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**Professional Experience:**

Department of Political Science and Law, Montclair State University, Montclair, N.J.

Associate Professor, 2014-present.

Deputy Chair, 2013-2017.

Assistant Professor, 2009-2014.

Department of Political Science, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N.J.

Part-Time Lecturer, 2016-present.

Department of Government, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, 2008-2009.

Teaching Fellow and Instructor, 2004-2008.

**Education:**

Ph.D. in Government, Georgetown University, July 2008.

M.A. in Security Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, December 2005.

B.A. in History, University of California, Los Angeles, September 2002.

**Books:**

*Walker Percy and the Politics of the Wayfarer*, Lexington Books, 2017.

*A Political Companion to Walker Percy*. Edited by Peter A. Lawler and Brian A. Smith. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013; paperback 2014.

**Peer-Reviewed Essays:**

“Burke and Clausewitz on the Limitation of War” (with J. Furman Daniel), *Journal of International Political Theory*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (October 2015), pp. 313-330.

“Edmund Burke and the Limitations of Historical Thought,” *Anamnesis*, Vol. 1, No. 2, (Summer 2012), pp. 5-27.

“Losing Sight of Man: Percy and Tocqueville on the Fate of the Human Sciences,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 40, No. 3 (July-September 2011), pp. 140-146.

“Smith and Tocqueville on the Commercial Ethos,” *Journal of Markets and Morality*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (Spring 2010), pp. 29-44.

“Statesmanship and the Problem of Theoretical Generalization” (with J. Furman Daniel), *Polity*, Vol. 42, No. 2 (April 2010), pp. 156-184.

“Adam Smith and the Culture of Enterprise,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (Fall 2008), pp. 200-205.

“Edmund Burke, the Warren Hastings Trial, and the Moral Dimension of Corruption,” *Polity*, Vol. 40, No. 1 (January 2008), pp. 70-94.

“The Rift in the Modern Mind: Tocqueville and Percy on the Rise of the Cartesian Self” (with Matthew Sitman), *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Winter 2007), pp. 15-22.

“Adam Smith, the Concept of Leisure, and the Division of Labor,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (Fall/Winter 2006), pp. 23-46.

Winner of First Prize, Templeton Enterprise Award for Best Article on the Culture of Enterprise, October 2007.

### **Essays in Edited Volumes:**

“Walker Percy’s Last Men: *Love in the Ruins* as a Fable of American Decline,” in *A Political Companion to Walker Percy*, ed. Peter Augustine Lawler and Brian A. Smith (University Press of Kentucky, 2013), pp. 179-206.

“The Rift in the Modern Mind: Tocqueville and Percy on the Rise of the Cartesian Self” (with Matthew Sitman), *Democracy Reconsidered*, ed. Elizabeth Kaufer Busch and Peter Augustine Lawler (Lexington Books, 2009), pp. 101-117.

### **Review Essay:**

“Roger Scruton and the Conservation of Culture,” *Society*, Vol. 45, No. 6 (December 2008), pp. 557-561.

### **Current Projects:**

*Safety, Security, and Liberty in the Atlantic World*, book manuscript with two chapters drafted. The work focuses on Jefferson, Hamilton, and Burke’s views on international affairs and political stability.

*For the Love of War: Civic Militarism in Modern Political Thought*, book manuscript project with prospectus and some archival research completed.

“Clausewitz and the Dialectic of War and Politics,” with J. Furman Daniel.

“Percy and the Allure of Violence and Destruction,” invited manuscript for edited volume on Walker Percy under review at Palgrave.

### **Courses Taught:**

Rutgers University (all graduate)

Narratives of Inequality, Wealth, and Power

American Foreign Policy

Theories of Military and Diplomatic Policy

Montclair State University

Introduction to Politics  
NEH Enduring Questions Course: What Sustains Liberty? (for Honors Program)  
Honors Seminar in Great Books and Ideas II  
Honors Seminar in Ways of Knowing: Imagining Dystopia  
Essentials of Political Thought (mixed graduate and undergraduate)  
Essentials of Jurisprudence  
Politics and Film  
The Politics of Science Fiction (mixed graduate and undergraduate)  
American Political Thought  
Development of Political Thought to Machiavelli  
Modern Political Thought  
Character and Virtue in the History of Political Thought  
Theories of Political Economy  
Socialism, Markets, and Liberty  
International Security and Diplomacy  
Introduction to International Relations  
American Foreign Policy  
Globalization and Security  
Grand Strategy and War  
War and International Security  
The Politics and Morality of War (mixed graduate and undergraduate)  
Militarism and the Love of War  
Undergraduate Directed Studies: Theology and Political Thought, Plato's Political Philosophy, Walker Percy, Contemporary Political Thought, Secularism, Natural Law and Natural Rights, Diplomacy and Statecraft, Research in Grand Strategy, and Theories of Political Economy  
Graduate Directed Studies: Methods in Political Thought, History of Political Thought, International Relations Theory, Theories of Development, Philosophical Political Economy, Politics of Terrorism, Political Philosophy and the Experience of War, and History of International Thought

Georgetown University

American Political Theory  
America and the World: Theory and Practice  
Just War Theory  
Issues in American Political Thought  
Machiavelli and the Art of Statecraft in Modernity  
Departmental Honors Seminar on Tocqueville and Nietzsche  
Elements of Political Theory

**Research Advising:**

Senior Thesis Advisor for David Lemus, "Political Economy as Rhetorical Art?," Montclair State University, 2016-17.

