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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, April-June 2024, February-May 2025
- Visiting Senior Lecturer, Kings College London, Department of Political Economy, January-June 2025
- 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

- *Oxford Handbook of 19th Century Political Thought*. Edited by Aurelian Craiutu, Christine Dunn Henderson, and Jeremy Jennings (invited proposal – under review).
- *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Theory and Philosophy* (3 vol.). Edited by Christine Dunn Henderson and Chandran Kukathas. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, *forthcoming in 2026 (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 *The Tocqueville Review / La Revue Tocqueville; Interpretation; 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. Reviewed in *Modern Age*.
- *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

- "Greed and Pride? Re-Assessing Settler/Tribal Relations in Tocqueville's *Democracy in America*," in draft
- "The Road to Servitude: Tocqueville and Hayek on the Psychology of Freedom" (with Chandran Kukathas), *under review*
- "Tocqueville's Reveries: On the Condition of Women and the Influence of Rousseau" in *Natural Man, Citizen, Philosopher: The Political Philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau*. Edited by Will R. Jordan. Mercer, GA: Mercer University Press, 2025
- "Revisiting Tocqueville's American Woman," in *Political Theory*, volume 51(5) (October, 2023), 767-789, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00905917231167092>

- “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, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jopp.12260>
- “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 (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)

- “Sympathy and Spectation: Seeing the Other in Gustave de Beaumont’s *Marie, or On Slavery*”
International Adam Smith Association, Lecce, Italy (2025)
- “Interest, Sympathy, and Inclusion in the Democratic Era”
American Political Science Association (2024)
- “The ‘Adam Smith Problem’ in a Democratic Age: Smith and Tocqueville on self-interest and sympathy”
International Adam Smith Society, Tokyo (2024); NOUS Network for Constitutional Economics and Social Philosophy (2025)
- “Tocqueville’s *Reveries*: On the Condition of Women and the Influence of Rousseau”
Elliot symposium, Mercer University (2023)
- “The Road to Servitude: Tocqueville and Hayek on the Psychology of Freedom” (with Chandran Kukathas)
American Political Science Association (2022); Cergy-Paris University (2022), University of Freiburg (2024); Kings College London (2025)
- “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 (UK) (2022); University of Amsterdam (2025)

- “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); Chapman University (2023)
- “‘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)

- University of Amsterdam
- Kings College, London
- Smith Institute, Chapman University

- Cergy-Paris University
- Netaji Research Bureau
- Centre for Political Theory, Durham University
- Tocqueville Forum, Georgetown University
- University of California, Davis
- McDonald 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 (2022-2025), 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 (2022-2024), Singapore Management University
- COR2623 Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* and Beyond (2021-2024), Singapore Management University
- COR2619 Fashioning a Nation (2021-2023), 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 (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2010); 2 vol English edition (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 2012), 2001-2010

PEER REVIEW SERVICE: (occasional and ongoing)

- *American Political Thought*
- *American Political Science Review*
- *American Journal of Political Science*
- *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
- Notre Dame University Press

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY (SELECTED)

AT SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY:

- Basket Coordinator, Cultures of the Modern World (2019-2023)
- Degree Coordinator, Political Science (2022-2024)
- Academic Director (interim), Politics, Law & Economics (PLE) (2024)
- Chair/member, Reaching Evaluation Committees and School Evaluation Committees (SOSS and CIS) (2019-present)
- Chair/member, search and hiring committees (SOSS and CIS) (2019-present)
- CIS External Relations Committee (co-chair) (2022-2023)

- CIS Teaching Excellence Committee (member, 2019-2021; chair, 2023-2024)
- CIS D3 Committee (2021-present)
- CIS Speakers Committee (2021-present)
- 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

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- Visiting Senior Lecturer, Kings College London, Department of Political Economy 2025
 - Visiting Professor, Université Paris-Assas, Faculty of Law (LLM Program), 2022-2025
 - Teaching Excellence Award, Outstanding Instructor, School of Social Sciences, SMU, 2023
 - 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 various dimensions of Tocqueville’s thought. My recent work has placed Tocqueville’s analysis of the American racial situation into dialogue with liberal democratic theory and has explored the paradoxical status of women in *Democracy in America* by putting

Tocqueville in conversation with radical feminism. Now, I am turning to Tocqueville's examination of the situation of Native Americans, putting that analysis in dialogue with democratic theory's efforts to create institutional and procedural safeguards, and its attempts to respond to the challenges of multiculturalism. Concurrently, I am drafting an article on the problem of democratic exclusion and the limits of cosmopolitanism in Gustave de Beaumont's nineteenth-century novel, *Marie*. Finally, I am working on a co-authored book exploring Tocquevillian perspectives on democracy, freedom, and the loss of freedom in the modern age.