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## Employment

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Fordham University, Full Professor, 2019-present.  
Fordham University, Associate Professor, 2014-2019.  
Fordham University, Assistant Professor, 2008-2014.  
Hamilton College, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2005-2008.  
George Mason University, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2004-2005.  
University of Virginia, *Political Theory* Fellow, 2003-2004.

## Education

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Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D. in Political Science, 2005.  
Indiana University, M.A. in Political Science, 1997.  
New College of Florida, B.A. in Political Science, 1995.

## Publications

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### Books

*Learning versus the Common Core*, Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2019.

*Common Core: National Education Standards and the Threat to Democracy*, Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2018.

- Reviews: *Wall Street Journal*, *The American Conservative*, *Curmudugation*, *Law and Liberty*, *Independent Institute*, *Educational Theory*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Forbes*.

*Deleuze's Political Vision*, Modernity and Political Thought series, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

- Reviews: *Perspectives on Politics*, *Contemporary Political Theory*.

*Kantian Courage: Advancing the Enlightenment in Contemporary Political Theory*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2012.

- Reviews: *The Review of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, and *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

### Articles

“A Democratic Critique of the Common Core English Language Arts (ELA) Standards,” *Democracy and Education*, vol. 25, no. 1, 2018.

“Democracy and National Education Standards,” *Journal of Politics*, vol. 79, no. 1, 2017.

“Green Allies: Speculative Realism, Evangelical Christianity, and Political Pluralism.” *Political Theology*, vol. 17, no. 6, 2016.

“Entering Deleuze’s Political Vision.” *Deleuze Studies*, vol. 8, no. 1, January 2014.

“Promoting Critical Islam: Controversy, Civil Society, and Revolution.” *Politics & Religion*, vol. 6, no. 4, December 2013.

“The Politics of the Garden (*pairadaeza*).” *Theory & Event*, vol. 16, no. 2, June 2013.

“A Defense of Political Constructivism.” *Contemporary Political Theory*, vol. 11, no. 3, August 2012. See also the critical exchange in *Contemporary Political Theory*:

- Andrew Valls, “Rawls, Islam, and Political Constructivism: Some Questions for Tampio.”
- Nicholas Tampio, “Two Faces of Political Liberalism: A Response to Valls.”

“Constructing the Space of Testimony: Tariq Ramadan’s Copernican Revolution.” *Political Theory*, vol. 39, no. 6, October 2011.

“Assemblages and the Multitude: Deleuze, Hardt, Negri, and the Postmodern Left.” *European Journal of Political Theory*, vol. 8, no. 3, June 2009.

“Rawls and the Kantian Ethos.” *Polity*, vol. 39, no. 1, January 2007.

“Writing Political Theory: Lessons from an Apprenticeship.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, vol. 38, no. 3, July 2005.

## Invited Pieces

“What if Neoliberalism Captures the Human Rights Establishment? Sustainable Development Goal 4 and the Global Education Reform Movement.” *Human Rights Review*, vol. 19, no. 3, 2018.

“Bonnie Honig, *Political Theory and the Displacement of Politics*,” *Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory*, 2016.

“Political Theory and the Untimely.” *Political Theory*, 2016.

“Islamic Political Thought.” *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, edited by Michael Gibbons. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

“Metaphysics and Postmetaphysics.” *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, edited by Michael Gibbons. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

“Pluralism in the Ethical Commonwealth.” *Kant’s Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason: A Critical Guide*, edited by Gordon E. Michalson, Jr. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

“What if the Pious Don’t Want to Deliberate?.” *Political Theory*, vol. 42, no. 1, February 2014.

“Multiplicity.” in *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, Sage Publications: Thousand Oaks, CA, 2010, 911-12.

### Book Reviews and Review Essays

“Does Public Education Have a Future?” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, December 16, 2017.

“Who Won the Math Wars?” *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 15, no. 4, 2017.

“Is Perpetual Peace Possible?” *Political Theory*, Online First, 2017.

“Democracy, Federal Power, and Education Reform.” *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 14, no. 2, 2016.

“On the Coptic Question.” *Contemporary Political Theory*, January 12, 2016.

“Review – The Routledge Companion to Ethics, Politics and Organizations.” *E-International Relations*, September 5, 2015.

“Despots, Systematizers, and the Liberal Quandary.” *Theory & Event*, Volume 8, No. 3, 2015.

