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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago, 1992

M.A., Political Science, University of Chicago, 1988

B.A. *cum laude* with High Honors in Government, Dartmouth College, 1985

Professional Experience

University of California, Davis, 2000 - present

Professor of Political Science, 2005 - present
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2000-05

Director of Graduate Studies, 2006- present, 2003-05
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2001-03

University of Houston, 1994-2000

Assistant Professor of Political Science and in the Honors College

Dartmouth College, 1993-94

Visiting Assistant Professor of Government

Loyola University of Chicago, 1992-93

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of Chicago, 1991-92

Grodzins' Prize Lecturer, Department of Political Science
Lecturer, College of Social Sciences

Publications

Book

So Great a Noise: Jean-Jacques Rousseau, David Hume, and the End of Enlightenment.
Yale University Press; under contract (with Robert Zaretsky)

Edited and Translated Books

Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Critical Assessments. Ed. John T. Scott. 4 vols. (1823 pp.).
Critical Assessments of Leading Political Philosophers series. Routledge, 2006

Volume 1: *Paradoxes and Interpretations*

Volume 2: *Human Nature and History*

Volume 3: *Political Principles and Institutions*

Volume 4: *Politics, Arts, and Autobiography*

Tzvetan Todorov, *Frail Happiness: An Essay on Rousseau.* Trans. and ed. John T. Scott
and Robert A. Zaretsky. xxxii + 70 pp. Pennsylvania State University Press, 2001;
paperback edition, 2004

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Essay on the Origin of Languages and Writings Related to Music.*
Trans. and ed. John T. Scott. *The Collected Writings of Rousseau*, vol. 7. xlv + 610
pp. Dartmouth College/University Press of New England, 1998

Journal Articles

“The Cold War on Ice: Friends, Rivals, and Enemies in Olympic Figure Skating Judging,”
Perspectives on Politics, forthcoming (with Brian R. Sala and James F. Spriggs II)

“Philosophy Leads to Sorrow: An Evening at the Theater with Jean-Jacques Rousseau and
David Hume,” *Southwest Review* 91 (Winter 2006): 36-55 (with Robert Zaretsky)

“The Politic Argument of Rousseau’s *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*,” *American
Journal of Political Science* 49 (October 2005): 819-29 (with Sally H. Campbell)

“Rousseau’s Anti-Agenda-Setting Agenda and Contemporary Democratic Theory,”
American Political Science Review 99 (February 2005): 137-44

“Rousseau and the Revival of Humanism in Contemporary French Political Thought,”
History of Political Thought 24 (Autumn 2003): 599-623 (with Robert Zaretsky)

“Doing Rawls Justice: An Experimental Study of Distributive Justice Norms,” *American
Journal of Political Science* 47 (July 2003): 523-39 (with Brian H. Bornstein, Richard
E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach)

“Just Deserts: An Experimental Approach to Distributive Justice,” *American Journal of Political Science* 45 (October 2001): 749-67 (with Brian H. Bornstein, Richard E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach)

“The Sovereignless State and Locke’s Language of Obligation,” *American Political Science Review* 94 (September 2000): 547-61

“The Harmony Between Rousseau’s Musical Theory and His Philosophy,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 59 (April 1998): 287–308

“Rousseau and the Melodious Language of Freedom,” *Journal of Politics* 59 (August 1997): 803–29

“Patricide and the Plot of *The Prince*: Cesare Borgia and Machiavelli’s Italy,” *American Political Science Review* 88 (December 1994): 887-900 (with Vickie B. Sullivan)

“Politics as the Imitation of the Divine in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” *Polity* 26 (Summer 1994): 473–501

“The Theodicy of the *Second Discourse*: The ‘Pure State of Nature’ and Rousseau’s Political Thought,” *American Political Science Review* 86 (September 1992): 696–711

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Re-Presenting Achilles in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” in *Rousseau and the Visual*, ed. Patrick Coleman and Byron Wells, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century (SVEC)*; forthcoming 2005

“‘*La Morale sensitive*’ dans l’*Essai sur l’origine des langues* de Rousseau et ses sources,” in *Études sur “L’Essai sur l’origine des langues,”* ed. Charles Porset, *Études Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, no. 16; forthcoming 2005

“General Will,” in *New Dictionary of the History of Ideas*, ed. Maryanne Cline Horowitz, 6 vols.; in both book and on-line formats; Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004; 3: xxx

“Climate, Causation, and the Power of Music in Montesquieu and Rousseau,” *Musique et langage chez Rousseau*, ed. Claude Dauphin, *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century (SVEC)*; 2004: 8; pp. 51-61

“Rousseau and the Dialogue of Identity,” in *Rousseau juge de Jean-Jacques: Études sur les “Dialogues,”* ed. Philip Knee and Gérard Allard. Paris: Honoré Champion, 2003; pp. 67-78

