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Education

Ph.D., University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, Social Sciences Division, August, 1993.

M.A., Honors, University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, Social Sciences Division, December, 1989.

B.A., University of Chicago, Fundamentals: Issues and Texts, New Collegiate Division, June, 1985.

Academic Honors

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago, 1985.

Distinction, Fundamentals Exam, Committee on Social Thought, 1988.

Wayne C. Booth Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Chicago, 1993.

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Government Department, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California, fall 2006 – present.

Chair, Department of Political Science, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, 2003 – spring 2006.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, 2001 – 2006.

Program Manager, Education Initiative in the Caucasus, Central Asia - Caucasus Institute, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, 2000.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, 1995- 2001.

Research Fellow, La Fondation Saint-Simon, Paris, France, 1994-95.

Visiting Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kiev-Mohyla, Ukraine, 1993-94.

Lecturer in The College, University of Chicago, Division of Social Sciences, 1992-93.

Lecturer in The College, University of Chicago, Division of Humanities, 1991-92.

Books

Xenophon's Prince: Republic and Empire in the Cyropaedia, University of California Press, Berkeley, June 2001.

Edited Books

Enlightenment and Secularism: Essays on the Mobilization of Reason, edited with introduction (Lexington, 2013). Paperback issued in Fall, 2014.

"Leo Strauss Course Transcript: Xenophon, 1963," edited with introduction (published by the Leo Strauss Center, University of Chicago, Fall, 2016).

"Leo Strauss Course Transcript: Xenophon's *Memorabilia and Oeconomicus*, 1971-72, re-transcribed with introduction (forthcoming)

Translations

Daniel Tanguay, *Leo Strauss: An Intellectual Biography* (Yale, spring 2007).

Peer Reviewed Articles

"From Republic to Empire: Political Revolution and the Common Good in Xenophon's Education of Cyrus," *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 90, No. 2, June 1996, pp 361-374

"Aristotle and the Republican Paradigm: a Reconsideration of Pocock's The Machiavellian Moment," *The Review of Politics*, Fall 1996, pp 677-698.

"Absolutism and the Separation of Church and State in Locke's Letter Concerning Toleration," *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 35:2, 2006, pp 94-102.

"Republican Traditions: Ancient, Medieval, and Beyond," in *A Companion to Classical Political Thought*, edited by Ryan Balot (Blackwell, 2009), 529-541.

"Leo Strauss' Restatement on Why Xenophon" *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 39:2, 2010, pp 77-81.

"Paolo Sarpi and the Venetian Interdict," in *Enlightenment and Secularism: Essays on the Mobilization of Reason*, edited by Christopher Nadon (Lexington, 2013).

"Philosophic Politics and Theology: Strauss' 'Restatement,'" in *Leo Strauss' Defense of the Philosophic Life: Reading 'What is Political Philosophy?'* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013), pp 80-97. Japanese translation, 2014.

"The Secular Basis of the Separation of Church and State: Hobbes, Locke and Montesquieu," *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 43:1 (2014), 21-31.

Articles (cont'd)

“Leo Strauss’ Critique of the Political in a Sinophone Context,” in *Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss in the Chinese Speaking World*, ed. Kai Marchel and Carl K.Y. Shaw (Lexington, 2017), 151-171.

“Xenophon and the Conquest of Nature,” in *Mastery of Nature: Promises and Prospects* (Forthcoming, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018), 111-121.

Journalism

“Change Afoot in Ukraine,” Weekly Standard Web-edition, July, 10, 2014.

“Self-Restraint in the Executive: Lincoln and Emancipation” Weekly Standard, March 27, 2017

Book Reviews

Plato Rediscovered: Human Value and Social Order. by T. K. Seung; Postmodern Platos: Nietzsche, Heidegger, Gadamer, Strauss, Derrida. by Catherine H. Zuckert, *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 59, No. 3 (Aug., 1997), pp. 963-967

Plato's Progeny: How Plato and Socrates Still Captivate the Modern Mind by Melissa Lane, *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 64, No. 4 (Autumn, 2002), pp. 738-739.

