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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate and Graduatand, Political Science, University of North Texas  
(Dissertation Defended July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016/Graduation: December 2016)  
Specializations: Political theory and American politics

B.A., Political Science, University of North Texas (2010)

**Additional Training**

2013 (Summer) Intensive German in Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Justice and Moral Responsibility  
Nietzsche's Politics  
Gender, Sex, and Law  
Religion and Politics

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Late modern political thought  
Counter-Enlightenment thought  
Classical political thought  
American politics

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Forthcoming.* "Madisonian Democracy" In David Schultz (ed.), *Money in American Politics: An Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO

*Forthcoming.* "Income Inequality" In David Schultz (ed.), *Money in American Politics: An Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO

*Forthcoming.* "Fairness Doctrine." In David Schultz (ed.), *Money in American Politics: An Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO

**Under Review**

"Exile and Otherworldliness: The History of Israel in Nietzsche's *The Antichrist*"

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Research Assistant, Univ. of North Texas**

2012 Comparative Study of Western European Ethno-regionalist parties under Dr. Jae-Jae Spoon

### **Research Intern**

2009-2010 The Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations and University of North Texas Task Force on U.S.-Mexico Relations Directed by Dr. David J. Molina

### **Conference Participation**

2015 “Exile and Otherworldliness: Nietzsche on the Moral History of Jewish Exile and Captivity.” presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans, LA.

2013 “Myth for America: An Exploration of Walt Whitman’s Poetry.” *Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association*, New Orleans, LA.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Teaching Fellow, Univ. of North Texas**

Spring 2015 Political Theory since 1700

Summer 2014 American Government: Laws and Institutions

Fall 2013 American Government: Processes and Policies

### **Teaching Assistant, Univ. of North Texas**

Fall 2014 Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties

Fall 2013 Rights of Criminal Defendants

Fall 2012 Introduction to Political Research

2010–15 American and Texas Government

### **Guest Lectures, Univ. of North Texas**

2014 Political Theory: Socrates to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Nicholas Drummond. “Slavery in Aristotle’s *Politics*”

2014 Political Theory: Socrates to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Timothy Haglund. “Epistle Dedicatory & Chs. 1-3 of Machiavelli’s *The Prince*”

2013 Ancient Philosophy, Dr. Martin Yaffe. “Aristophanes’ speech in Plato’s *Symposium*”

2012 American Political Thought, Dr. Steven Forde. “Populism & Democracy in Whitman’s Poetry.”

## **DISSERTATION**

Title: “A History of Overcoming: Nietzsche on the Moral Antecedents and Successors of Modern Liberalism” (Defended July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016)

Committee: Richard Ruderman (Committee Chair), Steven Forde, Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha (Chair of the Dept. of Political Science), Martin Yaffe (UNT, Dept. of Philosophy and Religion Studies)

### **Abstract**

This work aims to understand human moral psychology under modern liberalism by analyzing the mature work of philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. I seek to understand and evaluate Nietzsche’s claim that liberalism, rather than being an overturning of slave morality, is an extension of the slave morality present in both Judaism and Christianity. To ground Nietzsche’s critique of liberalism theoretically, I begin by analyzing his “master” and “slave” concepts. With these concepts clarified, I then apply them to Nietzsche’s history by following his path from Judaism to liberalism and beyond—to his “last man” and *Übermensch*. I find that Nietzsche views history as a series of *overcomings* wherein a given mode of power maintenance runs counter to the means by which power was initially attained. Liberalism, as the precursor and herald of the “last man,” threatens the end of *overcoming* and therefore compromises the future of human valuation and meaning.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **Awards**

2015-16 UNT Jewish and Israel Studies Scholarship

2014-15 GATS Scholarship (UNT)

2013 Summer IEF Scholarship, UNT International

2012-2013 University of North Texas USC Scholarship

2010–12 Toulouse Academic Achievement Scholarship, Univ. of North Texas, Toulouse Graduate School

### **Grants**

2016 UNT Dept. of Political Science Travel Grant

2015 UNT College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant

2015 Toulouse Graduate School Travel Grant

2013 UNT Dept. of Political Science Travel Grant

2013 UNT College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant

2012 Texas Public Education Grant

2010-13 UNT Tuition Grant

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Southwestern Social Science Association

Northeastern Political Science Association

### **LANGUAGES**

English (native), German (intermediate), Spanish (intermediate)

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2014 (Spring) Graduate Assistant to Dept. Chair Dr. Richard Ruderman

### **REFERENCES**

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