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Education

- Ph.D., Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2005
- M.A., Politics, University of Dallas, 1996
- B.A., History, Baylor University, 1992

Publications

Book:

- America and the Political Philosophy of Common Sense*, University of Missouri Press (2010)

Journal articles:

- "ISIS's Will to Apocalypse," in *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 17:4 (2016)
- "Muhammad Iqbal's Reconstructed Islam," in *The Political Science Reviewer* 46:1 (2022)

Book chapters:

- "The Dream of the Caliphate and the Loss of Reality: An Application of Eric Voegelin's 'The Origins of Totalitarianism' and 'In Search of the Ground,'" in *Eric Voegelin Today: Voegelin's Political Thought in the 21st Century*, Lexington Books (2019).
- "Lawful Return vs. Will to Transformation: Friedrich von Gentz on the American and French Revolutions," in *When In the Course of Human Events: 1776 at Home, Abroad, and in American Memory*, Mercer University Press (2018)

Book reviews:

- Review of Salim Mansur, *The Quran Problem and Islamism* (2017) for VoegelinView.com (Sept. 5, 2019)
- Review of D. C. Shindler, *Freedom from Reality: The Diabolical Character of Modern Liberty* (2017) for *Review of Metaphysics* 72:4 (2019)
- Review of Gideon Mailer, *John Witherspoon's American Revolution* (2017) for *Journal of Church and State* 60:1 (2018)
- "The Political Meaning of Common Sense," a review essay of Sophia Rosenfeld, *Common Sense: A Political History* (2011) for VoegelinView.com (Oct. 11, 2014)
- Review of Allen Buchanan, *Human Rights, Legitimacy, and the Use of Force* (2010) for *Review of Metaphysics* 64:3 (2011)
- Review of Mark Balaguer, *Free Will as an Open Scientific Problem* (2009) for the *Review of Metaphysics* 65:1 (2010-2011)
- Review of Ellis Sandoz, *Republicanism, Religion, and the Soul of America* (2006) in *Modern Age*, 50:1 (2008)

Encyclopedia entry:

- "John Witherspoon," in *The Eighteenth-Century Online Encyclopedia*, added 2015

Online essays:

- "Voegelin and 21st-Century Jihadism," VoegelinView.com, June 6, 2015
- "Truth in American Common Sense," VoegelinView.com, Sept. 23, 2012

- "Richard Rorty and the Core of Progressivism," VoegelinView.com, Jan. 6, 2012
- "Common Sense and the Common Sense Tradition," VoegelinView.com, May 24, 2010

Other Scholarly Work

- Resident Scholar, Liberty Fund, Inc., September 2006–August 2007

Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards

- Sabbatical award for Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
- Citadel research grant for interviewing experts on jihadism, Paris, 2015
- U.S. Military Academy research grant for interviewing experts on jihadism in Paris, London, and Oslo, 2011
- Nominated for Burdette Award for best paper at the 2009 American Political Science Association Meeting
- Earhart Foundation Fellowship for dissertation research, 2001-2, 2002-3
- Louisiana State University Graduate Assistantship, 1998-2001

Conference Papers and Participation

- "Muhammad Iqbal's Reconstructed Islam," presented virtually for the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 1, 2020
- "The Concern of Political Theory: A Fresh Look at the Strauss-Voegelin Debate," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 29, 2019
- "Sayyid Qutb's Jihad," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 31, 2018
- "French Revolutionary Politics and Its Critics; or, How Ideology Destroys Community," presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 12, 2017
- "John Witherspoon's Moderate American Revolution," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 1, 2017
- "ISIS's Will to Apocalypse," presented at "The New Global City" conference at University of North Carolina-Wilmington, May 13, 2016, hosted in partnership with International Islamic University, Islamabad, and sponsored by the U.S. State Department
- "Lawful Return vs. Willful Transformation: Friedrich von Gentz on the American and French Revolutions," presented at Mercer University for a conference sponsored by Mercer's MacDonald Center for America's Founding Principles, March 23, 2016
- "Voegelin and 21st-Century Jihadism," presented at "Order and Liberty: A Conference in Honor of Ellis Sandoz," Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, May 2, 2015
- Panel chair and discussant, "The Political Thought of John C. Calhoun," at The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 3, 2016
- Panel discussant, "Religion in Southern Politics," at The Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, March 6, 2014
- Panel discussant, "American Foreign Policy and American Political Thought," at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31, 2014
- "The War on Ideology: Coming to Terms With Radical Islamism—and Ourselves," presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 11, 2014
- "Common Sense and Natural Law," presented at the Princeton Theological Seminary Bicentennial Celebration, September 7, 2012
- "Radical Islam and Modern Ideology," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 5, 2010
- "Two Pragmatic Moral Universes: James vs. Dewey and Rorty," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, September 3, 2009.

