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Education

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Political Science, 2003

Dissertation: *The Problem of Christian Political Order in Eric Voegelin's
History of Political Ideas: A Critical Appraisal*, Dissertation Advisor,
G. Ellis Sandoz, Hermann Moyse Distinguished Professor of Political
Science

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

M.A., Political Science, 1993

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A., Political Science/History, 1989

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University-Commerce Commerce, Texas 75429

Professor, August 2022-present

Associate Professor, August 2010—August 2022

Assistant Professor, August 2006—August 2010

Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Instructor, August 2003—May 2006

Texas State University San Marcos, Texas 78666

Instructor, June 1993--May 1994

Texas State University San Marcos, Texas 78666

Assistant Instructor, June 1991--May 1993

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

PSCI 2301: Principles of US and Texas Government

PSCI 2302: Functions of US and Texas Government

PSCI 2305: US Government and Politics

PSCI 332: Democracy and Democratization

PSCI 410: Order, Justice, and Community
 PSCI 411: Liberty, the State, and the Person
 PSCI 412: The Age of Ideology
 PSCI 414: American Political Thought
 PSCI 430: Revolution and Revolutionary Movements
 PSCI 476: Internship (supervised more than a dozen students)
 PSCI 488: Contemporary Ideas
 Christianity, Philosophy, and Politics
 Life, Death, and the Holocaust
 The Politics of the Darkside: Dystopia in Literature, Film, and Popular Culture
 Model Arab League
 PSCI 491: Honors Independent Readings (4 honors students)
 PSCI 497: Special Topics
 African American Political Thought
 Cinema, Philosophy, and the Political
 The Ideology of the Holocaust
 Representations of the Holocaust
 Seminar in American Political Thought
 The Politics of Speculative Fiction
 Tragedy and the Human Condition
Graduate
 PSCI 513: Proseminar in Political Theory
 PSCI 514: Ideology of the Holocaust
 PSCI 515: Select Topics on the Holocaust
 Representations of the Holocaust
 Responses to the Holocaust
 PSCI 516: The Holocaust
 PSCI 589: Independent Study
 Dystopia in Film, Literature, and Popular Culture
 Problems in the Politics of the Middle East
 The Supreme Court
 Theories of the Holocaust
 PSCI 597: Special Topics
 American Political Thought
 Readings in Classical Political Thought
 Republicanism, Religion, and the Revolution

Administrative and Service

Department Head, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University-
 Commerce, January 2015-January 2025
 Coordinator, Legal Studies Program, August 2021-Present
 Chair, Council of Academic Department Heads, August 2019-August 2024
 Administrative Council, August 2019-August 2024
 Interim-Head, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, August 2017-
 August 2018

Interim Head, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University
Commerce, January 2014-December 2014

Member, East Campus Revitalization Committee, Summer 2021-Present

Member, COVID-19 Task Force, Spring 2020-Present

Member, COVID-19, Recovery Committee, Summer 2020

Chair, Departmental Scholarship Committee, Spring 2018-Present

Chair, Faculty Search Committee: Associate/Full Professor and Head,
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Spring 2018

Member, Search Committee: Dean, College of Humanities, Social Sciences,
and Arts, Spring 2018

Chair, Faculty Search Committee: International Law and International
Organizations, Fall 2016

Chair, Faculty Search Committee: International Relations, Fall 2016

Faculty Advisor, Timelords of Texas, August 2016-Present

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha: Political Science Honor Society, December
2013-Present

Graduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, December 2013-Present

Chair, Search Committee, Political Science: International
Relations/Department Head, Fall 2013

Presenter, “Doctor Who Day” featured speaker, Rowlett Public Library,
August 31, 2013

Faculty Advisor, The Doctor Who Society of Texas A&M University –
Commerce, February 2012-March 2015

Member, Search Committee, History: Latin American, Texas A&M
University – Commerce, Fall 2012/Spring 2013

Chair, Search Committee, Political Science: American, Texas A&M
University – Commerce, Spring 2012

Presenter, “All of Space and Time,” at the first Texas A&M University –
Commerce Leocon, Spring 2012

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M
University – Commerce, Fall 2011-Present

Faculty Advisor, TAMU-Commerce Quidditch Coalition, December 2010-
present

Member, University Studies Council, Fall 2011-Fall 2017

Reviewer, Pearson Educational Publishing, March 2009

Judge, National History Day [East Texas Regional Competition], Commerce,
February 11, 2009

Faculty Advisor, Pi of Texas Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Texas A&M
University-Commerce, February 2009-March 2010

Member, Freshman Success Seminar Task Force, November 2008—Present

Presenter, “Reason, Revelation, and Representation in *The Federalist*,” Texas
A&M University-Commerce, Constitution Day Program, September
17, 2008

Senator from the Department of Political Science, Faculty Senate, Texas
A&M University- Commerce, August 2008—Present

Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Admission and Retention of Students,
August 2008—Present

