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<b>CURRENT POSITION</b>	<b>Assumption College</b>	Director of the Fortin and Gonthier Foundations of Western Civilization Program and Associate Professor of Political Science	2008-Present
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<b>PREVIOUS POSITIONS</b>	<b>Assumption College</b>	Interim Chair of the Department of Political Science	2012-2013
	<b>Honors College, UMBC</b>	Interim Director	2006-2007
	<b>Darwin College, Cambridge</b>	Visiting Associate Member	Michaelmas 2005
	<b>UMBC</b>	Associate Professor of Political Science	2005-2008
		Assistant Professor of Political Science	1999-2005
	<b>Harvard University</b>	Lecturer in Social Studies	1998-99
	<b>Harvard University</b>	Teaching Assistant	1997-98
	<b>University of Oxford</b>	Special Lecturer and Tutor, Keble College	1995-97

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>D.Phil.</b>	<b>University of Oxford</b>	Politics	Completed 1997
				Conferred 1999
	<b>M.A.</b>	<b>Boston College</b>	Political Science	1994
	<b>B.A.</b>	<b>University of Toronto</b>	St. Michael's College, Honours degree with distinction in Political Science and Classical Civilizations	1992

**MAJOR AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

*Behemoth Teaches Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes on Political Education* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002).

“Town and Gown: What Great Cities Can Teach Higher Education.” *Chronicle of Higher Education* 24 Oct. 2014: A25-26.

“Harry Jaffa’s Egalitarian Natural Law,” *Anamnesis: A Journal for the Study of Tradition, Place, and ‘Things Divine’* 2.2 (2013): 100-116.

“Incommunicative Action: The Esoteric Response to Deliberative Democracy,” *Critical Review* 22.2-3 (2010): 293-310. Reprinted in Paul Gunn ed., *Democratic Deliberation in the Modern World* (London: Taylor & Francis, 2014).

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

The Persistence of Ancient Themes in Political Philosophy

Political Education

The Influence of Ancient on Modern Political Thought

The Development of Liberalism

Democracy and the Modern State

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assumption College**, *Associate Professor*

Course Title	First Offered (number of sections taught)
<i>Political Science Senior Seminar</i>	Fall 2012 (2)
<i>Early Modern Political Philosophy</i>	Spring 2012 (1)
<i>American Political Thought</i>	Spring 2011 (1)
<i>Augustine’s City of God</i>	Fall 2010 (1)
<i>Foundations: Art &amp; Politics II</i>	Spring 2010 (8)
<i>Slavery in Western Civilization</i>	Fall 2009 (1)
<i>Foundations: Art &amp; Politics I</i>	Fall 2009 (8)
<i>Rome: City of Emperors, Popes, and Saints</i>	Spring 2009 (1)
<i>Religion and Politics</i>	Fall 2008(1)
<i>Political Philosophy</i>	Fall 2008 (5)

**UMBC**, *Assistant/Associate Professor*

<i>Natural Law (Seminar)</i>	Fall 2007
<i>Democratic Theory (Seminar)</i>	Spring 2004 (1)
<i>Interdisciplinary Program Capstone Seminar on Leadership (Seminar)</i>	Fall 2003 (2)
<i>Slavery in Western Political Thought (Lecture)</i>	Fall 2002(1)
<i>Seminar on the State of Nature (Seminar)</i>	Spring 2002 (1)
<i>Equality (Lecture)</i>	Spring 2001 (3)

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<i>Political Philosophy before 1600</i> (Lecture)	Spring 2001 (3)
<i>Seminar on Political Education</i> (Seminar)	Fall 2000 (1)
<i>Introduction to Political Philosophy</i> (Lecture)	Spring 2000 (14)
<i>Political Philosophy after 1600</i> (Lecture)	Fall 1999 (3)
<i>The Political Philosophy of Thomas Hobbes</i> (Seminar)	Fall 1999 (2)

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**Harvard University, Lecturer**

<i>Introduction to Social Studies</i>	1998 -99
<i>Political Education: Making the World What It Should Be</i> (Freshman Seminar)	Fall 1998
	Spring 1999

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**Harvard University, Teaching Assistant**

<i>Slavery in Western Political Thought</i> (Prof. Richard Tuck, instructor)	Spring 1998
<i>Justice: Moral Reasoning</i> (Prof. Michael Sandel, instructor)	Fall 1997

