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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, 2008

M.A., University of Notre Dame, 2005

B.A., Ursinus College, 2001, graduated Salutatorian

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2019-present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2013-2019

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2009-2013

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Duke University, 2008-2009

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books:*

*Kant, Liberalism, and the Meaning of Life*, Oxford University Press, 2022

*Contribution to the Correction of the Public's Judgments on the French Revolution*, by Johann Gottlieb Fichte, edited and translated by Jeffrey Church and Anna Marisa Schön, SUNY Press, 2021.

*Nietzsche's Unfashionable Observations: A Critical Introduction and Guide*, Edinburgh University Press, 2019.

*Nietzsche's Culture of Humanity: Beyond Aristocracy and Democracy in the Early Period*. Cambridge University Press, 2015.

*Infinite Autonomy: The Divided Individual in the Political Thought of G.W.F. Hegel and Friedrich Nietzsche*. Penn State University Press, 2012.

\*Awarded "Best First Book" by the "Foundations of Political Theory" section of APSA

### *Journal Articles:*

(with Anna Marisa Schön) "T. Schmalz, 'The Pure Natural Right,'" *British Journal of the History of Philosophy* (forthcoming)

"Rousseau, the Value of Existence, and the Sacredness of Citizenship," *Constellations*, vol. 28, no. 3, September 2021: 403-416.

- “The Veil of Philanthropy: Kant on the Political Benefits of Dissimulation and Simulation,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, vol. 20, no. 1, 2021: 27-44.
- “The Flies of Summer: A Kantian Reply to Burke,” *The Review of Politics*, vol. 82, no. 2, Spring 2020: 225-246.
- “Liberalism and Meaningfulness: Common Ground in the Perfectionism Debate,” *Social Theory and Practice*, vol. 45, no. 2, April 2019: 205-224.
- “Exemplary Lives and the Normative Theory of Culture,” *American Journal of Political Science*, vol. 63, no. 2, April 2019: 439-451.
- “Nietzsche’s Early Ethical Idealism,” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 1, Spring 2016: 81-100.
- “The Aesthetic Justification of Existence: Nietzsche on the Beauty of Exemplary Lives,” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* Vol. 46, No. 3, Autumn 2015: 289-307.
- “Culture Beyond Identity: J.G. Herder on the Nature and Purpose of Culture,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* Vol. 41, No. 8, 2015: 791-809.
- “Nietzsche’s Early Perfectionism: A Cultural Reading of ‘The Greek State,’” *Journal of Nietzsche Studies* Vol. 46, No. 2, Summer 2015: 248-260.
- “Friedrich Schiller on Republican Virtue and the Tragic Exemplar,” *European Journal of Political Theory* Vol. 13, No. 1, January 2014: 95-118.
- “The Political Cultivation of Moral Character: Kant on Public Moral Feeling as a Precondition for Right,” *Polity* Vol. 45, No. 1, January 2013: 56-81.
- “G.W.F. Hegel on Self-Determination and Democratic Theory,” *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 56, No. 4, October 2012: 1021-1039.
- “Two Concepts of Culture in the Early Nietzsche,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 10, No. 3, July 2011: 327-349.
- “The Freedom of Desire: Hegel’s Response to Rousseau on the Problem of Civil Society.” *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 54, No. 1, January 2010: 125-139.
- “Recognition and Restlessness in John Ford’s *The Searchers*.” *Perspectives on Political Science* Vol. 28, No. 1, Winter 2009: 47-57.
- “Selfish and Moral Politics: David Hume on Stability and Cohesion in the Modern State.” *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 69, No. 1, February 2007: 169-181.
- \*Reprinted in *David Hume*, ed. Knud Haakonssen and Richard Whatmore, Ashgate Publishing Group, March 2013, 121-32.
- “Dreaming of the True Erotic: Nietzsche’s Socrates and the Reform of Education.” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 27, Issue 4, Winter 2006: 685-710.
- Other Writing:*
- “Fichte on Economic and Cultural Nationalism,” in *Polis, Nation, Global Community: the Philosophical Foundations of Citizenship*, ed. Ann Ward. Taylor & Francis. 2021.
- “Kant on Death and the Purpose of Human Life,” in *Political Theory on Death and Dying*, ed. Erin Dolgoy, Kimberly Hale, Bruce Peabody. Routledge. 2021.

