine, December 6, 2010 (with John M. Warner)
- “Rousseau: Lost—and Found—In Translation,” Department of Political Science, Boston College, October 23, 2010 (keynote address)
- “The Education of the Reader in Rousseau,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2010
- “The Fortune of Machiavelli’s Unarmed Prophet,” Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, April 9, 2010
- “Re-presenting Achilles: Rousseau’s Illustrative Education in *Emile*,” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 2010

### **Invited Talks**

Mercer University (2023, 2012); Boston College (2022, 2010); University of Notre Dame (2021, 2010); University of Toronto (2020); Tufts University (2019); University of California, Riverside (2018); Boise State University (2018); London School of Economics (2017); University of Wisconsin, Madison (2016); University of Nevada, Las Vegas (2016); American University (2016, 2003); UCLA (2015, 2002); Furman University (2015); American Enterprise Institute (2014); California State University, Chico (2014); St. John’s College, Annapolis (2014); Rhodes College (2012); Roosevelt University (2012); University of Nebraska, Lincoln (2011); University of California, Irvine (2010); West Virginia University (2009); University of Houston (2009, 2003); Dartmouth College (2008); Loyola Marymount University (2007); Texas A&M University (2002); University of Texas, Austin (1997)

### **Languages for Research**

French, Classical Greek, Italian, Latin, Portuguese, Spanish

### **Research Grants**

### **External Grants**

National Science Foundation funded award through Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), “Courting the Public: An Experimental Study of Institutional Specific Support for Supreme Court Decisions”; with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink; 2006

National Science Foundation Research Grant, “Distributive Justice Norms Concerning Income: A Cross-National Experimental Study” (SBR-9810243, SBR-9810473); co-PI with Richard E. Matland and Brian H. Bornstein (\$105,792 total budget); 1998-2000

Earhart Foundation Fellowship Research Grant, 1997-98

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Fellowship, 1997

### **Internal Grants**

Faculty Research Grants, University of California, Davis, 2023-25, 2022-24, 2021-23, 2020-22, 2019-21, 2017-19, 2016-18, 2015-17, 2014-16, 2013-15, 2012-14, 2009-11, 2008-10, 2007-09, 2006-08, 2005-07, 2004-05, 2003-04, 2001-02, 2000-01

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant (with Erik Engstrom and Jesse Hammond), Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2011

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant (with John M. Warner), Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2007

Faculty Research Grant (with James F. Spriggs II), Institute of Government Affairs, University of California, Davis, 2005-06

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant (with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink), Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2005

Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Program Grant, University of California, Davis, 2002-03

Texas Higher Education Fund Grant (with Richard E. Matland), University of Houston, 1998–99

Research Initiation Grant, University of Houston, 1995

### **Professional Activity**

Editorial Board, *The Review of Politics*, 2017-

Rousseau Association

President, 2001-05; Vice President, 2015-17, 1999-2001; Secretary-Treasurer, 1995-99; Publications Director, 2005-09; Executive Committee, 2019-25

Conference Steering Committee, “Rereading Rousseau’s *Essay on the Origin of Languages*,” XXII<sup>nd</sup> biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 21-23, 2021

Conference Steering Committee, “Themes from Smith and Rousseau,” joint conference of the International Adam Smith Society and Rousseau Association, University of Glasgow, July 20-22, 2015

Conference Steering Committee, “The Enduring Challenge of Rousseau’s Thought,” Colorado College and Rousseau Association, December 13-15, 2012

Comité Scientifique, “La Philosophie de Rousseau,” colloquium sponsored by the Centre nationale de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) et École normale supérieure—Lettres et sciences humaines (ENS-LSH), Lyon, France, June 6-9, 2012

Nominating Committee, American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, 2008-09

Foundations of Political Thought Section Chair and Conference Program Committee, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2009

Comité Scientifique, “Rousseau et les philosophes,” XVth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association and Groupe de Recherche LIRE, Université de Lyon II, Lyon, France, June 28-30, 2007

Conference Director (with Ourida Mostefai), “Rousseau, Voltaire, and Fanaticism,” XIIIth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Oxford, England, July 26-29, 2003

