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APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- Professor (Instructional)
- 2020-24 Associate Professor (Instructional)
- 2014-20 Assistant Professor (Instructional)
The Honors College, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
- 2013-14 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Leadership and American Studies, CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY
- 2012-13 Visiting Assistant Professor,
Institute for the American Constitutional Heritage, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
- 2007-12 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science, COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS
- 2006-07 Visiting Assistant Professor
Department of History, OHIO UNIVERSITY
- 2000-06 Adjunct Assistant Professor
Department of Political Science, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ROME
Department of Humanities, JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY (Rome, Italy)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Politics (2003), Institute of Philosophic Studies, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS
- M.A. Politics (1995), Braniff Graduate School, UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS
- M.A. Liberal Education (1992), Graduate Institute, ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE – Santa Fe
- B.A. Political Science and Philosophy (1991), UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
— Distinctions: *summa cum laude*, Honors College, *Phi Beta Kappa*

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2013 Research Fellow, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello
(month-long research fellowship for work on publication project on Jefferson)
- 2013 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for American Studies, Christopher Newport University
- 2010 Grant Recipient, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, College of the Holy Cross
(faculty-student collaborative research project in the Humanities)

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Volumes

Brill's Companion to the Reception of Xenophon. Classical Reception Series. Edited by Dustin Gish and Christopher Farrell. Brill (forthcoming, 2026).

Xenophon's Socratic Rhetoric: Foundations of the Philosophic Life in the Symposium. Lexington Books, 2022.

-- review by Paul Stern, "The Demands of Moderation," in *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 53, No. 3 (April 2024) 180–184

Rival Visions: How Jefferson and His Contemporaries Defined the Early American Republic. Jeffersonian America Series. Edited by Dustin Gish and Andrew Bibby. University of Virginia Press, 2021.

Thomas Jefferson and the Science of Republican Government: A Political Companion to "Notes on the State of Virginia" (co-author, with D. Klinghard). Cambridge University Press, 2017.

-- review by Peter Onuf in *The English Historical Review*, Vol. 134, No. 568 (June 2019) 646–663

-- review by Garrett Ward Sheldon in *American Political Thought*, (Fall 2018) 668–671

-- review by David Tucker in *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 80, No. 4 (2018) 728–730

-- review by David Houpt in *Journal of the Early Republic*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (Winter 2019) 770–774

The Quest for Excellence: Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Core Texts. Edited by Dustin Gish, Christopher Constatas, and J. Scott Lee. University Press of America, 2016.

Resistance to Tyrants, Obedience to God: Reason, Religion, and Republicanism at the American Founding. Edited by Dustin Gish and Daniel Klinghard. Lexington Books, 2013.

Shakespeare and the Body Politic. Edited by Bernard J. Dobski and Dustin Gish. Lexington Books, 2013.

Souls with Longing: Representations of Honor and Love in Shakespeare. Edited by Bernard J. Dobski and Dustin Gish. Lexington Books, 2011.

Journal Articles

"Eclipse of the Political: Private Passions and the Love of Honor in Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*." *Philosophy & Literature* (forthcoming, 2025).

"Effectual Truth and the Machiavellian Enterprise." *Literature*. Special Issue on *Realpolitik in Renaissance and Early Modern British Literature* 5/1 (2025): 1-15.

"Xenophon's Cyrus in Paradise: Hunting and the Art of War in Antiquity." *Classical World* 117/2 (2024), 117-145.

"Reasonable Foundations for Happiness: The Pursuit of Self-Knowledge in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*." *Interpretation* 47/3 (2021), 457-482.

- “Redeeming Adam’s Curse: The Bible and The Enlightenment in Thomas Jefferson’s *Notes on the State of Virginia*” (co-author, with Daniel Klinghard). *Perspectives on Political Science* 42/2 (2013), 103-110.
- “Liberal Democracy, Shakespeare, and the Body Politic” (co-author, with B. J. Dobski). *Perspectives on Political Science* 41/4 (2012), 181-189.
- “Republican Constitutionalism in Thomas Jefferson’s *Notes on the State of Virginia*” (co-author, with Daniel Klinghard). *The Journal of Politics* 74/1 (2012), 35-51.
- “Platonic Dialogues, Socratic Inquiries: A Symposium on *Plato’s Philosophers*.” *Perspectives on Political Science* 40/4 (2011), 179-185.
- “Nascent Federalism and Political Crisis in *The Iliad*.” *History of Political Thought* 31/1 (2010), 1-33.
- “Spartan Justice: The Conspiracy of Kinadon in Xenophon’s *Hellenika*.” *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 29/2 (2009), 339-369.
- “Contemplating Athens: The Allure of Empire, Eros, and Socratic Philosophy” (Review Article). *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 28/1 (2008), 131-157.
- “Rivals in Persuasion: Gorgianic Sophistic vs. Socratic Rhetoric.” *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 23/1 (2006), 46-73.

