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EDUCATION

- Spring 2015** Ph.D. in Political Science at Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.
Summer 2010 Masters in International Studies, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.
Spring 2007 Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science with a Minor in Religion, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2019-present** Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, teaching: Africa in the World; African Politics; Comparative Democracies; Insurgency and State Failure; Global War and Peace; Politics and Moral Vision; Foundations of Political Thought.
- 2011-2018** Assistant Professor of Political Science and History at Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA, teaching upper and lower division undergraduate courses: International Relations; Comparative Politics; Africa; Politics and Economics, Literature and Politics and World Civilizations.
- Spring 2012** Adjunct Professor of Political Science at King College, Bristol, TN.
- 2010-2011** Adjunct Professor of History and Political Science at Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2008-2011** Research Assistant to Dr. Eunyong Ha at Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA: editing and reviewing articles for publication; researching and gathering literature reviews, data sets, and primary source material; designing and monitoring class websites and discussion boards; administering exams.

PUBLICATIONS

Working Paper: "Stabilizing Instability: The Meaning and Practice of International Sovereignty for the World's Weakest States."

Working Paper: "The Crib and the Cosmos in Plato's *Laws*"

- 2017** "Secessionist Conflicts and New States," in *Africa's Insurgents: Navigating an Evolving Landscape*, edited by Morten Boas and Kevin C. Dunn (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2007), pp. 61-78.
- April 2017** Review of *Rebuilding War-Torn States: The Challenges of Post-Conflict Economic Reconstruction*, by Graciana del Castillo, in *The Journal of Military History* Vol. 81, No. 2 (April, 2017), pp. 611-13.

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- Summer 2022** “Power and Purpose: Finding the Common Good in the Social Sciences,” presented at the C.S. Lewis Foundation’s Oxbridge 2022 Conference, Oxford, UK.
- Summer 2021** Seminar on Shakespeare’s Rome at the Wyoming School of Catholic Thought, Wyoming Catholic College, Lander, WY.
- Fall 2019** Panel guest for Colgate University’s Roundtable Discussion, “U.S. Foreign Aid and Global Poverty.”
- Fall 2014** Panel guest for Vanguard University’s Global Center for Women and Justice showing of “Girl Rising,” Costa Mesa, CA.
- Summer 2010** Eight Week Intensive Latin Course at University College Cork, Ireland.
- March 2008** Presented at the Claremont Graduate Council’s Transdisciplinary Academic Paper Conference, “The Evolution of a Regime Type: The Federal Regime as Envisioned by Montesquieu, Madison and de Tocqueville,” Claremont, CA.

HONORS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Summer 2022** Advisor for an undergraduate scholar performing research for the Lampert Institute for Civic and Global Affairs on the role of international mediators in peace negotiations.
- Fall 2021-Spring 2023** Academic Advisor for Freshmen Cohort for a four-semester sequence.
- Spring 2021 and 2022** Nominated by students for the Excellence in Teaching Award at Colgate University.
- Summer 2020** Faculty Sponsor for a summer research project on Alexis de Tocqueville for the Center for Freedom and Western Civilization at Colgate University.
- 2019-2020** Advisor for Senior Honors Thesis on Iraqi and Kurdish sovereignty at Colgate University.
- 2016-2018** Conducted instructor training for Vanguard University’s freshman orientation class, Cornerstone.
- Spring 2017** Keynote Speaker for student recruitment dinner at Vanguard University.
- June 2008** Full Scholarship from the Acton Institute to attend the Acton University Symposium.
- Spring 2007** Claremont Graduate University Fellowship – 50% tuition award.
- Spring 2007** President’s Award for Highest GPA of Vanguard University’s Graduating Class.
- Spring 2007** Dean’s Award for Highest Achievement in History and Political Science at Vanguard University.
- Spring 2007** Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Outstanding Student in Political Science.
- 2006-2007** Pi Sigma Alpha Vice President.
- 2006-2007** Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society Member.