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## **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science  
Louisiana State University

First Field: Political Theory  
Second Field: American Politics  
Minor Field: Religion and Politics

Dissertation- *A State of Impermanence: Buddhism, Liberalism, and the Problem of Politics*

M.A., Political Theory  
University of Toronto

B.A., Political Science  
Saint Vincent College  
Cum laude, College Scholar of the Honors Program

## **Teaching Experience**

### New Mexico State University

- American National Government
- Issues in American Politics- Conspiracy Theories
- Religion and Politics
- American Political Thought
- Classical Political Thought
- Modern Political Thought
- Graduate Seminar in Political Theory
- Graduate Seminar in American Politics

### Richard Bland College of William and Mary

- Truth and American Politics

### Tulane University

- Buddhist Political Thought  
(cross-listed: Political Science and Religious Studies)

### Louisiana State University

- Introduction to American Government
- Introduction to Political Theory

### LSU Online and LSU Distance Learning

- Introduction to American Government (LSU Online)
- Introduction to Political Theory (LSU Online)
- Introduction to American Government (LSU Distance Learning Program)
- Introduction to Political Theory (LSU Distance Learning Program)

### Served as Teaching Assistant

- Fundamental Issues of Politics, Louisiana State University
- The American Presidency, Louisiana State University
- Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, Louisiana State University
- U.S. Government and Politics, University of Toronto

## **Applied Political and Public Policy Work**

- Director of Elections and Chief Registrar,  
The County of Beaver, Pennsylvania. January 2021 to July 2021
- Research Associate, Public Policy Research Lab at Louisiana State  
University. May 2019 to December 2020
- Managing Supervisor, Public Policy Research Lab at Louisiana State  
University. June 2015 to May 2019

## **Recent Media Appearances**

*The Associated Press*, Interview regarding election fraud in Pennsylvania during the 2020 Presidential election. 06/30/2021.

*USA Today Network*, Interview regarding election procedures in Pennsylvania municipal elections. 05/11/2021.

*Spotlight PA*, Interview regarding Pennsylvania elections and the role of elections administrators. 05/07/2021.

*KDKA TV-2 Pittsburgh*, Interview regarding local elections. 04/19/2021.

*KDKA TV-2 Pittsburgh*, Interview regarding May 2021 Pennsylvania Municipal Primary Elections. 04/08/2021.

## **Scholarly Presentations and Conferences**

“A De-Political Alternative in Contemporary Buddhist Political Thought” Given at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 10, 2020 in Los Angeles, California.

“Buddhism, Liberalism, and the Problem of Rights” Given at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association. April 20, 2019 in San Diego, California.

“Freedom, Prosperity, and Heroic Entrepreneurship in Economic Debate” Strata Academics Roundtable. February 23-26, 2017 in Springdale, Utah.

“Political Culture, Economic Condition, and the Adoption of Morality Policy in the American States” Given at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. January 8, 2016 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

“The Pedagogical Necessities of Rousseau’s Presentation of the Relationship of Reason and Revelation in the *Emile*” Given at 2010 Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association. November 12, 2010 in Boston, Massachusetts.

## **Works in Progress**

*Buddhism and the Problem of Politics* (manuscript)

“Whatever It Is, I’m Against It: An Empirical Reevaluation of the Libertarian-Republican Fusion Movement”

## **Awards and Fellowships**

Eric Voegelin Scholar. Eric Voegelin Institute, Louisiana State University.  
Awarded April 2018

Award for the Study of American Politics. University of Toronto.  
Awarded September 2009

George Washington Fellow in the Study of American Politics. Saint Vincent College, Alex G. McKenna Center for Political and Economic Thought, 2007-2008

Philadelphia Society Goodrich Foundation Scholarship.  
Awarded April 2008

Alex G. McKenna Political and Economic Thought Scholar, Saint Vincent College.  
Awarded August 2005

## **Professional Development**

Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Effective Online Teaching Practices Course, 2022-2023

Advanced Placement United States Government and Politics Exam Reading, 2022

## **Service**

M.A. Committee. New Mexico State University, Department of Government

Undergraduate Committee. New Mexico State University, Department of Government

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association  
Southern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association