

CATHERINE A. BORCK

Department of Political Science
Furman University
3300 Poinsett Highway
Greenville, SC 29613-1206

864-294-2298 (office)
864-294-0057 (home)
cborck@nd.edu

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, Expected May 2009

M.A. University of Notre Dame, Department of Political Science, Spring 2001

Thesis: "Enemies and Friends in Plato's *Gorgias*."

B.A. Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA., with honors, Spring 1999

Double Major: English Literature, Social Thought, *Summa cum laude*

Honors Thesis: "St. Augustine and Current Political Thought."

DISSERTATION

"Becoming Friends in Speech and Deed: Socratic Friendship in the Platonic Dialogues."

This dissertation thematically explores the nature of friendship in the Platonic dialogues and argues for its importance to his political and philosophical thought. Friendship sustains and rewards philosophic discussion, moderates the potential tyrant, and is practiced by the just citizen. Dialogues examined include the *Lysis*, *Protagoras*, *Alcibiades Major*, *Crito*, and *Gorgias*.

Dissertation Advisor: Catherine H. Zuckert.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Furman University, Department of Political Science, 2008-2009

Introduction to Political Theory, Classical Political Thought, and First Year Writing Seminar in Exploring Politics through Literature

Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Theories of Political Leadership, Spring 2007

Instructor, University Writing Program, University of Notre Dame

First Year Composition, Fall 2006

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Introduction to American Politics, Spring 2002 and Spring 2004

Led bi-weekly discussion sections, graded course assignments, advised students.

Introduction to Political Philosophy, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, and Spring 2003

Led bi-weekly discussion sections, designed quizzes, graded papers and exams, advised students.

Presidential Leadership, Fall 2003

Guided student research project, gave course lecture, graded course assignments.

FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, co-sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Graduate School and the College of Arts and Letters, 2006-2007

H. B. Earhart Dissertation Fellowship 2002-2003, Spring 2005, 2007-2008

University of Notre Dame Graduate School Phillip Moore Dissertation Fellowship, Fall 2004

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

"Effective and Exciting Teaching in the Social Sciences."

Graduate Teaching Course, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2004

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Aristotle's Ethics and Politics

Chair and Panel Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2008

"The Friendship of Socrates and Alcibiades: *Thumos*, *Eros*, and *Philia* in Plato's *Alcibiades Major*."

Panelist, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, presented April 12, 2006 and as a panelist at the "Symposium of the Liberal Arts," Oglethorpe University, April 18.

"The Harmony of Political Virtue and the Muse: Poetry in Plato's *Laws*"

Panelist, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 21, 2006

"Enemies and Friends in Plato's *Gorgias*"

Panelist, Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 8-10, 2004

"The Political Implications of Thomistic Friendship"

Panelist, Society of Christian Philosophers Conference "Jewish and Christian Resources for Social and Political Philosophy," March 2000

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Prof. Mary Keys, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2000.

Researched magnanimity and justice in Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas.

Research Assistant for Prof. Christina Wolbrecht, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Fall 1999.

Entered data on American voting patterns by gender before and after passage of 19th Amendment.

LANGUAGES

German, proficiency at speaking and reading

Greek, basic reading comprehension

GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES

Plato's *Laws*

Socrates

Aristotle's *Ethics* and *Politics*

Medieval Political Thought

Nature, Grace, and History

Machiavelli and Shakespeare

Social Contract: Rousseau

Kant

Gadamer and Habermas on *Praxis*

American Literature and Political Theory

Field Seminar in American Politics

The Presidency

Comparative Constitutional Law

Constitutional Theory