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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of Minnesota (Defense Date: September 10, 2007)

Dissertation Title: *First-Things, First: Toward a Phenomenology of Political Theory*
Committee: Mary Dietz (Advisor), James Farr, Jeffrey Lomonaco, Sandra Peterson

B.A. New College of Florida, Political Science and Sociology (1998)

Fields of Interest

History of Western Political Thought, Ancient Greek Political Theory, Phenomenology: Martin Heidegger and Hannah Arendt., Contemporary Political and Social Theory, American Political Thought,

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Southwestern University
Basic Concepts of Political Theory (Introduction to Political Theory), Two Sections, Fall 2007
American Political Thought, Fall 2007

Visiting Instructor, Department of Political Science, Macalester College:
Politics, Thought, Evil: The Political Theory of Heidegger and Arendt, Spring 2007
Foundations of Political Theory, Fall 2005
Foundations of American Politics, Spring 2005

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota:
Democracy and Citizenship, Summer 2006
American Political Thought, Summer 2003 and Fall 2004
Power and Choice, Spring 2004
Political Ideas and Ideologies: An Introduction to Western Political Theory, Fall 2003

Presentations and Conference Participation

“Between Plato and Politics: Aristotle's Phenomenological Insights Concerning Politics,” paper accepted for APSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL 2007.
Panel Discussant “Inequality in Theory,” Inequality and American Democracy Conference: Building on the APSA Task Force, Minneapolis, MN April 2006
“Rag-Picking and Pearl-Diving: Arendt, Heidegger, and Oakeshott on *the* Tradition,” University of Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, April 2006
“Every Thinking is a Saving: Arendt, Heidegger, and Thinking the Public,” University of Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, March 2003
“Habermas and the Promise of Democracy,” University of Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, March 2000

Language

Classical Greek (basic reading)

References:

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Dr James Farr, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
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