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CURRENT APPOINTMENT:

Director, Baylor Honors Program, Baylor University (2015—)

Associate Professor of Political Science in the Honors Program, Baylor University (2013—)

Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Honors Program, Baylor University
(2007—2013)

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2004.

M.A., Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2001.

University of Heidelberg, Germany, 2000-2001.

M.A., Art History, Louisiana State University, 1999.

B.A., Classics, Oberlin College, 1994.

Junior Year Abroad, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, 1993.

BOOK:

Michael Oakeshott on Religion, Aesthetics and Politics, University of Missouri Press, 2006.

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

"Life on the Island: Walker Percy on the Human Condition," in *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 2016.

"Law and Contingency: Michael Oakeshott and The German Historical School," in *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, vol. 2, no. 2, 2016, pp. 299-318.

"Rationalism and the Rule of Law: Michael Oakeshott and the American Constitutional Order," in *American Political Thought*, vol. 4, no. 4, Fall 2015, pp. 633-52.

"The Two Great Lights: *Regnum* and *Sacerdotium* in the Salerno Ivories," in *History of Political Thought*, Spring 2013, 34:1, pp. 1-18.

"The Aesthetic and Moral Character of Oakeshott's Educational Writings," in *Journal of Philosophy of Education*, vol. 46, no. 4, November 2012, pp. 86-98.

"Worlds of Experience: Aesthetics," in *The Cambridge Companion to Oakeshott*, Cambridge University Press, 2012, pp. 86-106.

"The Religious Sensibility of Michael Oakeshott," in *A Companion to Oakeshott*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2012, pp. 134-50.

"The Purposeful Patron: Political Covenant in the Salerno Ivories," in *Viator*, The Journal of UCLA's Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, 40 no. 2 (Autumn 2009) pp. 55-92.

"Religion and the Mode of Practice in Michael Oakeshott," in *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* (March 2009), vol. 44, no.1, pp. 139-151.

"A Discipline of the Mind and Heart: Voegelin and Santayana as Philosophers of Experience," book chapter in *Philosophy, Literature, and Politics: Essays Honoring Ellis Sandoz*, University of Missouri Press, 2005, pp. 129-45.

"Are Government Employees More Likely to Vote? An Analysis of Turnout in the 1996 U.S. National Election," with James C. Garand, *Public Choice*, April 2002, vol. 111, pp. 259-83.

OTHER ARTICLES AND ESSAYS:

"First Church of Intersectionality" in *First Things*, August-September 2017, pp. 27-31.

"The Conservative Disposition in a Revolutionary Age" in *Modern Age*, April 2017, pp. 43-52.

"A More Moderate Diversity" in *National Affairs*, Spring 2017, pp. 115-128.

Reprint of "No Happy Harmony," in *Double Bind*, ed. Robin Romm, Liveright Publishing (Norton), 2017.

"Learning to Play," in *First Things*, October 2016, pp. 19-21.

"Diversity in the Christian University," on *Public Discourse*, website of The Witherspoon Institute, October 28, 2015.

"Our Need for Privacy," in *First Things*, August/September 2015, no. 255, pp. 45-49.

"Two Sisters, Two Views of Gay Marriage," with Mary Campbell, in *The Atlantic*, May 10, 2015.

"Rationalism and Teaching the Constitution," in *Academic Questions*, Fall 2014, 27: pp. 300-308.

"Learning in Love," in *First Things*, April 2014, no. 242, pp. 41-46.

"No Happy Harmony," in *First Things*, October 2013, no. 236, pp. 47-52.

"No Accoutrement Required," in *The Living Church*, March 3, 2013, pp. 17-18.

"On Susan," in *First Things*, November 2012, no. 227, pp. 21-22.

"Oakeshott's Ideal of the Liberal State," for the Liberty Fund *Library of Law and Liberty* website, September 2012.

"Life on the Divide," in *First Things*, June-July 2012, pp. 17-19.

"Oakeshott's Conservatism," in *First Things*, February 2012, no. 220, pp. 47-51.

"The World of Michael Oakeshott," in *Modern Age*, Summer 2006, vol. 48, no. 3, pp. 259-66.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of *Michael Oakeshott and the Conversation of Modern Political Thought*, by Luke Plotica, in *The Review of Politics* (Winter 2016), 79: pp. 151-3.

Review of *Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights*, by Katha Pollitt, in *First Things*, April 2015, no. 253, pp. 55-7.

Review of *The Tragedy of Religious Freedom*, by Marc O. DeGirolami, for *The University Bookman*, April 2014.

"Being at Home in the World: Burke, Paine, and Modern Politics," Review of Yuval Levin's *The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Birth of Right and Left*, on *Public Discourse*, website of The Witherspoon Institute, January 30, 2014.