Political Theory Section Chair and Conference Program Committee, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2001

Referee for:

*Adam Smith Review*  
*American Journal of Political Science*  
*American Political Science Review*  
*American Political Thought*  
*Australian Journal of French Studies*  
*British Journal of the History of Philosophy*  
*British Journal of Political Science*  
*Canadian Journal of Political Science*  
*Eighteenth Century Life*  
*Eighteenth Century Studies*  
*European Journal of Political Theory*  
*History of European Ideas*  
*History of Political Thought*  
*Human Rights Review*  
*Hume Studies*  
*Intellectual History Review*  
*Interpretation*  
*Journal of Law and Courts*

*Journal of Philosophical Research*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Journal of the American Philosophical Society*  
*Journal of the History of Ideas*  
*Journal of the History of Philosophy*  
*Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Political Science Reviewer*  
*Political Studies*  
*Political Theory*  
*Polity*  
*Psychology, Crime, and Law*  
*Review of Metaphysics*  
*Review of Politics*  
*Social Justice Research*  
*Social Science Quarterly*  
*Social Theory and Practice*  
*Studies in Eighteenth-Century Culture*

Bedford/St. Martin’s  
Cambridge University Press  
Harvard University Press  
Oxford University Press  
Palgrave Macmillan  
Penn State University Press

American Council of Learned Societies  
Chateaubriand Fellowship (France)  
Earhart Foundation  
Fulbright Foundation Fellowship  
National Science Foundation  
Research Grants Council of Hong Kong

Polity Press  
Princeton University Press  
Routledge  
University of Chicago Press  
University of Rochester Press  
University of Toronto Press  
University Press of New England  
Yale University Press

### **Academic Awards and Honors**

*Political Research Quarterly* Best Article Award, 2022

Distinguished Professor, University of California, Davis, 2021

Social Sciences Dean's Leadership Award, University of California, Davis, 2015

University of California, Davis Graduate Student Research Mentorship Award, 2011-12 (with Michelle A. Schwarze)

Distinguished Teaching Award for Graduate Teaching and Mentorship, University of California, Davis, 2011

Finalist, Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of California, Davis, 2007

Faculty Development Award, University of California, Davis, 2005-06

Finalist, Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of Houston, 1998, 1999

Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 1991-92

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1991-92 (declined)

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1989-91

University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship, 1986-89

Bennett Essay Prize (Best Senior Honors Thesis), Dartmouth College, 1985

Rufus Choate Scholar (*summa cum laude*), Dartmouth College, 1984-85

### **Major University Service (UC Davis)**

Committee on Committees, Academic Senate, 2016-19

Selection Committee for College of Letters and Science Teaching Awards, 2018-19 (chair), 2017-18

Selection Committee for Excellence in Teaching in Study Abroad, 2019

Executive Project Advisory Committee, College of Letters and Science, 2018-19

Selection Committee for UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement, 2015-16, 2014-15

College of Letters and Sciences Reorganization Vision Committee, 2015-16

College of Letters and Sciences Reorganization Workgroup, 2014-15

Steering Committee, Mellon Research Initiative in Early Modern Studies, 2011-14

Provost's Faculty Salary Task Force, 2010-11

### **Doctoral Students and Placements**

\* = Committee Chair

Tenure-track placements unless otherwise indicated

Raymond Brandt (in progress)

Jonathan Dahlsten (in progress) \*

Amanda Dorney (in progress) \*

Zachery Durec (in progress)

Guang Yang (Boston College) (in progress)

Alison Gushue Dinolov (2020) \* (Not seeking academic employment)

Cosmo Houck (2020) \* University of Nevada, Las Vegas (Lecturer)

Kendra Tully (2020) Policy Consultant, California Senate Office of Research

Adam Kunz (2019) University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Joel Landis (2019) \* University of California, Santa Cruz (Lecturer);

University of California, Davis (Lecturer)

Samuel Tyler (2019) \* Teacher, Landon School (Washington, DC); American

University (Lecturer)

