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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.

References

Ralph Lerner, Professor, Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago, rlerner@uchicago.edu

James Nichols, Professor, Claremont McKenna College, jnichols@cmc.edu

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Academic Positions

Humanities, History and English Literature Teacher, Emet Classical Academy, New York, New York, 2024 – present.

Associate Professor, Government Department, Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California, fall 2006 – present (on leave for 2024-45)

Polaris Teaching Fellow, University of Austin Texas, Spring 2023.

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, University 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 Kyiv-Mohyla, Ukraine, 1993-94.

Visiting Professor (part time), International Solomon University, Kyiv, Ukraine, 1993.

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 Works

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 (spring 2018).

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.

“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), pp151-171.

“Xenophon and the Conquest of Nature,” in *Mastery of Nature: Promises and Prospects* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018), pp111-121.

“Leo Strauss’ First Brush with Xenophon: The Spirit of Sparta or the Taste of Xenophon,” *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 83, Issue 1 (2021), pp 69-90.

“Machiavelli’s Turn to Xenophon,” with Christopher Lynch, in *Niccolò Machiavelli in His Time, and Ours: Politics, Literature, History*, edited by Prasanta Chakravarty and Sukanta Chaudhuri (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

“From Laslett to Waldmann: The Case for Reconsidering Strauss on Locke,” with Behnegar, Stauffer, and Major, *Review of Politics*, Vol 84, Issue 3, 2022, 1-22.

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

“Censorship at a Top College for Free Speech,” Wall Street Journal, August 22, 2022.

“How Not to Protect Free Speech in the Classroom,” Wall Street Journal, August, 28, 2022.

“My Free Speech College is Censuring Me,” Unherd, September 25, 2022.

“Fear of Liberal Arts Education,” City Journal, April 20, 2023.

“Osama bin Laden: Big Man on Campus,” Wall Street Journal, November, 30, 2023.

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.

Courses Taught (select)

Introduction to American Government
Introduction to Political Philosophy
Freshman Civilization Sequence
Freshman Humanities Sequence
The American Revolution and Constitutional Founding
The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln
The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass
Tocqueville: *Democracy in America* and *The Ancien Regime*
From Theocracy to Democracy: Church and State
Homer: *Iliad* and *Odyssey*
Plato: Shorter Dialogues
Herodotus: *The Histories*
Xenophon: Politics, Philosophy and War

Languages

Classical Greek
French
Italian

Conferences Organized (select)

"Kant on Religion," Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, March, 2010.

"Hobbes on Religion," Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, March 2011

"Locke on Religion, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, March 2012

"Rousseau on Religion, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, March 2013

"Montesquieu on Religion, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, March 2014.

"Tocqueville on Politics and Religion," Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, March 2015

"Lessing's *Nathan the Wise*, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College, 2016.

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, University of Pennsylvania Press, Political Science Quarterly