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EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. in Politics, Catholic University of America

Major field of study: Political Theory

Minor field of study: World Politics

Research languages: Attic Greek, German

2008 M.A. in Politics with an emphasis in Political Theory, Catholic University of America

2006 B.A. in Government with an emphasis in Public Policy, Patrick Henry College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 – Instructional Assistant Professor, The Honors College, University of Houston

2021–2022 Visiting Assistant Professor, The Honors College, University of Houston

2019–2021 Lecturer, The Honors College, University of Houston

2017–2020 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Houston

2011–2014 Teaching Fellow, Department of Politics, Catholic University of America

2009–2013 Adjunct Online Instructor, Regent University

2009–2012 Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics, Catholic University of America

2008 Online Course Developer, Regent University

PUBLICATIONS & REVIEWS

2025 "The Monotheistic Religions and the Universality of Being Human," *Eric Voegelin Studies Yearbook*, Vol. 4: *The Unity of Mankind and the Conversation of Civilizations*.

2022 "Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Limits of Political Theology," *The Political Science Reviewer* XLVI (no. 1).

- 2021 "Cosmology Ancient and Modern: A Review of Tilo Schabert's *The Figure of Modernity*," *The Political Science Reviewer* XLV (no. 2).
- 2020 "Childhood as the Paradigm for Political Education," in *Human Dignity, Education, and Political Society*, ed. James Greenaway (Lexington Books, May 2020).
- 2018 "Contemplating Friendship," review of John von Heyking's *The Form of Politics: Aristotle and Plato on Friendship*," on VoegelinView.com.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

- 2025 "Empires in History: Patterns, Types, and Theories," to be presented at an international conference titled "Mapping Empires: Patterns Past and Present" at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany, hosted by the Eric Voegelin Gesellschaft.
- 2025 "Community and Criminal Justice in Kant's *Metaphysics of Morals*," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Vancouver, BC.
- 2023 "The Monotheistic Religions and the Universality of Being Human: Remarks on Voegelin's Interpretation of St. Paul," presented at an international conference titled "Die Einheit der Menschheit im Dialog der Zivilisationen" (The Unity of Mankind and the Conversation of Civilizations) at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany, hosted by the Eric Voegelin Gesellschaft.
- 2023 "Love and Justice from Aristotle to Abolition," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2020 "A Credible Politics: Hans Urs von Balthasar's Political Theology of Love," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, held virtually.
- 2018 "Ethical Communities: Kant's Ecclesiology in his Moral and Political Philosophy," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, MA.
- 2014 "Rousseau and Kant on Political Right and Obligation in the State of Nature," presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association in Boston, MA.

Panels Organized

- 2020 Co-organizer of panel, "Political Theology I: Schmitt, Manent, and Iqbal," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, held virtually.

- 2020 Co-organizer, presenter, and respondent on panel, "Political Theology II: Strauss, Balthasar, Voegelin," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, held virtually.

Conference Service

- 2025 Chair on panel "Action and Relation" and Respondent on panel "Arendt and the Acting Person," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Vancouver, BC.
- 2023 Chair and Respondent on panels, "The Person as the Heart of the Political" and "Friendship, Universal Love, and Pluralism," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Chair and Respondent on panels, "Living Life as the Disclosure of Order" and "Political Theory as a Resource for Political Challenges," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Seattle, WA.
- 2020 Participant on roundtable on "Human Dignity, Liberal Education, and Political Society," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, held virtually.
- 2020 Respondent on panel "Political Theology II: Strauss, Balthasar, Voegelin," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, held virtually.
- 2019 Respondent on panels "Grounding the Political" and "Literature, Persons, and Modern Politics," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC.
- 2017 Respondent on panel "The Person and the Common Good," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, CA.
- 2016 Respondent on panel "The Political Persistence of Religion," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA.

