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### **Academic Appointments**

2013-present Professor, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross  
2002-2013 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross  
1996-2002 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross  
1995-1996 Instructor, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross  
1994-1995 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Politics, Oglethorpe University  
1993-1994 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, Fordham University

### **Administrative Appointments**

2017-2021 Director of Strategic Initiatives, College of the Holy Cross  
2016-2017 Special Adviser to the President for the *Vocare* Initiative, College of the Holy Cross  
2014-2016 Associate Dean of the Faculty, College of the Holy Cross  
2010-2014 Director, Montserrat (First Year Experience), College of the Holy Cross  
2006-2009 Chair, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross

### **Education**

Ph.D. (Political Philosophy), Fordham University, 1997  
M.A. (Political Science) Fordham University, 1992  
B.A. (Liberal Arts) Sarah Lawrence College, 1990

### **Awards and Fellowships**

2014 Mary Louise Marfuggi Award for Outstanding Scholarship, College of the Holy Cross  
Summer 2008 Summer Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross  
Spring 2006 Faculty Research Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross  
2004 Arthur J. O'Leary Faculty Recognition Award, College of the Holy Cross  
1999 National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship  
Summer 1996 The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Research Fellowship  
1994-95 The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Teaching Fellowship  
1991-95 Presidential Scholarship, Fordham University

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books and Edited Volumes**

*Politics, Literature, and Film in Conversation: Essays in Honor of Mary P. Nichols*, Contributing Co-Editor  
(Lexington Books, 2021)

*Writing the Poetic Soul of Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Michael Davis*, Contributing Editor (St. Augustine's Press, 2019)

*Rousseau on Education, Freedom and Judgment* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2014; paperback 2016)

*Socratic Philosophy and Its Others*, Contributing Co-Editor (Lexington Books, 2013; paperback 2015)

*Plato's Euthydemus* (with Gregory McBrayer and Mary P. Nichols) (Focus Publishing, 2010)

## Articles and Chapters

- "Irony and the Individual in Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*," in *Author Meets Critics: Ann Ward's The Socratic Individual*, *The Political Science Reviewer* 46/2 (2022): 278-282.
- "Rousseau on the Promise and Perils of Democracy," in *Democracy and the History of Political Thought*, ed. Patrick Cain, Stephen Patrick Sims, and Steven A Block, eds. (Lexington Books, 2021): 233-246.
- "History, Tragedy and Rebellion in Camus' Adaptation of Faulkner's *Requiem for a Nun*," in *Politics, Literature, and Film in Conversation: Essays in Honor of Mary P. Nichols*, ed. Matthew D. Dinan, Paul E. Kirkland, Denise Schaeffer and Natalie Fuehrer Taylor (Lexington Books, 2021): 159-173.
- "Rousseau on the Theory and Practice of Theatrical Imitation," in *Writing the Poetic Soul of Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Michael Davis*, ed. Denise Schaeffer (St. Augustine's Press, 2019): 383-394.
- "Rhetoric and Moral Motivation," in *The Rousseauian Mind*, ed. Christopher Kelly and Eve Grace (Routledge, 2019): 267-277.
- "Both False and True: Love, Death and Poetry in *Love's Labour's Lost*," (with Mary P. Nichols) in *The Soul of Statesmanship: Shakespeare on Nature, Virtue, and Political Wisdom*, ed. Khalil Habib and Joseph Hebert (Lexington Books, 2018): 59-78.
- "Some Thoughts on Strauss on Rousseau," *Idealistic Studies* 44:2-3 (Summer/Fall 2014): 235-248.
- "Philosophy, Rhetoric, and the Question of Harmony in Plato's *Phaedrus*," in *Socratic Philosophy and Its Others*, ed. Christopher Dustin and Denise Schaeffer (Lexington Books, 2013): 239-264.
- "Rethinking Rousseau on Nationalism and Political Identity," *LITTERA Edebiyat Yazıları* 31 (December 2012): 179-186.
- "Attending to Time and Place in Rousseau's Legislative Art," *The Review of Politics* 74/3 (Summer 2012): 421-441.
- "Realism, Rhetoric and the Possibility of Reform in Rousseau's *Considerations on the Government of Poland*," *Polity* 42/3 (July 2010): 377-397.
- "Looks Matter: Beholding Justice in the *Republic*" (with Christopher A. Dustin), *The Review of Politics* 68/3 (Summer 2006): 449-473.
- Review Article: "Platonic Entanglements" (with Mary P. Nichols), *Polity* 35/2 (Spring 2003): 459-477.
- "The Utility of Ink: Rousseau and *Robinson Crusoe*," *The Review of Politics* 64/1 (Winter 2002): 121-149.
- "Reconsidering Feminism and Liberalism: The Case of Catharine MacKinnon." *American Political Science Review* 95/3 (September 2001): 699-708. Reprinted in *Contemporary Literary Criticism* Volume 181, ed. Janet Witalec (Thomson Gale Publishers, 2004): 215-226.
- "The Paradox of Distance and Proximity: Nietzsche's Woman as Friend," in *Nature, Woman and the Art of Politics*, ed. Eduardo A. Velasquez (Rowman and Littlefield, 2000): 313-328.
- "Art and Liberalism in Hitchcock's *Rear Window*" (with Mary P. Nichols), *Perspectives on Political Science* 28/3 (Summer 1999): 125-129.

