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Positions Held

Northern Illinois University, **Assistant Professor**, 2007–present. Department of Political Science. Appointed to Graduate Faculty in Political Science, 2007.

Brown University, **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, 2004–2007. Department of Political Science, Political Theory Project.

University of Toronto, **Course Instructor**, 2004. Department of Political Science.

Reviewed Publications

The Question of Natural Law in Aristotle. *History of Political Thought* 30, no. 2 (Summer 2009): 229–50.

The Lockean Commonwealth. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2009.

The Extraconstitutionality of Lockean Prerogative. *Review of Politics* 68, no. 3 (Summer 2006): 428–48.

Other Publications

Locke and the Challenges of Crisis Government. *The Good Society*, forthcoming.

A Banausic, Plebeian Hegel? review of *Hegel and the Freedom of Moderns*, by Domenico Losurdo. *Review of Politics* 67, no. 3 (Summer 2005): 147–9.

Education

University of Toronto, **Ph.D.**, 2005. Department of Political Science.

- Dissertation: Prerogative and Revolution in the Lockean Commonwealth: Emergency Actions in a Lawful Society.
- Supervisors Thomas Pangle, Clifford Orwin, and Melissa Williams; examiners Donald Forbes and Nathan Tarcov.
- Recipient of the Jablin Dissertation Award from the University of Richmond's Jepson School.

University of Maryland, College Park, **B.A.**, 1999. Department of Government and Politics.
Cum Laude, Honors in Government and Politics.

Teaching Experience

- 2007– *Northern Illinois University*, Assistant Professor
POL5 150 — Democracy in America
POL5 350 — Classical and Medieval Political Thought
POL5 352 — Nietzsche and Postmodern Politics
*POL5 554 — Principles of Plato’s Political Theory: *The Republic*
*POL5 651 — Topics in Modern Political Philosophy: *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*;
Locke’s Two Treatises of Government
* (indicates graduate seminar)
- 2004–6 *Brown University*, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project
PS82-6 — The Philosophy of the American Founding
PS101 — Topics in American Constitutional Law
PS104 — Ancient Political Thought
PS152 — Machiavelli’s Spirit of Modern Republicanism
- 2004 *University of Toronto*, Course Instructor
POL330 — Politics & Morality
- 2000–4 *University of Toronto*, Teaching Assistant
POL200 — Visions of the Just and Good Society
POL203 — U.S. Government and Politics

Conferences

- American Political Science Association. Toronto: September 3–4, 2009.
- Presented “For the Good of the People.”
- Jack Miller Summer Institute. Charlottesville, Virginia: June 15–27, 2009.
- Fellow in “Crisis and Statesmanship in American Democracy.”
- Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago: April 2–5, 2009.
- Presented “Carl Schmitt and the Myopic Treatment of Prerogative.”
 - Discussant for 32-13: “The Conditions of Civic Virtue.”
- Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago: April 3–6, 2008.
- Presented “Aristotle and Natural Law.”
 - Co-Discussant for 30-2: “Socrates as Paradigm and Political Thinker.”

- Chair for 31-12: “Principles of Politics.”

Liberty Fund Colloquium. Park City, Utah: July 5–8, 2007.

- Participated in “Moral Knowledge and Education in John Locke.”

New England Political Science Association. Boston: April 27–28, 2007.

- Presented “Flux, Fortuna, and the Role of Philosophy.”

American Political Science Association. Philadelphia: August 31–September 3, 2006.

- Presented “Locke and Aristotle on the Limits of Law.”

Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago: April 20–22, 2006.

- Presented “The Missing Judiciary in Locke’s Separation of Powers.”
- Co-discussant for 27–24: “Modern Thinkers in Action.”

Southwestern Political Science Association. San Antonio: April 11–15, 2006.

- Presented “The Missing Judiciary in Locke’s Separation of Powers.”
- Discussant for session 66: “Reassessing the Foundations of Modern Political Thought.”

Southern Political Science Association. Atlanta: January 5–7, 2006.

- Presented “The Extraconstitutionality of Lockean Prerogative.”

International Leadership Association. Amsterdam: November 2–6, 2005.

- Presented “Locke and the Problem of Crisis Leadership.”
- Accepted Jablin Dissertation Award from the Jepson School of Leadership Studies

University of Toronto Eos II Political Theory Colloquium. Toronto: May 14–15, 2005.

- Respondent to Nicholas Treanor’s “Electing to Vote.”

University of Toronto Eos I Political Theory Colloquium. Toronto: May 22–23, 2004.

- Presented “Locke’s Extralegal Foundations of the Law.”

Humane Studies Research Colloquium. Arlington, VA: May 16–18, 2003.

- Presented research on Locke’s *Second Treatise* and the American Founders.

New York State Political Science Association. Staten Island, NY: April 11–12, 2003.

- Presented “Locke, Law, and Freedom: prerogative, resistance, and the ‘constant flux of things.’”

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Review of Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Theory*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Polity*, *Political Studies*, *Political Research Quarterly*

Awards and Honors

Jack Miller Fellow, 2009.

Summer Research & Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University, 2009

Summer Research & Artistry Grant, Northern Illinois University, 2008

Jablin Dissertation Award, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, 2005

Humane Studies Fellow, 2003–2004.

Languages Read

German, Biblical Hebrew, Attic Greek.