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Education

Michigan State University, Ph.D., Political Science, 2010

Dissertation: Putting Statesmanship Back Into Statecraft: The Role of Transformative Political Ambition in International Relations (Chair: Dr. Steven Kautz)

Recipient of the Fredric M. Jablin Doctoral Dissertation Award: Jepson School of Leadership Studies at the University of Richmond, in partnership with the International Association of Leadership Studies.

Colorado College, B.A., Philosophy, and Sociology, 2001

Employment

Department Head and Associate Professor of Liberal Studies, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2018-Present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Director of Liberal Arts Academy, Texas A&M Commerce, 2017-2018.

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M International University, 2010-2017.

Program Director, Undergraduate Political Science and Leadership Minor, Master's in History and Political Thought, 2014-2018.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Texas A&M International University, 2009-2010

Visiting Dissertation Scholar, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, 2008-2009

Instructional Language Assistant, Department of Foreign Languages, Palomar College, San Marcos, CA, 2003

Paraprofessional, Department of Sociology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 2001-2002

Publications

Books

Cusher, B. and Menaldo, M.A. (2021) *Philosophy and Leadership: Three Classical Models and Cases*. Routledge Focus Leadership Horizon Series.

Cusher, B. and Menaldo, M.A. (2013). *Leadership and Transformative Ambition in International Relations*. New Horizons in Leadership Studies. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Edited Volume

Cusher, B. (co-editor) Menaldo, M.A., (co-editor) (2018) *Leadership and the Unmasking of Authenticity: The Philosophy of Self-Knowledge and Deception*. New Horizons in Leadership Studies. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Menaldo, M.A. Death and Politics in Martin Heidegger's Being and Time. In E.A. Dolgoy, K.H. Hale, and B. Peabody (Eds.) *Political Philosophies of Aging, Dying, and Death*. Routledge Taylor Francis. *Forthcoming*.

Menaldo, M.A. (2018) Totalizing Tyranny: Mario Vargas Llosa's The Feast of the Goat. In K. Bezio & K. Yost (Eds.) *Leadership, Popular Culture, and Social Change*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

Miller, K. and Menaldo, M.A. (2016) Bringing Leaders Back In: A Critical Examination of Why States Expand Schooling. *Leadership and Policy Quarterly*. (5)1: 1—18.

Menaldo, M.A. (2014). Barack Obama's Foreign Policy Leadership: Renewing America's Image and Shaping American Identity. In A. Barreto & R. O'Bryant (Eds.), *American Identity in the Age of Obama*. Routledge Series on Identity Politics. New York, NY: Routledge. Pp. 198 – 221.

Zschirint, S., and Menaldo, M.A. (2014) International Insurance? Democratic Consolidation and Support for International Human Rights Regimes. *International Journal of Transitional Justice*. 8(3): 452—475.

Menaldo, M.A. (2014). Sayyid Qutb's Political and Religious Thought: The Transformation of Jahiliyyah and the Implications for Egyptian Democracy. *Leadership and the Humanities*, 1(2): 64—80.

Menaldo, M.A. (2012). Transformative Ambition in Peace and War: The Case of Pericles of Athens. *Journal of Leadership, Accountability, and Ethics*, 9(4): 99 –112.

Grants

- (2017) Latino Leadership Development Center, Southern Methodist University, to conduct research, "Crossing Borders: Child Migration, Educational Attainment, and the Transnational Latino Student."
- (2016) University Travel Grant, Texas A&M International, to conduct research on project, "Liberalism in 19th Century Mexico"

Honors & Awards

- Invited to be a participant for the Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History, Summer Institute, 2021.
- Julia Ballenger Humanitarian Award, 2021.

- Finalist for Department of Leadership Studies Outstanding Leadership Book Award at the University of San Diego, 2015.
- COAS Teacher of the Year: 2014-2015
- University Research Grant, Texas A&M International, to conduct research for project entitled: Latin America's Liberal Experiments, 2014-2015
- University Travel Grant, Texas A&M International University, for collection of data at Benson Latin America Collection, University of Texas, Austin, 2013
- Phi Kappa Phi, member of Texas A&M International Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, 2012
- Fredric M. Jablin Doctoral Dissertation Award, International Leadership Association and Jepson School of Leadership Studies, 2011
- Northeast Consortium for Faculty Diversity Dissertation-Year Fellowship, 2008-2009
- University Enrichment Fellowship (campus-wide fellowship competition), Michigan State University, 2004-2008
- Olin Foundation Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, 2003
- Robert Lewis Prize in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Colorado College, 2000
- Associated Colleges of the Midwest Minority Students and Academic Careers Program Research Grant, Colorado College, 2000

Teaching

Texas A&M University-Commerce

- Principles of United States and Texas Government
- Signature Course: The Quest for Happiness
- Covid 19 and the Human Condition
- Honors Faith and Reason
- Honors Philosophy is a Joke (created an outdoor classroom for this class)
- Honors Machiavelli and Moses
- Honors Virtue, Recollection, and Thought
- Introduction to Latin American and U.S. Latino Studies