“Godolphin and the Whale: Friendship and the Framing of Hobbes’ *Leviathan*,” in *Love and Friendship: Rethinking Politics and Affection in Modern Times*, ed. Eduardo A. Velásquez, Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield, 2002; pp. 119-38

“The Play of the Passions: Music, Mores, and Rousseau’s *Lettre à d’Alembert*,” in *Rousseau on Art and Politics*, ed. Melissa Butler; *Pensée libre* no. 6; Rousseau Association, 1997; pp. 77-89

“Aristotle and the City of Sows: Doing Justice to Plato,” in *Justice v. Law in Greek Political Thought*, ed. Leslie G. Rubin; Rowman and Littlefield, 1997; pp. 41–68

Other Publications

Review of Leo Damrosch, *Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Restless Genius, Eighteenth-Century Studies* 39 (Spring 2006): 574-6

Translation of Raymond Trousson, “Public Prosecutor Servan and the Reception of Rousseau’s *Confessions*,” in *Approaches to Teaching Rousseau’s Confessions and Rêveries of the Solitary Walker*, ed. John C. O’Neal and Ourida Mostefai; Modern Language Association of America, 2003: 62-7

“Civilized Naturalness,” review of Laurence D. Cooper, *Rousseau, Nature, and the Problem of the Good Life*, *Review of Politics* 63: 3 (Summer 2001): 594-7

Review of *Early Modern Skepticism and the Origins of Toleration*, ed. Alan Levine, *Review of Metaphysics* 54: 3 (March 2001): 665-6

“Thumbing through Rousseau’s Universe,” review of *Dictionnaire de Jean-Jacques Rousseau*, ed. Raymond Trousson and Frédéric S. Eigeldinger, *Rousseau Bulletin* (New Series) 2: 1 (Spring 1999): 68-70

“A Kind of Virtue,” review of Ruth W. Grant, *Hypocrisy and Integrity: Machiavelli, Rousseau, and the Ethics of Politics*, *Review of Politics* 60: 2 (Spring 1998): 396-8

Work in Progress

Rousseau and “l’Infâme” (with Ourida Mostefai); edited volume in submission at *Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century* (SVEC)

“Pride and Providence: Religion in Rousseau’s *Letter to Voltaire*,” in *Rousseau and l’Infâme*, ed. Ourida Mostefai and John T. Scott; in submission

“Rousseau’s Quixotic Quest in the *Rêveries du promeneur solitaire*,” in *La Nature des “Rêveries,”* ed. John C. O’Neal; in submission

“Rousseau and Political Identity”; in submission

“A Cross-National Experimental Study of Distributive Justice Norms in the United States and Norway” (with Toril Aalberg, Brian H. Bornstein, Richard E. Matland, and Philip A. Michelbach); in preparation

“Different Norms for Different Goods? Distribution Principles across Resources” (with Brian H. Bornstein); in submission

“Courting the Public: An Experimental Study of Institutional Specific Support for Supreme Court Decisions” (with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink)

Conference and Invited Presentations

(Last 5 years)

“Principles, Goods, and Groups in Social Welfare Policy Opinions” (with Cindy D. Kam), Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2006

“An Experimental Study of the Influence of Precedent on Views of Legitimacy of Supreme Court Decisions” (with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink), Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2006

“Of Evil and Earthquakes: Rousseau and Voltaire on the Lisbon Disaster,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2005

“Rousseau’s Quixotic Quest in the *Reveries of the Solitary Walker*,” XIVth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, 2005

“Rousseau as Spectacle and Spectator: An Evening at the Drury Lane Theatre” (with Robert Zaretsky), American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2004

“The Cold War on Ice: Bloc Voting in Olympic Figure Skating Judging” (with Brian R. Sala and James F. Spriggs II), Western Political Science Association annual meeting, 2004

“Freedom and Enlightenment in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies annual meeting, 2004

“Rousseau’s *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*” (lecture series), Honors College and Department of History, University of Houston, March 1-3, 2004

“Identity Politics in Rousseau,” American University/Greater Washington D.C. Political Theory Colloquium, October 1, 2003

“Pride and Providence: Religion in Rousseau’s *Letter to Voltaire*,” XIIIth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association on “Rousseau, Voltaire, and Fanaticism,” Oxford, England, July 26-29, 2003

“Re-Presenting Achilles in Rousseau’s *Emile*,” conference on “Rousseau and the Visual,” William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, UCLA, October 4-5, 2002

“The Identity of Virtue in Rousseau,” American Political Association annual meeting, 2002

“Montaigne, Rousseau, and the Motion of the Soul,” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies annual meeting, April 2002

“One Damn Book After Another: The Future of Liberal Education,” Honors College, University of Houston, February 2, 2002

“Rousseau and Political Identity,” Texas A&M University, January 31, 2002

“When the Cause Becomes the Effect: Rousseau’s Argument in the *Discourse on the Sciences and the Arts*” (with Sally H. Campbell), Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2001

