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EMPLOYMENT

- Associate Professor of Political Science (tenured), Singapore Management University, 2019-present
- Visiting Professor, Université Paris-Assas, Faculty of Law (LL.M. in Public Law and Democracy), November-December 2022
- Senior Fellow, Liberty Fund, Inc., 2000-2019
- Assistant Professor, Marshall University, 1996-2002
- Visiting Instructor, Merrimack College, 1994

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science), Boston College, 1997
Dissertation: Men “Rare in Brain and Authority”: Investigating the Link between Founders and Human Excellence in Machiavelli’s *Prince* and *Discourses*. Committee: Robert K. Faulkner, Christopher J. Bruell, David A. Lowenthal.
- A.B. with honors (Government and French Studies), Smith College, 1989

FIELD SPECIALTIES

- Political Theory
 - Ancient Political Theory
 - Early Modern Political Theory
 - Late Modern Political Theory
- Politics and Literature
- American Politics
 - The Founding and American Political Thought

LANGUAGES

- French (oral, written, and reading high proficiency)
- Italian and Spanish (reading proficiency)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Edited/Co-edited

- *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Theory and Philosophy* (3 vol.). Edited by Christine Dunn Henderson and Chandran Kukathas. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, *forthcoming in 2025 (under contract)*.
- *Memoirs on Pauperism and Other Writings: Poverty, Public Welfare, and Inequality*, Alexis de Tocqueville. Edited, translated, and with an introduction by Christine Dunn Henderson. South Bend, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2021. Reviewed in *Interpretation* and *Law and Liberty*.
- *Tocqueville's Voyages*. Edited and with an introduction by Christine Dunn Henderson. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 2015. Reviewed in *History of Political Thought*.
- *Joseph Addison's "Cato: A Tragedy" and Selected Essays*. Edited by Christine Dunn Henderson and Mark E. Yellin, with a foreword by Forrest McDonald. Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc.: December, 2004. Contributing editor.
- *Seers and Judges: American Literature as Political Philosophy*. Edited by Christine Dunn Henderson. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002. Contributing editor

Translator/Co-translator

- *Memoirs on Pauperism and Other Writings: Poverty, Public Welfare, and Inequality*, Alexis de Tocqueville. Edited, translated, and with an introduction by Christine Dunn Henderson. South Bend, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2021.
- *Encyclopedic Liberty: Political Articles in the Dictionary of Diderot and D'Alembert*. Co-translator (with Henry C. Clark). Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, Inc., 2016

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- "L'individu effacé: Rousseau and Tocqueville on the modern individual," *in draft*.
- "Revisiting Tocqueville's American Woman," *under review*.
- "Beyond the 'formidable circle': Race and the Limits Democratic Inclusion in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*" in *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, volume 30, number 1 (2022), 94-115.
- "'Ideas for the Intellect and Emotions for the Heart': The Literary Dimensions of Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*" in *The Cambridge Companion to "Democracy in America"*. Edited by Richard Boyd. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022.
- "Bourgeois Dignity" in *Dignity: Oxford Philosophical Concepts*. Edited by Remy Debes. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017
- "Tocqueville on Modern Individualism" in *Republics, Ancient and Modern*. Edited by Will R. Jordan. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2017

