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## EDUCATION

### **Boston College**

Ph.D. in Political Science, December 2014

Major Area: Political Theory

Minor Areas: American politics, International Relations

Thesis: "The Moral Foundations of the Social Contract in the Thought of Jean-Jacques Rousseau"

Advisor: Christopher Kelly

### **University of Winnipeg**

B.A., Four-Year Honors in Philosophy, 2006

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Dallas:** Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2015-  
-Adjunct Instructor, 2013-14

**University of Texas at Austin:** Lecturer, 2015

**Boston College:** Teaching Fellow, 2013, 2011

## PUBLICATIONS

- "The Political Possibilities of the Faith of the Savoyard Vicar." Forthcoming in *The Rousseauian Mind*, edited by Eve Grace and Christopher Kelly. Forthcoming, 2018.
- "Promises, Lies, and the Social Contract." Article in progress.
- "Rousseau's Religious Project." Book in progress.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "In the Place of Poul-Serrho; on the Vicar's Reticence on Hell." At Northeastern Political Science Conference, November 2017.
- "Rousseau's Religious Project." at Northeastern Political Science Conference, November 2016.
- Invited participant at Jack Miller Summer Institute, July 2013.
- "Promises of Utility and the Soul of the Bourgeois," at The Enduring Challenge of Rousseau's Thought: Tercentenary Conference, held by Colorado College and The Rousseau Association/Association Rousseau, December 2012.
- "The Sanctity of the Social Contract," at Northeastern Political Science Conference, November 2012.
- "Promises in Rousseau: a comparison between *Emile* and *Julie*," at Northeastern Political Science Conference, November 2010.
- "An Introduction to Parmenides of Elea," at University of Winnipeg Student Colloquium Series, April 2005.

- “Pleasure as Epistemology,” at University of Winnipeg Student Colloquium Series, November 2003.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College, 2013-2014
- Graduate Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College 2012-13
- Graduate Fellowship, Boston College, 2007-13
- Fortin Foundation and Bradley Foundation summer study grants, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
- Gold Medal (top GPA) in the four-year honours program majoring in philosophy, University of Winnipeg, 2006
- Professor Philip B. Wright Memorial Prize, University of Winnipeg, 2004
- Genevieve Doidge Memorial Scholarship, University of Winnipeg, 2004
- Canadian Government Millennium In-Course Excellence Scholarship, 2003
- Churchill Arts Scholarship, University of Winnipeg, 2003
- Academic Proficiency Scholarship, University of Winnipeg, 2002, 2003
- Entrance Scholarship, University of Winnipeg, 2001

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Plato’s Republic*, University of Dallas, Spring 2018.
- *Principles of American Politics*, University of Dallas, Spring and Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Spring 2014.
- *Philosophy and the Ethical Life*, University of Dallas, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.
- *Classics of Political and Social Thought*, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2015.
- *The Question of Justice*, Boston College, Fall 2011 and Spring 2013.
- Teaching Assistant for *Xenophon and Lincoln, Fundamental Concepts of Politics*, Boston College, 2009-2010.
- Teaching Assistant for *Introduction to Philosophy, Medieval Latin Philosophy, and Short Dialogues by Plato and Plotinus*, University of Winnipeg, 2003-6.

## OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer for *Interpretation: a Journal of Political Philosophy*.
- Led doctoral dissertation-writing workshop for University of Dallas students, 2016, 2017
- As Research Assistant, had duties including: preparing index for Christopher Kelly’s *The Enduring Challenge of Rousseau*; editing Susan Shell’s *Kant and the Limits of Autonomy*; translating Dieter Heinrich, and G.E. Lessing from German; editing audio transcripts of course on “The Political Philosophy of Kant” for the Leo Strauss Center; research for Jonathan Laurence on Muslims in Europe.
- Organized several reading groups among graduate students and faculty, 2008-2016

## LANGUAGES

- Reading: French, German, Ancient Greek.
- Intermediate speaking: German.