“Just Deserts: The Experimental Study of Distributive Justice,” Department of Political Science, UCLA, October 2001

“The Cause of Corruption in Rousseau’s *First Discourse*” (with Sally H. Campbell), American Political Association annual meeting, 2001

“Rousseau and the Revival of Humanism in Contemporary French Political Theory” (with Robert Zaretsky), American Political Association annual meeting, 2001

“Climate, Causation, and the Power of Music in Montesquieu and Rousseau,” Biennial Colloquium of the Rousseau Association, 2001

Professional Activity

Rousseau Association

Publications Director, 2005 - present

President, 2001-05

Vice President, 1999-2001

Secretary-Treasurer, 1995-99

Member, Comité Scientifique, “Rousseau et les philosophes,” XVth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association and Groupe de Recherche LIRE, Université de Lyon II, Lyon, France, June 28-30, 2007

Conference Director (with Ourida Mostefai), “Rousseau, Voltaire, and Fanaticism,” XIIIth biennial colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Oxford, England, July 26-29, 2003

Political Theory Section Chair and Conference Program Committee, Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2001

Referee for:

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Eighteenth Century Studies
History of European Ideas
History of Political Thought
Journal of Politics
Journal of the History of Ideas

Journal of the History of Philosophy
Political Research Quarterly
Polity
Review of Metaphysics
Review of Politics
Social Justice Research
Social Science Quarterly

Penn State University Press
University of Chicago Press

Earhart Foundation
National Science Foundation

Research Grants

External Grants

Recipient of Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) Award (funded by the National Science Foundation), “Courting the Public: An Experimental Study of Institutional Specific Support for Supreme Court Decisions”; with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink; 2006

National Science Foundation Research Grant, “Distributive Justice Norms Concerning Income: A Cross-National Experimental Study” (SBR-9810243, SBR-9810473); co-PI with Richard E. Matland and Brian H. Bornstein (\$105,792 total budget), 1998-2000

Earhart Foundation Fellowship Research Grant (\$22,000), 1997-98

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Fellowship (\$4000), 1997

Internal Grants

Faculty-Student Research Collaboration Grant (with James F. Spriggs II and James R. Zink), Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2005

Faculty Research Grant (with James F. Spriggs II), Institute of Government Affairs, University of California, Davis, 2005-06

Faculty Research Grants, University of California, Davis, 2006-08, 2005-07, 2004-05, 2003-04, 2001-02, 2000-01

Undergraduate Instructional Improvement Program Grant, University of California, Davis, 2002-03

Texas Higher Education Fund Grant (with Richard E. Matland), University of Houston, 1998-99

Limited Grant-in-Aid, University of Houston, 1997

Research Initiation Grant, University of Houston, 1995

Academic Awards and Honors

Faculty Development Award, University of California, Davis, 2005-06

Finalist, Teaching Excellence Award, University of Houston, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997

Grodzins' Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago, 1991-92

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1991-92 (declined)

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, 1989-91

University of Chicago Graduate Fellowship, 1986-89

Bennett Essay Prize (Best Senior Honors Thesis), Dartmouth College, 1985

Rufus Choate Scholar (*summa cum laude*), Dartmouth College, 1984-85

Languages for Research

Classical Greek

French

German (limited)

Italian

Latin (limited)

Portuguese

Spanish

Courses Taught

University of California, Davis (2000-)

Early Modern Political Thought
Late Modern Political Thought
Foundations of Political Philosophy: Rousseau
Senior Honors Thesis Seminar
Political Theory Core Seminar (Graduate)
Modern Political Theory (Graduate)
Topics in Political Theory: Hume (Graduate)
Topics in Political Theory: Rousseau's *Emile* (Graduate)
Topics in Political Theory: Rousseau's *First and Second Discourses* (Graduate)

University of Houston (1994–2000)

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
Modern Political Thought
Introduction to American Politics (Honors)
The Human Situation I: Antiquity (Honors)
The Human Situation II: Modernity (Honors)
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Graduate)
Modern Political Thought (Graduate)
Democratic Theory (Graduate)
Political Inquiry and the Philosophy of Science (Graduate)
Distributive Justice and Public Policy (Graduate)

University of Bergen (Norway) (Visiting Professor, Summer 1997)

Theories of Distributive Justice and Applications to Public Policy (Graduate)

Dartmouth College (1993–94)

Political Ideas
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
Contemporary Political Philosophy
American Political Thought

Loyola University of Chicago (1992–93)

Politics
Ancient Political Thought
Contemporary Political Thought
Political Justice
Rousseau and the Development of Liberalism

University of Chicago (1991–92)

Nature, Human Nature, and Politics: An Introduction to Political Thought
Classics of Social and Political Thought I

Classics of Social and Political Thought II