- “The Comedy of Public Opinion in Hegel,” in *Hegel on Tragedy and Comedy: New Essays*, ed. Mark Alznauer. SUNY Press, 2021. 207-224.
- “Response to Critics,” book review symposium on my book *Nietzsche’s Unfashionable Observations: A Critical Introduction and Guide*, *Review of Politics*, vol. 82, no. 4, Fall 2020. 635-641.
- “A Cosmopolitanism that Populists Could Love: Kant on National Honor,” in *Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents*, ed. Lee Ward, Lexington Press, 2020.
- “In Defense of the Long, Long Interview,” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, vol. 53, no. 2, April 2020: 323-324.
- “Nietzsche on Aristocracy and the Meaning of Life,” in *Aristocratic Souls in Democratic Times*, ed. Richard Avramenko and Ethan Alexander-Davey. Lexington Press, 2018
- “Three Arguments for the Philosophical Life,” *The Review of Politics*, vol. 80, no. 2, 2018: 209-221 (special issue on the work of Catherine Zuckert)
- “Hegel’s Political Thought.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. Ed. Sandy Maisel. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.  
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199756223/obo-9780199756223-0163.xml>
- “The German Enlightenment,” *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons et al. (Wiley-Blackwell), 2014
- “Personhood and Ethical Commercial Life: Hegel’s Transformation of Locke,” *Natural Right and Political Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Catherine Zuckert and Michael Zuckert*, ed. Ann Ward and Lee Ward, University of Notre Dame Press, 2013.
- “The Magnanimous Overman: On Nietzsche’s Transformation of Aristotle’s Greatness of Soul.” Co-authored with Catherine Zuckert. In *Magnanimity and Statesmanship*, ed. Carson Holloway. Lexington Books, 2008: 109-129.

*Book Reviews:*

- Review of Aaron Herold, *The Democratic Soul: Spinoza, Tocqueville, and Enlightenment Theology*. Penn Press. *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming)
- Review of Inder Marwah, *Liberalism, Diversity, and Domination: Kant, Mill, and the Government of Difference* (forthcoming)
- Review of *Nietzsche’s Culture War*, by Shilo Brooks (Palgrave, 2018), *Review of Politics* vol. 81, no. 2, 2019, 349-352.
- Review of *An Interpretation of Nietzsche’s Uses and Disadvantage of History for Life*, by Anthony Jensen (Routledge, 2016), *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, vol. 50, no. 2, Autumn 2019, 332-335.
- Review essay of two volumes in the *Nietzsche Kommentar* series (*Morgenröthe*, by Jochen Schmidt and *Über Wahrheit und Lüge im Aussermoralischen Sinne* by Sarah Scheibenberger), *Nietzsche Studien*, 2018, 458-465.
- Review of *The Virtue Ethics of Hume and Nietzsche*, by Christine Swanton (Wiley Press, 2015). *Journal of Value Inquiry*, vol. 52, no. 1, 145-148.

