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Education

Ph.D. (Political Science)
University of Toronto
Major Area: Political Theory
Minor Areas: International Relations, Political Behavior
Thesis: *Religion and Politics: A Study of Thucydides*
Supervisor: Clifford Orwin

M.A. (Political Science)
University of Toronto
Master's Thesis: *Xenophon's Symposium*

B.A. (Political Science), *magna cum laude*
Boston College

Awards/Honors

- John and Daria Barry Visiting Research Scholar, 2022-23
James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions
Department of Political Science, Princeton University
- Senior Fellow, Alexander Hamilton Institute for the Study of
Western Civilization, 2019-present
- CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Award, 2014
(for *Shakespeare's Political Wisdom*; awarded January 2015)
- Nominee, Best Paper Award, Midwest PSA, 2011
- Nominee, Best Paper Award, Midwest PSA, 2010
- Jon Ramsey Honors Forum Lecture, February 2007
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998, 2007
- "Teachers Who Make A Difference," Skidmore College 2004
- Nominee, Skidmore President's Award, 2003, 2006
- Nominee, Skidmore Commencement Speaker, 2002, 2006
- Bradley Postdoctoral Fellowship, Boston College, 1997-98
- Postdoctoral Fellowship, Program on Constitutional

Government,

- Department of Government, Harvard University, 1996-97
- Henry Salvatori Fellowship for Academic Leadership, 1995
- Nominee, Presidential Award for Excellence In Teaching,
Southwest Texas State University, 1994, 1995
- Olin Graduate Fellowship, 1986-88; Lynn & Harry Bradley
Fellowship, 1986-88
- University of Toronto Open Fellowship, 1981-83, 1984-86
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 1983-84

- Richard M. Weaver Fellowship (ISI), 1980-81
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1980

Teaching Positions

- Baylor University Professor, August 2013-present
Graduate Program Director, June 2014-2022
Director, Baylor in St. Andrews, Jan-May 2016
- Skidmore College Professor, 2012-13
Associate Professor, 2005-2012
Director, Skidmore in Paris, August–Dec. 2010
Assistant Professor, 1998-2005
- Boston College Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 1997
- Texas State University Instructor (tenure track), 1994–1998
Assistant Professor (tenure track), 1991–1994
- Hiram College Visiting Assistant Professor, Jan–June 1990
- University of Toronto Teaching Assistant 1982-89

Publications

Books, authored or edited:

- *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*
SUNY Press, November 1, 2021.
• *paperback edition*, SUNY Press, June 22, 2022.
- *Philosophy, History, and Tyranny: Re-examining the Debate Between Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojève*. Co-editor (with Bryan-Paul Frost). SUNY Press. December 1, 2016.
• *paperback edition*. SUNY Press, July 1, 2017.
- *Brill's Companion to Leo Strauss' Writings on Classical Political Thought*. Editor. Brill Academic Publishing. August 2015.
- *The Key Texts of Political Philosophy: An Introduction*. Co-author (with Thomas L. Pangle). Cambridge University Press. Hardcover and paperback. October 6, 2014.
• Chinese edition, Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- *The Future of Liberal Education*. Co-editor (with Peter Lawler). Routledge, October 29, 2014.
- *Shakespeare's Political Wisdom*. Palgrave Macmillan, April 4, 2013.
• *paperback edition*. Palgrave MacMillan, August 6, 2015.
• Chinese edition, 2020.

- *Recovering Reason: Essays in Honor of Thomas L. Pangle*. Editor. Lexington Books. Hardcover and Paperback editions, August 2010.
- *After History? Francis Fukuyama and His Critics*. Editor. Rowman & Littlefield, August 1994.

Editorships

- **Editor in Chief**, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*. April 2015-present.
- **Series Co-Editor**, Palgrave's *Recovering Political Philosophy Series* Feb. 2012-present (22 books to date).

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

“Turgot, Adams, and the Federalist/Anti-Federalist Debate” (co-authored with Kevin J. Burns). *America Then and Now: Citizenship and Constitutionalism in American Politics*, Steven Pittz and Joseph Postell, editors (University of Oklahoma Press, Jan. 2022), 158–186.

“Leo Strauss on Democracy.” *American Citizenship and Constitutionalism in Principle and Practice*, Steve Block and Patrick Cain, editors (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2021), 391–415.

“Honor, Cynicism, and Liberal Education.” *Polis, Nation, Global Community: The Philosophic Foundations of Citizenship*, Ann Ward, editor (Routledge, 2021), Chapter 10, 139-153.

“The Dialogue on Justice between Cyrus the Great and his Father,” *Classical Studies* (Beijing, 2019).

“‘One That Loved Not Wisely But Too Well’: Devotional Love and Politics in *Othello*,” in *The Soul of Statesmanship: Shakespeare on Nature, Virtue, and Political Wisdom*, Khalil Habib and L. Joseph Hebert, eds. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 3–22.

“Introduction” (with Bryan-Paul Frost) to *Philosophy, History, and Tyranny: Re-examining the Debate Between Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojève* (SUNY) Dec. 2016, 1-14.