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**Oxford University, College Tutor and Special Lecturer**

<i>Contemporary Political Theory</i>	Trinity 1997
<i>The History of Political Thought</i>	Trinity 1996
<i>The Theory of the State</i>	Trinity 1996
<i>The History of Political Philosophy</i>	Trinity 1996
<i>Contemporary Political Theory</i>	Michaelmas 1995

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**Students Supervised**

Undergraduate Students	E Audette	Spring 2001	UMBC
	Z. AlZubaidy	Spring 2002	UMBC
	A. Shenoy	Fall 2002	UMBC
	D. Shockley	Fall 2002	UMBC
	J. Hamilton	Spring 2003	UMBC
	R. Mehrbakhsh	Spring 2003	UMBC
	T. Moore	Spring 2003	UMBC
	B. Marshall	Spring 2004	UMBC
	J. Schaffer	Fall 2004	UMBC
S. Pathmalal	Fall 2004	UMBC	
Honors Research Students	C. Tanaka-Delgado	1998-99	Harvard
	J. Winger	2003-04	UMBC
	A. Merki	2004-03	UMBC

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**UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Innovation Team for the First Year Experience Committee M	2014-present
Core Curriculum Summer Committee	2014
Evaluation Committee	2012/2013
Art Historian Search Committee	2012/2013
Advisory Board Member, The Research Bureau	2012-present
Pre-Law Advisor	2012-2013
Introduced Michael Novak, Presidential Lecture Series	Sept. 26, 2012
Admissions Panel and Fair	Feb. 11, 2013
Introduced Yoram Hazony, Klein Memorial Lecture	Mar. 11, 2013
Panelist, Affirmative Action Event	Feb. 27, 2013
Early Action Admissions Panel and Event	Feb. 17, 2013
Art History Search Committee	2012-2013
Majors Fair	Feb. 6, 2013
Admissions Luncheon	Nov. 9, 2012
Admissions Luncheon	Nov. 5, 2012
Introduced Michael Novak, Presidential Lecture	Sep. 26, 2012
Organized Bus Trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art for Foundations	Oct. 20, 2012
D'Alzon Colloquium Leader and Participant	May 21-25, 2012
Organized Foundations Faculty Summer Seminar on <i>The Odyssey</i>	Jun. 11-15, 2012
Organized Foundations Wine Tasting Event	Apr. 26, 2012
Organized Reception for Undergraduate Shakespeare Conference	Apr. 21, 2012
Majors Fair	Feb. 8, 2012
College Recruitment Event	Feb. 11, 2012
Rome Campus Curriculum Committee	Spring 2012-
Chair, Subgroup IIA, Core Curriculum Review	2012-2013
Political Science Search Committee	Fall 2011
Organized Bus Trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art for Foundations	Oct. 22, 2011
Organized Faculty/Student dinner on Armstrong's <i>In Search of Civilization</i>	Oct. 12, 2011
WebAdvisor Suffix Resolution Committee	July, 2011
Organized Foundations Faculty Summer Seminar on Iconoclasm	Jun 27-Jul 1, 2011
Orientation Lunch with Parents	June 14, 17, 2011
Introduced Michael Harrington, Presidential Lecture	April, 2011
Organized and Led Foundations Trip to England	March 5-12, 2011
Admissions Breakfast and Model Class	Feb., 19, 2011
Fulbright Scholarship Committee	Fall 2010-
Faculty Representative Senate	Fall 2010-2012
Political Science Search Committee	2011
Academic Council	Spring 2010-present
Organized Lecture on Civic Humanism by Fr. James McConica	Mar. 23, 2011
Canterbury School, CT Capstone Lecture	Feb. 2, 2011
Desert and Dialogue	Oct. 28, 2010
Organized Lecture on the Sack of Rome by Victor Davis Hanson	Oct. 13, 2010
Organized Bus Trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art for Foundations	Oct. 2, 2010

