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EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, present
College of Liberal Arts, University of West Alabama

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2024-2025
School of Arts and Sciences, Holy Family University

Arthur J. Ennis Postdoctoral Scholar, 2021-24
Augustine and Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University

Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-21
Matthew J. Ryan Center, Villanova University

Visiting Instructor, Spring 2020
James Madison College, Michigan State University

Lecturer I, Fall 2017
Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, May 2020
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Subfields: Political Theory (major) and American Politics (minor)
Dissertation: Julie, Not Emile: Rousseau's Alternative Education
Committee: Arthur Melzer (chair), Dustin Sebell, Constance Hunt, Matthew Mendham

Master of Arts, Political Science, May 2016
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Hispanic Studies, May 2012
University of Michigan-Dearborn, Dearborn, MI
Honors: with High Distinction

PUBLICATIONS

"A Third Birth: Rousseau's Education to Moral Judgment in *Julie, or the New Heloise*." 2024. *Political Theory* 52(6): 931-955.

TRAINING AND SKILLS

HFU Teaching Online Certification, September 2024
Academic Technology Department, Holy Family University, Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Certificate, Teaching and Learning in Postsecondary Education, May 2017
Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education Program, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

LANGUAGES

French: professional reading proficiency, limited working proficiency

Spanish: professional working proficiency

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Mary Wollstonecraft, the Enlightenment, the American Founding, women in political thought, virtue and citizenship, liberal education, pedagogy, modern political thought

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to political theory, classical political theory, modern political theory, political ideologies, women and political philosophy, Western culture, introduction to American government, introduction to political science, political analysis, research design, regression analysis

RELATED EXPERIENCE

TEACHING

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

College of Liberal Arts, University of West Alabama

PS 110: American Government

Fall 2025

PS 250: Justice

Fall 2025

Assistant Professor of Political Science

School of Arts and Sciences, Holy Family University

PHIL 101: Philosophy and the Good Life

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

HFEX 390: Political Ideologies

Spring 2025

HFEX 392: Virtue and Citizenship

Fall 2024

HFEX 393: Four Trials

Fall 2024, Spring 2025

Arthur J. Ennis/Thomas W. Smith Postdoctoral Fellow

Augustine and Culture Seminar Program, Villanova University

ACS 1000: Ancients

Fall 2020-2023

ACS 1001: Moderns

Spring 2021-2024

Honors Program, Villanova University

HON 5700: PSC: Justice Seminar

Fall 2022

Visiting Instructor

James Madison College, Michigan State University

MC 271 : Constitutionalism and Democracy

Spring 2020

MC 497 : Senior Seminar: Four Trials

Spring 2020

Lecturer I

Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn

POL 306 : Political Ideologies

Fall 2017

Instructor

Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

PLS 170 : Introduction to Political Philosophy (online)

PLS 422 : Seminar in Political Science : Film and Politics (online)

Summer 2017-2018

Summer 2015-2016

Section Instructor

Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

PLS 200 : Introduction to Political Science

PLS 201 : Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis

Fall 2014-2016

Spring 2015-2016

Teaching Assistant

Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

PLS 170 : Introduction to Political Philosophy (online)

PLS 100 : Introduction to American Politics

PLS 392 : Film and the Legal System

PLS 371 : Classical Political Philosophy

PLS 372 : Modern Political Philosophy

Summer 2020

Fall 2019

Spring 2018

Spring 2017

Fall 2017

PROFESSIONAL**Online Course Design**

In collaboration with Jonathan Clemens, Risepoint

PS 110

PS 211, PS 250, PS 310

Fall 2025

Spring 2025

Research Assistant

Dustin Sebell

Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

Spring 2019

Editorial Intern

American Journal of Political Science

Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

Fall 2018

Transcriptionist

Arthur Melzer

Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

PLS 170 : Introduction to Political Philosophy (37 lecture hours)

PLS 371 : Classical Political Philosophy (35 lecture hours)

Fall 2018

Fall 2019

HONORS

Graduate Student Paper Award, Michigan Political Science Association, 2019

College of Social Science Nominee for Excellence in Teaching Citation, Michigan State University, 2018

College of Social Science Nominee for Excellence in Teaching Citation, Michigan State University, 2017

Best Graduate Assistant Teaching Award, Michigan State Department of Political Science, 2017

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**Funded**

Technology in the Classroom Grant, Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning, 2022-23.

