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**Academic Employment**

Wake Forest University, August 2016 – present  
University Scholar in Residence and Fellow in the Office of Personal & Career Development

University of Oxford, October 2014 – September 2017  
McDonald-Templeton Postdoctoral Fellow, McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life  
Member, Faculty of Theology and Religion  
Associate Faculty, Department of Politics and International Relations

The Rhodes Trust, June 2015 – July 2016  
Dean of Leadership, Service, and Character Development  
Advisory Council for Character, Service, and Leadership Programme, 2015 – present

**Education**

Ph.D., Politics, Princeton University, 2014  
Dissertation: *A Commonwealth of Hope: Virtue, Rhetoric, and Religion in Augustine's Political Thought*  
Committee: Melissa Lane (Politics), Stephen Macedo (Politics), Jeffrey Stout (Religion), Eric Gregory (Religion)

M.A., Politics, Princeton University, 2011  
Interdepartmental Program in Political Philosophy  
General Exam Fields: Political Theory; Religion, Ethics, and Politics; Public Law

B.A., Philosophy and Theology, Trinity College, University of Oxford, 2006  
First-Class Honours  
Rhodes Scholar

B.A., Political Science, Rhodes College, 2004  
*Summa cum laude*

**Fellowships and Awards (selected)**

Teaching Excellence Award, Humanities Division, University of Oxford, 2016  
John Fell Fund Oxford University Press Research Grant, 2015  
Faculty Strategic Fund Award, Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford, 2015  
Princeton University Nominee, 2015 APSA Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy  
George Kateb Teaching Award for Best Preceptor in Politics, Princeton University, 2014  
Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference Grant, 2014  
Finalist, Harvard Society of Fellows, 2013  
Josephine De Karman Fellowship, 2013-14  
Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellow, University Center for Human Values, 2011-12  
Political Philosophy Research and Travel Grant, University Center for Human Values, 2012, 2013, 2014  
Merit Prize, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2007  
Princeton University Fellowship, 2007-2009, 2011-2013  
Trinity College Finals Prize, University of Oxford, 2006  
Woodroffe Exhibition in Philosophy and Theology, Trinity College, University of Oxford, 2005-2006  
Peyton Nalle Rhodes Phi Beta Kappa Prize, Rhodes College's highest academic honor, 2004  
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, Rhodes College's highest leadership and service award, 2004  
Seidman Senior Award in Political Science, Rhodes College, 2004  
Rhodes College Hall of Fame, 2004  
Phi Beta Kappa, 2004

## **Research and Teaching Interests**

Political Theory; History of Political Thought; Religion & Politics; Ethics & Public Policy; Civic Education; Leadership & Character; Civic Republicanism; Virtue Ethics; Aristotle; Augustine; Aquinas; Wendell Berry

## **Publications**

- “Ethics for Climate Change Communicators” (forthcoming in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Climate Change Communication* and *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science*)
- “Augustine and Republican Liberty: Contextualizing Coercion,” *Augustinian Studies* (forthcoming, 2017)
- “Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change,” with Melissa Lane, in Clare Heyward and Dominic Roser, eds. *Climate Justice in a Non-Ideal World* (Oxford University Press, 2016), 229-254.
- “Aquinas and the Virtues of Hope: Theological and Democratic,” Focus Issue on Aquinas and the Democratic Virtues, *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44.2 (June 2016), 300-332.
- “A Passion and Its Virtue: Aquinas on Hope and Magnanimity,” in Ingolf U. Dalferth and Marlene A. Block, eds., *Hope* (Mohr Siebeck, 2016), 67-88.
- Editor and Contributor, *Transformations: Stories of Service* (Rhodes College, 2004)

## **Work in Progress**

- A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine’s Political Thought* (invited for full review by Princeton University Press)
- “Beyond Pessimism: A Structure of Encouragement in Augustine’s *City of God*” (under review, *Review of Politics*)
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth” (under review, *APSR*)
- “Augustine’s Impact on Political Theory” (invited for *T&T Clark Companion to Political Theology*)
- “How Is Virtue Cultivated?: A Practical Program for Postgraduate Moral Education (with Jonathan Brant)
- “Cultivating Virtue in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant)
- Everyday Ethics: Moral Theology Meets Anthropology and the Social Sciences* (co-edited volume in preparation)
- Augustine and Republican Liberty* (manuscript in progress)
- Democratic Hope* (manuscript in progress)

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Wake Forest University**

How to Keep a Republic – Fall 2017

Guest lectures for:

Leadership for Sustainability – Dedee Johnston (Sustainability), Fall 2017

Practices of Citizenship – Prof. Alessandra von Burg & Lauren Formica (Communication), Spring 2016

Augustine’s *City of God* – Prof. Michael Sloan (Classical Languages), Spring 2016