“Wisdom and Wonder in Aristotle’s *Metaphysics A:1-2*,” *The Review of Metaphysics* 52/2 (March 1999): 641-656.

“Reconsidering the Role of Sophie in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” *Polity* 30/4 (June 1998): 607-626.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Lisa Pace Vetter, *America’s Founding Feminists* (New York University Press, 2018), in *The Review of Politics* 81/1 (January 2019): 168-170.

Review of John Warner, *Rousseau and the Problem of Human Relations* (Penn State University Press, 2016), in *The Review of Politics* 79 (Fall 2017): 723-726.

Review of Michael Davis, *The Autobiography of Philosophy: Rousseau’s The Reveries of the Solitary Walker* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1998), *The Review of Metaphysics*, 53/3 (June 2000): 923-924.

Review of Christopher Rocco, *Tragedy and Enlightenment: Athenian Political Thought and the Dilemmas of Modernity* (Univ. of California Press, 1997), *American Political Science Review* 91/4 (December 1997): 950-951.

Book Note, Robert Wokler, ed., *Rousseau and Liberty*, (Manchester University Press, 1995), *Political Studies*, 45/1 (Winter 1997): 213.

Review of Wendy Brown, *States Of Injury: Power and Freedom in Late Modernity* (Princeton University Press, 1995), *The Review of Politics*, 58/4 (Fall 1996): 847-849.

Review of Judith A. Swanson, *The Public and the Private in Aristotle’s Political Philosophy* (Cornell University Press, 1992), *Ancient Philosophy*, 14 (1994): 418-422.

### **Selected Conferences, Invited Lectures, and Colloquia**

“Camus versus de Beauvoir on Ambiguity and the Absurd,” paper presented at the Albert Camus Society 2022 Conference, London UK, October 2022.

“Tragedy, Rebellion, and Poetic Expression in Camus’ *Requiem Pour Une Nonne*,” paper presented at the Albert Camus Society UK/USA 2020 Conference, October 2020 (virtual).

Invited Speaker, Global Pre-Modern First-Year Seminar Symposium, Amherst College, Feb. 2019.

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on “Three Generations of Black Narrative in America,” Savannah, GA, February 2019.

“The Enduring Relevance of Camus’ *The Rebel*,” paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Albert Camus Society Conference, Krakow, Poland, November 2017.

Chair, Roundtable on “Rousseau’s Lesser Known Works on Women,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

“Elevation and Corruption: The Dual Character of Imitation in Rousseau and Smith,” paper presented at the joint meeting of the International Adam Smith Society and the Rousseau Association, at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK, July 2015.

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on “The Scottish Enlightenment on Educating for

- Liberty,” Boulder, CO, April 2015.
- Chair and Discussant, panel on “Rousseau on Ethics, Politics and Science,” Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, November 2014.
- “*Politiké*, Self-Sufficiency and Freedom in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, October 2013.
- Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on “Liberty and Self-Command in Smith and Kant,” Chicago IL, April 2013.
- Invited talk, Baylor University, Department of Political Science: “Patriotism, Judgment, and the Question of Citizenship in Rousseau’s Political Thought,” March 2013.
- “Reconsidering Rousseau on Nationalism,” paper presented at the international *Rousseau and Turkey* Colloquium, Istanbul, May 2012.
- “Experience, Reflection and the Tacit Dimension of a Liberal Arts Education,” Richard Rodino Lecture on the Aims of the Liberal Arts, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, April 2012.
- Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium, “Forming the Passions and the Intellect in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” La Jolla, CA, August 2011.
- “Rousseau’s Republican Education in *Considerations on the Government of Poland*,” paper presented at the Seventeenth Biennial Colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Bristol, UK, July 2011.
- Organizer and Chair, panel on “Uncommon Commonalities in Reading a Core Text: Euripides’ *Bacchae* across Disciplines,” Association of Core Texts and Courses, New Haven, CT, April 2011.
- Invited participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on “Liberty, Responsibility, and Civil Association in Oakeshott’s *On Human Conduct*,” Montreal, QC, March 2011.
- “Reconsidering the Philosophical Import of Plato’s *Laws*,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, October 2010.
- “Rousseau on Judgment,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York, NY, December 2009.
- “Philosophy, Beauty, and Psychic Harmony in Plato’s *Phaedrus*,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy, New York, NY, October 2009.
- Invited participant, Liberty Fund Colloquium on “Liberty and Obligation in Roman Stoicism,” Pasadena, CA, September 2009.
- “Kundera and the Question of Authenticity in Post-modernity,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature, London, June 2009.
- Roundtable presenter, “Author Meets Critics” panel on Ronna Burger’s, *Aristotle’s Dialogue With Socrates*, annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, December 2008.
- “Core Texts and the Disciplines,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Core Texts and Courses, Plymouth, MA, April 2008.

“Absolute Beginners: Considerations on the Possibility of a Socratic Modernity: A Kierkegaardian Perspective.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, November 2006.