Patricia and Vincent J. Trosino '62 Fellowship, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program, Summer 2022.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2019

University Distinguished Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2013-19
 Performance Award Fellowship, Michigan State Department of Political Science, 2018

Submitted

“Humanities Connections Implementation Grant: Teaching Civic Engagement through Philosophy,” National Endowment for the Humanities, Advisory Team Course Developer (Principle Investigators: Patrick Casey, Ph.D. and Kimberley Heuschkel, Ed.D.), August 2024 (pending).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Why Influencers? Considering the Standard of Influence in Political Science.” 2025. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 3-6.

“Reconsidering Sidney: Reflections on Forgotten Influence.” 2024. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7.

“Revolutionary Thought: Reconsidering Algernon Sidney in Liberalism.” 2023. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses, March 30-April 1.

“In Good Order: Institutions and Education in Rousseau’s Thought.” 2022. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10.

“Julie in the Asylum: Mary Wollstonecraft’s Educational Theory in *Maria, or the Wrongs of Woman*.” 2021. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 14-18, online.

“Well-Born and Well-Ordered: Childhood Education in Rousseau’s *Julie* and *Emile*.” 2020. Accepted at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 16-19, Chicago, IL. *Conference cancelled due to Covid-19*.

“Tasteful Judgment: Foundations of Moral Education in Rousseau’s *Julie*.” 2019. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 4-7, Chicago, IL.

“Practicable Education: Rousseau’s Pedagogical Aims in *Julie*’s Two Prefaces.” 2018. Presented at the Michigan Political Science Association Conference, October 26, Michigan State University.

“Julie, Not Emile: Rousseau’s Real Education.” 2018. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, Chicago, IL.

“Lust and Liberalism: Montesquieu on the Nature and Conventions of Family.” 2017. Presented at the Michigan Political Science Association Conference, October 27, Eastern Michigan University.

“Lust and Liberalism: Montesquieu on the Nature and Conventions of Family.” 2017. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 6-9, Chicago, IL.

CAMPUS TALKS

“Making Us Whole: Moral Education in Rousseau’s *Julie*.” 2020. Matthew J. Ryan Center Lecture Series, October 30, Villanova, PA.

INVITED TALKS

“Division and Debate: Celebrating a Contentious Constitution.” 2025. Daughters of the American Revolution

Constitution Day Lecture, September 9, Livingston, AL.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discussant, “Rousseau” Panel, Midwest Political Science Association, 2023 Annual Meeting.

Discussant, “Crisis, Fear, Faction, and Compromise” Panel, Midwest Political Science Association, 2022 Annual Meeting.

Discussant, “Modern Perspectives” Panel, Midwest Political Science Association, 2021 Annual Meeting.

Section co-organizer, Political Theory and Political Science Education, Michigan Political Science Association, 2018 Annual Meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Committee Member, Interdisciplinary Associates Degree Committee, Holy Family University, 2025.

Committee Member, PPES Major Curriculum Committee, Holy Family University, 2024-2025.

Committee Member, Psychology Search Committee, Holy Family University, Fall 2024.

Faculty Mentor, Matthew J. Ryan Center, Villanova University, 2023-24.

Faculty Associate, Matthew J. Ryan Center, Villanova University, 2021-2024.

President, MSU Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2017-2018.

Vice President, MSU Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2016-2017.

Academic and Admissions Representative, MSU Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2015-16.

Graduate Student Representative, MSU Department of Political Science Grievance Hearing Board, 2014-15.

Steward, MSU Graduate Employees Union, 2014-2018.

First-Year Cohort Representative, MSU Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2013-2014.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, 2016-present.

Political Science Education Organized Section member, 2016-present.

Foundations of Political Theory Organized Section member, 2016-present.

Midwest Political Science Association, 2016-present.

Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society, inducted 2012.

Phi Alpha Theta, History Honors Society, inducted 2010.

REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science