

# ALICE PARKER BEHNEGAR

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Boston College**, Arts and Sciences Honors Program (through 2018) and Political Science Department  
Associate Professor of the Practice 2005-present, Adjunct Assistant Professor 1998-2005

Courses: Honors Seminars – Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior courses surveying western philosophy, theology, and literature from the Hebrew Bible through the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century (*Western Cultural Tradition I-II and III-IV, Twentieth Century & the Tradition I*), as well as Senior capstone courses (*Love and Friendship, What is Law?, The Problem of Law*)  
Political Science -- *Fundamental Concepts of Politics, Introduction to Modern Politics, Tocqueville's Political Science, God and Politics* (Social Science Core/Enduring Questions), *Nationalism and Cosmopolitanism, The Problem of Freedom*

**Smith College**, 1997-98 (part-time)

Lecturer, Department of Government

Courses: *Ancient and Medieval Political Theory; State, Law, and Family*

**St. John's College** (Santa Fe), 1995-96

Tutor

Courses: *Freshman Seminar* (ancient philosophy and literature), *Freshman Math* (Euclid and Ptolemy), *Freshman Lab* (introduction to biology, physics, and chemistry to 1800)

**Michigan State University**, 1994-95

Carthage Post-Doctoral Fellow in The Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy  
Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science (*Modern Political Theory*, spring 1995)

## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago**

Ph.D., Committee on Social Thought, December 1994

Dissertation: "Feminism and Liberalism: The Problem of Equality"

Century Fellow, John M. Olin Center Junior Fellow

**Stanford University**

J.D., June 1978

Internship Semester, Public Defender Service, Washington D.C., fall 1977

**Smith College**

A.B., June 1975, *magna cum laude* with honors in mathematics

Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Attorney, G.D. Searle & Co./The NutraSweet Company**, 1981-84, 1986

Legal Department, Commercial Group – negotiated and drafted technology license agreements, design/build contracts, distribution contracts etc. for multinational pharmaceutical company; experience in North America, South America (Argentina, Brazil), Europe (Resident Counsel, European Headquarters, England and Switzerland, 1983-1984)

**Attorney, Schiff Hardin & Waite**, Chicago, Illinois, 1978-81

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Western intellectual history, foundations and issues of the modern liberal democratic nation-state, American political thought, politics and religion, law, politics and literature

Book project: "Tocqueville on the Problem of Freedom"

GRANTS, PUBLICATIONS, LECTURES, CONFERENCES

Faculty Fellow, Brandeis University Summer Institute for Israel Studies, June-July 2016

"Tocqueville's Puzzling Secularism," in Enlightenment and Secularism: Essays on the Mobilization of Reason, Lexington Books (2013), pp. 199-213

NEH "Enduring Questions" Grant (2012) to develop a new course, "What is Law?"

"Modern Democratic Excellence: Lincoln's Temperance Address," paper presented at the Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference, April 2011

"The Problem of Freedom in *Democracy in America*," public lecture, St. John's College-Santa Fe, 2007 (published as a monograph by St. John's)

"Can Americans Think? The Problem of Freedom of Mind in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2005

Earhart Foundation Summer Research Grant (2004) to support research on Tocqueville

"Self, Other, and Liberty: The Superiority of Women in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," in Love and Friendship: Rethinking Politics and Affection in Modern Times, ed. Eduardo Velasquez (Lexington Books, 2003), pp. 339-375

SERVICE

University: Faculty Coordinator, Advanced Study Grants, 2008-present  
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Political Science Department, fall 2020-present  
Associate Chair, Political Science Department, fall 2020-present  
Member, Academic Integrity Committee, 2009-2020