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Professional Experience:

Department of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J.

Associate Professor, 2014-present

Assistant Professor, 2009-2014

Deputy Chair, 2013-present

Department of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N.J.

Part-Time Lecturer, 2016-present

Department of Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, 2008-2009

Teaching Fellow and Instructor, 2004-2008

Education:

Ph.D. in Government, Georgetown University, July 2008

M.A. in Security Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, December 2005

B.A. in History, University of California, Los Angeles, September 2002

Current Projects:

For the Love of War: Civic Militarism in Modern Political Thought, book manuscript in progress

Walker Percy and the Politics of the Wayfarer, completed book manuscript under contract with Lexington Books

“Hamilton and the Active Spirit in Commerce and Strategy”

“Clausewitz and the Dialectic of War and Politics,” with J. Furman Daniel

Edited Volume:

A Political Companion to Walker Percy. Edited by Peter A. Lawler and Brian A. Smith. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013; paperback 2014.

Peer-Reviewed Essays:

“Burke and Clausewitz on the Limitation of War” (with J. Furman Daniel), *Journal of International Political Theory*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (October 2015), pp. 313-330.

“Edmund Burke and the Limitations of Historical Thought,” *Anamnesis*, Vol. 1, No. 2, (Summer 2012), pp. 5-27.

“Losing Sight of Man: Percy and Tocqueville on the Fate of the Human Sciences,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (July-September 2011), pp. 140-146.

“Smith and Tocqueville on the Commercial Ethos,” *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Spring 2010), pp. 29-44.

“Statesmanship and the Problem of Theoretical Generalization” (with J. Furman Daniel), *Polity*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (April 2010), pp. 156-184.

“Adam Smith and the Culture of Enterprise,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (Fall 2008), pp. 200-205.

“Edmund Burke, the Warren Hastings Trial, and the Moral Dimension of Corruption,” *Polity*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (January 2008), pp. 70-94.

“The Rift in the Modern Mind: Tocqueville and Percy on the Rise of the Cartesian Self” (with Matthew Sitman), *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Winter 2007), pp. 15-22.

“Adam Smith, the Concept of Leisure, and the Division of Labor,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (Fall/Winter 2006), pp. 23-46.

Winner of First Prize, Templeton Enterprise Award for Best Article on the Culture of Enterprise, October 2007

Essays in Edited Volumes:

“Walker Percy’s Last Men: *Love in the Ruins* as a Fable of American Decline,” in *A Political Companion to Walker Percy*, ed. Peter Augustine Lawler and Brian A. Smith (University Press of Kentucky, 2013), pp. 179-206.

“The Rift in the Modern Mind: Tocqueville and Percy on the Rise of the Cartesian Self” (with Matthew Sitman), *Democracy Reconsidered*, ed. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch and Peter Augustine Lawler (Lexington Books, 2009), pp. 101-117.

Review Essay:

“Roger Scruton and the Conservation of Culture,” *Society*, Vol. 45, No. 6 (December 2008), pp. 557-561.

Courses Taught:

Rutgers University

American Foreign Policy (graduate)

Theories of Military and Diplomatic Policy (graduate)

Montclair State University

Introduction to Politics

Introduction to International Relations

NEH Enduring Questions Course: What Sustains Liberty?

Honors Seminar in Great Books and Ideas II

American Foreign Policy

Essentials of Political Thought (mixed graduate and undergraduate)

Essentials of Jurisprudence

Politics and Film

The Politics of Science Fiction (mixed graduate and undergraduate)

Development of Political Thought to Machiavelli

Modern Political Thought

Character and Virtue in the History of Political Thought

Socialism, Markets, and Liberty

Globalization and Security

Grand Strategy and War

War and International Security

The Politics and Morality of War (mixed graduate and undergraduate)

Militarism and the Love of War

Undergraduate Directed Studies: Theology and Political Thought, Walker Percy, Contemporary

Political Thought, Secularism, Natural Law and Natural Rights, Diplomacy and

Statecraft, Research in Grand Strategy, and Theories of Political Economy

Graduate Directed Studies: Methods in Political Thought, History of Political Thought,

International Relations Theory, Theories of Development, Philosophical Political

Economy, Politics of Terrorism, Political Philosophy and the Experience of War, and

History of International Thought

Georgetown University

American Political Theory

America and the World: Theory and Practice

Just War Theory

Issues in American Political Thought

Machiavelli and the Art of Statecraft in Modernity

Tocqueville and Nietzsche

Elements of Political Theory

Research Advising:

Master's Thesis Advisor for Candice Maneri, "Friedrich Nietzsche and the Politics of Suffering,"

Montclair State University, 2014-15

Senior Thesis Advisor for Kathryn M. Goldner, "Plato and Tocqueville on the Politics of Mortality in

Democracy," Montclair State University, 2014-15

Senior Thesis Advisor for Jonathan Maiorano, "Hayek and the Natural Law," Montclair State University,

2014-15

Senior Thesis Advisor for Hadid Simmons, "Security, Norms, or Special Interests: What Drives Iran's

Nuclear Ambitions?," Montclair State University, 2012.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Robert Corr, "Political Psychology: A Discipline Divided Cannot Stand,"

Montclair State University, 2011-2012.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Jeffrey Sisco, "A Review of Counterinsurgency from the American

Perspective," Montclair State University, 2011-2012.

