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PROFESSIONAL Jacksonville State University
APPOINTMENT Assistant Professor of Political Science, August 2017-present

EDUCATION

University of North Texas

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2017

Dissertation Title: *Knowing What is Useful: Rousseau's Education Concerning Being, Science, and Happiness.*

Dissertation Committee: Steven P. Forde (chair), Richard S. Ruderman, Martin D. Yaffe (Philosophy), and Valerie J. Martinez-Ebers

Northern Illinois University

M.A., Political Science, August 2010

Committee: Larry Arnhart, Gary D. Glenn, and Matthew J. Streb

Primary Exam Paper: *Hume's Perfect Commonwealth and True Religion: Hume, Tocqueville, and Burke's Thoughts Concerning Religion's Effect on Government*

Secondary Exam Paper: *Social Capital and the College Campus: An Examination of Group Membership's Effect on Participation in a Student Election*

B.S., Political Science, May 2008

Minors: Mathematics, Physics

Honors Thesis: *Curiosity Killed the Human: A look at the Transformation of Curiosity from a Vice to Virtue*

Thesis Advisors: Gary D. Glenn and Andrea Radasanu

Additional Training

University of North Texas' Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Program

Fellow at the Jack Miller Center: Summer 2016

INTERESTS

Research

Modern Political Philosophy
Political Philosophy and Science
Jean-Jacques Rousseau
Francis Bacon
Mass Political Behavior

Teaching

History of Political Philosophy
American Political Thought
Science, Technology, and Politics
Political Participation
Research Methodology

RESEARCH

Publications - Peer Reviewed

2017. "Clearing the Pipeline? Gender and Publishing in the APSR." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. with Marijke Breuning, Ayal Feinberg, Melissa Martinez, Ramesh Sharma, and John Ishiyama

2015. "Reviewer Fatigue? Why Scholars Decline to Review their Peers' Work." *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 48(4):595-600. with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Backstrom, Jeremy Brannon, and Michael Widmeier

Publications - Non-Peer Reviewed

2016. "Overburdened Reviewers and the Future of Peer Review." *European Science Editing*. with Marijke Breuning, Jeremy Backstrom, Jeremy Brannon, and Michael Widmeier

Forthcoming. "Plato." In James Ciment (ed.), *World Democracy: From Ancient Times to the People's Revolutions of the 21st Century*. New York: M.E. Sharpe.

Under Review

"A Particular Set of Skills: The Effect of Virtual Groups on Political Participation"

"How International is Political Science? Patterns of Submission and Publication in the APSR." with Marijke Breuning, Ayal Feinberg, Melissa Martinez, Ramesh Sharma, and John Ishiyama

Works in Progress

"Being in Rousseau's Thought: A system in the *Discourses* and *Emile*"

"Natural Remedies vs. Modern Medicine: Rousseau's Critique of Doctors and the Modern Scientific Project in the *Emile*"

"True and False Religion in the Thought of David Hume"

"Virtually the Same: The Effects of Physical and Virtual Groups on Social Capital"

Invited Presentations

2015. "Natural Remedies vs. Modern Medicine: Rousseau's Critique of Doctors and the Modern Scientific Project in the *Emile*." Presented at Northern Illinois University.

Conference Presentations

"Being in Rousseau's thought: A system in the *Discourses* and *Emile*." Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA and the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

"Citizenship, Modern Science, and the Relief of Man's Estate in the Thought of Francis Bacon." Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

"Christian Scientists: How Francis Bacon needs Christianity to Achieve the Relief of Mans Estate." Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL. and the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. San Juan, PR.

"A Particular Set of Skills: Virtual Groups, Civic Groups, and their effect on forms of Political Participation" Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.

"Natural Remedies vs. Modern Medicine: Rousseau's Critique of Doctors and the Modern Scientific Project in the *Emile*." Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. and at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

“Using Falseness to Support the Truth: The Relationship between True Religion, False Religions and Politics in the thought of David Hume.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

“Virtually the Same: The Effects of Physical and Virtual Groups on Social Capital.” Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. Orlando, FL.

“Social Capital and the College Campus.” Presented at the 2011 Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Research Association Conference. DeKalb, IL.