Master's Thesis Advisor for Candice Maneri, "Friedrich Nietzsche and the Politics of Suffering," Montclair State University, 2014-15.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Kathryn M. Goldner, "Plato and Tocqueville on the Politics of Mortality in Democracy," Montclair State University, 2014-15.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Jonathan Maiorano, “Hayek and the Natural Law,” Montclair State University, 2014-15.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Hadid Simmons, “Security, Norms, or Special Interests: What Drives Iran’s Nuclear Ambitions?,” Montclair State University, 2012.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Robert Corr, “Political Psychology: A Discipline Divided Cannot Stand,” Montclair State University, 2011-2012.

Senior Thesis Advisor for Jeffrey Sisco, “A Review of Counterinsurgency from the American Perspective,” Montclair State University, 2011-2012.

Doctoral Dissertation Reader for Ralph L. DeFalco, III, “Striking First: Legality, Morality and Efficacy of Preemptive and Preventive Acts of State,” Georgetown University, 2009-2011 (successfully defended, April 8, 2011).

### **Selected Presentations:**

“Hamilton and the Active Spirit in Commerce and Strategy,” presented at the Association for Political Theory Conference, October 21, 2016.

“Escaping Alienation, Boredom, and Decadence in War,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 14, 2015.

“Walker Percy and the Allure of Destruction,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 25, 2015.

“That Unequalled Spirit of Enterprise: The Link Between Political Economy and Strategy in *The Federalist*,” presented at:

- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 25, 2015.
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 21, 2009.
- Jack Miller Postdoctoral Fellowship Lecture, Georgetown University, April 16, 2009.

“Walker Percy and the Incompleteness of Community,” presented at:

- Southern Political Science Association, January 16, 2015.
- Northeastern Political Science Association, November 14, 2014.

“Walker Percy and the Honor-Bound South,” presented at:

- Conference on Faith and History, September 26, 2014.
- American Political Science Association, August 29, 2014.

“Tocqueville on Historical Memory, Religion, and Democratic Liberty,” presented at

- American Political Science Association, August 31, 2014.
- Northeastern Political Science Association, November 16, 2013.
- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 27, 2012.

“The Mishmash Theory of Man,” presented at “Still Lost in the Cosmos: Walker Percy and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biannual Conference of the Walker Percy Center for Publishing and Writing at Loyola University of New Orleans, October 12, 2013.

“Prudence and Wars of Ideology: Edmund Burke’s ‘Crusade’ Against the French Revolution,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 30, 2011.

“Burke and Clausewitz on the Perils of War in a Radical Age” (with J. Furman Daniel, III), presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 30, 2011.

“Toward a Moral Economy, or: Is Capitalism Just Greed?,” invited lecture for “Year of the Economy” series at Moorpark College, March 21, 2011.

“Edmund Burke and the Limitations of Historical Thought,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 13, 2010.

“Losing Sight of Man: Percy and Tocqueville on the Fate of the Human Sciences,” invited lecture for the Conference on Science and Virtue at Berry College, November 4, 2010.

“Walker Percy’s Last Men: *Love in the Ruins* as a Fable of American Decline,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, September 3, 2010.
- New England Political Science Association Conference, April 24, 2010.
- Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 8, 2009.

“Recognizing Providence: Tocqueville on Equality, Memory, and Decline,” presented at:

- Association for Political Theory Conference, October 24, 2009.
- Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 15, 2008.

“Smith and Tocqueville on the Commercial Ethos,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, May 8, 2009.

“Breaking Truth and Nature: Burke on Memory and Decline in Revolutionary Times,” presented at:

- American Political Science Association Conference, August 29, 2008.
- Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, April 4, 2007.
- Western Political Science Association Conference, March 8, 2007.

“Rousseau’s Nostalgic Politics and the Idea of Decline,” presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, April 28, 2007.

“Honor, Greatness, and the Attenuation of Envy in *Democracy in America*,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 11, 2006.

“Adam Smith, the Concept of Leisure, and the Division of Labor,” presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, April 20, 2006.

### **Selected Grants:**

“What Sustains Liberty?,” National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant, 2011-2013.

Fellowship Research Grant, H.B. Earhart Foundation, 2011.

**Professional Service:**

At Montclair State University

Member, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Excellence in Teaching Committee, 2017-present

Member, Political Science and Law Departmental Personnel Action Committee, 2014-2016, 2017-present.

Director, Program for the Study of Liberty, 2013-2015.

Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, 2010-2015.

Member, Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2012-2013.

Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Law, 2011-2012.

Faculty Advisor, Political Science and Law Club, 2010-2014.

Member, Jurisprudence Search Committee, Department of Political Science and Law, 2010-2011.

Middle States Assessment Coordinator for Political Science Major, 2010-2011.

Member, Political Science and Law Curriculum Committee, 2009-Present; Chair, 2013-Present.

At Georgetown University

Convener, Political Theory Reading Group, Tocqueville Forum for Political Understanding, 2006-2009.

Grant Writing and Program Management, Tocqueville Forum for Political Understanding, 2006-2008.

In the Profession

Reviewer for National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant Program, 2012-2013.

Executive Council, Politics, Literature and Film Section, American Political Science Association, 2011-2014.

Manuscript reviewer for *Perspectives on Political Science* (2008-present), *Social Theory and Practice* (2011), *Anamnesis* (2012), *The Review of Politics* (2013), *Journal of Politics* (2013-present), *American Political Science Review* (2015), *JAISA: Journal for the Association of Interdisciplinary Study of the Arts* (2015), and *Markets and Morality* (2017).