Review of *Oakeshott on Rome and America*, by Gene Callahan, for the Liberty Fund *Library of Law and Liberty* website, October 2013.

Review of *The Meanings of Michael Oakeshott's Conservatism*, edited by Corey Abel, and *Michael Oakeshott's Skepticism*, by Aryeh Botwinick, in *Political Studies Review*, September 2012, vol. 10, no. 3, pp. 394-96.

Review of *The Faculty Lounges*, by Naomi Schaefer Riley, in *Academic Questions* (2012), 25: 1, pp. 165-69.

Review of *Crisis on Campus*, by Mark Taylor, in *First Things*, May 2011, no. 213, pp. 53-5.

Review of *Eric Voegelin and the Problem of Christian Political Order*, by Jeffrey C. Herndon, in *The Review of Politics* (2008), 70: pp. 495-7.

Review of *Taking Sex Differences Seriously*, by Steven E. Rhoads, in *The Intercollegiate Review*, Fall/Winter 2005, pp. 48-51.

Review of *In Defence of Modernity*, by Efraim Podoksik, in *Society*, March/April 2005, vol. 42, no. 3, pp. 83-6.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

Robert Novak Journalism Award, 2016-17, The Fund for American Studies.

Summer Sabbatical for Summer 2015, Baylor University.

Baylor Fellow for 2014-15, Baylor's Academy for Teaching and Learning.

Summer Sabbatical for Summer 2013, Baylor University.

Nominee for Outstanding Teaching Award in the Baylor Honors College, 2009, 2012 and 2013.

Summer Sabbatical for Summer 2011, Baylor University.

Research Leave for Fall 2010, Baylor University.

Summer Sabbatical for Summer 2010, Baylor University (declined).

Finalist, Acton Institute's Novak Award Competition, 2008.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship, 2006-07.

IHS Fund for Scholars, Grant for research at the Michael Oakeshott Archives in London, 2003.

Earhart Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2002-2003.

Paul M. Grosser Award for Teaching, Louisiana State University, 2002.

Louisiana State University Graduate Assistantship, 2001-2002.

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship for Research in Germany, 2000-2001.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship, 1998-2001.

Louisiana State University Graduate Assistantship, 1996-1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University Scholars Capstone Course: Modern Political, Literary and Social Thought from Bacon to Eliot, Fall 2015. Co-taught with Alan Jacobs and Robert Miner.

Religious Liberty: Historical, Legal and Geopolitical, Fall 2015. Co-taught with David D. Corey.

Modern Political Theory: Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Mill (Political Science 3373), Spring 2013.

The Intellectual Tradition of the Ancient World (Great Texts 2301), Baylor University, Fall 2003 and 2004, Spring 2005, Spring and Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2015, Spring 2017.

American Constitutional Development: Honors (Political Science 2302), Baylor University, Fall 2007, Spring and Fall, 2009, Spring 2010, Spring and Fall 2011, Spring and Fall 2012, Spring and Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2015.

American Constitutional Development: Political Theory and Practice (First Year Seminar 1399), Baylor University, Fall 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016.

Contemporary Political Theory (Political Science 4383): Oakeshott, Strauss and Voegelin, Baylor University, Spring 2006, Spring 2008.

Social World I (Political Theory from Plato to Machiavelli) in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Baylor University, Spring 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, Fall 2008.

Social World II (Political Theory from Hobbes to Nietzsche) in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Baylor University, Fall 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Masterworks in Art (Great Texts 3340), Baylor University, Spring 2004.

Introduction to Political Theory: Plato through the American Founding (Political Science 2060), Louisiana State University, Spring 2002.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Science (Political Science 1001), Louisiana State University, Fall 2001.

OTHER WORK AND CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE:

Workshop Moderator, *The Tradition Project*, November 2-4, 2017, New York Athletic Club, New York City.

Resident Fellow at Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion (ISR), 2017—

Fellow, Baylor Center for Christian Philosophy, 2017—

Editorial Advisory Board, Palgrave Studies in Classical Liberalism, 2017—

Invited Lecturer, "Can Conservatives Support Diversity?" at the University of Colorado, Boulder, March 14, 2017.

Invited Lecturer, "Achievement and the Christian Life," First Things/Covenant School of Dallas Annual Lecture Series, November 29, 2016.

Workshop Moderator, *The Tradition Project*, October 20-22, 2016, New York Athletic Club, New York City.

Keynote Lecturer, "Achievement, Love and Happiness," *First Things Intellectual Retreat*, May 20-22, 2016, UCLA Law School.

ISI Honors Fellows Faculty Member, August 2015 (Richmond, Virginia) and August 2016 (Skamania, Washington).

