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EDUCATION

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Ph.D., Political Science, January 2004

Dissertation Title: "Statesmanship and Power: A Biography of Ambition in America"

M.A., Political Science, January 1996

Fields of Study: Political Theory, American Politics, and Public Law

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan

Four week intensive course in Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Summer 1999

Eight week intensive course in Introduction to Regression and Regression Analysis, Summer 1998

University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A., Politics, Honors in the Major, College Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, June 1991

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of the Pacific
August 2012 – present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of the Pacific
August 2006 – August 2012

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, California State University, Chico
August 2005 – June 2006

Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis
July 2003 – August 2005 (Hired through a national search)

Lecturer, Department of Politics, Princeton University, *January 2001 – May 2003*

PUBLICATIONS

"Democratic Excellence and the Dilemma of Ambition in American Politics: A Study of Tocqueville and Franklin Delano Roosevelt" in *Democracy and Excellence: Concord or Conflict?* Edited by Joseph Romance and Neil Riemer. (Westport: Praeger Publishers, 2005). This book is a discussion of the conflict between excellence and democracy that includes contributions from scholars such as Edward Longley, W. Carey McWilliams, Neal Reimer, and Glenn Tinder.

"Be Fruitful and Quantify: A Pioneer of Voting Behavior Rides Again," Review of Miller and Shanks' *The New American Voter*, *Political Science*, Wellington, New Zealand, December 1997, Vol. 49, No. 2, pp. 311-313.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Triumph of Ambition and the Collapse of Citizenship. Book manuscript. The University Press of Kentucky. Forthcoming Spring 2014.

“The Pragmatism of William James and the Politics of Mutual Respect” in *William James and Politics*. Under contract with Indiana University Press.

“D is for Diploma and Other Myths in American Higher Education” in *The Best Kind of College: An Insider’s Guide to America’s Small Liberal Arts Colleges*. Under contract with SUNY Press.

PRESENTATIONS

“Pragmatism and the Politics of Mutual Respect” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 11-14, 2013.

“Representation and the Triumph of Personal Ambition” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, California, March 28 - 30, 2013.

“To Flatter and Obey: Representation and the Triumph of Personal Ambition” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 12–April 15, 2012.

“The Pragmatism of William James and the Politics of Mutual Respect” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 22–24, 2012.

“The Ambition of Moral Citizens: Belonging and the Limits of the Moral Community” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 19 – 21, 2011.

“Belonging and the Limits of the Moral Community” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 31 – April 2, 2011.

Organizer, Chair, and Discussant, “Roundtable: Author Meets Critics: James Read’s *Majority Rule and Consensus: The Thought of John C. Calhoun*.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, April 1-3, 2010.

“By Any Means Necessary? Political Power, Reform, and the Rule of Law” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 19 – 21, 2009.

“For the Love of Power: Ambition and Democratic Rule in America,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Manchester Hyatt Regency, San Diego, California, March 20– 22, 2008.

“Executive Power and the Rule of Law” [revision of essay delivered in March] presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, IL, August 30 – September 2, 2007.

“Uses and Abuses of Executive Power” Panelist, Midwest Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, Illinois, April 12-15, 2007.

“Executive Power and the Rule of Law” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Riviera Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 8 – 10, 2007.

“Political Judgment and The Rule of Law,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Albuquerque, NM, March 15 – 18, 2006.

“Political Judgment and Moral Activism in Augustine and Arendt,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., August 31–September 4, 2005.

Organizer and Chair, “Roundtable on Presidential Leadership and Character,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C., August 31–September 4, 2005.

“Post-FDR Politics: The Triumph of Ambition and the Collapse of Statesmanship,” presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, April 7– 10, 2005.

“The Statesmanship of Moral Activism: Political Education and Moral Perfection” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel, Oakland, California, March 17-19, 2005.

“Democratic Excellence and the Dilemma of Ambition in American Politics: A Study of Tocqueville and Franklin Delano Roosevelt” presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Holiday Inn By the Bay, Portland Maine, May 3-4, 2002.

“Ambition and the Problem of Power in American Constitutionalism” presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 7-10, 2001.

Organizer, Chair and Discussant, “Roundtable on Presidential Leadership and Character: Historical and Institutional Approaches,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 30–September 2, 2001.

“Statesmanship and Power: Democratic Communities and the Ambition to Rule in Thucydides,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 3–6, 1998.

“The Unspoken Inequality Within Political Science: The Legacy of *The American Voter* and *Politics and Vision*,” presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA, November 14 - 16, 1996.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Stephen E. Corson Award for the Distinguished Teaching of Freshmen, University of the Pacific, 2011

Scholarly Activity Award Grant, University of the Pacific, Spring 2011.

Louis Lehrman American Studies Summer Fellow, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Princeton, New Jersey, Summer 2008.

Writing in the Disciplines Grant, College of the Pacific, University of the Pacific, Spring 2008.

Thomas J. Long Foundation Core Innovative Teaching Fellowship, College of the Pacific, University of the Pacific, Fall 2007.

Eberhardt Faculty Research Fellowship, University of the Pacific, Summer 2007

Dissertation Research Methodology Grant, Graduate School, Rutgers University, Summer 1999

Dissertation Excellence Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University 1998-1999

Dissertation Research Methodology Grant, Graduate School, Rutgers University, Summer 1998

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

References available upon request.

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