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**ACADEMIC PREPARATION:**

**PhD in Political Science**, Department of Political Science, College of Arts and Sciences,  
Louisiana State University, December, 2006

Concentrations: Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: “Heroic Individualism: the Hero as Author in Democratic Culture”

Advisor: Dr. James R. Stoner, Jr.

**M.A. in Political Science**, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University,  
2003

Concentrations: Political Philosophy, Comparative Politics, Philosophy (minor)

Advisor: Dr. James R. Stoner, Jr.

**B.S. in Political Science**, Texas A&M University–Commerce, Commerce, TX, 1999

**RESEARCH SKILLS:**

- Extensive coursework in logic, philosophy and legal reasoning
- Knowledge of classical languages (Greek and Latin)
- Familiarity with quantitative methods and statistical programs
- Familiarity with qualitative research methods and survey research

**LANGUAGES:**

- Classical Greek, Koine Greek, and Latin

## **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

### **Assistant Professor, Fall, 2008 to Present**

Stephen F. Austin State University, Department of Government  
*Courses:* Contemporary Political Thought (PSC 399); Classical Political Thought (PSC 335); Modern Political Thought (PSC 336); Theories of Democracy; American Political Thought; American and Texas Government: Theory and Politics (PSC 141, and PSC 141-Honors); American and Texas Government: Structure and Functions (PSC 142)

### **Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall, 2007 to Spring, 2008**

Stephen F. Austin State University, Department of Government  
*Courses:* Contemporary Political Thought (PSC 399); Modern Political Philosophy (PSC 336); American and Texas Government: Theory and Politics (PSC 141, three sections); American and Texas Government: Structure and Functions (PSC 142, three sections)

### **Ad interim Instructor, Fall, 2006 to Spring, 2007**

Texas A&M University—Commerce, Department of Political Science  
*Courses:* Introduction to Political Science (PSCI 330); European Political Systems (PSCI 331); Texas and the Federal System (PSCI 221, three sections)

### **Instructor, Spring 2004**

LSU Evening School  
*Course:* Introduction to Political Theory (POLI 2060)

### **Instructor, Fall 2003**

LSU Department of Political Science  
*Course:* Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLI 2053)

### **Instructor, Spring 2003**

LSU Department of Political Science  
*Course:* Introduction to Political Theory (POLI 2060)

### **Teaching Assistant, Fall 1999 to Spring 2003**

LSU Department of Political Science

- Assisted Dr. Karen Adams with courses in International Relations, conflict and cooperation, and IR theory.
- Assisted Dr. Kevin Mulcahy with courses in American government, the American presidency, cultural policy and cultural diplomacy.

- Assisted Drs. William Clark and Harry Mokeba with Comparative Politics survey courses.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

“Hegel’s Theory of the Civil Service and American Political Thought,” presented at the annual meeting of the Public Administration Theory Network, Omaha NE, May, 2010

“The Paradox of Democracy: A Rhetorical Approach” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta GA, March, 2005

“Thomas Carlyle’s Heroic Individualism,” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, New Orleans LA, March, 2005

Discussant: Eric Voegelin Society panel on “Science, Scientism and Voegelin’s New Science,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA, September, 2003

“The Author as Legislator,” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 3, 2007

“The Dollar Bill as Political Institution and Religious Symbol,” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA, January 10, 2008

“Heroic Individualism and the Paradox of Secondary Otherness,” Presented at the annual meeting of the Public Administration Theory Network, Richmond, VA, May 29-30, 2008

### **PUBLICATION:**

(Forthcoming) “A Gnostic Moment in Anglo-American Culture: Thomas Carlyle’s *Sartor Resartus*,” in Charles R. Embry, ed. *Voegelinian Readings of Literature* (Columbia: U of Missouri P, 2010).

### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

My dissertation interprets the nineteenth century cultural discourse about heroic individuals (also known as “great men”) as a literary mode of working out the tension between traditional views of moral and civic virtue, and modern liberal-democratic, individualistic, philosophies of freedom. I focus on political philosophers of a literary bent—Jean Jacques Rousseau and Friedrich Nietzsche—and writers of a political-philosophical bent—Thomas Carlyle, in particular. The study reflects my general interest in the relationship between literature and politics; Anglo-American and Continental Philosophy; and the roles (and responsibilities) of literature in modern democratic culture.

My dissertation research has led me to take a deep interest in the study of oral and literate cultures, and the subtle ways in which the orality-literacy difference may affect political self-understanding. At present I am also doing research at the intersection of

speech-act theory, neo-institutional theory and economics. I aim to offer a post-Marxist, non deterministic account of the money-system as a constructed social institution, while avoiding at the same time the pitfalls of relativism or constructivism. I anticipate that this will be an ongoing research interest.

#### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- Louisiana State University Graduate Assistantship: Fall 1999 to Spring 2003
- Louisiana State University Assistantship Enhancement Award: Fall 1999 to Spring 2002
- Earhart Foundation Fellowship: Awarded in 2004 and 2005
- Fellow, Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles and History, 2008-2009.

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- American Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- Carlyle Studies Association

#### **REFERENCES:**

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