Theological Ethics – Prof. Kevin Jung (Divinity), Spring 2016

### **University of Oxford**

A Theory of Politics – Tutorials, Winter 2016

Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau – Tutorials, Winter 2016

Augustine’s Political Thought – Lectures, Fall 2015

Elements of a Christian Ethic (taught section on religion and politics) – Graduate Seminar, Fall 2015 & 2014

Co-Instructor with Prof. Nigel Biggar, Prof. Joshua Hordern, & Dr. James Orr

Select Texts in Christian Ethics (taught Augustine’s *City of God*) – Graduate Seminar, Winter 2015 & 2016

Co-Instructor with Prof. Nigel Biggar and Dr. James Orr

A Christian Vision of the Moral Life: Practical Issues (taught section on religion, politics, and the secular) –

Undergraduate Seminar, Winter 2015 & 2016

Co-Instructor with Prof. Joshua Hordern and Prof. Nigel Biggar

### **Princeton University**

Ethics and Public Policy – Undergraduate Course, Fall 2012 & 2013

Head Preceptor and Teaching Assistant to Prof. Stephen Macedo

### **Rhodes College**

Justice, Equality, and Liberty – Undergraduate Seminar, Spring 2007

Co-Instructor with Prof. Daniel Cullen

### **Research Appointments**

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the Oxford Character Project, 2014-2017  
Theoretical and empirical research on virtue, ethics, leadership, and character education
- Research Assistant for Prof. Melissa Lane, Princeton University, 2012-14  
Research on environmental ethics, scientific uncertainty, and climate change communication  
Assistance preparing syllabus for new course on “Science and Democracy”
- Research Assistant, Roy Herron’s *God and Politics: How Can a Christian Be in Politics?* (Tyndale House, 2005)
- Associate Editor, *Journal of the Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies* (Vol. 1, 2004)

### **Academic Conferences and Presentations**

- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” American Political Science Association, 2017
- “Cultivating Virtues in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant), Cultivating Virtue in the University Conference, University of Oxford, 2017
- “Cultivating Virtues in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project,” Beacon Project Working Group, Wake Forest University, 2017
- “What Is Good Leadership?” and “Friendship and the Life of Leadership,” The Character of Leadership Forum, Hong Kong University, 2017
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” Presentation in “Ethics and the Good Life” course at Haverford College, 2017
- “Character in Higher Education,” Panel at The Educators Roundtable, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2017
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” Hope and Optimism Working Group, Cornell University, 2017
- “Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine’s Hope for the Commonwealth,” University of Pavia, Italy, 2017
- “Rhetoric, Reason, and Republican Liberty: Augustine on the Use and Abuse of Power,” American Academy of Religion, 2016
- “Augustine and Republican Liberty: Contextualizing His Defense of Coercion,” Reconsiderations V Conference, The Augustinian Institute, Villanova University, 2016
- “Hope from the Margins: Wendell Berry’s Vision of Democratic Transformation,” American Political Science Association, 2016
- “Cultivating Virtues in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant), Jubilee Centre for Virtues and Character, University of Birmingham, 2016
- “How Is Virtue Cultivated?: Lessons from The Oxford Character Project,” St. John’s College, Oxford, 2016
- “Religion, Politics, and Pluralism,” Developing a Christian Mind Conference, New College, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Reconsidering Augustinian Pluralism,” London School of Economics Legal and Political Theory Forum, 2016
- “Religion, Politics, and Pluralism,” Undergraduate Lecture for A Christian Vision of the Moral Life: Practical Issues, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Passion, Act, and Virtue: Aquinas on Hope,” Aquinas Seminar, Blackfriars, University of Oxford, 2016
- “Cultivating Virtue in Postgraduates: A Case Study of the Oxford Character Project” (with Jonathan Brant) Cultivating Virtues Conference, University of Birmingham’s Jubilee Centre for Character and Virtues, 2016
- “Augustine and the Politics of Hope,” Postgraduate Diploma in Theology Seminar, University of Oxford, 2015
- “Existential Conversations Roundtable,” Invited Participant, Alan Gray Centre for Leadership Ethics, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, October 2015
- “Civic Peace in a Secular Age: Reconsidering Augustinian Pluralism,” American Political Science Association, 2015
- “Hope for the Commonwealth: Augustine on Politics, Pluralism, and Civic Peace,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, 2015

Manuscript Workshop on *A Commonwealth of Hope: Reimagining Augustine's Political Thought*, Augustine and Politics Colloquium, High Point University, 2015

"Hope for the Commonwealth: Augustine on Eschatology, Ecclesiology, and Politics," Christian Ethics Research Seminar, University of Oxford, 2014

"Augustine and the Virtue of Hope," American Academy of Religion, 2014

"Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change," Martin School, University of Oxford, 2014