“The Place of the Strauss-Kojève Debate in The Work of Leo Strauss,” in *Philosophy, History, and Tyranny: Re-examining the Debate Between Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojève* (SUNY Press). Dec. 2016, 15-50.

“The Problematic Character of Pericles’ Civic Republicanism,” in *On Civic Republicanism: Ancient Lessons for Global Politics*, Geoffrey Kellow and Neven Brady Leddy, eds. (U. of Toronto Press). Feb. 2016, 15-40.

“Philosophy and Poetry: A New Look at an Old Quarrel.” *American Political Science Review* 109.2 (May 2015), 326-38.

“Roman Virtues in a Christian Commercial Republic: Shakespeare’s *Merchant of Venice*.” *Perspectives On Political Science* Vol. 43 no. 4 (Oct. 1, 2014), 189-203.

“Hobbes and Dionysius of Halicarnassus on Thucydides, Rhetoric and Political Life.” *Polis*, Vol. 31, no. 2 (August 2014), 387-424.

“John Courtney Murray, Religious Liberty, and Modernity, Part Two: Modern Constitutional Democracy.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 17.3 (Summer 2014), 47-63.

“John Courtney Murray, Religious Liberty, and Modernity. Part One: Inalienable Natural Rights.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 17.2 (Spring 2014), 13-38.

“Cleon in Thucydides and Aristophanes,” in *The Political Theory of Aristophanes: Explorations in Poetic Wisdom*. Bryan-Paul Frost and Jeremy J. Mhire, editors (SUNY Press, March 2014), 229-58.

“Why Do We Wear These Robes and These Hoods?” *Perspectives On Political Science*, Sept. 2013, 222-25.

“Nicias in Thucydides and Aristophanes, Part II: Nicias and Divine Justice in Aristophanes.” *Polis*, Vol. 30, no. 1 (Spring 2013), 1-24.

“Shakespeare’s *Julius Caesar* and the Problem of Classical Republicanism.” *Shakespeare and the Body Politic*, Bernard J. Dobski and Dustin A. Gish, editors (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2013), 49-77.

« Hobbes et Denys d’Halicarnasse : la politique et la rhétorique chez Thucydide », paru dans *Rhétorique démocratique en temps de crise*, Actes du colloque, NICE 20-21 janvier 2011, Première partie - Généalogie de la rhétorique démocratique : origines antiques et chrétiennes, Hobbes et Denys d’Halicarnasse : la politique et la rhétorique chez Thucydide, mis en ligne le 15 mars 2013, URL : <http://revel.unice.fr/symposia/rhetoriquedemocratique/index.html?id=847>. (French translation, by Marc-André Wiesmann, of “Hobbes and Dionysius of Halicarnassus on Thucydides, Rhetoric and Political Life,” *Polis* 31.2).

“A New Perspective on Nietzsche’s *Beyond Good and Evil*.”
Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy Vol. 39.3 (Fall 2012),
283-87.

“Nicias in Thucydides and Aristophanes’ Part I: Nicias and Divine Justice
in Thucydides. *Polis*, Vol. 29, no. 2 (Fall, 2012), 217-33.

“Leo Strauss on the Origins of Hobbes’s Natural Science.” *The Review of
Metaphysics*, Volume 64 Number 4 (June 2011), 823–55.

“The Virtue of Thucydides’ Brasidas.” *The Journal of Politics*, Volume
73, issue 02 (April 2011), 508–523.

“Marcellinus’ *Life of Thucydides*, translated into English from the Greek,
with an Introductory Essay.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political
Philosophy*. Volume 38, issue 1 (December, 2010), 3–25.

“What War Discloses.” *Recovering Reason* (August 2010), ch. 3, 31–52.

“The Rationalism of Father Brown. *Perspectives on Political Science*,
Vol. 34, No. 1 (Winter 2005), 37-45.

“Virtuous Liberalism.” *The Political Science Reviewer*, volume 28
(January 1999), 272-314.

Non-Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters and Entries

“Leo Strauss on the Changeability of Natural Right.”
Festschrift for David Nichols, Anthony Bartl and Jordan Cash, eds.
(Lexington Press: forthcoming, 2025).

“Leo Strauss’ ‘The Origins of Political Science’ (1960),” edited transcript,
with an introduction. The Leo Strauss Center, Chicago, IL (forthcoming,
2023).

“Turgot, Adams, and the New Science of Politics,” in *Classical
Rationalism and the Politics of Europe*, edited by Ann Ward
(Cambridge Scholars, 2017), 197-229.

“What’s Wrong With A World State?” in *Sojourns in the Western
Twilight: Essays in Honor of Tom Darby*, Robert Sibley and Janice
Freamo, eds. (Ottawa: Fermentation Press), Sept. 2016, 179-92.

“The Recovery of Philosophic Esotericism.” Essay review of Arthur
Meltzer’s *Philosophy Between The Lines: The Lost History of Esoteric
Writing* (U of Chicago Press). *Polis* 32.2 (Oct. 2015), 392-411.

“Leo Strauss’ Recovery of Classical Political Philosophy,” in *Companion To Leo Strauss’ Writings on Classical Political Thought* (Leiden: Brill, Sept. 2015), 1-29.