Member, Board of Directors, Institute on Religion and Public Life, publisher of *First Things*, 2015—.

Series Editor, with Patrick Deneen, of "Radical Conservatism" book series, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014—.

President, Michael Oakeshott Association, 2011-2013.

Organizer for the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference at The Colorado College, September 2013.

Manuscript Reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan, 2014, and Rowman and Littlefield, 2011.

Organizer for the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference at The University of Tulsa, October 2011.

Organizer and Fundraiser for the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference at Baylor University, November 2009.

Vice-President, Michael Oakeshott Association, 2009—2011.

Fellow, Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University, Summer 2009.

Fellow, The Jack Miller Center, Boulder, Colorado, Summer 2008.

Faculty Director of the Colloquium Program in the Honors College, Baylor University, 2007-10.

Member of the Executive Committee for the Michael Oakeshott Association, 2006—.

Co-director of the Baylor Scholars Program, an honors program for outstanding Baylor freshmen, 2004-05.

Conference leader for ISI/Liberty Fund meeting entitled, "Constitutional Economics and Public Choice," April 2005.

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *The Journal of Church and State*, *The Review of Politics*, *Journal of Philosophy of Education*, *Theoria* and *The European Legacy*.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

"Rationalism in Law," at the Michael Oakeshott Association Meetings, Hull, England, September 2015.

"Liberal Education and Love," at The Philadelphia Society meetings, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2013.

Presidential Address: "Oakeshott and his Legacy," at the Michael Oakeshott Association Meetings, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September 2013.

"Oakeshott on Ideology," presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, April 2013.

"Voegelin's Critique of Ideology," presented at the Eric Voegelin Society Meetings, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 2012.

"Experience in Things Beautiful: Oakeshott on Aesthetics and Education," presented at the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference, The University of Tulsa, October, 2011.

"Beauty: Beyond Politics and Ideology," presented at the meetings of The Philadelphia Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 2011.

"Michael Oakeshott and Eric Voegelin on the University," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September, 2010.

Panel Organizer, "Voegelin and Oakeshott on Political Education," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September, 2010.

"The Purposeful Patron: Political Covenant in the Salerno Ivories," presented at the International Seminar: "Mediterranean Cross Currents: The So-called 'Salerno ivories' as Examples of Artistic Interaction in the Middle Ages," Amalfi, Italy, December 2009.

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Religion: Athens and Jerusalem," at the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, November 2009.

"Man the Questioner: Voegelin's Conception of Religious Experience," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, August, 2008.

Panel Chair, "Practical Reasoning," at the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena, Germany, December, 2007.

"Voegelin and Strauss on Reason and Revelation," presented at the Pruit Memorial Symposium & Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, November, 2006.

Discussant, "Religion and Morals," at the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado, June, 2006.

"Aesthetics and Morality in the Thought of Michael Oakeshott," presented at the Michael Oakeshott Association Conference, Colorado Springs, Colorado, September, 2003.

"Questioning Hobbes's Pessimistic Interpreters: Hobbes and Transcendence," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August, 2003.

Panel Chair, "Ancient Greek Theories of Citizenship and Their Modern Relevance," at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April, 2003.

Panel Organizer, "The Aesthetic Michael Oakeshott: Poetry, Transcendence and Political Philosophy," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September, 2002.

"Poetry and Transcendence in Oakeshott," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September, 2002.

"Oakeshott and Voegelin on Hobbes: Gnostic but not Rationalist?" presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts, September, 2002.

"The Linkage Between Racial Attitudes and Attitudes Toward Welfare Spending: Are the Media Responsible?" presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2000.

"Are Government Employees More Likely to Vote? An Analysis of Turnout in the 1996 and 1998 U.S. National Elections," presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, Georgia, November, 1999.

Panel Discussant, "Voegelin's Augustinian Assumptions" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Georgia, September, 1999.

UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Mentor for Graduate Students, Baylor Academy for Teaching and Learning, Fall 2014.

Selection Committee for Baylor University's Provost, 2014 and 2016.

Evaluating Committee for Outstanding Baylor Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2014.

Honors College Scholarship Award Committee, Baylor University, 2012—

University Diversity Committee, 2013-15.

University Academic Program Enrollment Committee, 2013-14.

Crane Scholars Advisor, Baylor University, Fall 2012.

Faculty Fellow, Baylor Honors Residential College, 2012-13.

Senior Fellow and Faculty Partner, Brooks College, Baylor University, 2008-09.

Faculty Partner at Memorial Residence Hall, Baylor University, 2005-06.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Political Science Association

Eric Voegelin Society

Michael Oakeshott Association

The Philadelphia Society