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Education

Duke University

Ph.D., Political Science, May, 2006

Primary Field: Political Theory; Secondary Field: Public Law

Dissertation: *Liberal Commitments: Education, Virtue, and Pragmatic Modernity*

Committee: Tom Spragens (chair), Michael Gillespie, Ruth Grant, Evan Charney

Stanford University

M.A., Philosophy, December, 1997

Major Fields: Ethics and Political Philosophy

Thesis: *Can Liberalism Tolerate Religion?*

Advisors: Debra Satz, Michael Bratman

University of California, Hastings College of the Law

J.D., May, 1995

Co-founder: *Hastings West-Northwest Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*

Dartmouth College

A.B., Government, June, 1992

Major field: International Relations/Political Economy

Thesis: “*European Economic Integration and International Trade*,” initial draft presented to Irish European Parliament delegation, June 1991

Institute of European Studies,

Freiburg, Germany, Fall, 1990

Studied European political and economic integration, and the German language

Appointments

University of Portland, Assistant Professor, 2007-

University of Vermont, Visiting Lecturer in Political Theory, 2006-2007

University of Alabama, Birmingham, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005-2006

Publications

“Members Only? Critical Response to Herr’s ‘Defense of Nonliberal Nationalism,’”
Political Theory 35, 3 (June 2007)

“Liberals and Pluralists: Charles Taylor vs. John Gray,” *Contemporary Political Theory* (February 2007)

“Herbert Marcuse,” *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2nd Ed., (MacMillan Reference, 2007)

“The Failure of Political Liberalism: A Tale of Two Macedos?” under review, *American Political Science Review*

“Hemingway, Hopelessness, and Liberalism,” in *Hemingway on Politics and Rebellion*, ed. Lauretta Frederking, under review at Routledge Press

Teaching Experience

University of Vermont

Introduction to the Problems of Political Thought (POLS 41), Fall 2006

Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy (POLS 141), Fall 2006

Modern Political Theory (POLS 142), Spring 2007

University of Alabama, Birmingham

Introduction to Political Theory (PSC 104), Spring 2006

Modern Political Theory (PSC 342), Spring 2006

Constitutional Law I (PSC 430), Fall 2005

Constitutional Law II (PSC 431), Spring 2006

Judicial Process (PSC 330), Spring 2006

Introduction to American Government (PSC 101), Fall 2006

Harvard University

Moral Reasoning 64, Teaching Fellow, Spring 2005

Duke University

Challenges of Nonliberal Politics (PS 199C), Instructor, Fall 2003

Distributive Justice (PS 175B), Instructor, Spring 2002

Living an Ethical Life (PS 199D), Teaching Asst., Fall 2003

Political Freedom (PS 96D), Teaching Asst., Spring 2003

Policy Choice/Value Conflict (PPS 116D), Teaching Asst., Spring 2002

Duke FOCUS program, “Visions of Freedom,” Instructor/Admin, Fall 2001, 2002

International Relations (PS 93), Teaching Asst., Fall 1999

Duke University, Sanford Institute of Public Policy

Ethics and Policy-Making (PPS 316), Teaching Asst., Fall 2000, 2001, 2002

University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Legal Research and Writing, Asst. Instructor, Fall 1993

Awards and Fellowships

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2005

Kenan Graduate Colloquium in Ethics Award, 2003-2004
Gerst Fellowship, 2003-2004
Values and Ethics in the Marketplace Research Fellowship, 2001-2002
Duke University Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, 2002
H.B. Earhart Fellowship, 1999-2000, 2000-2001
Summer FLAS Award, 1999, (studied German at Middlebury Summer Language School)
Political Science Teaching Certificate, December 2001

Conference and Colloquia Presentations

“Fishing for Liberalism: What Stanley Fish Has Right and Wrong About Liberal Theory,” Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference, March 2008

“Tribal Liberalism: The Ethical Implications of Public Justification,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2007

“Pragmatism, Experimentalism, and the Modern Problem of Authority,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2006

“Liberalism and Pragmatic Modernity,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2005

“Public Justification and Pragmatism,” New England Political Science Association Conference, Portland, Maine, April 2005

“Liberals and Pluralists: Charles Taylor vs. John Gray,” Western Political Science Association Conference, Oakland, California, March 2005

“Pluralism and the Follies of Thin Liberalism,” New England Political Science Association Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, May 2004

“Liberals Against Liberal Education,” Western Political Science Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, March 2004

“Ethical Pragmatism,” Kenan Graduate Colloquium in Ethics, March 2004

“Defending California: Stephen Macedo’s *Liberal Virtues* and Contemporary Liberal Theory,” New England Political Science Association Conference, Providence, Rhode Island, May 2003

Other Work Experience

Judicial Clerk, Supreme Court of Colorado, Denver, May 1996-September 1996.
Clerked for Justice Rebecca Love-Kourlis.

Attorney, Rothgerber, Appel, Powers & Johnson (now Rothgerber, Johnson & Lyons), Denver, Colorado, August 1995-April 1996. Summer Associate, Summer 1994. Member

of the Corporate and Securities Practice Group and Real Estate Practice Group. Member of the Colorado Bar Association 1995-1998.

Judicial Extern Clerk, United States Federal District Court, San Francisco, California, Fall 1994. Clerked for Judge Charles A. Legge.

Parliamentary Intern, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium, Spring 1991
Intern to T.J. Maher, Irish M.P. and Christian Ehlers, German M.P.

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