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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019-present **Occidental College**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics

EDUCATION

2019 **The University of Texas at Austin**, Ph.D., Government
Exam Fields: Political Theory and Public Law
Dissertation: Tocqueville and Mill on Doubt and the Demands of Democratic Citizenship
Committee: Thomas Pangle (co-chair), Jeffrey Tulis (co-chair), Lorraine Pangle, Dana Stauffer

2015 **The University of Texas at Austin**, M.A., Government,

2011 **Colorado College**, B.A., Political Science,
magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Mill on Deference and Democratic Character”
Political Research Quarterly. Volume 74, Issue 4. December 2021. 1125-1136.
 DOI: 10.1177/1065912920970277

“Tocqueville on Intellectual Independence, Doubt, and Democratic Citizenship”
The Review of Politics. Volume 82, Issue 1. Winter 2020. 49-72.
 DOI:10.1017/S0034670519000780

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Reverence and Critique in Democratic Politics (book project)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2024 (scheduled)
 “Tocqueville and Dewey on Realizing Democracy’s Epistemic Potential”

Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 2023
 “Tocqueville and Dewey on Demotic Rationality”

Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 2022
 “Dewey on Reverence and Critique in Democratic Politics”

Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community, February 2022
 “Dewey on Reverence and Critique in Democratic Politics”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2022
 “Dewey’s ‘Common Faith’ as a Complement to Critical Inquiry”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2021
 “Skeptical Critique and Good Citizenship”

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2020
 “Tocqueville and Mill on the Role of an Educated Elite in Democratic Politics”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2019
 “John Stuart Mill on Deference in Democracy”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018
 “Tocqueville and Pascal on Reason in Politics”

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2018
 “Tocqueville and Pascal on Reason in Politics”

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017
 “Claude Lefort on Democratic Uncertainty and Political Engagement,”

New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2016
 “Tocqueville on Doubt and the Demands of Democratic Citizenship”

Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2016
 “Tocqueville on Doubt and the Demands of Democratic Citizenship”

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2015
 “Locke and Plato’s Eleatic Stranger on the Origins and Limits of Law”

INVITED TALKS

“Dewey on Reverence and Critique in Democratic Politics,” Southern Oregon University
 Campus Theme Speaker Series, May 2023

INVITED WORKSHOPS

Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute on American Constitutionalism, July 2017

Invited Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar: “Exploring American Democracy with Alexis de Tocqueville as Guide,” University of Virginia, July 2016. Led by Arthur Goldhammer and Olivier Zunz. Admitted via a competitive application process.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Occidental College:

CSP 73: Democracy, Liberty, and Equality in the American Experience (writing-intensive course for first years)
 POLS 101: American Politics and Public Policy
 POLS 140: Law and Society
 POLS 150: Introduction to Political Theory
 POLS 244: Constitutional Law
 POLS 245: Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
 POLS 254: American Political Thought
 POLS 295: Topics in Politics: The Classical Quest for Justice
 POLS 302: The American Presidency
 POLS 351: Democracy and Its Critics: Tocqueville, Mill, and Nietzsche
 POLS 495: Comprehensive Seminar (senior capstone course in the Politics major)

At The University of Texas:

GOV 312: Constitutional Principles: Core Texts—taught for three semesters, once as a large-enrollment lecture course and twice as a small seminar

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

At Occidental College:

Member, AI and Pedagogy Working Group, 2023-2024 academic year

Faculty Supervisor for the Cornuelle Fellowship, Summer 2022, 2023 and 2024

Member, First-Year Writing Portfolio Assessment Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2023-2024 academic years

Co-supervisor to Mahum Vance’s senior capstone paper on Islamic political thought

At The University of Texas:

UT Austin Government Department Graduate Student Organization Co-President, 2017-2018 school year

UT Austin incoming graduate student mentor, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 academic years

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *The Review of Politics*

Discussant, Southern Political Science Association 2022, 2021, and 2019 Meetings, Western Political Science Association 2020 Meeting, Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community December 2022 meeting

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Grader for the Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics exam, summer 2020, 2021

Volunteer and Board Member, Northeast Neighborhood Outreach (NENO), Los Angeles

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Association for Political Theory

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish (intermediate conversational, reading, and writing knowledge); French (intermediate reading knowledge)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Available upon request