"Beyond Pessimism: A Structure of Encouragement in Augustine's *City of God*," History of Political Thought Seminar, University of Oxford, 2014

"Beyond Pessimism: Augustine's Structure of Encouragement," Association for Political Theory, 2014

"Aristotle on the Ethics of Communicating Climate Change," with Melissa Lane, Princeton University Center for Human Values Laurance S. Rockefeller Seminar, 2014

"Beyond Pessimism: Augustine's Structure of Encouragement," American Political Science Association, 2014

"Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine's Structure of Encouragement and the Virtue of Hope," The Politics of Spirit: Augustine and Hegel in Dialogue Conference, Princeton University, 2014

"Hope as Passion, Act, and Virtue: Aquinas on Hope and Magnanimity," Claremont Graduate University Philosophy of Religion Conference, 2014

"Reply to Aaron Cobb's 'Hope and Epistemic Virtue,'" Claremont Graduate University Philosophy of Religion Conference, 2014

"Aquinas and the Virtues of Hope," American Academy of Religion, 2013

"Magnanimity, Gratitude, Humility, and Hope: Recovering Aquinas's Virtues for Political Theory," Northeast Political Science Association, 2013

"Between Presumption and Despair: Augustine and the Virtue of Hope," Middlebury College, 2013

"Power, Persuasion, and Progressivism: Insights from Early Twentieth Century American Thought," Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2013

Augustine and Politics Colloquium, Invited Participant, University of Virginia, 2013

"Death Together: Community, Memory, and Political Theology," Discussant and Moderator, University of Virginia Graduate Colloquium in Theology, Ethics, and Culture, 2013

"The Virtue of Hope," Western Political Science Association, 2013

"Public Reason, Religion, and Political Conflict," Discussant, American Political Science Association, 2012

"The Virtue of Democratic Piety: An Augustinian Account," University of Virginia Graduate Colloquium in Theology, Ethics, and Culture, 2012

"Hope and Its Semblances," A Conference on the Theological Virtues, Viterbo University, 2012

"Hope and Its Semblances," University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2012

"Hazards of Hope," Political Theory Research Seminar, Princeton University, 2012

"Humble Hope: An Augustinian Account of a Democratic Virtue," Northeast Political Science Association, 2011

"Response to Ben Hertzberg's 'Prophetic Witness in the Liberal Public Sphere,'" Discussant, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2011

"What is Political Hope?: A Response to Loren Goldman," Discussant, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2009

"Rooted Freedom: What *The Human Stain* Teaches about Autonomy, Identity, and Tragedy in Political Theory," Political Theory Research Seminar, Princeton University, 2008

### **Advising, Mentoring, and Ethical Programming**

Faculty Fellow for First-Year Students, Wake Forest University, selected for 2017-18

Postgraduate Fellowship Advising, Wake Forest University, Aug. 2016 – present

Co-organizer, "Tragedies of Character: Leadership Lessons from *Macbeth*," Wake Forest University, April 2017

Facilitator, Presidents' Leadership Conference, Wake Forest University, Sept. 2016

Oxford Character Project, 2014-present

- Designed character development curriculum for graduate and professional students
- Led discussions of ethics, leadership, and service in the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative
- Mentored participants in the Oxford Global Leadership Initiative

Dean of Leadership, Service, and Character Development, Rhodes Trust, Oxford, 2015-2016

- Designed and moderated three-day retreats, mentored students, and planned ethical programming

Steering Committee, McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, 2015-2016

Co-organizer, Ethics through Fiction and Film Reading Group, University of Oxford, 2014-2016

Resident Graduate Student, Butler College, Princeton University, 2011-2014

Advised applicants for post-graduate fellowships and planned programs to encourage ethical reflection and civic engagement, including presidential debate and election discussions, a “Politics Film Series,” a “Values and Vocations” event, and a screening of the documentary, *Philosopher-Kings*

Experiential Education Consultant, Rhodes College, 2006-07

Conducted focus groups with faculty, staff, and administrators and prepared 40-page report with recommendations on how to increase experiential learning offerings

## **Professional Leadership, Service, and Administration (selected)**

### **Disciplinary Service**

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theology*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, Palgrave Macmillan, Templeton World Charity Foundation

Co-organizer and moderator, “How Might Universities Cultivate Leaders of Character?”, Rhodes House, University of Oxford, with Nigel Biggar (Regius Professor of Moral & Pastoral Theology), Charles Conn (Warden of Rhodes House), Nathan Hatch (President of Wake Forest University), and Ngaire Woods (Dean of Oxford’s Blavatnik School of Government)