Organized Foundations Faculty Summer Seminar with Fr. James McConica	Aug. 3-6, 2010
Attended the Faith and Reason Seminar, Wyoming Catholic College	July 6-11, 2010
Provost Search Committee	2009-2010
Panel Chair for "Love and Honor in Shakespeare"	Oct. 15, 2009
Organized Bus Trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art for Foundations	Oct. 3, 2009
Participated in D'Alzon Chair's Reading Group: Shakespeare	Fall 2009
Organized Foundations Faculty Summer Seminar	June 9-12, 2009
Reunion Seminar Speaker "Western Civilization and the Foundations of a College Education"	June 6, 2009
Assumption College Common Book Committee	Spring 2009-11
Soulful Dialogue, Assumption College Admissions Office	Apr. 15, 2009
Assumption College Undergraduate Research Symposium Judge	Apr. 6, 2009
Organized Cary Stickney's Lecture for Foundations	Mar. 26, 2009
Organized Bus Trip to Metropolitan Museum of Art for Foundations	Oct. 25, 2008
Participated in D'Alzon Chair's Reading Group: <i>Iliad</i>	Fall 2008
UMBC:	
Political Science Promotion and Tenure Committee Member	2007-2008
UMBC UK Prestigious Scholarship Selection Committee, Chair	2007-2008
Honors College Advisory Board, Chair	2007-2008
Political Science Curriculum Committee, Chair	2007-2008
Political Science Honors Coordinator	2007-2008
Political Science Assessment Committee, Chair	2007-2008
UMBC Research Fellows Selection Committee, Member	January 2007
I-Team Process	June 2005
Innovations at the Interface: Interdisciplinarity, Teaching, and Writing	(June 6, 2005) (June 7, 2005)
I-Team Course Design Workshop	
Comparative Politics Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science	2003-2004
Departmental Representative on Public Policy Building Planning Committee	2000-2004
Departmental Liaison to Library	2002-2005
International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science	2000-2001
Summer Freshman Seminar Committee, Member	2001
UMBC K-16 Initiative	2001-2005
Regular Guest Speaker, Catonsville High School Social Studies Program	2001-2005

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fr. Fortin Memorial Fund \$5,000 for Conference on Leo Strauss and his Catholic Readers (with Daniel J. Mahoney)	2015
Earhart Foundation Grant \$15,000 for Conference on Leo Strauss and his Catholic Readers (with Daniel J. Mahoney)	2015

\$5,000 Grant from Fr. Fortin Memorial Foundation	2013
\$5,000 Grant from Fr. Fortin Memorial Foundation	2012
Earhart Foundation Grant \$30,000	2005
UMBC Special Research Initiative Award	2004
UMBC Summer Faculty Fellowship	2004
APSA and Pi Sigma Alpha Certificate of Outstanding Teaching	2004
UMBC Political Science Department Teacher of the Year	2003-04
UMBC Research Award – Research Assistant Stipend (with Thomas Schaller)	2002
UMBC Political Science Department Teacher of the Year	2000-01
UMBC Research Fellowship	2001
UMBC Summer Faculty Fellowship	2001
UMBC Summer Faculty Fellowship	2000
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	Spring 1998
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	Fall 1997
Institute for Humane Studies Doctoral Fellowship – Living Stipend	1996-97
Overseas Research Student Award (United Kingdom) – Tuition Waiver	1996-97
Keble College Closed Scholarship for Graduates – Living Stipend	1995-96
Earhart Fellowship – Living Stipend and University Fees	1994-95

## RESEARCH AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Instructor, First Principles Seminar, Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University</b>	Summer 2012-present
<b>Instructor, First Principles Seminar, Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University</b>	Summer 2007
<b>Manuscript Reviewer for <i>The Journal of Politics</i></b>	2006-present
<b>Manuscript Reviewer for <i>The American Political Science Review</i></b>	2004-present
<b>External PhD Examiner for Deakin University, Australia</b>	2003
Thesis title: Human Nature in Hobbes's Political Thought	
<b>Manuscript Reviewer for <i>The Review of Politics</i></b>	2002-present
<b>Research Assistant</b> (20 hours per week) to Prof. Robert D. Putnam, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, on his book <i>Bowling Alone</i> , Simon & Schuster, 2000.	1997-98
<b>Editorial Assistant</b> to Prof. Robert Faulkner, Boston College, on his book <i>Francis Bacon and the Project of Progress</i> , Rowman and Littlefield, 1993.	Summer 1993

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

*Behemoth Teaches Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes on Political Education* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002; paper, 2007).

Reviewed by Deborah Baumgold in *Perspectives on Politics* (Sept. 2003); Peter Josephson in *Seventeenth-Century News* (Spring-Summer, 2006); Chiayu Chou in *Political Studies Review* (May 2009).