- “Those stubborn principles’: From Stoicism to Sociability in Joseph Addison’s *Cato*” (with Mark E. Yellin), *The Review of Politics*, 76:2 (Spring, 2014), 1-19
- “Being a Citizen of No City’: the *Essais* and the Political” in *No Greater Monster nor Miracle Than Myself: The Political Philosophy of Michel de Montaigne*. Edited by Charlotte C.S. Thomas. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2014
- “The ‘Problem’ of the Poor: Welfare Reform in Contemporary Britain and the Legacy of Tocqueville’s *Mémoire sur le paupérisme*” in *The Victorian Legacy in Contemporary Political Thought*. Edited by Catherine Marshall and Stéphane Guy. Oxford: Peter Lang, 2014
- “Poverty and Politics in Tocqueville’s *Memoir on Pauperism*” in *Beneficence*, no. 7 (Spring, 2014)
- “Custom, Change, and Character in Edith Wharton’s *The Age of Innocence*” in *Natural Right and Political Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Catherine and Michael Zuckert*. Edited by Lee and Ann Ward. South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2013
- “Passions, Politics, and Literature: Germaine de Staël and the Quest for Happiness” in *Staël’s Philosophy of the Passions: Sensibility, Society, and the Sister Arts*. Edited by Tili Boon Cuillé and Karyna Szmurlo. Lewisburg, PA: Bucknell University Press, 2012
- “Market-skepticism: A Brief Genealogy” in *Citizens and Statesmen*, vol. VI (2012)
- “Traditions of Philanthropic Order” in *Conversations on Philanthropy*, VI (2009)
- “Tyranny and Tragedy: Meditations on Beaumont’s *Marie*” in *America Seen Through European Eyes*. Edited by Aurelian Craiutu and Jeffrey C. Isaac. University Park, PA: Penn State Press, 2009
- “Beaumont y Tocqueville” in *Libertad, Igualdad, Despotismo: En el bicentenario del nacimiento de Alexis de Tocqueville*. Edited by Eduardo Nolla. Madrid: FAES Publications, 2007
- “*Plus ça Change*: Innovation and the Spirit of Enterprise in Tocqueville’s America” in *The Review of Politics*, 67:4 (Fall, 2005)
- “Singing an American Song: Tocquevillian Reflections on Willa Cather’s *The Song of the Lark*” in *Seers and Judges: American Literature as Political Philosophy*. Lexington Books: 2002

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Singapore: Value creating elites lead the world.” In *Elite Quality Index 2021: Country Scores and Global Rankings*, edited by Toma Casas and Guido Cozzi (Zurich: Seismo, 2021)
- “What They Meant: On Helena Rosenblatt’s *The Lost History of Liberalism: From Ancient Rome to the Twenty-First Century*.” In *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, February 14, 2019

- “Tocqueville on Rights” for the “Human Rights” website, produced by the National Humanities Center
- “A People of the Law.” Review of Kevin Butterfield’s *The Making of Tocqueville’s Democracy in America: Law and Association in the Early United States*. In *Library of Law and Liberty*, January 30, 2017. Picked up on *Real Clear Books* as “Review of Note”

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- “The Road to Servitude: Tocqueville and Hayek on the Psychology of Freedom” (with Chandran Kukathas)
American Political Science Association (2022), Cergy-Paris University (2022)
- “Tocqueville and Hayek on Liberty and Liberty’s Loss” (with Chandran Kukathas)
Institute for Economic Affairs, London (2022)
- “Revisiting Tocqueville’s American Woman”
American Political Science Association (2021); Durham University Centre for Political Thought Seminar (2022)
- “At the Margins of Democracy: Race and the Limits of Integration in Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*”
IPSA World Congress, Brisbane, Australia (2018); Singapore Management University (2018)
- “‘Ideas for the Intellect and Emotions for the Heart’: The Literary Dimensions of Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*”
Department of Political Science, Georgetown University (2017)
- “Tocqueville and Modern Individualism”
Department of Political Science, University of California-Davis (2016); Elliot symposium, Mercer University (2015)
- “Montaigne and the Political”
Department of Political Science, Indiana University (2014); Elliot symposium, Mercer University (2012)
- “Progress and Paradox in Tocqueville’s *Memoir on Pauperism*”
Tocqueville Forum, Furman University (2014)
- “‘Those stubborn principles’: From Stoicism to Sociability in Joseph Addison’s *Cato*” (with Mark E. Yellin)
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (2104)
- “The ‘Problem’ of the Poor: Welfare Reform in Contemporary Britain and the Legacy of Tocqueville’s *Mémoire sur le paupérisme*”
University of Cergy-Pointoise (2011).
- “Passions, Politics, and Literature: the Quest for Happiness”
International Germaine de Staël Symposium, St. Louis (2009)