INVITED TALKS

- 2025 "Love in a Time of Crisis: Meditations on Hans Urs von Balthasar's Political Realism," presented at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX.
- 2025 "Influence of the Natural Right and Natural Law Tradition on the American Founders," presented to a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX

- 2022 "Images Matter: What is a State, and What is the International Community?" presented to the Global Scholars Academy at the World Affairs Council of Greater Houston.
- 2022 "Voegelin's Modern Philosophizing," Session 3 of a 5-part virtual lecture series titled "Who Was Eric Voegelin and What Did He Think?" hosted by the Eric Voegelin Institute at Louisiana State University.
- 2019 "Childhood as the Paradigm for Political Education," presented at a colloquium on Human Dignity, Education, and Political Society at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & COURSES TAUGHT

The Honors College, University of Houston

The Human Situation: Antiquity (Honors 'Great Books' Core Course, part 1)
 The Human Situation: Modernity (Honors 'Great Books' Core Course, part 2)
 Introduction to Political Theory
 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
 Religion & Politics
 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics

Department of Political Science, University of Houston

Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
 Introduction to Political Theory
 Left, Right, and Center
 U.S. Government: Congress, President, & Courts
 U.S. and Texas Constitutions and Politics

Catholic University of America

Introduction to Political Theory (both face-to-face and online)
 Ancient & Medieval Political Thought

Regent University

Ancient Political Philosophy (online)
 Modern Political Philosophy (online)
 Political Ideologies (online)
 Introduction to American Government (online)
 Research Methods (online)
 Independent Studies

COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT, and UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2025 – Omega Team Leader, The Human Situation

2025 –	Member, Honors College Academic Affairs Committee
2024–2026	Member, Honors College Governance Committee
2024–2025	Member, Human Situation faculty search committee
2024	Interviewer, Tier One Invitational scholarship competition
2024	Member, Human Situation faculty search committee
2023–2026	Member, Counseling and Psychological Services Advisory Committee
2023–2024	Honors College Faculty Chair
2023–2024	Chair, Honors Faculty Governance Committee
2023–2024	Member, Honors College Logistics and Operations Committee
2023	Chair, Transition Committee
2022–2023	Honors College Faculty Convener
2022–2023	Member, Honors College Bylaws Committee
2022–2023	Member, Medicine & Society faculty search committee
2022	Interviewer, Tier One Invitational scholarship competition
2021–2023	Advisor, Faculty Advisory Network, University of Houston Honors College

CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT

2026	Faculty Co-Leader, “Freedom of Conscience in Central Europe” Learning Abroad Program
2025	Provost’s Undergraduate Research Award mentor
2024 –	Faculty Advisor, Houston Undergraduate Law Review
2023–2024	Mentor, Honors Faculty Research Assistant Program
2023–2024	Mentor for FrameWorks, undergraduate humanities research program
2022–2023	Mentor for FrameWorks, undergraduate humanities research program
2022	Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship mentor
2022	Faculty Co-Leader, “Historic Philadelphia” Learning Away Program
2022	Senior Thesis Honors Reader
2021–2022	Mentor for FrameWorks, undergraduate humanities research program
2021	Mellon Research Scholars Program mentor
2020	Senior Thesis Honors Reader

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Board of Directors, Eric Voegelin Society
 Manuscript reviewer, *Political Science Reviewer*
 Manuscript reviewer, *Open Theology*

MEMBERSHIPS, CERTIFICATIONS, and HONORS

American Political Science Association
 Foundations of Political Theory section
 Religion & Politics section
 The Eric Voegelin Society

Ted L. Estess Faculty Award, 2024

Lerner Family Faculty Fellowship Award, 2022

Complimentary Research Associate, Rice University, Political Science Department, 2014 – 2015

Dissertation Grant from the W. Froelich Endowment, Catholic University of America, 2013–2015

Online Teaching Certification, Catholic University of America, 2014

Teaching Fellowship, Catholic University of America, 2011–2014

Teaching Assistantship, Catholic University of America, 2009–2012

Academic Merit Graduate Scholarship, The Catholic University of America, 2006–2008