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### **Employment**

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2018-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, 2012-2018

Assistant Editor, *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy*, 2010-2012

### **Education**

Northwestern University  
Ph.D., Political Science, 2012

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
M.A., French and Francophone Studies, 2005

University of Massachusetts Amherst  
B.A., French and Francophone Studies, 1997

### **Books**

*Montaigne and the Tolerance of Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2018

### **Articles**

"An Ill-Fitting Coat: Reforming U.S. Political Boundaries for a Metropolitan Age," *The Journal of Politics*, forthcoming

"Montaigne's Political Education: *Raison d'État* in the *Essais*," *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (Summer 2013)

"Fortuna's Revenge: Montaigne's Critique of Classical Virtue," *Montaigne Studies*, Vol. 24 (February 2012)

### **Review essays and other publications**

“A ‘vagabond mind’: Montaigne's *Essais* as Political Theory,” *Political Theory*, Vol. 44, No. 5 (October 2016)

### **Work in progress**

“How (and How Not) to Satirize Reactionary Masculinity: A Rabelaisian Approach,” revise and resubmit

“To ‘Philosophize upon Realities’: Melville’s Montaignian Treatment of Law and Morality in *Billy Budd*,” invited submission to *Montaigne Studies*

“Institutionalizing Black Bargaining Power: Metropolitics and Racial Justice in the United States”

“Uniting *Urbs* and *Civitas*: City-State and City-League as Alternatives to the Nation-State”

*Leviathan vs. the Metropolis: Politics and Government in an Urbanized Age* (book manuscript)

*Visions of Integration: Du Bois, Ambedkar, and Césaire on Race and Power* (book manuscript)

### **Awards and honors**

Summer Research Grant, Office of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina, 2015

Humanities Grant, Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina, 2014

Conference Travel Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2010, 2011

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2011

David Minar Prize for Academic Excellence in Political Science, Northwestern University, 2008

Micheline Dufau Award for Teaching Excellence, Department of French and Italian, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2005

### **Invited talks**

“Montaigne and the Tolerance of Politics: Negotiating Capacities in the *Essais*,” Faith, Philosophy, and Politics in Early Modern Thought Seminar Series, UC Davis, May 2, 2016

"Beyond Moral Deliberation and Strategic Bargaining: Mohawk Politics and the Everyday Activity of Civic Negotiation in Diverse Societies." Political Science Workshop, College of Charleston, January 24, 2014

**Recent conference presentations**

"Institutionalizing Black Bargaining Power: Metropolitcs and Racial Justice in the United States," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 29-September 2, 2018

"What's the Point of Wyoming? Rescaling Territorial Representation for the Urban Age," presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Columbus, OH, October 20-22, 2016

"Radical Moderation: Citizenship as Negotiation in Montaigne's *Essais*," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4, 2015

"Becoming Good Pantagruelists: Toleration in Rabelais's *Tiers Livre*." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.

"Beyond the Inner Citadel: Genre(s), Form(s), and Style(s) of Political Activity in Montaigne's *Essais*." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 29 - September 1, 2013

"Beyond Moral Deliberation and Strategic Bargaining: Mohawk Politics and the Everyday Activity of Civic Negotiation in Diverse Societies." Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 28-30, 2013

"Beyond the Inner Citadel: Action and Integrity in Montaigne's *Essais*." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013

"Between Modus Vivendi and Justice? Toleration in Montaigne (or: Love the One You're With)." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012

"On 'Legitimate Vices': Reason of State and Political Education in Michel de Montaigne's *Essais*." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011

"Neo-Stoic Constancy vs. Christian Patience: The Book of Job in Hobbes's Political Thought," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 21-23, 2011