- Review of *Tragedy, Recognition, and the Death of God: Studies in Hegel & Nietzsche*, by Robert R. Williams (Oxford University Press, 2012). *The Hegel Bulletin*, vol. 36, issue 1, May 2015, 105-110.
- Review of *Inventing the Market: Smith, Hegel, and Political Theory*, by Lisa Herzog (Oxford University Press, 2013). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 27 February 2014.
- Review of *Courage: the Politics of Life and Limb*, by Richard Avramenko (Notre Dame Press, 2011), *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 11, no. 4 (December 2013), 1165-1167.
- Review of *Nietzsche, Nihilism, and the Philosophy of the Future*, ed. Jeffrey Metzger (Continuum Press, 2009), *Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, vol. 44, No. 3 (Autumn 2013), 495-497.
- “Nietzsche Becoming Nietzsche,” book review of *Nietzsche’s Enlightenment: the Free Spirit Trilogy of the Middle Period*, by Paul Franco (University of Chicago Press, 2011). *The Review of Politics* Vol. 74, No. 4 (Fall 2012), 700-703.
- Review of *Hegel on Political Identity: Patriotism, Nationality, Cosmopolitanism*, by Lydia L. Moland (Northwestern University Press, 2011). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 24 August 2011.
- “The Anti-Anti Enlightenment Thinker,” book review of *The Anti-Enlightenment Tradition*, by Zeev Sternhell (Yale University Press, 2010). *Review of Politics* Vol. 72, No. 4 (Fall 2010), 731-733.
- Review of *Nietzsche’s Animal Philosophy: Culture, Politics, and the Animality of the Human Being*, by Vanessa Lemm (Fordham University Press, 2009). *Perspectives on Politics* Vol. 8, No. 3 (September 2010), 941-943.
- Review of *The Skillful Self: Liberalism, Culture, and the Politics of Skill*, by John Stopford (Lexington Books, 2009). *The Review of Metaphysics*, Vol. 63, No. 3 (March 2010), 724-726.
- “Thus Tasted Zarathustra,” book review of *The Art of Power: Machiavelli, Nietzsche, and the Making of Aesthetic Political Theory*, by Diego A. von Vacano (Lexington Books, 2007). *Review of Politics* Vol. 71, No. 1, Winter 2009: 152-154.
- Review of *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: A Critical Guide*, edited by Dean Moyar and Michael Quante (Cambridge University Press, 2008). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 1 November 2008.
- Review of *Kant’s Cosmopolitan Theory of Law and Peace*, by Otfried Höffe (Cambridge University Press, 2006). *Interpretation* 35:1 (Fall 2007), 59-66.
- Research in Progress:*
- The Doctrine of the State*, by J.G. Fichte, trans. Jeffrey Church and Anna Marisa Schön. Under contract with Oxford University Press.
- “Fichte on Greatness”
- “Three Concepts of Reason in Hegel’s Bureaucracy”
- “Who is the Hero of the *Persian Letters*?”
- “Nietzsche on Masculinity”
- “Nietzsche and Tocqueville”

Translation of Fichte's *Rechtslehre* and other works from his Berlin political philosophy (with Benjamin Hofmann)

### **INVITED LECTURES**

- "Kant's Early Anthropology and the Vocation of Humanity," invited lecture at St. Thomas University, Houston, October 2021.
- "Rousseau on the Value of Existence," invited lecture at University of Texas, Austin, February 2019.
- "Politics and the Value of Life in Immanuel Kant," invited lecture at Baylor University, February 2018
- "Kant, Liberalism, and the Meaning of Life," delivered at UC, Davis as part of their "Faith, Philosophy, and Politics" lecture series, February 2017
- "Culture Beyond Identity: J.G. Herder on the Nature and Purpose of Culture," delivered at the Political Theory Workshop, Baylor University, April 2013
- "The Foundation of Nietzsche's Perfectionism," delivered for the Political Theory Brownbag series, University of Notre Dame, 24 February 2012
- "The Freedom of Desire: Hegel's Response to Rousseau," delivered for the Political Theory Brownbag series, Duke University, 26 March 2009

### **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

- Conference Paper, "Fichte on Greatness," North American Fichte Society, 2022
- Conference Paper, "Fichte on Greatness," SPSA 2022
- Conference Paper, "Kant on the Value of Teleology," APT 2020
- Author Meets Critics for my book *Nietzsche's Unfashionable Observations*, APSA 2019
- Author Meets Critics for my book *Nietzsche's Culture of Humanity*, SPSA 2019.
- Discussant on Panel "Nietzsche," at SPSA 2019.
- Conference Paper, "The Comedy of Public Opinion in Hegel," at the Hegel Society of America, 2018.
- Conference Paper, "Exemplary Lives and the Normative Theory of Culture," at MPSA 2018.
- Discussant on Panel "20<sup>th</sup> Century Political Theory," at the Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, 2017
- Conference Paper, "Kant on the Basis of the Value of Freedom," at the North American Kant Society Southern working group, 2017
- Conference Paper, "Nietzsche on David Strauss," at MPSA 2017
- Conference Paper, "Kant, Politics, and the Meaning of Life," at the Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, 2016