“Back to the Cave: a review of two new translations of Plato’s Republic by Joe Sachs and R.E. Allen,” *Claremont Review of Books*, Vol 7 (2007), pp 51-53.

“No tips: a review of Leon Trotsky: a Revolutionary’s Life by Joshua Rubenstein,” *Jewish Review of Books*, No. 8 (2012), p 34.

Languages

Classical Greek

French

Italian

Journal and Press Reviewer

Leadership and the Humanities, The Journal of Hellenic Studies, Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Review of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Secularism and Nonreligion, American Political Thought, Journal of Politics, University of Toronto Press, Cornell University Press, Oxford University Press, Lexington Books, American Political Science Review.

College Service

Campus Seminars and Conferences Organized:

2006-07 Faculty Development Grants and Year-long Seminars at the Claremont Colleges, funding obtained from the Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture: “The Roots of the Secular Tradition in the West”

Course Title: The Sacred and the Profane in the Middle Ages

Faculty Fellow: Dr. John Eldevik

History Department, Pomona College

Course Title: Medieval Thought
Faculty Fellows: Dr. Carina Lee Johnson
History Department, Pitzer College and
Dr. Brian Keeley Philosophy, Pitzer College

Course Title: Classical Ethical Theory: Plato
Faculty Fellow: Dr. Suzanne Obdrzalek
Philosophy Department, Claremont McKenna College

2007-08

Faculty Development Grants and Seminars at the Claremont
Colleges (ISSSC): "Secularism and the Enlightenment"

Course Title: The Nature of *Nature*: Enlightenment Ideas about the
Landscape Faculty Member: Dr. Bruce Coats, Professor of Art History,
Scripps College

Course Title: Liberty of Conscience and the Creation of Secular
Society

Faculty Member: Dr. George Thomas, Assistant Professor of
Government, Claremont McKenna College

Course Title: German Enlightenment in an International Context
Faculty Member: Dr. Friederike Schwerin, Assistant Professor of
German and Russian, Pomona College

Course Title: Government 165: Political Philosophy and History
Faculty Member: Dr. James Nichols, Professor of Government,
Claremont McKenna College

Course Title: Anxiety in the Age of Reason
Faculty Member: Dr. Andre Wakefield, Assistant Professor of
History, Pitzer College

2008-09

Faculty Development Grants and Seminars at the Claremont
Colleges (ISSSC): The Global Impact of Secular Values

Course Title: Government 162: Statesmanship and Leadership
Faculty Member: Mark Blitz, Professor, Department of
Government, Claremont McKenna College

Course Title: Life, Death and Meaning
Faculty Member: Amy Kind, Associate Professor, Department of
Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

Course Title: Global Justice, World Poverty, and Human Rights
Faculty Member: Alex Rajczi, Assistant Professor, Department of
Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

Course Title: American Culture Wars
Faculty Member: John Shields, Assistant Professor, Department of
Philosophy, Claremont McKenna College

- Mar. 2011 “Kant on Religion,” Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.
- Mar. 2012 “Hobbes on Religion,” Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.
- Mar. 2013 “Locke on Religion,” Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.
- Mar. 2014 “Rousseau on Religion,” Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.
- Mar. 2015 “Nietzsche on Religion” Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.
- Mar. 2016 “Montesquieu on Religion,” Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.
- Mar. 2017 “Moses Mendelssohn’s *Nathan the Wise*,” Claremont, CA.
- June 2017 Leo Strauss, week long seminar for undergraduates, Salvatori Center, Claremont, CA.

Faculty Committee Service

- 2007-08 Faculty Administrator for Student Fulbright Applications (with Joke Johnson)
- 2009-14 Judiciary/Conduct Board
- 2015-16/
2017 Academic Standards Committee