Book Chapters

- “Sparta and the American Founding,” in *Brill’s Companion to the Spartan Tradition*, ed. Ian Macgregor Morris (invited).
- “The Spirit of Strauss and the Taste of Anastaplo: What George Anastaplo Learned from Leo Strauss,” in *Guardians of Inquiry: How the Students of Leo Strauss Shaped the Modern World*, ed. Glenn Ellmers (accepted for publication).
- “Xenophon, His Socrates, and the Third Earl of Shaftesbury,” in *Leadership and Authority in Xenophon*, eds. C. Tuplin and F. Hobden. DeGruyter (accepted for publication).
- “Leo Strauss and the Problem of Socrates,” in *Leo Strauss as Reader of Political Philosophy*, eds. Miguel Vatter and Thomas Meyer. Katz Editores: Buenos Aires (accepted for publication).
- “Xenophon in Early Anglo-American Political Thought,” in *Companion to the Reception of Xenophon*, eds. Dustin Gish and Chris Farrell. Brill Publishing (forthcoming, 2025).
- “Xenophon’s Cyrus and Hunting in Paradise,” in *Debating Cyrus*, eds. David Johnson and Gabriel Danzig. Brill Publishing (accepted for publication and forthcoming, 2025).

- “Frederick Douglass on Liberal Education: Learning the True Meaning of Freedom, in *Crisis and Consolation: Selected Proceedings of the Association for Core Texts and Courses*, ed. Tuan Hoang. ACTC Liberal Arts Institute, 2025: 119-130.
- “Beyond Tyranny: Ethical Imagination, Erotic Education, and Justice in Shakespeare’s *The Winter’s Tale*,” in *Fictional Worlds and the Political Imagination*, ed. Garry Hagberg. Palgrave Macmillan, 2024: 123-141.
- “Liberal Education as Civic Education: The Philosopher’s Curriculum in Plato’s *Republic*,” in *Liberal Education and Citizenship in a Free Society*, eds. Justin Dyer and Constantine Vassiliou. University of Missouri Press, 2023: 103-148.
- “Justice, Peace, and the Common Good in Trecento Siena: A Political Study of Ambrogio Lorenzetti’s *Ben Comune*,” in *The Artistic Foundations of Nations and Citizens: Art, Literature, and the Political Community*, ed. Ann Ward. Routledge, 2021: 27-52.
- “An American Abroad: Jeffersonian Diplomacy and Early American Nationalism,” in *Rival Visions: How Jefferson and His Contemporaries Defined the Early American Republic*, eds. Dustin Gish and Andrew Bibby. University of Virginia Press, 2021: 74-100.
- “Pope Julius II and the Visual Rhetoric of Rome,” in *People and Places of the Roman Past: The Educated Traveller’s Guide*, ed. P. Hatlie. Arc Humanities Press, 2019: 185-198.
- “Resisting the Dissolution of the Body Politic: An *Apologia* for Pentheus in Euripides’ *Bacchae*,” in *The Quest for Excellence: Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Core Texts*, eds. Dustin Gish, Chris Constan, and J. Scott Lee. University Press of America, 2016: 79-85.
- “Socratic Rhetoric and Political Philosophy: Leo Strauss on Xenophon’s *Symposium*,” in *Brill’s Companion to Leo Strauss’ Writings on Classical Political Thought*, ed. T. Burns. Brill Publishers, 2015: 258-284.
- “Reason, Religion, and Republicanism in Thomas Jefferson’s *Notes on the State of Virginia*,” in *Resistance to Tyrants, Obedience to God: Reason, Religion, and Republicanism at the American Founding*, eds. D. Gish and D. Klinghard. Lexington Books, 2013: 125-142.
- “Taming the Shrew: Shakespeare, Machiavelli, and Political Philosophy,” in *Shakespeare and the Body Politic*, eds. B. Dobski and D. Gish. Lexington Books, 2013: 197-220.
- “Shakespeare and the Body Politic” (co-author, with B. Dobski), in *Shakespeare and the Body Politic*, eds. B. Dobski and D. Gish. Lexington Books, 2013: 1-30.
- “Defending *Dēmokratia*: Athenian Justice and the Trial of the Arginousae Generals in Xenophon’s *Hellenica*,” in *Xenophon: Ethical Principle and Historical Enquiry*, eds. F. Hobden and C. J. Tuplin. Brill, 2012: 161-212.
- “In Defense of Classical Democracy: Popular Rule and Anti-Democratic Sentiment from Athens to the American Founding,” in *Democratic Decision-Making in America: New Perspectives, Historical and Contemporary*, ed. D. Schaefer. Rowman & Littlefield, 2012: 57-82.