- Panel discussant, "Civil Theology of the American Founding," at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 31, 2007
- "Common Sense Philosophy and American Political Theology," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 1, 2006
- "Voegelin's Political Science," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, August 30, 2003
- "Illuminated Conscience: John Witherspoon on Faith and Political Philosophy," presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of California at Los Angeles, August 4, 2003
- Panel discussant, "Nietzsche: New Perspectives," at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 3, 2003
- "Instructing the Founders: John Witherspoon's Lectures on Moral Philosophy," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 25, 2002
- Panel discussant, "Politics, Consciousness, and the Storyteller: Four Studies, East and West," at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 28, 2002

Research Interests

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| --Jihadist ideology | --Islamic Political Thought |
| --Political Ideologies | --American Pragmatism |
| --Common sense / natural law philosophy | --Law and Society |
| --American Founding | --Rights Theory |
| --Religion and Politics | --Moral Philosophy |

Teaching Experience

The Citadel, Military College of South Carolina (2013-present)

- Foundations of Political Theory
- Modern Political Theory
- Political Theory (graduate course)
- Political Ideologies
- Religion and Politics
- Revolutionary Politics
- Constitutional Law: Civil Rights
- American National Government
- Introduction to Political Science

University of Alaska, Anchorage (2012)

- Political Sociology
- Comparative Political Economy
- Political Philosophy
- Introduction to American Government

College of New Rochelle—Bronx, New York City (2011)

- Urban Community

U.S. Military Academy, West Point (2008-2011)

- Religion and Politics
- Political Thought and Ideas
- American Politics

Berry College—Mt. Berry, Georgia (2007-2008)

- Introduction to Philosophy

- Philosophy of Law
- American Government

Baylor University—Waco, Texas (2003-2006)

- Social World I & II sections of the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core
- World Cultures IV, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core
- Intellectual Tradition of the Ancient World
- Modern Western Political Thought
- Ancient & Medieval Western Political Thought

Louisiana State University—Baton Rouge (1999, 2002)

- Introduction to Political Theory

Teaching Interests

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| --Ancient to contemporary political thought | --Political ideology |
| --American political thought | --Ethics |
| --American politics & history | --Philosophy |
| --Islamic political thought | --Law and Society |
| --General Western & world classics | |

Service

The Citadel:

- Founder and director of annual Constitution Day events at The Citadel, including Constitution Day lectures by guest scholars and experts of national rank and a public reading of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights by volunteering students, faculty, and members of the general public, 2013-present
- Director of student reading group on political classics, 2014-present
- Cadet Academic Counselor, 2013-present
- Director of student independent study courses
- Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2014-present
- Atlantic Institute Future Leaders Dialogue Dinner Steering Committee, 2014-present

U.S. Military Academy, West Point:

- Social Sciences representative for joint Just War Project with Bard College, 2010
- Political philosophy reading group, 2009-2011
- Directing or co-directing senior theses, 2010
- Cadet Academic Counselor, 2009

Berry College:

- Co-director, senior thesis projects, 2008
- Directed readings course on Hume, Kant, and Thomas Reid, 2008

Languages

- Ancient Greek, Latin, French, Spanish, Portuguese