“Review of Andrew J. Douglas’s *In the Spirit of Critique* and Ash Amin and Nigel Thrift’s *Arts of the Political*.” *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 12, no. 4, December 2014.

“Review of *Kant’s Political Theory: Interpretations and Applications*, ed. Elisabeth Ellis.” *Perspectives on Politics*, vol 11, no. 1, March 2013.

“Review of Tariq Ramadan, *Islam and the Arab Awakening*.” *Journal of North African Studies*, November 2012.

"Rawls, Constructivism, and the Tragic." *H-Net Reviews*, October 2011.

"The Politics of the Eternal Return." *Theory & Event*, vol. 13, no. 3, Fall 2010.

"Review of Susan Meld Shell, *Kant and the Limits of Autonomy*." *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 7, no. 4, December 2009.

"Redefining Kant's Legacy." *Political Theory*, vol. 34, no. 2, December 2006.

"Twenty-first Century Enlightenment." *The Journal of Politics*, vol. 68, no. 2, 2006.

"Can the Multitude Save the Left?" *Theory & Event*, vol. 8, no. 2, Spring 2005.

### Popular articles

"How Gates Foundation's push for 'high-quality' curriculum will stifle teaching." *The Conversation*, January 28, 2019.

"Why read slowly?" *Phi Delta Kappan*, January 2, 2019.

"Regents should turn down PR grant from Gates Foundation." *The Journal News*, December 11, 2018.

"'Fortnite' teaches the wrong lessons," *The Conversation*, October 12, 2018.

- Syndicated by Business Insider, Navy Times, Salon, Philly Voice, Houston Chronicle, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, Midland (TX) Reporter-Telegram, San Francisco Chronicle, Connecticut Post, Rapid City (SD) Journal.
- Interview with WFUV, November 26, 2018.

### Promotional Tour for Common Core, 2017-2018

- December 9 - "Philosophy Bakes Bread," Society of Philosophers in America
- January 24 - "The Political Theory Review"
- February 8 - "Insight," Progressive Radio Network
- February 13 - "Talk Back Show," Cable Radio Network
- February 15 - "Matt Townsend Show," BYU Radio
- February 21 - "News," WDMJ Radio (Marquette, MI)
- February 24 - "Dave & Jay on Saturday," WRNJ-AM (Hackettstown, NJ)
- February 27 - "Frankie Boyer Show," BizTalk Radio
- February 28 - "News," WCPN-FM (local NPR, Cleveland, OH)
- March 1 - "AM Ocala," WOCA-AM (Ocala, FL)
- March 3 - "Super Talk Saturday Morning," WFHG-AM (Bristol, VA)
- March 4 - "The Moore of Pittsburgh," KDKA-AM (Pittsburgh, PA)
- March 5 - "Community Watch & Comment," WPFW-FM (Washington, DC)
- March 7 - "Lunch at the Z," WXMZ-FM (Hartford, KY)
- March 8 - "Conversations LIVE," WYAD-FM & BlogTalkRadio.com
- March 13 - "The Best of Our Knowledge," WAMC Radio/Northeast Public Radio
- March 14 - "Open Line," KIKO-AM (Claypool, AZ)

- March 19 - "BookTV," C-SPAN2
- March 20 - "Living Room," KPFA Radio (Berkeley, CA)
- March 30 - "Warren in the Morning," WKNY-AM (Kingston, NY)
- April 2 - "Tell Me Everything w/ John Fugelsang," SiriusXM Radio
- April 3 - "Global Lane," CBN News (Christian Broadcasting Network)
- April 6 - "AM Edition," WNPV-AM (Lansdale, PA)
- April 10 - "Perspective," K-State Radio Network (Manhattan, KS)
- May 14 - First Things Podcast
- July 18 - Coast to Coast AM
- September 20 - WBAL (Baltimore, MD)

"Curbing PARCC test won't improve Md. education," *Baltimore Sun*, September 18, 2018.

"Look up from your screen," *Aeon*, August 2, 2018.

- August 17 - BYU Radio
- August 27 - "Central Time," Wisconsin Public Radio
- September 4 - Radio New Zealand

"Why Trump's proposal to merge the departments of Labor and Education should fail." *Salon*, July 3, 2018.

"New York's flawed ESSA plan would punish schools for opt outs." *Journal News*, June 20, 2018.

