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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

University of Maryland, College Park

- ▶ Ph.D., expected spring 2012. Department of Government and Politics.
Fields: Political Philosophy and Public Law.

Dissertation: Nature and Artifice: An Essay on Conventionalism

Committee: Charles E. Butterworth (chair), Mark A. Graber, Wayne V. McIntosh, Christopher W. Morris

- ▶ M.A., 2009. Department of Government and Politics.

University of Wisconsin, Madison

- ▶ M.A., 2006. Department of History.

The Ohio State University

- ▶ B.A., *Cum Laude*, 2003. Honors Program in Liberal Arts. Classics, Greek and Latin.

Publications

- ▶ Newton, Benjamin Patrick. "Thucydidean Answers to Nietzschean Questions: What is Religious?", in Polis: The Journal of the Society for Greek Political Thought, 27/1 (2010), 111-133. (refereed).

Teaching Experience

The Ohio State University

- ▶ Lecturer, 2011, Department of Political Science. Taught POLITSCI 597, Interdependence and Nationalism in World Politics.

University of Maryland, College Park

- ▶ Lecturer, 2008-9, Department of Government and Politics. Taught two courses of GVPT 100, Principles of Government and Politics.

Research Experience

University of Maryland School of Law

- ▶ Research Assistant to Professor Mark A. Graber, Summer 2009.

Professional Activities

Conferences

- ▶ Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2012. (will attend)
- ▶ Paper, *Ciceronian Foresight: Politics and Providence in De Natura Deorum*, in the “Well-being Public and Private” panel, April 15, 2012.
- ▶ Discussant, “Platonic Politics” panel, April 13, 2012.
- ▶ Annual Ciceronian Society Conference, University of Virginia, March 29-30, 2012. (will attend)
- ▶ Paper, *Ciceronian Foresight: Politics and Providence in De Natura Deorum*, panel TBA.
- ▶ Paper, *The Nature of Convention in Cicero’s De Legibus*, panel TBA.
- ▶ Paper, *The Walls of the World: Lucretius and the Politics of Happiness*, in the “Roman Political Thought” panel, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2, 2011.

- ▶ Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2010.
 - ▶ Chair, “Pragmatism, Skepticism and Democratic Individualism” panel, April 24, 2010.
 - ▶ Chair and Discussant, “Religious Pluralism” panel, April 23, 2010.
 - ▶ Chair, “Tocqueville’s America” panel, April 23, 2010.
- ▶ Participant, “Constitutional Law Schmooze”, organized by the University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD, February 26-27, 2010. (By invitation only.)
- ▶ Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2009.
 - ▶ Discussant, “Kant You Always Get What You Want?” panel, April 5, 2009.
 - ▶ Paper, *The American Institution of Courts and the Higher Law Being, Fundamentally Bound*, in the “Historical Perspectives on Legal Doctrines: 18th and 19th Centuries” panel, April 4, 2009.
- ▶ Participant, “Constitutional Law Schmooze”, organized by the University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD, February 20-21, 2009. (By invitation only.)
- ▶ Paper, *An Essay on the Salutary Habits of Restraint or, Cultivating Democracy*, in the “Limits of Democracy” panel, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 3, 2008.
- ▶ Participant, “Constitutional Law Schmooze”, organized by the University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD, February 22-23, 2008. (By invitation only.)
- ▶ Paper, *Thucydidean Answers to Nietzschean Questions: Das religiöse Wesen*, in the “Topics in Ancient Political Thought” panel, at the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, April 12, 2007.

Workshops and Colloquiums

- ▶ Talk, *On Religiosity, or Whether Mankind May Abandon the Absolute and Embrace the Conditional*, Political Theory Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park, May 2010.
- ▶ Talk, *An Essay on the Salutary Habits of Restraint or, Cultivating Democracy*, Political Theory Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park, April 2008.
- ▶ Talk, *Thucydidean Answers to Nietzschean Questions: Das religiöse Wesen*, Political Theory Workshop, University of Maryland, College Park, November 2006.
- ▶ Talk, *The Idea of Rhetoric in Plato's Phaedrus*, Political Philosophy Colloquium, University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 2005.

Academic Awards and Other Activities

- ▶ Awarded the Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant for attendance to the Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, spring 2009.
- ▶ Participant, Greek in Greece Program, Classics Department, Ohio University, spring 2002. Study abroad program to Greece for study in advanced classical Greek and classical archaeology.
- ▶ Awarded the *John Vaughn Travel Award* for study abroad in Greece by the Department of Greek and Latin, The Ohio State University, spring 2002.
- ▶ Awarded the *Charles L. Babcock Rome Scholarship* for study abroad in Rome by the Department of Greek and Latin, The Ohio State University, spring 2002. (declined)
- ▶ Awarded a Lifelong Membership in the *Phi Alpha Theta*, Zeta Chapter, Historical Society, spring 2001.

Language Proficiency

- ▶ Classical Greek (advanced reading)
- ▶ Latin (advanced reading)

Professional Memberships

- ▶ The American Political Science Association
- ▶ The Midwestern Political Science Association

Academic Committees

- ▶ Co-organizer of the spring 2010 series of Political Theory Workshops, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park.
- ▶ Graduate Student Government Representative for the Department of Government and Politics, 2007-8.

References

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