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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University, Political Science, May 2014.  
Dissertation: "After Rights: Alasdair MacIntyre's Critique of Rights"

B.A., University of Dallas, Philosophy, May 2009.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas, Houston Texas  
September 2018- Current

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Dallas, Irving Texas  
September 2014- July 2018

Courses Taught: Principles of American Politics (1311), Public Policy (3324)

Dual Credit Instructor, Texas Woman's University and Founders Classical Academy,  
Lewisville Texas

August 2017- July 2018

Courses Taught: Government

Adjunct Lecturer, North Lake College, Irving Texas

August 2013-July 2018

Courses Taught: Federal Government (2305), Texas Government (2306)

Adjunct Lecturer, Richland College, Dallas Texas

August 2016-July 2017

Courses Taught: Federal Government (2305), Texas Government (2306)

**PUBLISHED WORKS**

**Articles**

1. "Justice Brett Kavanaugh," chapter in *The Catholic Supreme Court Justices*, forthcoming.
2. "Unalienable Rights and Some Libertarians," *Perspectives on Political Science* (2021).
3. "When is it Prudent to Polarize?," *Perspectives on Political Science* 50, Issue 1 (2021): 62-63.
4. "Unalienable: A Pro-life, American Concept," *Life and Learning* 28 (2018): 109-119.

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5. "A Response to John Rawls' Critique of Loyola on the Human Good," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 58, Issue 3 (2018): 331-342.
6. "'An Artificial Being': John Marshall and Corporate Personhood," *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* 40, Issue 1 (2017).
7. "Alasdair MacIntyre on the Grand End Conception of Practical Reasoning," *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek Political Thought* 33 (2016): 312-330.
8. "Some Objections to MacIntyre from Deliberative Democracy," *Perspectives on Political Science* 44 (2015): 109–114.
9. "Philosophy of Social Science," entry in the *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Edited by Robert L. Fastiggi and Joseph W. Koterski. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, 2013.
10. "Plato and Aristotle's Answers to the Parmenides Problem," *The Review of Metaphysics* 65 (June 2012): 747-764.
11. "Lessons from the Friendship of Jacques Maritain with Saul Alinsky," *The Catholic Social Science Review* 16 (2011): 229-240.

#### **Book Reviews in Scholarly Journals**

1. "Review of *Integralism and the Common Good*, edited by P. Edmund Waldstein, O.Cist. & Peter A. Kwasniewski. *The Catholic Social Science Review*, submitted.
2. "Review of *John Rawls: Reticent Socialist*, by William A. Edmundson." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, submitted.
3. "Review of *American Catholics: A History*, by Leslie Woodcock Tentler." *Catholic Southwest* 31 (2020).
4. "Review of *C.S. Lewis on Politics and the Natural Law* by Justin Buckley Dyer and Micah J. Watson." *The Review of Politics* 79 (2017): 1–3.
5. "Review of *The Rise and Decline of Religious American Religious Freedom*, by Steven D. Smith." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 17, Issue 4 (Winter 2017): 718-720.
6. "Review of *The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia*, by Neil Gorsuch." *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 17, Issue 2 (Summer 2017): 357-360.
7. "Review of *Interest Groups Unleashed*, edited by Paul Herrnson, Christopher Deering, and Clyde Wilcox." *Law and Politics Book Review* 26, Issue 2 (June 2016): 32-34.
8. "Review of *Aristotle's Eudemian Ethics*, trans. Anthony Kenny." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 87, Issue 1 (Winter 2013):204-207.

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### **EDITORIAL WORK**

Assistant Editor, *Catholic Southwest: a journal of history and culture*, 2020.

Editor, *Catholic Southwest: a journal of history and culture*, 2021-.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Co-advisor for high school senior Chelsea Macasaet's political science graduation project- 2020.

Tech Services Librarian Search Committee, University of St. Thomas, 2020.

Core Curriculum project team, University of St. Thomas- 2020-.

Library Committee, University of St. Thomas- 2019- .

Program Development for the University of Dallas' Arete II: American Studies high school summer program- 2016.

Team Sponsor for the University of Dallas at the Texas Undergraduate Moot Court Association competition- 2014.