"Philanthropy And The End Of Teacher Autonomy." *HistPhil*, June 11, 2018.

"Time to Ditch the SAT." *US News & World Report*, April 13, 2018.

"Betsy DeVos said Common Core was 'dead'—it's not." *The Conversation*, March 26, 2018.

- Syndicated by Newsweek, Fatherly, The Raw Story, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Skagit (WA) Valley Herald, San Antonio Express-News, Albany Times Union, Idaho Press-Tribune, Connecticut Post, Houston Chronicle, Rapid City (SD) Journal, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, New Haven (CT) Register.

"Why rule by the people is better than rule by experts." *Aeon*, October 2017.

"Stuck on one idea of truth or beauty? Rhizomes can help." *Aeon*, May 9, 2017.

Republished as "Why you have to up with Jargons." *The Indian Economist*, May 20, 2017.

"Por que os padrões nacionais de educação são uma má ideia (Portuguese)." *Patío*, March/May 2017.

"Opt-out movement continues as state keeps pushing tests." *Journal News*, March 20, 2017.

“District Leaders Must Empower Parents in Trump’s America,” *AASA Journal of Scholarship and Practice*, Winter 2017.

“Corporate science standards not best for schools.” *Journal News*, December 19, 2016.

“Common Core and education commissioner must go.” *Journal News*, November 14, 2016.

“Not all that is wise and good is philosophy.” *Aeon*, September 13, 2016.

“In Praise of Dewey.” *Aeon*, July 28, 2016.

“Teaching ‘grit’ is bad for children, and bad for education.” *Aeon*, June 2, 2016.

“Cosmetic Changes Won’t Fix Common Core Disaster,” March 2, 2016.

“Corporate Reform Goes Global,” *Al Jazeera America*, January 26, 2016.

“Education Reform and the Asian Values Debate,” *EInternational Relations*, December 24, 2015.

“Congress and Obama feign a course correction on testing.” *Al Jazeera America*, December 8, 2015.

“Fix Common Core.” *The Journal News*, October 21, 2015.

“Democratic Party elites have abandoned public education.” *Al Jazeera America*, August 21, 2015.

“There is No Such Thing as Free Community College.” *Al Jazeera America*, August 3, 2015.

"College Ratings and the Idea of the Liberal Arts." *JSTOR Daily*, July 8, 2015.

"Hillary Clinton Has a Common Core Problem." *Al Jazeera America*, July 8, 2015.

"The False Promise of Core Knowledge." *Huffington Post*, July 7, 2015.

"The End of EPGY-Or, One Fewer Common Core Escape Route," *Huffington Post*, June 23, 2015.

"Cuomo's Misguided Teacher Evaluation Plan." *The Journal News*, June 8, 2015.

"Cassandra in Little Rock." *Hannah Arendt Center blog*. May 18, 2015.

“For Pearson, Common Core is private profit.” *Al Jazeera America*, March 24, 2015.

“Why We’re Refusing the Comon Core Tests.” *The Journal News*. January 24, 2015.

“Don’t Make a Mountain out of PISA Scores.” *Al Jazeera America*. January 22, 2015.

“Thinking in School.” *Hannah Arendt Center for Politicss and Humanities*. January 19, 2015.

“David Coleman’s Plan to Destroy Education.” *Al Jazeera America*, December 5, 2014.

“Common Core Betrays the Civil Rights Movement.” *Truthout*, November 5, 2014.

“College Board Shouldn’t Monopolize How US History is Taught.” *Al Jazeera America*, October 7, 2014.

“Why Zephyr Teachout Should Triumph.” *Huffington Post*, September 4, 2014.

“Smart Schools Bond a Bad Investment.” *The Journal News*, September 1, 2014.

“Who Should Know that Your Child Daydreams?” *The Homeschool Handbook*, July/August 2014.

“5 Reasons Homeschoolers Need to Fight Common Core.” *The Homeschool Handbook*, May/June 2014.

"Why Common Core Tests Are Bad." *CNN*, April 23, 2014.

"Common Core Standards Widen the Opportunity Gap." *Al Jazeera America*, April 7, 2014.

“Smoke, Mirrors, and the Common Core.” *Huffington Post*, May 16, 2014.

“The Regents Aren’t Listening to Parents About the Common Core.” *Huffington Post*, February 25, 2014.