Articles in Journals:

- “The Hobbit Redemption: Christian Heroism and Humility in the Work of J.R.R. Tolkien,” with Jennifer Vaughan, *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity* 28.5 (2015): 27-31.
- “Town and Gown: What Great Cities Can Teach Higher Education.” *Chronicle of Higher Education* 24 Oct. 2014: A25-26.
- “Harry Jaffa’s Egalitarian Natural Law,” *Anamnesis: A Journal for the Study of Tradition, Place, and ‘Things Divine’* 2.2 (2013): 100-116.
- “Incommunicative Action: The Esoteric Response to Deliberative Democracy,” *Critical Review* 22.2-3 (2010): 293-310. Reprinted in Paul Gunn ed., *Democratic Deliberation in the Modern World* (London: Taylor & Francis, 2014).
- “The Overreach of Political Education and Liberalism’s Philosopher-Democrat,” *Polity*, 37.3 (2005): 389-408.
- “The Audiences of *Behemoth* and the Politics of Conversation,” *Filozofski vestnik/Acta philosophica*, 24, no. 2 (2003): 291-307. Reprinted in Tomaž Mastnak ed., *Hobbes’ Behemoth: Religion and Democracy* (Exeter: Imprint Academic, 2009).
- “The Audience of Leviathan and the Audience of Hobbes’s Political Philosophy,” *History of Political Thought*, 22 (2001): 448-471.
- “Hobbes’s Contempt for Opinions: Manipulation and the Challenge for Mass Democracies,” *Critical Review*, 13 (1999): 55-71.
- “The Foolish Hobbes: A Return to the Warrender—Plamenatz Debate,” *The Journal of History and Politics / Revue d’histoire et de politique*, 12 (1995): 67-88.

Chapters in Books:

- “Incommunicative Action: The Esoteric Response to Deliberative Democracy,” in *Democratic Deliberation in the Modern World*, Paul Gunn ed. (London: Taylor & Francis, 2014). Reprinted from *Critical Review* 22.2-3 (2010): 293-310.
- “Reading for a Conversion: On the University in *Loss and Gain*,” in John Henry Newman, *Loss and Gain* Ignatius Critical Edition, ed. Trevor Lipscombe (Ignatius Press, 2012).
- “The Audiences of *Behemoth* and the Politics of Conversation,” in Tomaž Mastnak ed., *Hobbes’ Behemoth: Religion and Democracy* (Exeter: Imprint Academic, 2009). Reprinted from *Filozofski vestnik/Acta philosophica*, 24, no. 2 (2003).
- “Hobbes on Magnanimity and Statesmanship,” in *Magnanimity and Statesmanship*, Carson Holloway ed. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2008).
- “The Decline of Sovereignty in the Liberal Tradition: The Case of John Rawls” in *Souveränitätskonzeptionen*, Martin Peters und Peter Schröder Hrsg. (Berlin: Dunker & Humblot, 2000): 156-185.

Review Essays:

- “Quentin Skinner’s *Reason and Rhetoric in the Philosophy of Hobbes*,” *History of European Ideas*, 23 (1997): 35-43.

Book Reviews:

- Joel Kotkin, *The New Class Conflict* with a forward by Fred Siegel, in *Society* 52.3 (2015): 295-297.

- Gertrude Himmelfarb, *The Moral Imagination: From Adam Smith to Lionel Trilling*, in ***Society*** 51.1 (January/February 2014): 103-104.
- Andrew Delbanco, *College: What It Was, Is, and Should Be*, in ***Society*** 50.1 (January/February 2013): 89-91.
- John Armstrong, *In Search of Civilization: Remaking a Tarnished Idea* in ***Society*** 49 (2012): 383-385.
- Leon Craig, *The Platonian Leviathan* in ***The Review of Metaphysics***, 65.2 (2011):114-16.
- Jon Parkin, *Taming the Leviathan: The Reception of the Political and Religious Ideas of Thomas Hobbes in England 1640-1700* in ***Seventeenth-Century News***, 68. 3&4 (2010): 215-218.
- Arlene Saxonhouse, *Free Speech and Democracy in Ancient Athens*, in ***Perspectives on Politics*** 5.1 (2007): 156-157.
- Lee Ward, *The Politics of Liberty in England and Revolutionary America*, in ***Seventeenth-Century News***, 63.3-4 (2005): 183-86.
- David Martin Jones, *Conscience and Allegiance in Seventeenth Century England*, in ***Seventeenth-Century News***, 60 (2002): 310-12.
- Robert K. Fullinwider ed. *Civil Society, Democracy, and Civic Renewal*, for ***H-Pol*** 19 October, 2001. <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=238681003513917>
- Christopher C. Faille, *The Decline and Fall of the Supreme Court*, in ***The Canadian Journal of Public Policy***, January 1996.
- Neal Wood, *The Foundations of Political Economy: Some Early Tudor Views on State and Society*, in ***The Canadian Journal of Political Science***, 28 (1995).