“Shakespeare’s Souls with Longing” (co-author, with B. Dobski), in *Souls with Longing*, eds. B. Dobski and D. Gish. Lexington Books, 2011: 1-18.

“Taming *The Tempest*: Prospero’s Love of Wisdom and the Turn from Tyranny,” in *Souls with Longing*, eds. B. Dobski and D. Gish. Lexington Books, 2011: 231-260.

— “Okiełznać burzę. Prospero i jego umiłowanie mądrości oraz odejście od tyranii” (Polish translation). *KRONOS: Special Issue on Machiavelli & Shakespeare* 18/3 (2011) 84-108

Edited Journal Issues

The Artist as Thinker & The Thinker as Artist: Literature and the History of Political Philosophy. Edited by Dustin Gish. Special Issue of *Literature* (forthcoming).

Symposium on Shakespeare’s Political Thought. Edited by Bernard Dobski and Dustin Gish. Special Issue of *Perspectives on Political Science* 41/4 (2012).

Symposium on Plato’s Philosophers. Edited by Dustin Gish. Special Issue of *Perspectives on Political Science* 40/1 (2011).

The Political Thought of Xenophon. Edited by Dustin Gish and Wayne Ambler. Special Issue of *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 29/2 (2009).

Reference Articles

“Athenian Democracy,” in *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, 8 Vols., ed. M. Gibbon, et al. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

“Athenian Empire”, in *Encyclopedia of the Empires of the World*, Vol. 1: Ancient Empires, ed. C. Northrup, et al. Facts on File Publishing, 2013.

Book Reviews

Review of Eric Buzzetti, *Xenophon the Socratic Prince: The Argument of the “Anabasis of Cyrus.”* Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. *Polis: Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought*, Vol. 33, No. 2 (2016) 408-413.

Review of *The Landmark Xenophon’s Hellenika*, edited by Robert Strassler. Pantheon Books, 2009. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2011.10.17.

“Pre-Emptive Strikes” — Review of Gerard Magliocca, *Andrew Jackson and the Constitution*. Kansas University Press, 2007. *The Review of Politics* 70/3 (2008) 477-481.

Review of *Demosthenes: Speeches 60 and 61, Prologues, Letters* (Oratory of Classical Greece, Vol. 10), edited by Ian Worthington. University of Texas Press, 2006. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2008.07.49.

Review of Devin Stauffer, *The Unity of Plato’s Gorgias: Rhetoric, Justice, and the Philosophic Life*. Cambridge University Press, 2006. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2007.05.09.

Review of *Plato's Cleitophon: On Socrates and the Modern Mind*, edited by M. Kremer. Lexington Books, 2004. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2005.04.01.

Review of *Pius II: Commentaries, Vol. 1* (I Tatti Renaissance Library, 12), edited by M. Meserve and M. Simonetta. Harvard University Press, 2003. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2004.11.08.

Review of Ronald Musto, *Apocalypse in Rome: Cola di Rienzo and the Politics of the New Age*. University of California Press, 2001. *The Medieval Review* 2004.03.11.

Work-in-Progress

Self-Evident Truths: The Enduring Vitality of the Declaration — edited volume (in progress)

Thomas Jefferson and Early American Nationalism — book manuscript (in progress)

Machiavelli's Princes: Ancients and Moderns — book manuscript (in progress)

"Misreading Athenian Democracy: Xenophon's *Athenian Constitution* — article manuscript

TEACHING

Areas of Research and Publication:

American Constitutionalism, American Political Thought (Jefferson), Democratic Theory, History of Political Thought, Classical and Early Modern Political Philosophy (Xenophon, Plato, Thucydides, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke), Politics & Literature (Shakespeare, Twain)

Courses Taught:

University of Houston The Honors College	HON 2301	The Human Situation: Antiquity & Modernity
	HON 3397	The Lence Seminar: Early American Republic
	HON 3397	Special Topics: Shakespeare and the Law
	POLS 1336 H	U.S. Constitution and Politics
	POLS 3310 H	Introduction to Political Theory
	POLS 3341 H	Classical Political Thought
	POLS 3343 H	Democratic Theory
	POLS 3349 H	American Political Thought
	POLS 3361 H	Politics and Literature
	POLS 4346 H	Ancient Greek Political Thought
Christopher Newport University	AMST 100	The American Experiment
	AMST 300	The American Experiment: Global Influences
University of Oklahoma	LTRS 2103	Introduction to Constitutional Studies
	LTRS 3353	Interpreting the American Founding
	LTRS 3510	Jefferson and the Constitution

College of the Holy Cross	POLS 100	Principles of American Government
	POLS 101	Introduction to Political Philosophy
	POLS 224	Democracy and Its Critics
	POLS 231	Shakespeare's Political Thought
	POLS 299	Republicanism: Cicero, Machiavelli, and Beyond
	MONT 104	The Quest for Justice (First-Year Seminar)
Ohio University	HIST 121	Western Heritage: The Classical Age
	HIST 329	Ancient Greek History
	HIST 329	Ancient Roman History
	HIST 297	Classical Regimes (Honors Tutorial)
	HIST 297	Xenophon's Socrates (Honors Tutorial)
American University of Rome	CLS 302	Cicero, Caesar, and the Collapse of the Roman Republic
	CLS 304	Classical Rhetoric
	CLS 310	Ancient Imperialism: Persia, Greece, Rome
	HST 300	History of Ancient Rome and Italy
	HST 303	History of the Italian Renaissance
	POL 311	Classical Political Philosophy
	POL 312	Renaissance and Enlightenment Political Philosophy
John Cabot University	CLS 231	History of Ancient Rome
	CLS 372	Classical Greek and Roman Rhetoric
	HST 223	Historical and Philosophical Aspects of the Italian Renaissance
	HST 399	Classical Athens in the Age of Socrates
	HST 399	Augustan Rome and the Rhetoric of History
	HUM 360	Roman and Renaissance Origins of the Humanities

Co-Curricular Engagement – The Honors College, UH:

MFAH MindWalks 2015-2020

LEARNING ABROAD PROGRAMS

— France: Paris and Chateaux	Summer 2020	[cancelled due to COVID]
— Spain: Barcelona and Costa Brava	Summer 2019	
— Italy: Rome and Tuscany	Summer 2018	

LEARNING AWAY PROGRAMS

— Historic Revolutionary Philadelphia	March 2022
— The Political Architecture of Washington D.C.	March 2020, March 2026
— Charlottesville, VA: The Early American Republic	March 2019

Director, CITE Public Art Walk Scholarships 2019 – 2020

Faculty Leader, IHS Student Colloquia 2018 – 2021

Community Engagement – Houston, TX:*Italian Cultural and Community Center*

Lecture – “Visual Rhetoric of the Florentine Renaissance”	Mar. 21, 2024
Course – “Shakespeare’s Italian Plays”	Sept. – Oct. 2024
Course – “The Wonders of the Augustan Age”	Feb. 2025
Lecture – “Myth & Marble: The Torlonia Collection”	Aug. 26, 2025
Course – “Florence: Jewel of the Italian Renaissance”	Sept. 2025
Lecture – “Emperor Trajan and His Times”	Nov. 12, 2025

The Women’s Institute of Houston

Course – “Florence: Jewel of the Italian Renaissance”	Sept. 2024
Course – “Shakespeare’s Grand Tour of Italy”	Mar. – Apr. 2025
Lecture – “Myth & Marble: The Torlonia Collection”	Aug. 24, 2025
Course – “The Good Emperors of Ancient Rome”	Oct. – Nov. 2025

ACADEMIC GRANTS

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The Jack Miller Center (JMC)	\$48,000	2018-23, 2025
Institute for Humane Studies (IHS)	\$21,000	2019-20, 2025

[internal]

Elizabeth D. Rockwell Grant - Conference	\$27,000	2022 – 2023, 2025
CITE Grant - Learning Away Scholarships	\$32,000	2020 – 2021
CITE Grant - Learning Away Scholarships	\$30,000	2019 – 2020
CITE Grant - Public Art Walks on Campus	\$5,000	2019
Justice through Community Grant	\$1,000	2020 – 2021