“Leo Strauss’ ‘The Liberalism of Classical Political Philosophy,’” in *Companion To Leo Strauss’ Writings on Classical Political Thought* (Leiden: Brill, Sept. 2015), 97-127.

“Divine Justice in Strauss’ *Anabasis*,” in *Companion To Leo Strauss’ Writings on Classical Political Thought* (Leiden: Brill Sept. 2015), 314-320.

“Martin Luther King, Augustine, and Civil Disobedience,” in *From Compassion to Humanity: Essays in Honor of Clifford Orwin*, Andrea Radasanu, editor (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, March 16, 2015), 151-64.

“Introduction,” *The Future of Liberal Education*, 1-2. October 2014 (expanded from *Perspectives on Political Science*, Sept. 2013), 1-2.

“Why Do We Wear These Gowns and These Hoods?” *The Future of Liberal Education*, 9-12, October 2014 (Reprinted from *Perspectives on Political Science*, September 2013).

“Fall of Communism and End of History.” *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Sept. 15, 2014, 1223-1225.

“Strauss on the Religious and Intellectual Situation of the Present,” in *Reorientation: Leo Strauss in the 1930s*, Martin D. Yaffe and Richard S. Ruderman, editors (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, July 2014), 79-113.

“Leo Strauss on the Origins of Hobbes’s Natural Science and Its Relation to the Challenge Of Divine Revelation,” in *Reorientation: Leo Strauss in the 1930s*, Martin D. Yaffe and Richard S. Ruderman, editors (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, July 2014), 131-56. (Reprinted from *The Review of Metaphysics* 64.4, 823-55.)

“Leo Strauss,” in *Congressional Quarterly’s Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, Gregory Claeys, ed. Sept. 2013, 779-84.

“Introduction,” special issue of *Perspectives on Political Science*, on Liberal Education. Sept. 2013, 189.

“Bacon’s *New Atlantis* and the Goals of Modernity,” in *Socrates and Dionysus: Philosophy and Art in Dialogue*, Ann Ward, editor (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, August 2013), 74–103.

“On One Hand and On The Other.” *The Vocabula Review*, Volume 15, Number 4 (April 2013), 1-5.

Klesis: Revue Philosophique. 2011: 19 *Autour de Leo Strauss*. (June, 2011) Co-Editor (with Lucien Ouhlabib).

“Leo Strauss’ Life and Work.” *Klesis: Revue Philosophique* 2011: 19 (June, 2011), 6-14. (Reprinted from *CQ Encyclopedia* entry.

“Leo Strauss on the Origins of Hobbes’s Natural Science.” *Klesis: Revue Philosophique* 2011:19 (June 2011), 102-28. (Reprinted from *The Review of Metaphysics*, Volume 64 Number 4.)

“Ancient and Modern Political Rationalism in the Thought of Leo Strauss.” *Gladly To Learn and Gladly To Teach*, Douglas Kries and Michael Foley, editors. Lexington Books, 2002, 145-62.

“The Liberal Uses of Religion.” Review essay of *What’s God Got To Do With The American Experiment?* E.J. Dionne Jr. and John J. DiIulio Jr., eds. (Brookings Institution Press, 2000). *First Things*, May 2001.

“Bowling With Strangers.” Review Essay of Robert Putnam’s *Bowling Alone* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2000), *Philanthropy*, Aug. 2000.

“Friendship and Divine Justice in Homer’s *Iliad*.” *Poets, Princes, and Private Citizens: Literary Alternatives to Postmodern Politics*. J. Knippenberg & P. Lawler, eds. Roman and Littlefield, 1996. 289–304.

“Modernity’s Irrationalism,” *After History?* (1994). Ch. 9, 177-234.

Book Reviews, Exchanges, Podcasts

Interview with Hope Leman, New Books Network, on *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*. (Second half of the October 22, 2022 interview). *Public Discourse*. May 11, 2023.

“Author’s Response,” in Symposium on *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*,” ed. Mark Lutz. (Replies to Rodrigo Chacon, Susan Shell, and Daniel Tanguay). *The Review of Politics* 85.1 (Winter 2023), 109-115.

“Response to Bryan-Paul Frost, Ian MacFarlane, Linda Rabieh, and James Stoner,” in “Symposium on *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*” *Perspectives on Political Science* 52.1 (Jan 2023), 17-28.

New Books Network interview, by Hope Leman, on *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*:
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/leo-strauss-on-democracy-technology-and-liberal-education> (October 22, 2022).

“Reply to Devin Stauffer.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* 48.3 (Summer 2022), 351-372.

“Multiculturalism: Democracy by the Experts.” Review of *Multiculturalism in Canada: Constructing a Model Multiculture with Multicultural Values*, by H. Donald Forbes. *Academic Questions* 34.2 (Summer 2021), 120–126.

“Reading Leo Strauss: Reply to Grant Havers,” in *The European Legacy —The Journal of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas*. August 11, 2017.

“Reading Leo Strauss: A Conservative’s Distortion of His Thought,” in *The European Legacy —The Journal of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas*. (Essay review of Grant N. Havers’ *Leo Strauss and Anglo-American Democracy*.) August 11, 2017.