Conference Paper, “Happiness and Meaningfulness”, with Bruce Hunt, at MPSA 2016

Conference Paper, “Liberalism and Meaningfulness” at the Lone Star Political Theory Conference, 2016

Conference Paper, “Hegel and Nietzsche on the Politics of the Meaning of Life,” at NPSA 2015

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche on the Social Function of Aristocracy” at APSA 2015

Discussant on Panel “Aristocratic Apologetics” at APSA 2015

Conference Paper, “The Problem of Evil and Political Theodicy” with Bruce Hunt, at MPSA 2015

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche’s Early Ethical Idealism,” at SPSA 2015

Conference Paper, “The Politics of Culture in the Early Nietzsche,” at APSA 2014

Discussant on Panel, “Reinterpreting German Anti-Liberal Thought,” at APSA 2014

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche on Freedom between Kant and Herder,” at MPSA 2014

Chair and Discussant of Panel “Reason, Tradition, Progress, Revolution,” at MPSA 2014

Chair of Panel “Historiography as Political Thought,” at APSA 2013

Conference Paper, “The Few and the Many in Nietzsche’s Social Theory,” at MPSA, 2013

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche’s Early Perfectionism: A Cultural Reading of ‘The Greek State’”, paper selected for the proceedings of the North American Nietzsche Society at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 2013

Conference Paper, “The Origin of Culture in Classical German Political Thought,” at MPSA, 2012

Conference Paper, “The Foundation of Nietzsche’s Perfectionism,” at NPSA, 2011

Discussant on Panel, “Culture and Identity in the Hegelian and Marxian Tradition,” at NPSA, 2011

Conference Paper, “Between Self-Interest and Virtue: Hegel and Tocqueville on Noble Politics,” at MPSA, 2011

Discussant on the Panel “Disputing Citizens’ Rights and Maintaining Order,” at MPSA, 2011

Conference Paper, “Personhood and Ethical Commercial Life: Hegel’s Transformation of Locke,” at the APSA, 2010

Chair of Panel “Creations and Recreations: Wizards, Monsters, and Philosophers,” at the APSA, 2010

Chair of Panel “Exploring John Locke,” at the MPSA, 2010

Discussant on Panel “The Philosophy of Poetry,” at the MPSA, 2010

Chair and Discussant on Panel “Topics in Classical Liberalism” at the SWPSA, 2010

Conference Paper, “Between Eros and Eris: Nietzsche on Beautiful Competition” at the APSA, 2009

Discussant on Panel “Hegel on Global Justice” at the APSA, 2008

Conference Paper, “Autonomy and Positivity in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Political Thought,” at the MPSA, 2008 on the panel “Justice and Order in Modern Thought”

Chair and Discussant on the panel “Nations and Nationhood” at the MPSA, 2008

Chair and Discussant on the panel “Kant,” at the MPSA, 2007

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche and Individuality,” at the MPSA, 2007 on the panel “Nietzsche”

Discussant on the panel “Political Passions,” at the MPSA, 2006

Conference Paper, “Dreaming of the True Erotic: Nietzsche’s Socrates and the Reform of Education,” at the NEPSA, 2005 on the panel “Nietzsche’s Politics”

Conference Paper, “Political Science, Education, and Moderation: On Hume’s Ambivalence to the ‘Selfish System,’” at the SWPSA, 2005 on the panel “Early Liberalism and the Problem of Order”

Discussant on the panel “Nietzsche and Politics,” at the SWPSA, 2005

Discussant on the panel “Ancient Politics and Arts,” at the MPSA, 2005

Conference Paper, “Nietzsche’s Appropriation and Transfiguration of the Character of Socrates,” at the MPSA, 2004 on the panel “Platonic Politics”

Conference Paper, “Hume on Aesthetics and Morality,” at the SWPSA, 2004 on the panel “Locke and Hume”

Conference Paper, “The Friendship and Fallacy of Philosophy: An Interpretation of the Role of the Relationship Between Socrates and Crito in the Platonic Dialogues,” at the SWPSA, 2003 on the panel “Platonic Politics”

#### **GRANTS AND RESEARCH AWARDS**

National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Fellowship, 2019.