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Career Award for Teaching Excellence	2024
Lerner Family Foundation Fellowship	2023
Dean’s Award for Excellence in Leadership and Service	2021
Ross M. Lence Master Teacher Fellowship	2020
Lerner Family Foundation Fellowship	2020
Wong Faculty Engagement Award	2019
Wong Faculty Engagement Award	2017
Human Situation Lecture Group Award	Spring 2021
[awards suspended after 2020]	Spring 2019
	Fall 2018
	Fall 2017

ACADEMIC SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Faculty Senator for the Honors College, University of Houston (2017 – 2024)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, University of Houston (2017 – 2024)

Director, CITE Learning Away Scholarships, Provost's Office (2018 – 2024)

Teaching Excellence Award Committee, Provost's Office (2018 – 2022)

CITE Advisory Board, Provost's Office (2018 – 2019)

IES Committee, Learning Abroad Office (2018 – 2020)

Academic Affairs Committee, Honors College (2022 – present)

Director, *Phronēsis*: Honors Minor and Program, Honors College (2015 – present)

Travel Scholarships Committee, Honors College (2018 – present)

Faculty Director, *Phronēsis* Research & Mentoring Program, Honors College (2018 – present)

Lence Invitation Committee, Honors College (2017 – present)

College Expansion Committee, Honors College (2025 – present)

By-Laws Revision Committee, Honors College (2022 – 2024)

CLASS Honors Committee, Honors College (2022 – 2023)

Co-Curricular Designation Advisory Committee, Honors College (2019 – 2020)

Global Engagement and Research Committee, Honors College (2018 – 2020)

Faculty Awards Committee, Honors College (2019 – 2024)

Faculty Search Committees, Honors College (2017 – 2023)

Learning Abroad and Learning Away Programs, Honors College (2018 – 2021, 2022, 2026)

Faculty Mentor for R&MP, PURS, SURF (2016 – 2025)

Honors Thesis Reader: Joshua Freed (2016), Philip Pinell (2019), Jacob Little (2019*), Kristin [* Outstanding Award] Raybon (2019), Kiara Minotta (2020), Paulina Ezquerro (2021), Karina Battacharya (2022*), Nicole Gonzalez (2024), Alivia Mayfield (2024*)

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Faculty, Montserrat (First-Year Program), 2010-2011

Faculty, Washington D.C. Semester Internship Program, 2007-2011

OHIO UNIVERSITY

Faculty, Honors College, 2006-2007

JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY

Acting Chair, Humanities Department, Fall 2005

Representative of Adjunct Professors, Faculty Senate, 2005-2006 Executive Committee,

Humanistic Studies Major, 2002-2003 Chair, Student Affairs Committee, Outcomes

Assessment, 2000-2001 Faculty Advisor to Student Senate, 2000-2001

Thesis Advisor, Humanities and Political Science, 2004-2006

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External Peer Reviewer (article manuscripts):

<i>American Political Science Review</i>	2009-2012, 2016, 2018, 2022
<i>American Political Thought</i>	2013-2014, 2019, 2021
<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	2019-2020
<i>Bulletin for Classical Studies Institute</i>	2023-2024
<i>Classical Quarterly</i>	2014-2015
<i>History of Political Thought</i>	2021
<i>Interpretation</i>	2019-2021
<i>Journal of the Early Republic</i>	2023-2022
<i>Perspectives on Political Science</i>	2012
<i>Philosophy & Rhetoric</i>	2007
<i>Polis: Greek Political Thought</i>	2007-2011, 2014-2016, 2025
<i>Review of Politics</i>	2008-2011, 2013-2016, 2019-2020
<i>Review of Metaphysics</i>	2023-2022

External Reviewer (book manuscripts):

Bloomsbury	2025
Lexington Books	2023
University Press of Kansas	2022-2023
Focus/Hackett Publishing	2009-2011, 2019-2021

Series Editorial Board, *Focus Philosophical Library Series*, Focus Publishing, 2012-2014

Conference co-Organizer: "Liberal Education and Citizenship in a Free Society," Feb. 2023

Conference co-Organizer: "Thomas Jefferson and His Contemporaries," *Center for American Studies*, Christopher Newport University, October 2013

Conference co-Organizer: "Religion and Reason at the American Founding," *Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture*, College of the Holy Cross, December 2010

Conference co-Organizer: "Love and Honor in Shakespeare," Assumption College, Oct. 2009