Claremont McKenna College Salvatori Center graduate research assistant for Ralph Rossum, helping with his book *Understanding Clarence Thomas: The Jurisprudence of Constitutional Restoration*- 2011.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES**

"Comments on 'The Calling of the Higher Law: Natural Law According to Chairman Clarence Thomas'", Statesmanship Colloquium, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI, 2021.

"Magnanimity versus Greatness of Spirit," Human Dignity in a Secular World, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference, South Bend, IN, 2021.

"On the Very Idea of a G.O.A.T. (Greatest Of All Time)," Presented at a Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, 2021.

"Magnanimity and Greatness of Spirit in Aristotle, Aquinas, and Tocqueville," Presented virtually for a panel of the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2020.

"The Electoral College in 2020," Presentation for the Downtown Unitarian-Universalist Sanctuary speaker series, Houston, Texas, 2020.

"Polarization and Politics: A Post-Election Conversation," Presentation with the First Unitarian-Universalist Church minister's forum series, Houston, Texas, 2020.

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“Panel on Robert Reilly’s *American on Trial*,” Society of Catholic Social Scientists Annual Meeting Steubenville, OH, 2020.

“Unalienable Rights and Some Libertarians,” Presented at a Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, 2020.

“Constitution Day 2020: How Much Does the America Still Have in the Bank?,” Class Presentation for Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Houston, TX, 2020.

“Magnanimity: the Forgotten Virtue,” Presented to the University of St Thomas Honors Program, Houston, TX, 2020.

“Justice Neil Gorsuch and the Right to Life in the 14th Amendment,” Federalist Society Faculty Division Works in Progress Panel, Washington, DC, 2020.

“George Washington: A Key to the ‘Integralism’ Debate,” Presented at a Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, 2019.

“Incorporation and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment,” Class Presentation for Houston Academy for International Studies, Houston, TX, 2019.

“The Devil Knows Latin: a Liberal Secularist View of Pre-Vatican II Church/State Debate,” Society of Catholic Social Scientists Annual Meeting Steubenville, OH, 2019.

“When is it Prudent to Polarize?,” To What End? Narrative, Institutions, and Practices Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, IN, 2019.

“The Federalists, the Anti-Federalists, and the Constitution They Created,” Federalist Society Faculty Colloquium, San Antonio, TX, 2019.

“America and Russia through the Eyes of Tocqueville, Snyder, and Solzhenitsyn,” Presentation for the Bay Area Unitarian-Universalist Sanctuary speaker series, Houston, Texas, 2018.

“Looking for the Common Good in Our Republic: Considering Some Objections from Alasdair MacIntyre,” Presented at a Center for Thomistic Studies Colloquium, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, 2018.

“Unalienable: A Pro-life, American Concept,” Presented at the annual meeting of the Faculty for Life Conference, Irving, Texas, 2018.

“Corporate Personhood in the Taney and Chase Era Courts (1836-1873),” Federalist Society Faculty Works in Progress Panel, 2018 AALS Conference.

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“Natural Law as a Subversive Education,” Presented in a panel on “Revolutionary Natural Law” sponsored by the Society of Catholic Social Scientists at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2016.

“‘An Artificial Being’: John Marshall and Corporate Personhood,” Presented in a panel on “Interpretation of Legal Doctrine and Its Changing Impact on Jurisprudence” at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, 2016.

“Alasdair MacIntyre on the Grand End Conception of Practical Reasoning,” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, 2015.

“Some Objections to MacIntyre from Deliberative Democracy.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2013.

“Three Approaches to Ideas, Institutions, and Culture in Political Life,” Presented in a panel on “Problems in Contemporary Political Theory” at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, 2013.

#### **TV APPEARANCES**

Ten TV appearances with Fox 26 Houston, 2020-.

Post-election TV interview with Texas Latino Conservatives, 2022.

Radio Interview with NPR’s Houston Matters, 2021.

#### **FELLOWSHIPS**

Richard M. Weaver Fellow, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, 2012-2013.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

St. Thomas More Society, Houston Chapter, Treasurer, 2020-2021.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock advancement office, grant writer for the Promise Neighborhood project- Summer 2010, Summer 2011.

Social Security Administration, clerical duties- Summer 2006, 2007, 2008.