Research Assistant

University of North Texas

Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha: Summer 2012

Northern Illinois University

Matthew J. Streb: Fall 2008-Fall 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Jacksonville State University

- Introduction to American Government: Fall 2017
- Introduction to Political Science: Fall 2017
- Introduction to International Relations: Fall 2017
- Political Theory from the Ancients to Medievals: Fall 2017

Texas Woman's University

- U.S. National Government: Spring 2017

University of North Texas

- Introduction to Political Research: Fall 2016
- Political Theory: Eighteenth Century to the Present: Summer 2015 & Spring 2016

Harper Community College

- American Politics & Government: Spring 2011

Northern Illinois University

- Democracy in America: Spring 2010

Teaching Assistant

University of North Texas

- American Government: Laws and Institutions (for Ashley English): Fall 2016
- American Government: Laws and Institutions (for Regina Branton): Spring 2017
- American Government: Process and Policies (for Tony Carey): Spring 2017

Northern Illinois University

- Democracy in America (for Ross J. Corbett): Fall 2009
- Intro to American Government and Politics (for Mikel Wyckoff): Breakout Session Leader Fall 2008 & Spring 2009

Guest Lecture

University of North Texas

- Political Theory - Socrates to the Eighteenth Century (for Richard S. Ruder-
man): Fall 2016
- Political Theory - Socrates to the Eighteenth Century (for Kevin Kearns): Fall
2015
- American Government - Process and Policies (for Tony Carey): Spring 2013

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Awards

University of North Texas

- 2016: Department of Political Science Outstanding Teaching Fellow
- 2013: Pender Award for Best Graduate Paper in Political Science - “Virtually
the Same: The Effects of Physical and Virtual Groups on Social Capital”
- 2011: Doctoral Fellowship Award (Provided four years of tuition and stipend)

Northern Illinois University

- 2011: Best Paper Presentation from the Northern Illinois University Graduate
Student Research Conference - “Social Capital and the College Campus”
- 2010: Outstanding Graduate Student Award in Political Science
- 2007-2009: Ryan Byrne Memorial Award, from The Northern Star
- 2007: Student Lincoln Laureate Award, from The Lincoln Academy of Illinois
- 2007: Top Junior Award, from the Honors Department
- 2007: Outstanding Junior Award, from the Motor Board Honor Society Pleiades
Chapter
- 2005-2008: Alumni Merit Scholarship, from the Northern Illinois Alumni
Association
- 2004-2008: Centennial Scholarship
- 2004: Academic Finalist Scholarship (Provided four year of tuition and stipend)

Grants

University of North Texas

- Prestage Cook Travel Grant: 2017 (\$300)
- Toulouse School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant: 2013, 2017 (\$1,000 total)
- College of Arts and Sciences Travel Support Grant: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016,
2017 (\$1,550 total)
- Student Government Association Raupe Travel Grant: 2013, 2014, 2016 (\$1,750
total)
- Department of Political Science Conference Grant: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
(\$2,200 total)

Honors

- 2009: Distinguished Service Key, from Alpha Phi Omega Eta Chapter
- 2008: Graduated with Summa Cum Laude, Department Honors, University
Honors, and Deans Award from Northern Illinois University
- 2008: Member of Phi Sigma Alpha
- 2003: Rank of Eagle Scout, from the Boy Scouts of America

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Political Science Review

- Lead Editorial Assistant: July 2014-January 2016
- Editorial Assistant: June 2012-July 2014 & June 2016-August 2016

University Service

University of North Texas

- Bike Safety Task Force, Committee Member: 2015-2016
- Dean Search Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences, Committee Member: 2014

Northern Illinois University

- Honors Department Committee, Student Representative: 2006-2008

Department Service

University of North Texas

- University of North Texas Political Theory Working Paper Group, Organizer and Participant: 2015-2017
- Graduate Studies Committee, Student Representative: 2016-2017
- Political Science Graduate Student Association, Vice-President of Departmental Relations: 2015-2016
- Graduate Student Mentor: 2013-2017

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association

ADDITIONAL TOOLS

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REFERENCES

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