Member, Faculty Senate Committee on the Organization of the Senate,
August 2008—May 2019
Member, University Studies Task Force, Spring 2008
Member, University Studies Council, September 2008—Present
Member, Texas A&M University-Commerce Scholarship Committee, August
2008—Present
Member, Summer Reading Program Committee, Texas A&M University-
Commerce, February—May 2007
Member, University Studies Task Force, Texas A&M University-Commerce,
February 2007—August 2007
Member, Curriculum Revision Committee, Department of Political Science,
Texas A&M University-Commerce, October 2006
Member, Search Committee for Department of Political Science, Texas
A&M-Commerce, Public Law, October 2006—March 2007
Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Admission and Retention, Texas
A&M-Commerce, September 2006—May 2007
Presenter, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Middle and High School
Student Workshops, October 21, 2006
Faculty Coordinator, Laville Honors House, Louisiana State University
Honors College, January 2004—July 2005
Academic Advisor, Louisiana State University Honors College
2004—2005

Fellowships and Honors

Outstanding Faculty Advisor, 2013-2014, The Doctor Who Society of Texas
A&M University-Commerce, Student Organization Awards
Outstanding Service Award, 2013-2014, Zeta Gamma Chapter of Pi Sigma
Alpha, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Student Organization Awards
Outstanding New Student Organization 2013-2014, The Doctor Who Society
of Texas A&M University Commerce, Student Organization Awards
Recipient, Professor of the Year, Hunt/Hopkins County African American
Leadership Conference, 2014
Recipient, Honors Professor of the Year, 2013-2014. Student Honors Council,
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Recipient, Honors Professor of the Year, 2011-2012, Student Honors Council,
Texas A&M University - Commerce
Recipient, Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award, 2010-
2011
Recipient, Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award, 2009-
2010
Recipient, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching, April
2010
Recipient, Texas A&M University System Teaching Excellence Award, 2008-
2009
Nominee, Paul W. Barrus Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching 2009

Finalist, Louisiana State University Tiger Athletic Foundation Center for Freshman Year Teaching Award, 2006
Recipient, Robert L. "Doc" Amborski Distinguished Honors Professor Award, Louisiana State University Honors College, 2004-2005
Nominee, Louisiana State University Tiger Athletic Foundation Excellence in Teaching Award, 2005
Faculty Friend to Louisiana State University Laville Honors House, 2003-2006
Earhart Foundation Fellowship, 1995-1998

Papers and Panels

Book Review of Barry Cooper, *Paelolithic Politics: The Human Community in Early Art* for *The Review of Politics* (working paper for 2021).

"Ideology, Psychology, and the Fragility of Memory," working paper for submission to the *American Political Science Review*, co-authored with Ph.D. candidate Jessica Mayberry from the Department of Psychology

"The Crisis of Civic Consciousness: Remarks on the occasion of the retirement of Ellis Sandoz," Order and Liberty Conference, Baton Rouge Louisiana, May 1-2, 2015

"All of Space and Time: Plato, The Doctor, Memory, Consciousness, and the Whole of Reality," working paper for presentation at the Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, March 2013.

"The Reluctant Prince: Machiavelli, Michael Corleone, and the *virtu* of *The Godfather*," paper prepared for presentation at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2012

"Walter Lippmann and the Twenty-first Century," presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2011.

Invited participant, "Liberty in Walter Lippmann's *The Public Philosophy*," Liberty Fund Socratic Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana (forthcoming, August 2009)

"The Politics of the Pedestal: George Washington as Symbol and Substance," at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 8-10, 2009

Panel Chair, "Nature, Equality, and History in Anglo-American Political History," Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans,

"The Education of Master Samwise: Tolkien, Voegelin and the Noetic Quest" presentation at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-12, 2008

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Republican Citizenship and Constitutionalism," Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 20-12, 2008

Discussant, "Religion and American Political History," Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-12, 2008

Reviewer, Pearson-Longman Publishing, *Diversity in American Politics* David Dulio, Erin O'Brien and John S. Klemansky, editors, December 2007

Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*, "Finding Moral Consensus: An Analysis of Natural Law and Its Place in Contemporary Discourse," April 2007

Eric Voegelin and the Problem of Christian Political Order, University of Missouri Press (Spring 2007)

"*Homonoia* in Eric Voegelin's *History of Political Ideas*: A-politism and the Search for Community from the Decline of Greece to the Emergence of Christianity," presented at the 1997 Southwestern Political Science Association Conference

Panel Chairman: "Voegelin, Hauwermans and the Search for Order," 1997 Southwestern Political Science Association Conference

Discussant: "The Political Thought of the American Founding," 1997 Southwestern Political Science Association Conference

"The Myth of Multicultural Society," presented at the 1996 Southwestern Political Science Association Conference

"Camus, Voegelin and the Spiritual Crisis of Modernity," presented at the 1995 Southwestern Political Science Association Conference

"Enrichment of the Soul is the Goal of Education," in Jeffrey Gordon, ed., *The University in Your Life: Freshman Seminar 1992-1993* (San Marcos: Texas State University, 1992), 237-238.

Professional Associations

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, Southwestern Political Science Association

Member, Southern Political Science Association