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Education

University of Dallas, Braniff Graduate School, Institute of Philosophic Studies, Irving, TX

- **2018: Ph.D., Political Philosophy.** Dissertation: "Property and Privacy of Conscience in Montesquieu's *The Spirit of Laws*."
Committee: Joshua Parens, David Upham, Stuart Warner.
- **2012: M.A., American Politics/Political Philosophy**

St. John's College, Annapolis, MD

- **2005: B.A., Liberal Arts**
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Teaching Positions

University of Dallas, Irving, TX

- **Spring 2019–Present:** Affiliate Assistant Professor, Humanities & Classical Education, Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts
- **Fall 2018–Spring 2020:** Adjunct Instructor, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Politics, Philosophy, and History, Constantin College of Liberal Arts

Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO

- **2017–18:** Dual Credit Faculty, Classical Philosophy & Political Thought

Founders Classical Academy, Leander, TX

- **2014–18:** Upper School Literature, History, Rhetoric, & Philosopher Teacher

Arête: An Introduction to the Classics, University of Dallas, Irving, TX

- **2012–13:** Seminar Leader [high school summer program]
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Courses Taught

Graduate Courses

HUM 6348. Classical Pedagogy, Ancient & Modern

HUM 6355. History of Liberal Arts Education

HUM 6353. Teaching Great American Speeches

Undergraduate Courses

HIS 2302. Western Civilization II [1500-Present]

PHI 1301. Philosophy and the Ethical Life

POL 1311. Principles of American Politics

High School Courses

Philosophy I. Modern Philosophy & Political Thought

Philosophy II. Classical Philosophy & Political Thought

Literature I. Classical Literature

Western Civilization I. Ancient & Classical History

Western Civilization II. Medieval & Renaissance History

Rhetoric I. Classical Rhetoric & Lincoln

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| Academic Administration | University of Dallas, Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2019–Present: Manager, Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs • Fall 2018: Assistant to Program Director |
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| Publications | Article <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019: “Imperialism & Moralism: De Alvarez on Aristotle.” <i>Ramify</i> 10, no. 2 (special issue in honor of Leo Paul S. De Alvarez, Fall 2019). • 2011: “On Hippodamus: The Classical Critique of Innovation in Aristotle’s <i>Politics</i>,” <i>Ramify</i> 2, no. 1 (2011): 119–30. Book Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017: “Andrew Scott Bibby, <i>Montesquieu’s Political Economy</i>,” <i>Interpretation</i> 44, no. 1, (September 2017): 123–29. Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015: GreatThinkers.org, Web Portal for Karl Marx. Including Biography, Introduction to His Works, and Selected Bibliography. • 2014: <i>World Democracy Encyclopedia</i> (pub. M.E. Sharpe), articles on: Antonio Gramsci, Sidney Hook, Rosa Luxembourg, Authoritarianism, Heads of Government, Ideology, the Internet, Property Rights, Egalitarianism, Nationalism, Political Advertising, Campaigning, and Government Spending Article in Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montesquieu’s Neo-Barbarism: Sacred Property and the Birth of Modern Commerce in <i>The Spirit of Laws</i> (Target: <i>Political Theory</i>) Book Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Neo-Barbarism of Modernity: Montesquieu’s Use of History</i> • <i>The Art of Teaching Machiavelli: A Memoir of Classical Education</i> |
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| Conference Presentations | 2019: “The Spirit of Barbarian Law,” <i>Association for Core Texts and Courses (ACTC)</i> 2018: “Montesquieu and Plato on the Sacredness of Property,” <i>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference</i> 2014: “Deeming Some Island: Milton’s Critique of Hobbes,” <i>ACTC</i> ; “Milton on Hobbes’ <i>Leviathan</i> and Political Beginnings in <i>Paradise Lost I</i> ,” <i>Institute of Philosophic Studies Colloquium</i> 2013: “Aristotle on the Many, Fortune, and Laughter,” <i>MPSA</i> 2012: “The Family: Bulwark or Stumbling Block of Lockean Liberalism?,” <i>MPSA</i> 2011: “The Classical Critique of Innovation in Aristotle’s <i>Politics</i> and Plato’s <i>Laws</i> ,” <i>MPSA</i> ; “Rousseau’s Critique of Hobbes’ Rhetoric,” <i>Institute of Philosophic Studies Colloquium</i> |
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| Invited Talks | 2020: “Seminar & Classical Pedagogy,” <i>Professional Development In-Service for Diocese of Austin Schools</i> |
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- 2019:** “Upper School Classroom Management and Discipline” and “How to Lead a Seminar Discussion,” *Professional Development In-Service for Founders Classical Academy of Flower Mound*
- 2018:** “Property, Belief, and the Barbarian in Montesquieu’s *Spirit of the Laws*,” *St. John’s College, Graduate Institute, Annapolis, MD, June 2018*
- 2017:** “Honing the Seminar Discussion,” *Hillsdale College, Barney Charter School Initiative Teacher Training, July 2017*

Other Talks

- 2019:** “Preparing a Lecture,” *Braniff Graduate Student Association (BGSA) Pedagogy Workshop*
- 2018:** “Property and Privacy of Conscience in Montesquieu’s *Spirit of the Laws*,” *University of Dallas (Dissertation Lecture), October 2018*; “Be Nobody: ‘My Friends’ in ‘That Untravell’d World,’” *Founders Classical Academy of Leander Commencement, May 2018*; “What is a Hero?: On Achilles, Odysseus, and Aeneas,” *Address to Founders Classical Academy of Leander Grammar School Faculty, March 2018*
- 2013:** ‘Annuit Coeptis’ and the Declaration of Independence,” *Arête: An Introduction to the Classics, July 2013*

Awards, Fellowships, & Programs

- 2020:** Jack Miller Center Summer Institute Fellowship (postponed to 2021)
- 2019:** James Madison Seminar on the Moral Foundations of the American Constitutional Order, James Madison Program, Princeton University
- 2018–19:** Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
- 2014:** Louise Cowan Scholarship
- 2012–14:** Braniff Graduate Student Association Travel Stipend (3x)
- 2012:** Publius Fellowship, Claremont Institute
- 2011–14:** H.B. Earhart Fellowship

University Service

- 2019:** Moderator, Plenary Faculty Panel, *Braniff Undergraduate Conference in the Liberal Arts*; Respondent, *Braniff Conference on the Liberal Arts*. Response to Laurie A. Wilson, “Love Compelling Virtue: Cicero and Scripture on the *Summum Bonum*”
- 2018:** Moderator, *Braniff Undergraduate Conference in the Liberal Arts*
- 2011–14:** Senator, Braniff Graduate Student Association (BGSA); Founder, BGSA Social Events Committee; Member, BGSA Conference Reimbursement Committee

Professional Development

- “Applying the Quality Matters Rubric” *Online Workshop on Online Course Development*. Quality Matters: qualitymatters.org, October 2018.
- Barney Charter School Initiative Summer Teacher Training, 42 hours, 2015–18.

Memberships & Activities

- Midwest Political Science Association
- Association for Core Texts and Courses
- St. John’s College Working Group on Classical Education