“Why are Parents Revolting Against the Common Core? Start with the English Curriculum.” *Huffington Post*, January 16, 2014.

“Forging Coalitions to Stop the Common Core.” *The Contemporary Condition*, December 12, 2013.

“The Common Core is a Bad Fit for Westchester.” *The Westchester Guardian*, November 21, 2013.

“The Problem with The Common Core Math Standards.” *Huffington Post*, October 31, 2013.

"Ravitch to the Rescue." *Huffington Post*, September 16, 2013.

“The Common Core and National Security.” *Huffington Post*, July 3, 2013.

“Bill Gates Should Not Micro-manage Our Schools.” *SchoolBook*, May 17, 2013.

"Renewing the Enlightenment in a Global Context (Interview with Haimo Li)," *Chinese Social Sciences Today*, December 5, 2012.

“Do We Need a Common Core?” *Huffington Post*, May 7, 2012.

### **Academic Papers presented**

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“Test Refusal and Data Collection,” American Education Research Association, April 5, 2019.

“Democracy and Religion: John Dewey, BR Ambedkar, Hu Shih.”

- American Political Science Association 2018.
- John Dewey Society, American Education Research Association, April 13, 2018.
- IIT-Kharagpur (India), January 15-18, 2018

“The Economic Conditions of Deep Pluralism,” American Political Science Association, August 2017.

“Democracy, Social Justice, and Science Education,” Education Reform, Communities, and Social Justice: Exploring the Intersections, Rutgers University, May 19, 2017.

“The Politics of Science Education in an Era of Polarization,” Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, April 19, 2017.

“Human Rights, Sustainable Development Goal 4, and the Global Education Reform Movement,” Western Political Science Association Conference, April 15, 2017.

“Can liberal and conservative resistance to standardization in education align? The Case of Jefferson County, Colorado,” Comparative and International Education Society (CIES), March 2017.

“Dewey’s Legacy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Democracy and Education Conference, Center for American Studies, Columbia University, December 2, 2016.



“How Can the State Support, But Not Tyrannize, the Educational System? Humboldtian Reflections.”

- American Political Science Association, August 2016.
- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 2016.

“Liberal Democracies and National Education Standards.” Columbia University Seminar on Political Economy and Contemporary Social Issues, April 23, 2015.

“Routes for Epicurean Political Theory.” American Political Science Association Conference, August 2013.

“Towards a Deleuzian Liberalism.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Conference, March 2013.

“Deleuze’s Soul Hypothesis and its Political Implications.” Fifth International *Deleuze Studies* Conference, June 2012.

“Deleuzian Engagements with Islamic Political Thought.” Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2012.

“Roundtable on Eric T. Weber’s *Rawls, Dewey and Constructivism*.” Southern Political Science Association Meeting, January 2012.

“In Defense of Political Constructivism: On Rawls and His Critics.” Western Political Science Conference, April 2011.

“Tariq Ramadan and His Critics.” Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, The Graduate Center City University of New York, April 2011.

“Reconstructing Islamic Political Thought: Tariq Ramadan’s Copernican Revolution.” American Political Science Association, September 2010.

“Constructing Political Theories: Kant, Rawls, Deleuze.” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010.

“Naturalizing Kant’s Politics.” Western Political Science Association, March 2009.

“Kantian Projects: Rawls, Deleuze, and Political Pluralism.” First International *Deleuze Studies* Conference, August 2008.

“Kantian Engagements with Islam.” Association for Political Theory Conference, November 2006.

“Kantian Principles.” American Political Science Association Conference, August 2006.

“Kantian Courage.” New England Political Science Association Conference, May 2006.

“Assemblages and the Multitude: A Deleuzian Critique of Hardt and Negri’s Concept of Political Subjectivity”, International Studies Association-South Conference, November 2005.

“Rawls and the Kantian Problematic.” Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2004.

“Deleuze and the Kantian Problematic.” American Political Science Association Conference, August 2003.

“John Rawls and Kant’s Tragic Problem.” New York State Political Science Association Conference, June 2001.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

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Beacon Exemplar Award for “outstanding effort as a member of the faculty, aiding the student body by your consistent work toward their thriving,” Fordham United Student Government, 2018.