“Shakespearean Politics.” *Shakespeare Jahrbuch*, volume 152 (April 2016), 4-9. Reviews of:
Christopher Pye, *The Storm at Sea: Political Aesthetics in the Time of Shakespeare* (Fordham UP, 2015).
Alex Schulman, *Rethinking Shakespeare's Political Philosophy: From Lear to Leviathan* (Edinburgh UP, 2014).
Garry Wills, *Making Make-Believe Real: Politics as Theater in Shakespeare's Time* (Yale UP, 2014).

“Small Latin and Less Greek.” Review of *Shakespeare and Classical Antiquity*, by Colin Burrow (Oxford University Press, 2013). *The Claremont Review of Books* 15.1 (Winter 2015), 69-73.

“Brush Up Your Shakespeare.” Reply to Herberle. *Claremont Review of Books* Volume XIV no.1 (February 2014), 10-11.

“Faith—and Fictions.” Review of *What’s God Got To Do With The American Experiment?* by E.J. Dionne and John J. Dilulio. *Philanthropy*, March/April 2001. (Shortened version of review essay “The Liberal Uses of Religion,” in *First Things*, May 2001.)

Review of *Republican Theory in Political Thought: Virtuous or Virtual?* by Bill Brugger (New York: St. Martin’s press, 2000). *The American Political Science Review*, December 2000.

Works in Progress

Xenophon's Portrait of Cyrus the Great

Thucydides and the Grounding of the Rational Life

Invited Lectures

- 2023:
- “Leo Strauss.”
International Conference on the 50th anniversary of the death of Leo Strauss
Matthias Corvinus Collegium, Budapest, Hungary, October 12.
 - “Machiavelli’s *Prince* and Plato’s *Republic*,” Five Lectures.
Hudson Political Studies Institute, Washington, DC, June 19-23.
 - “The Virtue of Shakespeare’s Brutus”
Chartwell Lecture, University of Alaska, Anchorage, April 1
 - “Machiavelli’s New Orders,” in two sessions, March 31
 - “‘The noblest Roman of them all’: Shakespeare’s Brutus”
Assumption University, March 27.
- 2022:
- “Machiavelli’s *Prince*: The anti-theological agenda”
Talk to Princeton undergraduates, Dec. 1.
 - “Eros and Independence in Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*”
Princeton University, James Madison Program, Nov. 2.
 - “A Neglected But Crucial Aspect of the Federalist/Anti-Federalist Debate”
Constitution Day Lecture, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Sept. 17.
 - “Machiavelli’s *Prince* and Plato’s *Republic*,” Five Lectures.
Hudson Political Studies Institute, Washington, DC, June 19-24.
 - Commencement Address, St. John Paul II Catholic High School,
New Braunfels, TX, May 23.
 - “Leo Strauss on Natural Right and the Changeability of Justice”
Symposium on James Carey’s *Natural Reason and Natural Law: An
Assessment of the Straussian Criticisms of Thomas Aquinas*
University of Dallas, April 1.
 - “The Melian Dialogue and the Tragedy of Athens”
Great Hearts Academy, San Antonio, TX, January 21.
- 2021:
- “Aristotle’s *Politics*, Book One: Is the City natural?”
St. Vincent’s College, Latrobe, PA, Nov. 11.
 - Hudson Institute Political Studies program, Washington, DC
Machiavelli’s Prince and *Plato’s Republic* I-II, Five Lectures, June 14-18.
Plato’s Republic III-VII, Five Lectures, June 28–July 2.
- 2020:
- “Leo Strauss on Democracy”
Zoom meeting with Hudson Political Studies Alums, Nov. 19.
 - “The Significance of Exceptions to Natural Law”

- The University of Dallas, Dallas, TX, Oct. (Postponed; COVID.)
 - “Aristotle’s *Politics*, Book I: Is the city truly by nature?”
Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, April 7. (Postponed; COVID.)
 - “Shakespeare’s Political Wisdom”
Providence College, Providence, RI, February 21.
- 2019:
- Roundtable on the Work of Leo Strauss, Michigan State University, November 1-3.
 - Hudson Institute Political Studies program, Washington, DC
Machiavelli’s *Prince* and Plato’s *Republic*, Five Lectures. June 17-21.
 - “One That Loved Not Wisely But Too Well: Devotional Love and Politics in *Othello*,” March 29.
Ashland University, Ashbrook Colloquium
- 2018:
- Keynote Lecture, Lee University, Cleveland, TN: Symposium on Shakespeare and Politics, November 16-17.
 - Hudson Institute Political Studies Program, June 25-29.
“The American Founding”: Five Lectures
 - China, May 16-31.
Renmin University, Haidian District, Beijing:
“The Modern Secularization Project: Five Lectures”
 - Machiavelli’s Attack on the Bible in *The Prince*.
 - Francis Bacon’s Machiavellian Project to Transform Human Consciousness: *The New Atlantis*.
 - Hobbes, Locke, Montesquieu, and the Planned Atrophy of Religious Devotion through Commerce.
 - Rousseau and Marx: Civil Religion, Freedom, and World-wide atheism.
 - Tocqueville: Nietzsche, Strauss, and the Crisis of Modernity: Failure and Return.*Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang:*
 - Machiavelli’s Attack on the Bible in *The Prince*.
 - Tocqueville, Nietzsche, Strauss, and the Crisis of Modernity: Failure and Return.*East China Normal University, Shanghai:*
 - “One That Loved Not Wisely But Too Well: Devotional Love and Politics in *Othello*”
 - Boston College, April 18
“Cinthio’s Moorish Captain and Shakespeare’s *Othello*”
- 2017:
- “The Real ‘Thucydides Trap’: The Meaning of the ‘Truest *Prophasis*’”
Christopher Newport University, Virginia, October
 - Hudson Political Studies Institute, Washington, DC
Machiavelli’s *Prince* and Plato’s *Republic*,
Five Lectures. June 19-23
 - Morehead State University, Kentucky, April 2
“Cyprus the Great and the Problem of Justice”