Section Chair, Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, NPSA Annual Meetings, 2008-2011

Panels Organizer, *Society for Greek Political Thought*, NPSA Annual Meetings, 2005-2011

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2020-2025	Director, Honors Minor in Politics and Ethics, University of Houston
2015-2020	Associate Director, Honors Minor in Politics and Ethics, University of Houston
1997-1999	Assistant Academic Director, Rome Campus (Italy), University of Dallas

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 Association for Political Theory (APT)
 Association for Core Texts & Courses (ACTC)
 International Society for Socratic Studies (ISSS)
 International Xenophon Society (IXS)
 Society for the Study of Ancient Greek Political Thought (SGPT)

INVITED LECTURES, CONFERENCE, AND COLLOQUIA**2026**

Conference: *Cambridge Companion to Localism*, University of Tennessee – Knoxville, Jan. 9-10
 • Paper: “Thomas Jefferson’s View of Localism in Education”

2025

Invited Lecture: “Emperor Trajan and His Times,” ICCC, Nov. 12
 Invited Lecture: “Self-Reflection and Self-Knowledge in Austen,” Assumption University, Oct. 16
 Conference: Shawnee Trail Conference, University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, Oct. 3
 • Paper: “Lessons in Statesmanship: Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin in Paris”
 Invited Lecture: “Myth & Marble: The Torlonia Collection,” ICCC and WIH, Aug. 24 & 26
 Seminar Leader: Summer Teachers Institute, IACH at the University of Oklahoma, June 2025
 Conference: Civic Discourse, University of Colorado – Colorado Springs, June 4-5

2024

Conference: Shawnee Trail Conference, University of Texas – Austin, Nov. 1
 • Paper: “Lessons in Statesmanship: Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin in Paris”
 Invited Lecture: “Xenophon’s Socratic Rhetoric,” International Society for Socratic Studies, Oct. 17
 Invited Lecture: “Visual Rhetoric of the Florentine Renaissance,” ICCC, Mar. 21

2023

Conference: Association for Literary Critics, Scholars, and Writers, University of Houston, Oct. 12-15
 • Panel: “Conceiving Liberty and Equality in Antebellum America”
 Invited Lecture: “Conquering Fortune – The Macbeths’ Enterprise,” South Texas College, April 16
 Conference: Liberal Education and Citizenship in a Free Society, University of Houston, Feb. 23-25
 • Panel: “Educating to Freedom: Cicero, Petrarch, and the Origin of the Humanities”

2022

Invited Lecture: “Jefferson in Paris: An American Abroad,” University of Oklahoma, April 18

2021

Invited Lecture: "Rival Visions: Jefferson and His Contemporaries," Utah Valley University, Oct. 7

2020

Colloquium: "Political Thought of Frederick Douglass," IHS-UH Honors College, Nov. 12

Invited Lecture: "Reasonable Foundations for Happiness," UH Honors College, Oct. 17

Colloquium: "Alexander Hamilton on Limited Government," IHS-UH Honors College, Apr. 25

2019

Conference: American Shakespeare Company, Blackfriars Conference (Staunton, VA), October 22-27

Colloquium: "Political Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville," IHS-UH Honors College, Oct. 12

Conference: Association for Core Texts and Courses (Santa Fe, NM), April 10-14

- Paper: "Reasonable Foundations for Happiness in Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*"

Colloquium: "Democracy in America – Civil Society," IHS-UH Honors College, Apr. 6

2018

Conference: American Shakespeare Company, Blackfriars Conference (Staunton, VA), Oct 28-Nov 1

- Paper: "Transported from Tyranny: Imagination in *The Winter's Tale*"

Colloquium: "Abraham Lincoln and American Constitutionalism," IHS-UH Honors College, Oct. 27

Colloquium: "Thomas Jefferson on Liberty and Equality," IHS-UH Honors College, April 21

Invited Lecture: "Thomas Jefferson and the Science of Republican Government," Assumption College (Worcester, MA), April 22

Conference: Association for Core Texts and Courses (Framingham, MA), April 19-22

2017

Colloquium: "The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass," IHS-UH Honors College, Dec. 2

Conference: American Shakespeare Company, Blackfriars (Staunton, VA), October 25-29

- Paper: "The Eclipse of the Political in *Much Ado About Nothing*"

Conference: Association for Core Texts and Courses (Dallas, TX), April 20-23

- Paper: "Captain Vere's Dilemma in Herman Melville's *Billy Budd*"