Doctoral Dissertation Reader for Ralph L. DeFalco, III, "Striking First: Legality, Morality and Efficacy of Preemptive and Preventive Acts of State," Georgetown University, 2009-2011 (successfully defended, April 8, 2011).

Selected Presentations:

“Hamilton and the Active Spirit in Commerce and Strategy,” scheduled for Association for Political Theory Conference, October 2016

“Escaping Alienation, Boredom, and Decadence in War,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 14, 2015

“Walker Percy and the Allure of Destruction,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 25, 2015

“That Unequalled Spirit of Enterprise: The Link Between Political Economy and Strategy in *The Federalist*,” presented at:

- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 25, 2015
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 21, 2009
- Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellowship Lecture, Georgetown University, April 16, 2009

“Walker Percy and the Incompleteness of Community,” presented at:

- Southern Political Science Association, January 16, 2015
- Northeastern Political Science Association, November 14, 2014

“Walker Percy and the Honor-Bound South,” presented at:

- Conference on Faith and History, September 26, 2014
- American Political Science Association, August 29, 2014

“Tocqueville on Historical Memory, Religion, and Democratic Liberty,” presented at

- American Political Science Association, August 31, 2014
- Northeastern Political Science Association, November 16, 2013
- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 27, 2012

“The Mishmash Theory of Man,” presented at “Still Lost in the Cosmos: Walker Percy and the 21st Century,” the 2nd Biannual Conference of the Walker Percy Center for Publishing and Writing at Loyola University of New Orleans, October 12, 2013

“Prudence and Wars of Ideology: Edmund Burke’s ‘Crusade’ Against the French Revolution,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 30, 2011

“Burke and Clausewitz on the Perils of War in a Radical Age” (with J. Furman Daniel, III), presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 30, 2011

“Toward a Moral Economy, or: Is Capitalism Just Greed?,” invited lecture for “Year of the Economy” series at Moorpark College, March 21, 2011

“Edmund Burke and the Limitations of Historical Thought,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 13, 2010

“Losing Sight of Man: Percy and Tocqueville on the Fate of the Human Sciences,” invited lecture for the Conference on Science and Virtue at Berry College, November 4, 2010

“Walker Percy’s Last Men: *Love in the Ruins* as a Fable of American Decline,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, September 3, 2010
- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 24, 2010
- Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 8, 2009

“Recognizing Providence: Tocqueville on Equality, Memory, and Decline,” presented at:

- Association for Political Theory Conference, October 24, 2009
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 15, 2008

“Smith and Tocqueville on the Commercial Ethos,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, May 8, 2009

“Breaking Truth and Nature: Burke on Memory and Decline in Revolutionary Times,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, August 29, 2008
- Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, April 4, 2007
- Western Political Science Association Conference, March 8, 2007

“Rousseau’s Nostalgic Politics and the Idea of Decline,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 28, 2007

“Honor, Greatness, and the Attenuation of Envy in *Democracy in America*,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 11, 2006

“Adam Smith, the Concept of Leisure, and the Division of Labor,” presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, April 20, 2006

Grants:

“What Sustains Liberty?,” National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant, 2011-2013

Fellowship Research Grant, H.B. Earhart Foundation, 2011

Professional Service:

At Montclair State University

Member, University Distinguished Teacher Committee, 2015-2016

Member, Political Science and Law Departmental Personnel Action Committee, 2014-present

Director, Program for the Study of Liberty, 2013-2015

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, 2010-present

Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2012-2013

Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Law, 2011-2012

Organizer for lecture series on “Liberty in America,” Spring 2011

Faculty Advisor, Political Science and Law Club, 2010-2014

Member, Jurisprudence Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Law, 2010-2011

Middle States Assessment Coordinator for Political Science Major, 2010-2011

Member, Political Science and Law Curriculum Committee, 2009-Present

In the Profession

Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant Program, 2012-2013

Executive Council, Politics, Literature and Film Section, American Political Science Association, 2011-present

Manuscript reviewer for *Perspectives on Political Science* (2008-present), *Social Theory and Practice* (2011), *Anamnesis* (2012), *The Review of Politics* (2013), *Journal of Politics* (2013-present), *American Political Science Review* (2015), and *JAISA: Journal for the Association of Interdisciplinary Study of the Arts* (2015)

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