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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Dallas, Irving, TX

PhD, Politics (December 2017)

Dissertation: "Xenophon's Republic: Nobility, Self-Knowledge, and the Identity of the Philosopher"

Advisors: Jonathan Culp, Mark Arandia, David Sweet

Rutgers University, Camden, NJ

BA, Political Science (May 2003)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in Philosophy, Missouri S&T, 2022-2023

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Classical Political Philosophy

Ethics

American Political Thought

Contemporary Political Thought

Politics, Art, and Literature

PUBLICATIONS

"Nietzsche and Lawfulness: On the Opening of Genealogy's Second Essay"
(in progress, incorporating feedback from NPSA)

"Every Billionaire is a Policy Failure and the Curious Case of Plato's Hipparchus" (in progress, to be submitted to *History of Political Thought*)

"Portraits of Ignobility: The Political Thought of Xenophon, and Donald Trump" in *Trump and Political Philosophy: Leadership, Statesmanship, and Tyranny*. eds. Marc B. Sable & Angel Jaramillo Torres. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2018.

"Environmental Philosophy and the Question of Origins." Review of Michel Serres' *Biogea* in *Zeteo: The Journal of Interdisciplinary Writing*, 2013.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & HONORS

2022. Travel Grant from Missouri S&T's Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence.

2022. Travel Grant from the Department of Arts, Languages, and Philosophy at Missouri S&T.

2021. Travel Grant from the Dallas College Honors Program for attendance at the National Collegiate Honors Council Meeting.

2019. Exceptional Dual Credit Instructor, El Centro College.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

"Nietzsche and Lawfulness: On the Opening of Genealogy's Second Essay." Paper presented at NPSA annual meeting, Boston, MA. 2022.

"The Surprising Ways Students Connect to the Classics." Presented at TCCTA Annual Convention, Frisco, TX. 2022.

"Socrates' Invocation of Hipparchus: A Reading of Plato's *Hipparchus*." Paper presented at NPSA annual meeting. 2021.

"On Plato's *Cleitophon*: Regarding the Radicalization of Cleitophon." Paper presented at NPSA annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 2019.

"An Introduction to the Problem of Friendship in Xenophon: A Discussion of *Cyropaedia* VIII.2 & *Memorabilia* II.8." Paper presented at NPSA annual meeting, Montreal, CA. 2018.

"The Setting of Xenophon's *Hiero*: Some Thoughts on the Scope of Tyranny." Paper presented at NPSA annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 2017.

"Rooted Cosmopolitanism and the Emergence of the Poet in Seamus Heaney's *North*." Paper presented at ACTC annual meeting, Dallas, TX. 2017.

"Caught between Tradition and Education: The Necessarily Political Problem in Seamus Heaney's Poetry." Paper presented at ACTC annual meeting, Atlanta, GA. 2016.

"Politics as Parody: The Issue of Law in Plato's *Minos*." Co-author: Tim Haglund. Paper presented at 2012 SPSA Meeting, New Orleans, LA. 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in Philosophy, Missouri S&T (2022-2023)

Courses taught:

Engineering Ethics (Fall 2022, Spring 2023) [F2F]

Bioethics (Spring 2023) [F2F]

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion at Dallas College (2018-2022)

Courses taught:

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2018 [hybrid], Fall 2019 [hybrid], Fall 2020 [online], Spring 2021 [online])

Ethics (Spring 2019 [hybrid], Spring 2020 [hybrid], Fall 2021 [hybrid])

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Social Media for NPSA (2023)

Peer Reviewer, NPSA McWilliams Political Theory Award (2022)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member, Dallas College Honors Program Task Force (2021)

PANEL PARTICIPATION

"Foucault, Kierkegaard, and Blumenberg: Muddling Through After Modernity." NPSA 2022. (Discussant)

"Politics and Epistemology." NPSA 2018. (Discussant)

"Trump and Political Philosophy: Patriotism, Cosmopolitanism, and Civic Virtue." Roundtable at NPSA 2017. (Panelist)

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & ADVISING

Honors Contracts for Bioethics (Spring 2023)

Honors Contracts for Engineering Ethics (Fall 2022 & Spring 2023)

Philosophy Club co-advisor, Dallas College Richland Campus (2021)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Northeastern Political Science Association

Center for Science, Technology, and Society at Missouri S&T

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Online Teaching Certification Seminar, University of Missouri System (Spring 2023)

REFERENCES

Mark Thames

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