- 2016: • National Review Institute Regional Fellows Program, Dallas, TX, Nov. 16
 “Burke, Prudence, and the Spirit of Conservatism”
 • Hudson Political Studies Institute, Washington, DC, June 19-24.
 Machiavelli’s *Prince* and Plato’s *Republic*, Five Lectures.
 • St. Mary’s College, St. Andrews University
 “Machiavelli’s Misreading of Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*”
 • Hilail Gildin Memorial Lecture, Queens College, NY, March 23
 “Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia* and the Problem of Justice”
- 2015: • Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April 24
 “The Place of the Strauss-Kojève Debate in Leo Strauss’s Writings”
- 2014: • Keynote Lecture, Univ. of Dallas, “Divine Justice in *King Lear*,” Oct. 24
 • The Garfield Institute, Hiram College, Ohio, February 28
 “What’s Wrong With A World State?”
- 2013: • Union College, April 8
 “*Merchant of Venice*: Roman Virtue in a Christian Commercial Republic.”
- 2012: • Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Concourse Program, November 16
 “Bacon’s *New Atlantis* and the Goals of Modernity.”
- 2008: • Augusta State College, Augusts, Georgia, March 10
 “The Melian Dialogue.”
- 2007: • The University of Texas at Austin, October 19
 “Thucydides’ Brasidas and the Limits of Politics.”
- 2002: • Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia
 Two Lectures on Thucydides, March 11 and 12
- 1996: • Thomas More College, VT, Oct.
 “The Melian Dialogue”

Select Professional Presentations

- 2023 • Remarks on Christopher Baldwin’s “Aristophanes’ Theologico-Political Drama in *The Birds*” and Andreas Avgousti’s “A Reputation among the Gods in Socrates and Lycurgus”
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 15
- 2022: • Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 10.
 Paper: “Cyrus’ Education in Media”
 Discussant, “David Lowenthal and Paul Cantor on Shakespeare.”
 Chair and Discussant, “Freedom, Wealth, Virtue & Self-Ex. in Anc. Greece”
 • New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 28.

- “Author Meets Critics: *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*, by Timothy W. Burns”
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 7-9.
“Aristophanes and Plato in Strauss’s “The Origins of Political Science (1960)”
- 2021: • Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 11
“Author Meets Critics: *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education*, by Timothy W. Burns.”
“Remarks on Ron Lee’s “The Athenian Thesis Reconsidered: The Speech of Hermocrates at Gela,” and Christopher Utter’s “Poets, Philosophers, and the Wise: On Simonides in Xenophon’s *Hiero*.”
- 2019: • Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 8.
“Aristotle on Guiding Human Beings Well” (Chair)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31.
“Eros in Xenophon’s Life of Cyrus”
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 4-7.
“Xenophon’s Socratic Understanding of Politics”
- 2018: • Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 8-10.
“Bacon, Progressive Consciousness, and Divine Revelation”
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 30-Sept. 2.
“David Lowenthal’s Interpretation of *Julius Caesar*” (cancelled: injury)
 - Association of Core Texts Conference, Framingham, MA, April 19-21
“Dialogues in Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*”
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 5-8
“The Real ‘Thucydides Trap’: The Meaning of the ‘Truest *Prophasis*’
- 2017: • Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 9-11
“Turgot, Adams, and the Federalist-Anti-Federalist Debate”
“The Real ‘Thucydides Trap’: The Meaning of the ‘Truest *Prophasis*’”
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 3
“Aristotle on Youth, Old Age, the Noble, and the Good”
 - Ancient Philosophy Society Annual Meeting, April 28
“Socratic Dialogues in Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*”
 - New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 20-22
“Eros in Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*”
 - Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 13-15
(Kinder Institute Shawnee Trail Mini-Conference)
“Turgot and Adams on the New Science of Politics”
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 4-7
“The Fate of Virtue in Cyrus’ Babylon”
 - Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 12-14
“The Disappointment of Virtuous Persians Under Cyrus the Great”
- 2016: • Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 11-13
“Cyrus the Great’s Failure”
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 1-4
“The Failed Promise of Cyrus the Great”
“Conservative Critiques of Strauss” (roundtable presenter)