APSA Special Projects Award, Pre-Graduate School Workshop, University of Houston, 2018

Research Progress Grant, CLASS, University of Houston, 2017

Small Research Grant, Division of Research, University of Houston, 2016

Fullbright Research Grant, 2012 (declined)

DAAD Faculty Research Grant, 2012

CLASS Grant in Aid to Start New Research, University of Houston, 2012

FDIP Course Development Grant, University of Houston, 2010

New Faculty Research Award, University of Houston, 2010

Provost Faculty Travel Grant, University of Houston, 2010

Edward Sorin Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2008 (declined)

Presidential Fellowship, the Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2002 – 2006  
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Intensive Summer Language Program  
Fellow, Goethe Institute in Freiburg, Germany, 2005

### **HONORS**

Award for Excellence in Research, University of Houston, 2019  
First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA, 2013  
Ross M. Lence Teaching Excellence Award, the University of Houston, 2013  
Honors College Society Fellow, the University of Houston, 2010-present  
Dissertation Nominated for APSA's Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political  
Philosophy by the Political Science Department, University of Notre Dame, 2009  
Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2000

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

The history of modern political thought; Rousseau, German thought from Kant to  
Nietzsche; philosophical themes of freedom, virtue, and education in the modern  
state and commercial society; liberal and democratic theory; culture, nationalism, and  
politics; politics, literature, and film

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Modern Political Thought (graduate and undergraduate)  
Human Situation (a great books course in UH Honors College)  
Democratic Theory (graduate and undergraduate)  
Introduction to Political Thought  
Liberalism and Its Critics  
Ancient Political Thought  
Politics, Literature, and Film  
Left, Right, and Center

### **GRADUATE ADVISING AS CHAIR**

John McDonald (2017-present), Ph.D. on Relativism in Strauss, MacIntyre, and Berlin  
Scott Hofer (2019), Ph.D. on the Libertarianism and the Right to Life (now t-t at St. Francis  
College)  
Danie Mascarenhas (2018), Ph.D. on the Political Theory of For-Profit Prisons (now tenure-  
track at Xavier University of Louisiana)  
Ndifreke Ette (2018), Ph.D. on Carl Schmitt's constitutionalism (now post-doctoral fellow at  
Amherst College)



Bruce Hunt (2016), Ph.D. on Politics, Death, and Immortality (now tenure-track at Angelo State University)

Cesar Valles (2020), M.A. thesis on Hegel, art, and politics

Bryan Henry (2016), M.A. thesis on Kant and republican civic education

Wesley Gant (2014), M.A. thesis on Bastiat and Religion

Josef Scigliano (2010), M.A. thesis on Spinoza and Toleration

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Host, The Association for Political Theory, 2022

Committee Member, Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Theory, 2020

Program Co-Chair for the 2017 Association for Political Theory Conference at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (reviewed 300+ applications and formed panels for the premier Political Theory conference in the U.S.)

Host, *The Political Theory Review*, podcast of conversations on recent books in Political Theory, <http://thepoliticaltheoryreview.podomatic.net/>

*Choice* Reviewer, 2012-2016

Political Theory Section Head for the 2015 Southern Political Science Association Conference in New Orleans

Modern Political Thought Section Head for the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago

Political Theory Section Head for the 2011 Southwest Political Science Association Conference in Las Vegas

Manuscript reviewer for *AJPS*, *The Review of Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, the *Encyclopedia of Political Thought* and the *European Journal of Political Theory*

Member of the American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Thought, Politics, Literature, and Film Association