Invited International Faculty, “Democracy and Religion,” Shri Gopal Rajgarhia Faculty Outreach Programme (SGRIP) of IIT Kharagpur, January 2018.

Invited International Faculty, “Deleuze’s Political Vision,” Department of Philosophy, Tsinghua University, December 2017.

Fordham Faculty Fellowship, *Democracy and National Education Standards*, 2016.

Fordham Faculty Fellowship, *Deleuze’s Political Vision*, 2012.

Fordham Faculty Research Grant, *Kantian Courage*, 2010.

### **Teaching Experience**

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Introduction to Politics	Introduction to Political Theory (G)
Introduction to Political Philosophy	Modern Political Thought (G)
American Political Thought	Contemporary Political Thought (G)
Global Justice	
The Enlightenment and its Critics	
Human Nature after Darwin	
Political Theory and Popular Culture (Marvel Universe)	
Capitalism and its Alternatives	

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What is College For?

## Service

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### Department

Faculty mentor, Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honors society.

Undergraduate Chair, Spring 2016.

Executive Committee, 2012-2015.

Political Theory Curriculum Committee, 2012-2015.

Scope and Methods Committee, 2012-2015.

Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2009-Fall 2011.

Merit Committee, 2016, 2013, 2009.

MA Comprehensive Exam Committee, Fall 2008.

Dissertation Committee. Bryan Smith, "The New Nobility: A Prolegomenon to Plato's Greater Hippias." January 13, 2009.

Dissertation Committee. Carl Scott, "The Inconstant Democratic Character: A Comparison of Plato's Republic and Toqueville's Democracy in America." September 19, 2008.

### University

Faculty mentor, *Fordham Political Review*.

Editorial Board, *Fordham Undergraduate Research Journal*, Fall 2010-present.

- Led Publishing Workshops on January 13, 2014, December 10, 2012, November 13, 2011, April 14, 2011.

Freshman advisor, 2009-present.

Dissertation Committee. David Schwartzberg. "Situating Deleuze and Guattari's Theory of the Subject." Fordham University, August 26, 2016.

Member, Fordham College Rose Hill Dean's Budget Planning Council, 2011-2015.

Presenter, "Post-Election Analysis." Campus Activities Board *Parent's University: A Classroom Experience*, November 10, 2012.

Presenter, "The American Experiment in 2012." Fordham University Alumni Association Reunion for the Class of '66, October 13, 2012.

Spring Preview class. "Unify or Diversify?: A Debate about How to Prevent Another 9/11." 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

Presenter, "Building a Better World." Growing Research Event, October 26, 2011.

Presenter, "What Do We Owe Veterans? Moral and Clinical Perspectives." October 12, 2011.

Member, Fulbright Campus Review Committee, October 4, 2011, September 27, 2012.

Moderator, McGinley Lecture, "Abrahamic Faith: Bond or Barrier? Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives." April 14, 2011.

### **Profession**

Editor, *Politics & Religion*, Journal of the Religion and Politics section of the American Political Science Association published by Cambridge University Press.

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

Outside reviewer for:

American Journal of Political Science

American Political Science Review

American Political Thought

Ashgate

British Journal of Political Science

Constellations

Contemporary Political Theory

Continuum

Deleuze Studies

Democracy and Education

Harvard University Press

Higher Education

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Journal of American Academy of Religion

Journal of Applied Philosophy

Journal of Education Policy

Journal of Political Science Education

Journal of Politics

Journal of Social Philosophy

New Political Science

Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics

Palgrave

Peabody Journal of Education

Peer English

Political Research Quarterly

Political Theory

Politics & Gender

Polity

Review of Politics

Routledge

Social Sciences

Social Theory and Practice

Theory & Event

Theory, Culture & Society

Utopia Studies

Dissertation Committee. John McMahon, “Feeling Political.” City University of New York, May 9, 2016.

Chair and Discussant, “Montesquieu, Rousseau, Tocqueville, Trollope,” New England Political Science Association Conference, April 2016.

Chair, “Reinterpreting German Anti-Liberal Thought.” American Political Science Association, August 2014.

Chair and Discussant, “Historical Perspectives on John Rawls.” Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2012.

Chair and Discussant. “Agency, Structure, and Responsibility, Panels I and II” International Studies Association—North East Conference, October 2008.

Chair and Discussant. “Multiple Modernities: Modernity in Comparative Perspective.” Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2008.

References available upon request.