“Socrates and the Sophists in Plato’s *Euthydemus*,” (with Mary P. Nichols), paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2006.

“Kierkegaard on Philosophy and Faith.” Lecture at Washington and Lee University, May 2006.

“Passion and Critical Reflection in Rousseau’s *Emile*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the New York State Political Science Association, New York, NY, April 2006.

Invited participant, Liberty Fund Conference on Faulkner’s *Snapes Trilogy*, Tucson, AZ, March 2006.

“Philosophy and Citizenship in Plato’s *Laws*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2004, Boston.

“Fable as Method in Rousseau’s *Emile*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004.

Invited Lecture, “Rousseau’s Duplicity,” Sarah Yates Exley Memorial Lecture Series, Sarah Lawrence College, March 2004.

“Piety, Politics, and Plato’s Second-Best Regime.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the New England Political Science Association, Portland, ME, May 2002.

Invited participant, Liberty Fund Conference on “Love and Friendship in Political Philosophy, History and Literature,” Richmond, VA, April 2002.

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference on Plato’s *Theatetus*, *Sophist* and *Statesman*, Minneapolis, MN, April 1998.

Invited Lecture, “Moral and Intellectual Virtue in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*,” Sarah Lawrence College, October 1997.

### **Courses Taught**

Introduction to Political Philosophy

Political Philosophy & Education

Capitalism in Context

Nietzsche & Modernity

Liberalism and Its Critics

Feminist Political Theory

Political Thought in Literature

Education, Authority & Democracy

Thinking, Seeing, Believing

First-Year Seminar: Living Truly, Truly Living

First-Year Seminar: Freedom, Morality, Politics

First-Year Seminar: From Providence to Progress

First-Year Seminar: Renewing Community

Honors Seminar: Reason and Faith

## **College Service**

College-wide Assessment Committee, Co-Chair, 2015-present; Subcommittee 2013-present  
Accreditation Liaison Officer, 2018-2022  
Faculty Coordinator, Holy Cross Annual Academic Conference, 2021, 2022  
Chair, Search Committee for Executive Director, Prior Performing Arts Center, 2021-2022  
Co-Chair, Strategic Student Engagement Committee, 2020-2022  
Presidential Inauguration Steering Committee member, chair of Subcommittee on Symposium and Installation Events, Summer/Fall 2021  
Marketing Leadership Group, 2014-2021  
NECHE Reaccreditation Steering Committee (Chair), 2018-2020  
Committee on Mission & Identity, 2014-2019  
Search Committee member, Associate Dean for Student Engagement, Fall 2018  
Summer Session Task Force, 2015-2016  
Chair, Search Committee for Director of Academic Budget and Operations, 2016  
Chair, Search Committee for Director of Libraries, Fall 2015  
Chair, Search Committee for Director of Writing, Spring 2015  
Chair, Search Committee for Associate Director of Writing, Spring 2015  
Search Committee member, Associate Dean for Diversity & Inclusion/CDO, 2014-2015  
NEASC Reaccreditation Fifth-Year Interim Report, Steering Committee, 2014-2015  
Gateways Orientation Working Committee, 2010-2014  
Faculty Advisory Committee, McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics & Culture, 2005-07; 2008-09; 2011-21  
Strategic Planning Committee, Residence Hall Ministry Program, 2012-2013  
Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, 2005-2013  
Vannicelli Award Selection Committee, Washington Semester Program, Fall 2012  
Search Committee member, Associate Dean of Student Life, Spring 2012  
Interviewer, Washington Semester Program, 2004, 2009, 2012; NYC Semester program 2016  
Search Committee member, Registrar, Summer 2011  
Chair, Department of Political Science, 2006-2009  
Co-Facilitator, Curriculum Review Committee on Common Requirements, 2004-2009  
Faculty Moderator, Bishop Healy Multicultural Society, 2005-2006  
Committee on Faculty Affairs, 2003-04; Chair 2004-05  
Interviewer, College Honors Program, 2003-2004  
Ad hoc Review Committee, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2000-2001  
College Curriculum Committee, 1999-2001; Chair, 2000-01  
Hewlett-Mellon Presidential Discretionary Fund Committee, Spring 2001  
John J. Cummings Jr./BAI Award Committee, 1999-2001  
Graduate Studies Committee, 1996-98

## **Professional Service**

Editorial Board, *The Review of Politics*, 2020-present  
Editorial Board, *Polity*, 2009-2019  
Award Committee for *Polity* Best Article Published in previous year, 2012; Chair, 2013  
External Reviewer, Ursinus College, Common Intellectual Experience, April 2012  
Manuscript Reviewer, *The American Political Science Review*, *The Review of Politics*, *Polity*, SUNY Press, *History of Political Thought*; *Journal of Politics*; *Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy*; *Studies in Philosophy & Education*; *European Romantic Review*; *18<sup>th</sup> Century Studies*  
Award Committee, "Review of Politics Award for Best Paper in Normative Political Theory" for papers presented at 2007 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting," 2007  
Chair, Politics and Literature organized section of the American Political Science Association, 2000-2001