- “Tyranny and Tragedy: Meditations on Beaumont’s *Marie*”
Indiana University (2005).
- “Spectacles, Spectators, and Spectation in Joseph Addison’s *Cato*” (with Mark E. Yellin)
Georgetown University (2002); American Political Science Association (2004)
- “Only in America: Tocquevillian Reflections on Willa Cather’s *The Song of the Lark*”
American Political Science Association (1999)
- “Moses: A Case Study in Founding”
Southwest Political Science Association (1998)
- “The Literary Possibilities of *Democracy in America*”
Southwest Political Science Association (1997)

OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- “Adam Smith”
Discussant, American Political Science Association (2019)
- “Leadership in *Henry V* and *King Lear*”
Discussant, roundtable on David Lowenthal’s *Shakespeare’s Thought*; American Political Science Association (2018).
- “Thinking Across Borders: Engaging African and Western Political and Philosophical Thinking”
Invited participant/discussant, University of Chicago (2017).
- “The Democratic Case for Partisanship”
Discussant, Legal and Political Theory Forum, London School of Economics (2016).
- “Liberal Dialogue and Contemporary Challenges”
Fundación Ortega-Marañón, Madrid (2014)
- “The Closing of the American Mind 25 (make that 26) Years Later”
Panel Chair, American Political Science Meeting (2013).
- “Tocqueville’s Relevance Today”
Chair/Discussant, American Political Science Association (2010).
- “The Making of the Historical-Critical Edition of Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*”
Chair/Discussant, Indiana University’s Tocqueville Institute (2010).
- “Higher Education in the US and Switzerland: A Comparative Perspective”
Discussant, American Swiss Foundation, Switzerland (2006).
- “Philanthropy and Public Action”
Discussant, Sagamore Institute “Conversations on Philanthropy” (2005)
- “Politics and Theatre”
Chair/Discussant, American Political Science Association (2004)

- “Philosophic Imaginations, Literary Truth, and Political Life”
Discussant, American Political Science Association (2003)
- “Construction of Self & the Problem of Political Life as Explored in Literature”
Discussant, American Political Science Association (2001)
- “Different Visions, Different Voices: Women in Politics, Literature & Contemporary Films”
Discussant, American Political Science Association (2001)
- “Statesmanship Reconsidered -- Ancient and Modern”
Discussant, American Political Science Association (1997)
- “Defining Democracy”
Discussant, West Virginia Political Science Association (1996)

INVITED LECTURES (Selected)

- Cergy-Paris University
- Netaji Research Bureau
- Centre for Political Theory, Durham University
- Tocqueville Forum, Georgetown University
- University of California, Davis
- McDonal Center for America’s Founding Principles, Mercer University
- Tocqueville Forum, Furman University
- Leatherby Ethics Forum, Chapman University
- Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University
- Philanthropy Roundtable
- Université d’Été de la Nouvelle Economie, Université d’Aix-Marseille, III
- Philanthropy Roundtable, Sagamore Institute
- Center for Political and Economic Thought, St. Vincent College
- Tocqueville Center, Indiana University
- Workshop for Political Theory, Indiana University
- Washington and Lee University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

POSTGRADUATE COURSES:

- LLM501 Introduction to Political Thought (2022), Université Paris-Assas
- POSC699 Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America* (1997-1999), Marshall University
- PSC629 Aristotle’s *Politics* (1997), Marshall University
- PSC629 Political Thought of Thomas Jefferson (1999), Marshall University
- PSC525 Ancient Political Thought (1997-2000), Marshall University
- PSC526 Modern Political Thought (1996-2000), Marshall University
- PSC521 American Political Thought (1998-2000), Marshall University