#### Other

- “A New Translation and an Old Fight,” *First Things: On the Square*:  
<http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2011/10/a-new-translation-and-an-old-fight>
- “Our Egalitarian Elitism,” *First Things: On the Square*:  
<http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2011/02/our-egalitarian-elitism>  
 Cited by Atlantic Magazine’s Wire as the quote of the day, February 6, 2011:  
<http://www.theatlanticwire.com/opinions/view/opinion/Quote-of-the-Day-How-the-Super-Bowl-Holds-America-Together-by-Pulling-It-Down-6851>  
 Cited by Real Clear Politics, February 6, 2011: <http://religion.realclearpolitics.com/>
- “In Defense of Academic Publishing,” Commentary for the John William Pope Center for Higher Education Policy, May 24, 2009:  
<http://www.popecenter.org/commentaries/article.html?id=2177>

#### ERIC Documents:

- “Democratic Miseducation: Preparing Students for Democracies that Do not Exist,” San Francisco, CA: American Political Science Association, 2001.

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

- “Harry Jaffa’s Egalitarian Natural Law,” at **The Northeastern Political Science Association**, Boston, November 11-13, 2010.
- “Natural Law and Constitutional Democracy: Dealing with the Scarcity of Practical Reason,” **Norm and Nature**, at the Cambridge Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CRASSH), Sept. 10-12, 2009.



- “Harry V. Jaffa’s Changing Views on the Natural Law,” at **International Society for Law and Morality**, Wolfson College, Dec. 11, 2008.
- “Freedom of Thought without Freedom of Speech: Leo Strauss on Esoteric Writing and Self-Censorship,” at **Morrell Conference**, University of York, 19-21 September, 2007.
- “Leo Strauss and the Natural Law,” at **International Society for Law and Morality**, Wolfson College, Cambridge, 4 January, 2007.
- “Contemporary Political Education,” at **International Society for Law and Morality**, Wolfson College, Cambridge, 4 January, 2006.
- “Philosopher-Statesmen and the Creation of the Guardian-Squire: the American Founders,” at **Education and Culture in the Long Eighteenth Century (1688-1832)**, Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge, 8-10 September, 2005
- “Philosopher-Statesmen and the Creation of the Guardian-Squire,” at **The American Political Science Association**, 2 September, 2004
- “Artisans and Artistes in the Senate: On the Patterns of Pre-Senatorial Political Experience” at **The Midwestern Political Science Association**, 25-28 April, 2002 (with Thomas Schaller).
- “Democratic Miseducation: Preparing Students for Democracies that do not Exist” at **The American Political Science Association**, 30 August – 2 September, 2001.
- “The Development of Political Education: From Democratic Participation to Curriculum” at **The Midwestern Political Science Association**, 19-21 April, 2001.
- “Hobbes on History and Political Education” on the panel “Creating Equality: Education, Representation and the Public Sphere in Modern Political Thought” at **The American Political Science Association**, 29 August, 1996.
- “Lying Like Dogs: Hobbes and Liberal Cynicism” at **The Manchester Graduate Conference in Political Theory**, 20 June, 1996.
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## FORTHCOMING

- “Christian Heroism in the Work of J.R.R. Tolkien,” *Touchstone Magazine*, with Jennifer K. Vaughan

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

### Books:

*Philosopher Kings and the Struggle for Democracy* (provisional title), four chapters completed with remaining chapters outlined.

*Me the People: Reflections on Becoming and American* (provisional title), currently in draft stage.

### Articles in Progress:

“Philosopher-Statesmen and the Creation of the Guardian Squire.” (under review)

“Wisdom and Folly: Reconsidering Leo Strauss on the Natural Law” (under review)

## REFERENCES

Available upon request.