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Teaching and Research Interests

My primary interest is in the field of political theory. I am interested in exploring the compatibility of ancient and modern political theories with biblical principles. To that end, my research tends to be more qualitative than quantitative. My secondary interest is in the area of technology. I have recently begun to examine the intersection between technology and politics to understand how technology either contributes to or detracts from the good political life.

Education

- 2004 **Ph.D.**, Political Science, *Northern Illinois University*.
 Concentrations: Political Theory, Comparative Politics, and American Government
 Dissertation: Locke’s Use of the Bible in: *The Two Treatises, The Reasonableness of Christianity, and A Letter Concerning Toleration*
- 1997 **M.A.**, Political Science, *Northern Illinois University*.
 Concentrations: Political Theory, American Government
- 1991 **B.S.**, *Indiana Wesleyan University*.
 Majors: Social Studies Education; Economics

Professional Experience

- 2005- **Associate Professor of Political Science**, History and Political Science Department, *Indiana Wesleyan University*. (See “Courses Taught” below)
- 2001-4 **Assistant Professor of Political Science**, History and Political Science Department, *Indiana Wesleyan University*.
- 1996-9 **Instructor**, Political Science Dept., *Northern Illinois University*, DeKalb, IL
 Taught and revised two undergraduate Political Science classes: “Democracy in America” and “Introduction to Political Philosophy;” integrated courses with a personally designed and maintained web site.
- 1991-4 **High School Teacher**, Social Studies Department, *Wheaton Academy*, West Chicago, IL
 Taught World History, Economics, American Government, and Essential Computing; developed computer curriculum and long-term computer lab strategy. Chess club sponsor, school paper advisor, and senior class sponsor.

Other Experience

- 2000-1 **Software Trainer**, Technical Support, *Creative Systems Corporation*, Burr Ridge, IL
 Responsible for training users on a custom transportation software system (UNIX and Windows). Responsible for technical writing and design of manuals.

Papers and Presentations

- “Fly Fishing in Nova Scotia (and other perils).” Book chapter of collaborative research project on Liberal Arts and Intellectual Virtues (Drs. Todd Ream and Brian Fry, eds.) (anticipated publication date: 2010)
- “The Digital Natives are Naked!” Presented at the *CCCU Joint Conference for Technology and Finance*, Marion, IN. June 2009.
- “Assessing the Relevance of Tocqueville’s Commentary: *Democracy in America*.” Presented at the *67th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference*, Chicago, IL. Apr. 2009.
- “Original Sin and Consent in Locke’s *The Reasonableness of Christianity*.” Presented at the *66th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference*, Chicago, IL. Apr. 2008.
- “John Locke’s Use of the Bible in *The Reasonableness of Christianity*.” Presented at *IWU Social Sciences Symposium*, Marion, IN. Oct. 2006.
- “Locke’s Use of the Bible in *The Two Treatises, The Reasonableness of Christianity, and A Letter Concerning Toleration*.” Presented at *IWU John Wesley Honors College Faculty Lecture Series*, Marion, IN. Feb. 2005.
- “Christians and Politics.” Co-presented with Dr. Michael Frank at *Bethany Christian Church*, Anderson, IN. Nov. 2004.
- “Competing Visions of American Foreign Policy.” Co-presented with Prof. Kris Pence at *IWU John Wesley Honors College Lunch Chat*, Marion, IN. Oct. 2004.
- “Christian Reflections on the Bush Administration’s National Security Strategy.” Co-presented with panel at *IWU Baker Recital Hall*, Marion, IN. Nov. 2003.
- “Navigating the Obstacle Course of Technology.” Presented at the *CCCU Conference on Technology*. Jackson, TN. May 2003.
- “Technology Troubles in the Classroom.” Presented at *IWU Celebration of Scholarship*, Marion, IN. Apr. 2003.
- “A Christian Perspective of War.” Presented at *IWU Chapel*, Marion, IN. Mar. 2003.
- “Introduction to Campus Computer Systems.” Presented annually at *IWU New Faculty Orientation*, Marion, IN. Aug. 2002-2007.
- “Introduction to Blackboard.” Presented annually at *IWU Faculty Development Workshop*, Marion, IN. May 2003-2006.

Additional Conferences

- Participated in a *CIC Conference* on the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA), Jersey City, NJ. Aug. 2009.
- Participated in a *CIC Conference* on the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA), Washington, DC. Aug. 2007.
- Participated in *The Teaching Professor Conference*, Atlanta, GA. May 2007.
- Participated in a *CIC Conference* on the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA), Washington, DC. July 2005.
- Attended an *Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) Conference* on the topic of “The Quest for Community: Robert Nisbet and the Search for American Order,” Indianapolis, IN. Apr. 2005

- Participated in a *Life Calling Training Workshop*, Marion, IN. May 2004.
- Attended the 27th *Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development (POD) Network*, Atlanta, GA. Oct. 2002.
- Attended the *Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System (IHETS) Conference on Sharing the Learning Space*, Bloomington, IN. Apr. 2002.

Reviews

Reviewed Gloria K. Fiero's, *Landmarks in Humanities* text for McGraw-Hill. Mar. 2007.
 Reviewed James Q. Wilson's, *American Government* text for Houghton Mifflin. Apr. 2004.

Memberships / Fellowships

American Political Science Association (APSA) member
 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) member
 Social Sciences Honor Society (Pi Gamma Mu)
 H. B. Earhart Fellow

Courses Taught

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| POL100 American Government | POL365 Religion and Politics |
| POL200 State and Local Government | POL367 Political Thought |
| POL215 Foundations of Political Science | POL399H Honors College Thesis – Pol. Science |
| POL220 Issues in Political Science: Locke | POL401 Political Science Travel Seminar |
| POL220 Issues in Political Science: Tocqueville | HST180 Humanities World Civilization |
| POL215 Foundations of Political Science | HST302 American Political Parties |
| POL350 Political Science Practicum | HNR497 Honors Scholarship Project I |
| POL354 Foreign Governments | HNR498 Honors Scholarship Project II |
| POL355 American Political Processes | UNV180G Becoming World Changers |

Administrative/Committee Work

2009- Constitution Day Committee Chair
 2005-8 Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) Liaison
 2007- University Faculty Senator
 2002- Political Science Practicum Coordinator
 2002- CAS Technology Committee
 2006/7 New Faculty Mentor (Dr. Kunle Oyerinde)
 2003-5 CAS Faculty Relations Council
 2002-5 CAS Faculty Development Council
 2002 Ad Hoc Committee on Absences

References

References available upon request.