Texas A&M International University

Graduate

- Ethics and International Affairs
- Latin America's Liberal Experiments
- Leadership in Peace and War
- Political and Historical Thought
- Seminar in Political Philosophy: Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War*
- Seminar in Political Philosophy: Machiavelli's Prince

Undergraduate

- American Foreign Policy

- American National Government *Honors*,
- American National Government
- Classical and Medieval Political Philosophy
- Eros and Politics: The Political Nature of Plato's Symposium
- Foundations of Leadership/Introduction to Political Leadership
- The Moral Foundations of Socratic Political Philosophy: Plato's Meno
- International Law and Organization
- International Relations
- Justice, Passion, and Rule (Senior seminar)
- Modern Political Philosophy
- Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* (Senior seminar)
- Signature Course: The Quest for Excellence
- University College Seminar: Mozart and Plato, How to Make a Great Life (co-taught with Dr. Ray Keck)
- University College Seminar: George Bernard Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession," and Aristophanes' "The Clouds" (co-taught with Dr. Kevin Lindberg)

Conference Papers

Menaldo, M.A. "Aristotle's view of Greek Courage," presented at the annual meeting of the *International Leadership Association*, Ottawa, Canada, 2019.

Menaldo, M.A. "The End of Authenticity" presented at the annual meeting of the *International Leadership Association*, West Palm Beach, 2018.

Menaldo, M.A. "Aristotle's Art of Leadership" presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, 2017.

Menaldo, M.A.; Miller, Karyn. "Making Room for Leaders" presented at the annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, Seattle, 2014

Menaldo, M.A. "Leadership and Change: Otto von Bismarck's Realism Reconsidered" presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, 2013

Menaldo, M.A. "Pericles' Leadership in Peace and War" presented at the annual meeting of the *Western Political Science Association*, San Antonio, 2011

Menaldo, M.A. "Barack Obama's Visionary Leadership: Reinventing America's International Image" presented at the *American Identity in the Age of Obama Conference*, Northeastern University, Boston, 2011

Menaldo, M.A. "Pericles' Statesmanship: Democratic Imperialism and Transformational Statecraft," presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Toronto, 2009

Menaldo, M.A. "Aristotle's Magnanimous Man: Rethinking Theories of Leadership in International Relations," presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, 2009

Menaldo, M.A. “The Role of the Statesman in International Relations,” presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Chicago, 2007

Menaldo, M.A. “Martin Heidegger's Introduction to Metaphysics: Nature, Conflict, and Man,” poster presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*, Chicago 2007

Professional Activities

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Civic Education and the American Republic, Douglasville, Georgia, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, Loveland Classical Symposium, “What is the Best Life” Loveland, Colorado 2018.

Guest Lecturer, Texas A&M University Law School, Borderlands Law Course, Laredo, TX, 2017.

Guest Speaker, TAMIU Enrichment Day, Leadership Excellence: The Greek origin of the word “virtue: - arête, literally excellence. How to use the arête as a principle for life. Laredo, TX 2016.

Guest Lecturer, TAMIU’s Harvard Kennedy School’s Latino Leadership Initiative, “Leadership and the Myth of the Chariot in Plato’s Phaedrus,” Laredo, TX, 2015

Workshop Leader and Presenter, *The U.S. Constitution: A Workshop for Texas Teachers*, Humanities Texas, Laredo, TX, 2010

Service to Profession

Advisory Board, 2018—present, The Clemente Course in the Humanities, Dallas Chapter

Section Chair, 34 Political Philosophy: Themes and Approaches, *Midwest Political Science Association*, 2015

Reviewer:

Leadership and the Humanities

Women and Criminal Justice

University Service

Texas A&M University-Commerce

College:

Academic Integrity Committee

Curriculum Committee

University:

A&M Commerce Annual Research Symposium (table discussant)

Cultural Competence Committee

LALS Advisory Board

Honors Thesis Advisor:

Joseph Hamrick
Christian Matlock
Elias Palmantino
Ashton Pfeifer
Erick Sartillo
Caleb Otte

QEP Committee

Regents Professor Award Committee

Texas A&M International University

University Core Curriculum Committee, 2011-present

Core Curriculum Assessment Coordinator: Fall 2015-present

University Honors Committee, 2014-present

Co-chair, Public Administration Job Search, Fall 2015

Chair, Political Science Job Search, spring 2015

Guest Speaker, Tamiu Enrichment Day 2015. Leadership Excellence: The Greek origin of the word "virtue: - arête, literally excellence. How to use the arête as a principle for life

Co-Chair, Committee for the Creation and Organization of the Master's in Political Thought and History Program, 2012-2014

Chair of University Core Curriculum Subcommittee: Social and Personal Responsibility Core Assessment Objectives, 2012-present

Honor Council Member, 2013-2015

Faculty Retreat Leader, Signature Courses, Winter 2014

Leadership Initiative Planning Committee, Texas A&M International University, 2010-2012

Lamar Bruni Vergara/Guillermo Benavides Z. Undergraduate Academic Conference Committee, Texas A&M International University, 2009-2011

Student Advisor, Model United Nations, Texas A&M International University, 2011

Student Advisor, Pre-Law/Phi Alpha Delta Advisor, Texas A&M International University, 2009-2010