- 2015:
- Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov 12-14
“*Cyropaedia* 5: Cyrus The Great’s Understanding of Eros”
Remarks on Erik Dempsey’s “Remarks on Providence in
Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*”
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 3-6
“*Cyropaedia*, 4: Virtue and the Gods in Cyrus’ Pursuit of Empire
 - Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, June 2-4
“*Cyropaedia* 3.1: Xenophon’s Socratic Understanding of Politics”
“Pangle on Strauss.” Roundtable on works of keynote speaker T.L.
Pangle
 - Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 16-19
“*Cyropaedia* 2: Cyrus’ Democratization As A Step to Empire”
- 2014:
- Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 13-15
Chair & Discussant, “Empire, Freedom, Citizenship in Thucydidean
Athens”
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31
“Cleon in Thucydides and Aristophanes”
 - Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 17-19
“A New Look At Philosophy and Poetry in Plato’s *Republic*, Book Ten”
- 2013:
- Northeastern Political Science Assoc. Annual Meeting, Nov. 11-14
Roundtable Respondent on *Shakespeare’s Political Wisdom*
 - Midwest Political Science Assoc. Annual Meeting, April 11-14
“*The Merchant of Venice*: Roman Virtue in a Christian Commercial
Republic.”
Discussant on panel, “Ancient Poetry and Philosophy.”
Chair of panel, “Machiavelli on Imitation and the Common Good.
- 2012:
- Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
November 15-17. “*Cyropaedia* 1.5: The Conclusion of Cyrus’ Education.”
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 30-Sept. 2
Discussant on panel, “Religion, Politics, and Leo Strauss.”
 - International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Cyprus. July 2-4
“Bacon’s *New Atlantis* and the Goals of Modernity”
- 2011:
- Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 18
Remarks on Joshua Parens’s “Strauss on Philosophic Exile.”
 - American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3
“Remarks on “Socrates on Justice, Eros, and the Gods.”
 - Midwest PSA, Chicago, IL, April 2
“Hobbes, Thucydides, and the Collapse of Political Rhetoric.”
 - Colloque International, Democratic Rhetoric in Times of Crisis:
Discourse, Deliberation, Legitimation. Nice, France, Jan. 20-21
“Thucydides, Teacher of Rhetoric? From the Roman Rhetorical
Schools to Hobbes.”
- 2010:
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 24
“Leo Strauss on the Origin and Intention of Hobbes’ Natural Science.”
- 2009:
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 4 September
Remarks on Robert Goldberg’s “Tyrannical Hopes in Plato’s *Charmides*”

- and David Leibowitz's "Thrasymachus' Blush."
- Michigan State U. Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy
Conference on "Religion in Modernity," April 16-18
Discussant, "Philosophical Foundations of the Modern Project of Secularization."
- 2008:
- Skidmore College, Department of Theater, August 29
"Christianity or Political Life: Shakespeare's Richard II."
 - Northeastern PSA Annual Meeting, November 14-16, Boston, MA
Chair, "Xenophon and Plato on Leadership and Virtue."
Discussant, "Piety in the Leadership of Xenophon," Eric Buzzetti.
- 2007:
- Southern PSA Annual Meeting, January 4
Discussant, "The Passion for Honor and Justice: Aristotle's Account of Political Ambition," by Susan Hamilton, Harvard U.
 - NEPSA Annual Meeting, April 23 Roundtable
"Thomas Pangle's *Leo Strauss: An Introduction To His Thought and Intellectual Legacy*"
 - Skidmore College Annual Jon Ramsey Honors Forum Lecture, Feb. 16
"Honor, Cynicism, and Liberal Education"
 - American PSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 30
"What War Discloses"
- 2006:
- Southern PSA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January
Chair and discussant, "Classical liberalism and the theory of the American Constitution." Papers delivered by Steven Kautz and Thomas Powers.
Chair, "The Revival of the Theologico-Political Question in Weimar."
- 2005:
- Southern PSA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA., January
"A New Perspective on Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*."
Discussant, "The Political Thought of Leo Strauss," Papers delivered by W. Dannhauser, A. Jaramillo, and R. Major
- 2004:
- Southwest PSA annual meeting, March
"Machiavelli's Political and Literary Intention in his Representation of Xenophon's Cyrus."
 - American PSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL August 27
"Modernity's Atheistic Project": Remarks on papers by Paul Carrese and Judd Owen.
- 2003:
- Southwest SSA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 17
"Divine Justice in Strauss' Interpretation of the *Anabasis*."
- 2002:
- American PSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 29
Comment on "Plato's *Protagoras*: Anti-naturalism, Sophistry and the Political Art" by David N. McNeill., and "The Star to Every Wand'ring Bark—Platonic Eros as a Basis for Ethical and Political Naturalism" by Laurence D. Cooper.
- 2001:
- American PSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 30-Sept 3
"Thucydides' Answer to Homer" (Thucydides 1.1-1.23).

