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Education

Ph.D., University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, 2005

Dissertation: "The Problem of Autonomy in the Thought of Montaigne"

M.A. with distinction, University of Chicago, Committee on Social Thought, 2001

B.A. with highest distinction, Department of History, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1997

Courses Taught

Furman University:

Political Thought Courses: "Introduction to Political Thought," "Classical Political Thought," "Modern Political Thought," "American Political Thought," "Senior Seminar: Self-Knowledge and Politics"

Brussels Study Away Program Courses: "Survey of European Issues," "The Brussels Experience"

The University of Chicago:

"Montaigne's *Essays*," "Classics of Social and Political Thought"

Publications

"Rousseau and the Problem of Self-Knowledge," *Review of Politics*, Spring 2009

"No Substitute for Virtue" by Benjamin Storey and Jenna Silber Storey, *Weekly Standard*, January 24, 2008. Reprinted as the lead opinion story at CBSnews.com for Saturday, January 26, 2008.

"Montaigne, Secularism, and the Enlightenment," to be published in the Institute for the Study of Secularism and Culture's anthology on "Secularism and the Enlightenment"

Conference Papers

"Self-Knowledge and Individuality in Plato's *Phaedrus*," American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, August 2007

"Self-Knowledge and the Autonomous Individual in the Thought of Montaigne," American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, August 2007

"Self-Knowledge and the Politics of Individuality," South Carolina Political Science Association Conference, February 2007

“Rousseau and the Problem of Self-Knowledge,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2005, Chicago

“The Origins of Individualism in the Thought of Montaigne”
Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, November 2004, Boston

“Amiable Dunce or Evil Genius: Humanism and Fideism in the Thought of Montaigne,” American Political Science Association Conference, August 2004, Chicago

“Eros and Autonomy in the Thought of Montaigne”
Institute for Humane Studies Colloquium, June 2004, Alexandria, VA

“A Book of Good Faith: an Introduction to Montaigne’s *Essays*”
Social Thought Colloquium, April 2003, Chicago

Other Conferences

Invited Participant, “National Summit for Educators” co-sponsored by The Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles and History and The Program in Western Civilization at the University of Texas, Austin, TX May 2008

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference, “Liberty and American Society in Edith Wharton and Alexis de Tocqueville,” July 2007

Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center for the Study of America’s Founding Principles, Boulder, CO, August 2006

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference, “Liberty and Tyranny in Dramas of the Spanish Golden Age,” San Francisco, CA, March 2006

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference, “Liberty and International Politics: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives,” Montreal, CA, October 2005

Invited Participant, George Mason School of Law’s Program on Politics and Economics, Alexandria, VA, June 2005

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference, “An Economic Perspective on Liberty and Responsibility,” March 2003

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference, “Liberty and Responsibility in Montaigne’s *Essays*,” March 2002

Invited Participant, Liberty Fund Conference, “Liberty in the Age of Revolution,” June 2001

Other Lectures

“Miracles: or Why Modern Natural Science can Never, Ever, Ever Refute Christianity,” Mere Christianity Forum, Furman University, March 26, 2007

“On Great Books Education,” Furman University Advisory Council, April 13, 2007

Published Translation

“The Indispensable Nation,” by Régis Debray, trans. with Donovan Hohn,
Harper’s Magazine, January 2004

Administrative Experience, University of Chicago:

Program Coordinator, *Fundamentals: Issues and Texts*, 2002-2004

Languages

Proficient in Ancient Greek, fluent in French

Honors and Awards

Intercollegiate Studies Institute Western Civilization Fellow, 2004-2005

John U. Nef Fellow for Research in Paris, 2001-2002

H.B. Earhart Fellow, 1999-2001, 2002-2004

Junior Fellow, John M. Olin Center for Inquiry into the Theory and Practice of
Democracy, 1999-2001, 2002-2003

Max Steele Award in Fiction Writing, University of North Carolina, 1997

Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina, 1996