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Current Position

Wake Forest University, Visiting Assistant Professor and Adjunct Professor (2005-present)

Education

Duke University, Department of Political Science

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Theory (2006)

Dissertation: *Reclaiming Education: Conserving for a Radical Politics*

Advisor: Dr. Thomas A. Spragens, Jr.

Committee Members: Romand Coles, Peter Euben, and Evan Charney

Arizona State University, Department of Political Science

Master of Arts, Political Theory (2000)

Thesis: "Turning the Soul Around: The Educative Function of Plato's *Republic*."

Advisor: Dr. Terence Ball

Arizona State University, Department of Political Science

Bachelor of Science, Political Science (1998), *Summa cum Laude*

Honors Thesis: "Cultural Identity and the Legitimate Authority of the State: The Cases of Antigone and Okonkwo."

Advisor: Dr. Richard Dagger

Bachelor of Arts, English (1998), *Summa cum Laude*

Minor: History

Grants and Fellowships

Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Colloquium Fellowship (2004-2005)

Steel Family Summer Research Fellowship (2004)

Ada E. Leeke Research Travel Grant (2002)

Earhart Foundation Graduate Fellowship (2001-2002)

Research and Teaching Interests

Democratic theory, political membership and agency, resistance movements, theories of power and responsibility, racial and ethnic politics

Teaching Experience

Wake Forest University, Visiting Assistant Professor and Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science (2005-present)

Courses: Democracy and the Ancient Greeks
Race in America
Religion and Politics
The Politics of Poverty
Participation, Mobilization, and Race
American Government and Politics

Duke University, Instructor, Department of Political Science (2004-2005)

Courses: Multiculturalism and Political Theory
American Political Thought
Participation, Mobilization, and Race

Duke University, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science (2002-2004)

Courses: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Professor Ruth Grant)
Left, Right, & Center (Professor Romand Coles)
Politics and Literature (Professor Kimberly Curtis)
American Foreign Policy (Professor Al Eldridge)

Arizona State University, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science (1998-2000)

Courses: History of Political Thought: Ancient through Renaissance (Professor Terry Ball)
Moral Dilemmas, Moral Arguments (Professor Jack Crittenden)
Political Ideologies (Professors Terry Ball, Richard Dagger, and Avital Simhony)

Duke University, Research Assistant, Department of Political Science

Arizona State University, Research Assistant, Department of Political Science

Articles

“Un-contented characters: Re-imagining education for democratic practice.” Under review at
Philosophy & Public Affairs

Conference papers and panels

Discussant, *Political Action in Global Perspective*. (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 3, 2007).

“Democratic authority: The challenges of power, powerlessness, and abdication.” (“Theory and Methodology” Poster Session, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 31-September 3, 2006).

“Macedo and Arendt on Plurality: Reflecting on the Limits of Democratic Diversity.” (Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 16-19, 2006).

- “Re-envisioning Democratic Possibilities: Creative Thinking and the Political Imagination in Democratic Education.” (Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, California. March 17-20, 2005).
- “Teaching Listening for Democratic Education.” (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 28-August 31, 2003).
- “Political Widow Rhetoric: From Historical Footnote to Distinguished Career.” (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts. August 29-September 2, 2002). With Clark Olson.
- “Deliberative Rhetoric: Political Widows Search for Their Own Voice.” (Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association, Atlanta, Georgia. November 1-4, 2001). With Clark Olson.
- “Political Widow Rhetoric: From Tragic Coattails to Solo Voice.” (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California. August 30-September 3, 2001). With Clark Olson.
- “Turning the Soul Around: The Educative Function of Plato’s Republic.” (Annual Meeting of the Cactus League Chapter of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Tempe, Arizona. April 8, 2000).
- “People and Power: Obliging the Citizenry to Rule.” (Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington. March 25-27, 1999).
- “Ideology in Compromise: An Argumentative Analysis of the Political Controversy Surrounding the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.” (Annual Meeting of the Western States Communication Association, Vancouver, British Columbia. February 19-21, 1999).

Departmental Service

Duke Association of Graduate Students in Political Science, Treasurer (2001-2003)
ASU Graduate Association of Political Science, Ombudsperson (1999-2000)

Other Professional Service

EarthForce, Consultant on curriculum development (2004)
EarthForce, Seminar presentation, “Democratic Instruction,” GREEN Institute (2004)
SNAP-Civics, Consultant on curriculum development (2004)

References

Dr. Thomas Spragens (Advisor)	Dr. Romand Coles	Dr. Peter Euben
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