- “To Philosophize Without Growing Soft” (Thucydides 2.35-54).
- 2000: • American PSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Aug 28-Sept 2
 “Freedom and Necessity: Debate Over the Death Penalty for Mytilene.”
 • Midwest PSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 27-30
 “The Courage of Thucydides’ Brasidas.”
- 1999: • American PSA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Sept 5
 “The Melian Dialogue and the Tragedy of Athens.”
- 1998: • American PSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Sept 4
 Comment on Panel, “Cicero’s Political Philosophy.”
 • Northeastern PSA Annual Meeting, Worcester, MA, May 1-2
 Panel Commentator: “Three Views of Nietzsche’s Purpose.”
- 1997: • New England PSA Annual Meeting, May 3
 Comment on Russ Muirhead’s “Proud Work and Citizenship”
 • Harvard University, Department of Government, February 21.
 “Reflections on Modern Political Rationalism”
 • The Catholic University of America, Department of Philosophy, Jan. 31.
 “Neocons v. Theocons: John Courtney Murray & Catholic Liberalism.”
- 1996: • Institute for the Study of Politics and Religion, Boston College, Sept. 20.
 “Some Doubts About the Modern Soul.” Response to R. Velkley’s “The
 Forgotten Modern Soul: On Reconstructing Kant and the
 Liberal Tradition.”
- Canadian PSA Annual Meeting, St. Catherines, Ont., June 4
 “Teaching Statesmanship with Thucydides.”
- 1995: • Southern PSA Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, Nov. 4.
 Panel Commentator: “Love and Democracy: Tocqueville and Walker
 Percy.”
 • American PSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Sept. 3
 Commentary on Paper by J. Laursen, “Skeptical *Ataraxia* in Political
 Life”
 • Southwest SSA Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 17
 Commentary on Papers by Cecilia Rodriguez, “Allan Bloom’s Jane
 Austen” and by E. Wiggenbach, “Hobbes and Linguistic Ambiguity”
- 1994: • Northeastern PSA Annual Meeting, New Haven, CN, Nov. 10-12
 “Nobility and Friendship in Homer’s *Iliad*”
 • American PSA Annual Meeting, NY, NY, Sept. 2
 “The Classical Republicanism of Periclean Athens.”
 • Midwest PSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 14-16
 “The Problem of Divine Justice in Thucydides”
- 1993: • Southwest SSA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, March 17-20
 “St. Augustine and MLK, Jr.: Conflicting Views of Civil Disobedience.”
- 1992: • Southwest SSA Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, March 18-21
 Commentary on Papers by S. Forde, “International Realism and the
 Science of Politics,” and A. Tessitore, “Courage And Comedy In Plato’s
Laches.”
- 1991: • Southwest SSA Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, March 28-29

- “Democracy and Anger.”
 Panel Commentator: “Odysseus in Plato’s *Republic*”
- 1990: • Southwest SSA Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, March 29
 Commentary on Paper by J. Mitchell: “Luther And Hobbes on the
 Question, ‘Who Was Moses, Who Was Christ?’”
- 1989: • American PSA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, Sept. 1.
 Commentary on Paper by R. Ruderman: “Ancient Religion and Politics:
 Xenophon’s *Anabasis*.”

Panel/Guest Lecture Participant at Skidmore College

- “Why Do We Wear These Robes And These Hoods?” Annual
 Phi Beta Kappa Induction Speech, May 2011.
- “Richard II,” Drama Dep’t Production Seminar, Sep. 22, 2008.
- “Plato’s *Crito*,” Roy Rotheim’s “Human Dilemmas” Scribner
 Seminar, Nov. 4, 2008.
- “The Melian Dialogue: Power, Justice, and Enduring Problems in
 International Politics.” Jan. 27, 2006, in *International Affairs*.
- “Academic Integrity,” Talk given to Dean of Students’ Staff,
 March 9, 2005.
- “Liberal Education and Honor,” Talk given at First-Year
 Orientation, September 6, 2004.
- “Misology and Liberal Education,” Pi Sigma Alpha induction
 ceremony remarks, April 2004.
- Faculty Who Have Made A Difference: Periclean Honor Society Annual
 Reception, April 3, 2003.
- “Handling Academic Integrity Board Violations,” IB Training Session
 November 1, 2002.
- “Student Bill of Rights Forum,” November 11, 2002.
- “Shades of Gray,” December 5, 2002.
- “An Evening With Christopher Hitchens” November 29, 2001
- “Plato’s *Crito*” Liberal Studies1, November 28 and 29, 2000
- “The Melian Dialogue” Classics 200: The Classical World
 February 14, 2000
- “Why IR Realists Are Wrong about Thucydides’ Melian Dialogue.”
International Affairs 101, March 28, 2000.

