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Education

Ph.D. Hillsdale College, Politics, 2022

- Dissertation: "Arming the Prophet: A Study of the Political Conflict between Niccolò Machiavelli and Girolamo Savonarola" (awarded honors)
- Dissertation Committee: Paul Rahe, Khalil Habib, Mickey Craig

M.A. Hillsdale College, Politics, 2018

B.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison, History; Political Science, 2016

A.A.S. Illinois Valley Community College, 2014

Publications

"Color Revolution: Pleasantville, the New Left, and the Making of a New American Identity." In *Winning the Crowd: The Politics of Popular Film*. Edited by Jonathan Ashbach. (Rowman & Littlefield, 2025), 17-42.

"The Coherence of Ptolemy of Lucca's Regime Science in *De regimine principum*." [*Catholic Social Science Review*](#) 29 (2024), 193-213.

"National Conservatism, Fusionism, and the Legacy of the American Founding." [*Catholic Social Science Review*](#) 28 (2023), 55-63.

"The General as Statesman: The Virtues of Daring and Measuredness in Thucydides' Account of Brasidas." [*Perspectives on Political Science*](#) 49, No. 2 (Spring 2020), 117-124.

"'They're Saved from the Blessings of Civilization': Violence, Law, and Progress in the Westerns of John Ford." [*Philosophical Journal of Conflict and Violence*](#) 4, No. 2 (Fall 2020), 59-80.

Book Review

"William Nester Offers a Valuable Study of Churchill's Statesmanship." Review of *Winston Churchill and the Art of Leadership: How Winston Changed the World*, by William R. Nestor. Published online, [*The Churchill Project*](#), February 13th, 2021.

Positions Held

Assistant Professor of Political Science, New College of Florida (Fall 2024-Present)

Senior Lecturer, Texas State University (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)

Lecturer, Texas State University (Fall 2021-Spring 2023)

Lecturer, Hillsdale College (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

Courses Taught

- American Government and Civics
- American Political Thought

- American Political Thought from the Colonial Era to the Civil War
- Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas (independent study)
- Basic Political Ideas
- Basic Political Institutions
- Classical and Medieval Political Thought
- Early Modern Political Thought
- Functions of American Government
- Liberalism and its Critics
- Machiavelli
- Persian Problems: Empire in Ancient Political Thought (tutorial)
- Plato's *Republic* (ISP)
- Plato and Aristotle Advanced Seminar (co-taught tutorial)
- Principles of American Government (honors and regular sections)
- The Politics of the Ancient City (independent study)

Invited Talks, Seminars, and Presentations

- "The Philosophy of Leo Strauss," lectured delivered for the New College of Florida ISI Chapter, September 2024.
- "The French and American Revolutions Compared," weekend seminar co-lead with Dr. Khalil Habib at the University of Texas-Austin, sponsored by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute and the Civitas Institute, October 2023. Reprised for ISI in Dallas, TX, November, 2024.
- "On Manly Firmness: The Continental Army and the Declaration of Independence," invited to present at the University of Dallas, *American Studies Institute Day*, April 2023.
- "Statesmanship in War: Lessons from Xenophon and George Washington," Intercollegiate Studies Institute sponsored seminar at Texas State University, November 2022.
- Roundtable participant, "National Conservatism: Catholic Perspectives," *Society of Catholic Social Scientists Annual Meeting*, October 2022.
- "Prophets Armed and Unarmed: Machiavelli on Religion and Politics," Intercollegiate Studies Institute sponsored seminar at Texas State University, March 2022.
- "Praetorians: The National Security State Against the People," invited to present at the University of Dallas, *American Studies Institute Day*, March 2022.
- Roundtable participant, "How to Teach 20th Century American History," University of Dallas, *American Studies Institute Day*, March 2022.
- "The Political Economy of Republicanism in Henry Clay's American System," invited to present at *Inklings*, sponsored by the Texas State University Political Science Department, February 2022.
- "The Enduring Relevance of C. Wright Mills," invited to present at the *Academy of Philosophy and Letters Annual Conference*, June 2021.

Conference Papers

- "National Character in the Political Science of the American Founding," to be presented at the *Ciceronian Society Annual Meeting*, March 2025.

- “‘The Angel of Destruction for Elective Government’: The American Founders on the Dangers of Foreign Influence,” Presented at the *Intercollegiate Studies Institute American Government Summit*, November, 2024.
- “Machiavelli’s Martial Critique of the Renaissance in the *Mandragola*,” Presented at the *Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Meeting*, April, 2024.
- “‘Safety in the Republican Sense’: The National Security Doctrine of *The Federalist*,” Presented at the *Ciceronian Society Annual Meeting*, March 2024.
- “Was the American Founding Nationalist?” Presented at the *Intercollegiate Studies Institute American Government Summit*, February, 2023.
- “An Introduction to Alexander Hamilton’s Political Epistemology in *The Federalist*,” Presented at the *Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Meeting*, April 2021.
- “Irresponsibility and Alienation: C. Wright Mill’s New Left Critique of Bureaucracy,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2021.
- “Alexander Hamilton on the Bond Between Political Union and Political Economy,” Presented at the *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, August 2019 and the *Northeast Political Science Association Meeting*, November 2019.
- “‘To Render Us a Homogenous People’: Henry Clay’s American System and the Political Economy of a Republican Government,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2019.
- “Monarchical Slavery and Democratic Freedom: Plato’s Conception of the Mixed Regime,” Presented at the *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2018.

Administrative Experience

Graduate Assistant Coordinator, Texas State University Political Science Department, Fall 2022-Spring 2024

Awards & Fellowships

Intercollegiate Studies Institute, “Top 20 Under 30,” 2024
The Philadelphia Society, Future of Freedom Fellow, Academic Year 2022-2023
The Claremont Institute, Publius Fellow, Summer 2021

Professional Service

Honors Thesis Supervisor, Will Leija, “How Catholicism Develops Masculinity” Texas State University, Academic Year 2022-2023

Other Academic Experience

Intercollegiate Studies Institute Affiliated Faculty, 2022-Present
Peer Reviewer, *Catholic Social Science Review*
Symposium Organizer, “National Conservatism: Catholic Perspectives”

- Organized and edited contributions and wrote the introduction for a symposium in the *Catholic Social Science Review*.

Teaching and Research Interests

Broad interest and competency in the history of political philosophy and American political thought and institutions. Particular interests and specialties in classical and early modern political thought; war and politics; the American founding and its reception; American progressivism, conservatism, and national identity; foreign policy and the national security state; bureaucracy in modern American government.

Selected Popular Essays

[“Solving the Political Problem of Birthright Citizenship”](#) Published online at *The American Mind*, February 4, 2025.

[“Two Hundred Years Later, The Monroe Doctrine is Still the Best Protector of U.S. Interests”](#) Published online at *The Federalist*, December 29, 2023.

[“Founding Fathers and Red Caesar”](#) Published online at *The American Mind*, October 20, 2023.

[“Why American Prosperity Depends on National Sovereignty”](#) Published online at *The American Conservative*, June 15, 2023.

References

Dr. Paul A. Rahe

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