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

- POSC219 Political Theory (2022-2023), Singapore Management University
- COR2623 Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* and Beyond (2021-2023), Singapore Management University
- COR2619 Fashioning a Nation (2021-2022), Singapore Management University
- COR3001 Big Questions: War & Peace (2021-2022), Singapore Management University
- COR3001 Big Questions: Global & Local (2020-2021), Singapore Management University
- COR2615 Finding Home in a Globalized World (2020), Singapore Management University
- COR3001 Big Questions: Happiness & Suffering (2019-2020), Singapore Management University
- POSC425 Ancient Political Thought (1997-2000), Marshall University
- PSC426 Modern Political Thought (1996-2000), Marshall University
- PSC421 American Political Thought (1998-2000), Marshall University
- PSC499 Capstone in Political Science (inaugural program) (1997-2000), Marshall University
- PSC399 Shakespeare's Politics (1997), Marshall University
- HON311 Tyranny: Ideas and Realities (1998), Marshall University
- PSC104 American Government (1996-2000), Marshall University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

EDITORIAL:

- Book series co-editor, *Elgar Political Theory* (2021-present)
- Member, Editorial Board, *The Review of Politics* (2020-present)
- Member, Conseil d'orientation (editorial advisory board), *Journal des Libertés* (2014-present).
- Director, Editorial & Translation Committee, *Democracy in America*, Schleifer-Nolla edition, 4 vol bilingual edition, published 2010, 2 vol English edition, published 2012), 2001-2010.

PEER REVIEW SERVICE: (occasional and ongoing)

- *American Political Thought*
- *American Political Science Review*
- *Journal of Political Philosophy*
- *Political Theory*
- *The Review of Politics*
- *Women: A Cultural Review*
- Palgrave MacMillan
- Edward Elgar Publishing
- Rowman and Littlefield

- Lexington Books
- Northern Illinois Press

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY (SELECTED)

AT SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY:

- Basket Coordinator, Cultures of the Modern World (2019-present)
- Degree Coordinator, Political Science (2022-present)
- Chair, Reaching Evaluation Committees and School Evaluation Committees (SOSS and CIS) (2019-present)
- Chair, search and hiring committees (SOSS and CIS) (2019-present)
- CIS External Relations Committee (co-chair) (2022-present)
- CIS D3 Committee (2021-present)
- CIS Speakers Committee (2021-present)
- Office of Core Curriculum, Teaching Excellence Committee (2019-2022)
- SEC, REC, DEC member (SOSS, SOSS-OCC) (2019- present)
- Chair, *City Dialogues 2020* (postponed, COVID)
- Advisor, *SMU Apolitical* (2019-2021)
- Mentor, Prinsep Street Residences (2020-present)

AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY:

- Director of Graduate Studies (MA and MPA degrees) (1997-2000)
- Assistant Chair, Department of Political Science (1998-2000)

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE:

- Adam Smith Centre (Singapore), executive board member
- *NOUS* (Network for Constitutional Economics and Social Philosophy), network affiliate
- “*We the People*” mentor (political philosophy, American Founding) and judge (2004, 2017-2019)
- West Virginia Political Science Association, *Executive Committee* (1999-2000)

FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS

- Visiting Professor, Université Paris-Assas, Faculty of Law (LLM Program), 2022.
- American Swiss Foundation, Young Leader, 2006.
- College of Liberal Arts Teaching Excellence Award, Marshall University, 2000.
- Graduate School Summer Research Award, Marshall University, 1999.
- Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Boston College, 1990-1991, 1993-1996.
- Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College, 1993.
- Boston College Doctoral Fellowship, 1989-1990, 1991-1992.

CURRENT/FUTURE RESEARCH:

My short- to mid-range research agendas are focused on Tocqueville's thought. I have recently published a journal article that places Tocqueville's analysis of the American racial situation into dialogue with liberal democratic theory, and I am presently revising a paper on the paradoxical status of women in *Democracy in America* that places Tocqueville in conversation with radical feminism. Concurrently, I have begun research on a co-authored book exploring Tocquevillian perspectives on democracy, freedom, and the loss of freedom.