R. Lee McNish (2017) \* Chico State University (Visiting Assistant Professor)

Christopher Hallenbrook (2015) \* California State University, Dominguez Hills

Johnnie Pedersen (Philosophy) (2014) Roskilde University (Denmark)

Michelle Schwarze (2013) \* University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of

	Wisconsin, Madison (Postdoc)
Sara Price Furnal (2012) *	Florida International University (Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor)
Ryan L. Reed (2012) *	Northwest Missouri State University (currently at Bradley University)
Laurence Lemaire (French) (2012)	Assistant Director, Hamilton College in France; University of California, Davis (Lecturer)
John M. Warner (2011) *	Kansas State University; Claremont McKenna College (Postdoc)
Gail Pivetti (2011) *	Analyst, KSE Focus Research (Montpellier, VT); College of St. Benedict and St. John's University (Visiting Assistant Professor)
Elissa B. Alzate (2010) *	Winona State University
James R. Zink (2010) *	North Carolina State University; Emory University (Postdoc)
Daniel R. Brunstetter (2005) *	University of California, Irvine
Scott R. Koon (2005) *	(Not seeking academic employment)
Sally Howard Campbell (2002) *	Concord University
Teena J. Gabrielson (2002)	Southwestern University (currently at University of Wyoming)
Kathleen O. Potter (1999)	(Not seeking academic employment)
Celise Schneider (1997)	Pennsylvania State University, Erie

### **Courses Taught**

University of California, Davis (2000- )  
Basic Concepts in Political Theory



Basic Concepts in Political Theory (Honors)  
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought  
Early Modern Political Thought  
Late Modern Political Thought  
History of Political Thought: British Political Thought  
Foundations of Political Philosophy: Rousseau  
Senior Honors Thesis Seminar

Political Theory Core Seminar (Graduate; 2003, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2023)

Modern Political Theory: Rousseau's *Emile* (Graduate; 2003, 2006, 2009, 2015, 2018, 2023)

Modern Political Theory: Hobbes (Graduate; 2011, 2019, 2022)

Topics in Political Theory: Injustice and Anger (Graduate; 2022)

Modern Political Theory: Rousseau's Political Works (various versions) (Graduate; 2004, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2021)

Modern Political Theory: Machiavelli (various versions) (Graduate; 2006, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2020)

Ancient Political Theory: Roman Histories as Political Theory (Graduate; 2017)

Modern Political Theory: Rousseau's Autobiographical Works (Graduate; 2017)

Modern Political Theory: Montaigne (Graduate; 2016)

Modern Political Theory: Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments* (Graduate; 2013)

Modern Political Theory: Scottish Enlightenment (Graduate; 2010)

Modern Political Theory: Shaftesbury, Voltaire, and Montesquieu (Graduate; 2008)

Modern Political Theory: Spinoza, Locke, and Bayle (Graduate; 2007)

Modern Political Theory: Hume (Graduate; 2004)

Modern Political Theory: Machiavelli, Montaigne, and Nietzsche (Graduate; 2002)

Modern Political Theory: Hobbes and Rousseau (Graduate; 2001)

Various Individual and Group Directed Readings

University of Houston (1994–2000)

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought

Modern Political Thought

Introduction to American Politics (Honors)

The Human Situation I: Antiquity (Honors)

The Human Situation II: Modernity (Honors)

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Graduate)

Modern Political Thought (Graduate)

Democratic Theory (Graduate)

Political Inquiry and the Philosophy of Science (Graduate)

Distributive Justice and Public Policy (Graduate)

University of Bergen (Norway) (Visiting Professor, Summer 1997)

Theories of Distributive Justice and Applications to Public Policy (Graduate)

Dartmouth College (1993–94)

Political Ideas

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought

Contemporary Political Philosophy

American Political Thought

Loyola University of Chicago (1992–93)

Politics

Ancient Political Thought

Contemporary Political Thought

Political Justice

Rousseau and the Development of Liberalism

University of Chicago (1991–92)

Nature, Human Nature, and Politics: An Introduction to Political Thought

Classics of Social and Political Thought I

Classics of Social and Political Thought II