Courses Taught at Baylor University

- Political Science 5393-01 Advanced Graduate Seminar:
 Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*
- Political Science 5393-01 Advanced Graduate Seminar: Thucydides
- Political Science 5343-01 Classical Political Thought:
 Plato’s *Republic*, Aristotle’s *Politics*
- Political Science 4313-01 Politics and Literature: Comedy
- Political Science 4313-01 Politics and Literature: Shakespeare’s
 Tragedies

Political Science 3363-01 Western Political Thought: Classical/Medieval
Political Science 3373-01 Western Political Thought: Modern

Courses Taught at Skidmore College

Government 102 Introduction to Political Philosophy
Government 103 Critical Issues In World Politics
Government 236 American Political Thought
Government 251 The Political Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville (France)
Government 303 Classical Political Thought
Government 304 Modern Political Thought
Government 308 Contemporary Political Thought
Government 351 Topics: Politics and Literature
Government 351 Topics: The Political Thought of Thucydides
Government 351 Topics: Shakespeare's Political Wisdom
Government 351 Topics: America's Founding Principles
Government 351 Topics: Xenophon's *Anabasis*
Government 351 Topics: Contemporary French Political Thought
(taught in Paris)
Government 351 Topics: Leo Strauss & The Problem of Moral
Relativism
Government 351 Topics: Aristophanes' Political Thought
Scribner Seminar: Philosophic Principles of the American Founding
Liberal Studies I: The Human Experience

Grants Awarded

- 2017 Charles Koch Foundation, summer research award
- 2015 Baylor University Summer Sabbatical Award
- 2014 NEH Summer Institute on Medieval Political Philosophy,
Spokane, WA (For participation in four-week seminar).
- 2013 FDC grant for work on index of *Shakespeare's Political Wisdom*.
- 2012 FDC grant to attend ISSEI conference, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2011 FDC for translation of "Thucydides, Teacher of Rhetoric? From
the Roman Rhetorical Schools to Hobbes." *La Rhétorique
Démocratique En Temps De Crise: Discours, Délibération,
Légitimation*. Crystal Cordell, ed. (Presses Universitaires de
Rennes, collection "Res Publica.")
- 2010 Laboratoire ERMES, Nice, France. Grant to attend
colloque international, "Democratic Rhetoric in Times of
Crisis: Discourse, Deliberation, Legitimation,"
The University of Nice, January 20-21.
- 2010 FDC Grant to attend the ERMES Nice Conference.
- 2010 Earhart Foundation Grant, funding to begin work on *Key Texts of
Political Philosophy: An Introduction*
- 2009 FDC grant to attend seminar on Nietzsche in January 2010

- 2009 Jack Miller Center grant to bring Steven Kautz to campus for talk on Lincoln and dinner with students.
SGA Speakers' Bureau grant for the Steven Kautz lecture
- 2002 Grant to Attend Seminar on the thought of Leo Strauss, Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung (Siemens Foundation, Munich)
- 1999 Aristophanes and Political Philosophy, Seminar Grant from The Morton Seminar Foundation
- 1995 *Civic Responsibility and Higher Education: A Symposium*
Texas Committee for the Humanities. Humanities Advisor

The Civitas Project: Educating For Citizenship, Part I
Texas Committee for the Humanities. Project Director

The Civitas Project: Educating For Citizenship, Part II: National Conference of Public Engagement Project, NEH
Project Director

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Political Theory Section of APSA, Politics, Literature, and Film Section of APSA, Midwest Political Science Association, Northeast Political Science Association, Society for Greek Political Thought, New England Political Science Association

Service to the Political Science profession

Advisory Board, Lexington Book Series, *Politics, Literature, and Film*

Society for Greek Political Thought, Northeast Chair, 2012-present

Referee for Presses: SUNY Press, Focus Press, Routledge, Rowman and Littlefield, Lexington Press, Hackett Press, Palgrave MacMillan, Broadview Press.

Referee for journals: *The American Political Science Review, The Journal of Politics, American Political Thought, Polis, Political Research Quarterly, The Review of Politics, Social Philosophy Today, Perspectives On Political Science, The Journal of Church & State*

University and College Service

Committee service at Baylor

Diversity Committee, 2016-2019

Committee service at Skidmore College

Kuroda Seminar Selection Committee, 2011, 2013

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha 1998-2003 (Skidmore College chapter)

Erwin Levine Political Theory Prize Committee, 2005-2013

Committee on Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure,

Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2013
Palamountain Prose Award Committee, 2013
Phi Beta Kappa, chapter president, 2010-11
Phi Beta Kappa, chapter vice-president, 2009-10
Prospective Student Outreach for Minority Students, 2009
Summer Advising of Admitted Students, 2008, 2009
Integrity Board (IB), 2005-2008; IB Review Team, 2007-08
Integrity Board Respondent Support, 2008-09
Faculty Executive Committee, 2004-2007, chair 2005-06; author, new
Operating Code, 2006
Honors Forum Council (Honors Program Executive Committee), 2004-07
Assessment of Classics, Philosophy, and Government courses on “The Big
Questions,” March-July 2006; author of final report, 2006
Task Force on Integrity Board, Summer 2006
Assessment of College-wide and Senior Writing, June 2005
Phi Beta Kappa, members in course committee 2002-2005, 2007
Committee on Faculty Governance, 2003-2004, 2004-2005
Committee on Admissions and Student Aid, 2003-04
Advisor of First Year Students, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005-06, 2008-09
All College Council, 2000-2002
Chair, Student Bill of Rights Subcommittee, 2002-2003
Palamountain Prose Award Committee, 2002, 2003
Honor Code Discussion Group 1999-2000
Director, Political Theory Reading Group, 2002-2004
Campus Representative (with Andrea Wise) of CICU National
Campus Voter Registration, 2000.

Languages

Reading knowledge of classical Greek, classical and medieval Latin,
and modern French.