Co-organizer, 2017 Conference on “Cultivating Virtue in the University,” co-sponsored by Wake Forest University, The Oxford Character Project, and the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life, including Nigel Biggar (Oxford), Jonathan Brant (Oxford), Joanna Collicutt (Oxford), Liz Gulliford (University of Birmingham), Michael Lamb (Oxford), Christian Miller (Wake Forest), Blaire Morgan (University of Birmingham), Paula Moya (Stanford), Onora O’Neill (Cambridge), Julie Reuben (Harvard), Jessica Richard (Wake Forest), Chad Wellmon (UVA)

Co-organizer, 2016 APSA Panel on “American Political Thought at the Margins,” including Michael Lamb (Oxford), Matthew Longo (Oxford), Melissa Orlie (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Melvin Rogers (UCLA), Justin Rose (Hobart & William Smith), and Kimberly Smith (Carleton)

Co-organizer, 2016 McDonald Centre Conference on “Everyday Ethics,” including Michael Banner (Cambridge), Luke Bretherton (Duke), Brian Brock (Aberdeen), Morgan Clarke (Oxford), Molly Farneth (Haverford), Craig Gay (Regent), Eric Gregory (Princeton), Jennifer Herdt (Yale), Philip Lorish (UVA), Charles Mathewes (UVA), Rachel Muers (Leeds), Justin Welby (Archbishop of Canterbury)

Co-organizer, 2014 APSA Panel on “Religion, Rhetoric, & Political Theory: Between Past and Present,” including Susan Bickford (UNC), Loubna El Amine (Georgetown), Roxanne Euben (Wellesley), Ben Hertzberg (BYU), Michael Lamb (Princeton), & Andrew Murphy (Rutgers)

Co-organizer, 2013 AAR Panel on “Thomas Aquinas and the Democratic Virtues,” including John Bowlin (Princeton Theological Seminary), Adam Eitel (Princeton Theological Seminary), Jennifer Herdt (Yale), Mark Jordan (Washington University), Michael Lamb (Princeton), & Jean Porter (Notre Dame)

### **University and Departmental Service**

Research Committee, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, 2015-16

Examiner for DPhil Transfer and Confirmation of Status, Faculty of Theology & Religion, Oxford, 2015, 2016

Undergraduate Admissions Training and Interviewing, Jesus College, University of Oxford, 2014

Submission Review Committee, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2009, 2011-13

Princeton Politics Department Softball Team, Co-Captain, 2009

### **College Administration, Employment, and Service**

Assistant Director of Development, Rhodes College, 2006-07

Raised estimated \$1 million with a focus on service scholarships. Led most successful Faculty/Staff fundraising campaign in College’s history, with participation rate of almost 70%.

Assistant Junior Dean, Trinity College, University of Oxford, 2005-06

Student Representative to the Board of Trustees, Rhodes College, 2003-04

Honor Council, Rhodes College, President, 2003-04, Vice President, 2002-03, Member, 2000-02

Presidential Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics, Rhodes College, 2001-02

### **Community Service and Non-Profit Leadership**

Alliance Africa, Inc., Co-Founder and Co-Director, 2006-present

Habitat for Humanity, President, Rhodes College Chapter, 2002-04

Burch Service Scholar, Rhodes College, 2000-2004

## **Political Experience**

Chief of Staff, Roy Herron for U.S. Congress, TN-08, Dec. 2009 – Nov. 2010

Led campaign that raised \$2 million, earned 9 of 9 newspaper endorsements, knocked on 60,000 doors, and made 130,000 calls to voters. Oversaw fundraising, managed staff and interns, coordinated policy research, analyzed polling data, developed campaign strategy, and met with citizens, interest groups, and elected officials.

Chief of Staff, Roy Herron for Governor of Tennessee, June 2009 – Dec. 2009

Campaign Manager, Roy Herron for State Senate, TN-24, May 2004 – Aug. 2004

Intern, U.S. Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., TN-09, 2001

## **Community Outreach and Public Presentations (selected)**

“Best of Enemies,” Film discussion sponsored by RiverRun, Winston-Salem, NC 2016

“The Occupational Hazards of Working in the Academy: Augustine on Pride and Humility in the University,” Oxford Character Project, Oxford, UK, 2015 & 2016

“Democracy and Civic Virtue,” Democratic Renaissance Project, Nashville, TN, 2014

“Inside Politics: Behind the Scenes of a Political Campaign,” Butler College, Princeton, 2011

“The Politics of Hope,” Princeton University Chapel Community Speaker Series, 2011

“Education and Vocation: Becoming Servants and Citizens,” Ned R. McWherter Center for Rural Development, Dresden, TN, 2009

“Transformations,” Rhodes College Red and Black Society: Atlanta, GA; Dallas, TX; Houston, TX; Nashville, TN; Memphis, TN, 2007

“Writing about Service Workshop,” Rhodes College, 2007

“Scholars, Servants, and Citizens,” Rhodes Institute for Regional Studies, Memphis, TN, 2006

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

American Academy of Political and Legal Philosophy

International Conference for the Study of Political Thought

American Academy of Religion