2016

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 10-13

- Paper: "The Obligation to Punish: Captain Vere's Capital Dilemma in Melville's *Billy Budd*"

2015

Conference: American Shakespeare Company, Blackfriars (Staunton, VA), Oct 28-Nov 1

- Paper: "Transported from Tyranny: Imagination in *The Winter's Tale*"

2014

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 13-16

- Paper: "Publius' Misreading of Democracy and Xenophon's *Constitution of the Athenians*"

Conference: American Political Science Association (Washington, DC), August 27-31

- Paper: “An American in Paris: Jefferson, the Enlightenment, and American Diplomacy”

Colloquium: *Liberty and Equality in Rousseau and Tocqueville*, Liberty Fund Conference (Portland, OR), August 7-10

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), April 2-4

- Paper: “Thomas Jefferson and Early American National Diplomacy”

2013

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA), November 17-19

- Panel Discussant: “Shakespeare’s Political Thought”

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), April 11-13

- Paper: “An Ironic Defense of Democracy in Xenophon’s *Constitution of the Athenians*”

2012

Conference: Association for Political Theory (Columbia, SC), October 11-13

- Paper: “Diplomacy and Democratic Deliberation in Xenophon’s *Hellenika*”

Conference: American Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA), October 11-13

- Paper: “Popular Sovereignty and the Prospects for Good Government in Athens and America”
- Panel Discussant: “Creative Arts and the Political Community”

Conference: Southern Political Science Association (New Orleans, LA), January 12-14

- Paper: “Philosophers and Political Philosophy in Shakespeare”
- Paper (co-author): “Natural Science & Political Science: Jefferson’s Views on Slavery in *Notes*”

2011

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA), November 17-19

- Paper: “Popular Sovereignty and Democracy in Xenophon’s *Constitution of the Athenians*”
- Panel Chair: “Xenophon and Political Philosophy”
- Panel Discussant: “Shakespeare’s Political Thought”

Invited Paper: “Misreading Athenian Direct Democracy as Mob Rule at the American Founding,” *Popular Sovereignty and American Democracy*, American Democracy Forum at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, May 25

Conference: Association for Core Texts and Courses, Yale University, March 31-April 2

- Paper: “*Apologia* for Pentheus: Resisting the Dissolution of a Body Politic in Euripides’ *Bakkhai*”

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), March 31-April 2

- Paper: “After the Fall: Athenian Deliberative Democracy in Xenophon’s *Hellenika*”
- Paper (co-author): “Natural Philosophy and the Science of Republican Politics in Jefferson’s *Notes*”
- Paper (co-author): “Shakespeare’s Souls with Longing”

2010

Conference: *Religion and Reason in the American Founding*, Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, December 3

- Paper (co-author): “Religion and Reason in Thomas Jefferson’s *Notes*”

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 11-13

- Paper: “Xenophon’s Socratic Rhetoric in the *Symposium*”

Conference: American Political Science Association (Washington, DC), September 2-5

- Paper: “After the Fall: Is Post-War Athenian Democracy ‘Deliberative’?”
- Panel Chair: “Ancient Forms: Theatrical and Political”

Summer Fellowship: *Defending Democracy, Defeating Terrorism*, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (Washington D.C.), Tel Aviv University, May 29-June 9

Invited Paper: “‘A Little Rebellion...’ in Jefferson’s *Notes* and Adams’ *Defence*” (co-author), *Making Democracy: Violence, Politics, and the American Founding*, The George Washington Forum on American Institutions, Ohio University, April 22-23

Conference: Southern Political Science Association (Atlanta, GA), January 6-9

- Paper (co-author): “Rival Constitutional Theories: Jefferson’s *Notes* and Madison’s *Papers*”

2009

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA), November 19-21

- Paper: “Hunting and the Art of War in Xenophon’s *Anabasis* and *Cyropaedia*”
- Paper (co-author): “Jefferson’s *Notes* and Madison’s *Federalist Papers*”

Conference: *Love and Honor in Shakespeare*, Assumption College, October 15-17

- Paper: “Taming *The Tempest*: Prospero’s Love of Wisdom and Tyranny”

Conference: *Xenophon: Ethical Principle, Historical Enquiry*, University of Liverpool, July 8-11

- Paper: “Defending *Démokratia*: The Arginousai Trial” [delivered *in absentia*]

Conference: New England Political Science Association (Portland, ME), May 2-5

- Paper: “Defending *Démokratia*: Anti-Democratic Sentiment and the Arginousai Trial”

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), April 2-5

- Paper: “Taming *The Tempest*: Modern Science and Prospero’s ‘Socratic’ Turn”
- Panel Chair: “Justice and Tyranny in Shakespeare”

Colloquium: *Liberty, Property, and Exchange in Classical Political Thought*, Liberty Fund (San Diego, CA), February 19-21

2008

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 13-15

- Paper: “Spartan Corruption: The Conspiracy of Kinadon in Xenophon’s *Hellenika*”
- Panel Chair/Discussant: “Eros, Imperialism, and Tyranny in Greek Politics”

Summer Institute: Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles, hosted by the Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy, University of Virginia, July 7-19

Summer Institute: ISI/Lehrman American Studies Center, hosted by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University, June 10-21

Invited Lecture: “The Philosopher’s Curriculum in Plato’s *Republic*,” Nazareth College, April 14

2007

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA), November 15-17

- Paper: “Defending *Démokratia*: The Arginousai Trial in Xenophon’s *Hellenika*”
- Panel Discussant: “Xenophon Studies”

Conference: Southwestern Political Science Association (Albuquerque, NM), March 14-17

- Paper: “A Philosophical Friendship: Plato’s *Lysis* and *Menexenus*”

2006

Conference: American Society for the History of Rhetoric (San Antonio, TX), November 15

- Paper: "The Origins of 'Paradise' in the Rhetoric of Xenophon"

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 9-11

- Paper: "Nascent Federalism in Homer's *Iliad*"
- Panel Chair/Discussant: "Athens, Persia, and Rome"

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), April 20-23

- Paper: "Hunting in Paradise: Xenophon's Cyruses and the Art of War"
- Panel Chair/Discussant: "Nature and Justice in Greek Poetry and Philosophy"

2005

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Philadelphia, PA), November 17-19

- Paper: "Socratic Education and Gentlemanliness in the *Anabasis*"

Lecture: "The Origin and End of Ancient Empire," American University of Rome, October 11

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), April 7-10

- Paper: "The Philosopher's Curriculum: Liberal Education in Plato's *Republic*"
- Panel Discussant: "Philosophy and Statesmanship"

2004

Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association (Boston, MA), November 11-13

- Paper: "Socratic Rhetoric of Friendship and Politics in Plato"

Lecture: "Trecento Politics: Cola di Rienzo and Petrarca," University of Dallas (Rome), Oct. 15

Conference: Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL), April 15-18

- Paper: "The Limits of Political Rationalism in the Rival Careers of Meno and Xenophon"
- Panel Discussant: "Rhetoric, Drama, and Irony in Political Philosophy"

Conference: Southwestern Political Science Association (Corpus Christi, TX), March 17-19

- Paper: "Gorgian Sophistic vs. Socratic Rhetoric"
- Panel Chair/Discussant: "Political Themes in Shakespeare"

2002

Invited Lecture: "Renaissance Students: Petrarca & Machiavelli," Connecticut College (Rome), March 10

2001

Invited Lecture: "The Artist as Thinker: Pope Julius & Raphael," Presidential Lecture Series, American University of Rome, October 18

2000

Lecture: "History of Florentine Renaissance," University of Dallas (Rome), March 15

Lecture: "Virgil, Livy, & the Rhetoric of Roman History," University of Dallas (Rome), Feb. 15

1999

Colloquium: *Herodotus and the Quest for Liberty*, Liberty Fund (Big Sky, MT), August 11-15

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

UH Political Theory Seminars with invited scholars:

Dr. Clifford Orwin, University of Toronto, “Thrasymachus’ Critique of Socrates” (Mar. 2023)

Dr. Wayne Ambler, University of Colorado, “Livy’s History Lessons” (Apr. 2019)

Dr. Stephen Smith, Yale University, “Political Philosophy & the Dark Arts” (Feb. 2018)

Dr. Jeffrey Tulis, University of Texas, “Rhetoric and the Presidency” (Sept. 2017)

Dr. James Shapiro, Columbia University, “Shakespeare in America” (Feb. 2017)

Dr. John Briggs, University of California-Irvine, “Lincoln on Henry Clay” (Feb. 2016)

Dr. Arthur Melzer, Michigan State University, “Philosophy between the Lines” (Jan. 2016)

Dr. Susan Collins, Notre Dame University, “Leo Strauss and Political Science” (Apr. 2015)

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