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CURRENT POSITION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW, Assistant Professor of Law, 2005 – present.

Courses Taught: Constitutional Law I (Structure), Constitutional Law II (Individual Rights), Criminal Procedure, Jurisprudence, Law and Literature.

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT

J.D., June, 2004

Activities:

- *The Yale Law Journal*, Book Reviews Editor (vol. 113); Editor (vol. 112).
- *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities*, Editor (2002-2004).
- Morris Tyler Moot Court, Fall 2002.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN

Ph.D., Philosophy, 2000

M.A., Philosophy, 1998

Dissertation: *The Human Aspect: Wittgenstein on the Ethical Point of View.*

UNIVERSITY OF WALES, Lampeter, U.K.

M.A., Philosophy, 1994

Thesis: *Persons and Personal Identity: What Really Matters.*

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY, Starkville, MS

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Economics and Philosophy, 1992

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

JUDGE CARLOS F. LUCERO, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Denver, Co.

Law Clerk: June, 2004 – August, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles, Essays and Reviews:

- *Overcoming Necessity: Torture and the State of Constitutional Culture*, 61 SMU L. REV. __ (2008).
- *Torture, with Apologies*, 86 TEXAS L. REV. 569 (2008).
- *Envisioning the Constitution*, 57 AMERICAN UNIV. L. REV. 1 (2007).
- *Displacing Dissent: The Role of Place in First Amendment Jurisprudence*, 75 FORDHAM L. REV. 2587 (2007).
 - *Reprinted in THE FIRST AMENDMENT LAW HANDBOOK 736* (Rodney A. Smolla ed., Thomson / West Publishers, 2007/08 ed.).

- *Still Waiting for the Barbarians: What Is New about Post-September 11 Exceptionalism?*, 19 LAW & LITERATURE 303 (2007) (peer review).
- *An American Novelist in the Philosopher King's Court*, 26 PHIL. & LITERATURE 57-74 (2002).
- *Wittgenstein's Practices and Peirce's Habits: Agreement in Human Activity*, 15 HIST. PHIL. Q. 475-93 (1998).

Shorter Contributions and Book Reviews:

- *Entries*, Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States (David Tanenhaus ed., Macmillan, *forthcoming* 2008).
 - Bush v. Gore, 531 U.S. 98 (2000).
 - Brentwood Academy v. Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, 531 U.S. 288 (2001).
 - Rutan v. Republican Party of Illinois, 497 U.S. 62 (1990).
 - Bd. of Educ. of Trustees of State Univ. of New York v. Fox, 492 U.S. 469 (1989).
- __ L. CULTURE & HUMAN. __ (2008) (reviewing ROBERT EAGLESTONE, THE HOLOCAUST AND THE POSTMODERN (2005)).
- 112 ETHICS 616-618 (2002) (reviewing JEAN BETHKE ELSHTAIN, WHO ARE WE? (2002)).
- 109 MIND 900-904 (2000) (reviewing OWEN FLANAGAN, SELF EXPRESSIONS (1996)).
- 52 REV. METAPHYSICS 161-163 (1998) (reviewing ERIC OLSON, THE HUMAN ANIMAL (1997)).

Works in Progress:

- *Sharing and Fourth Amendment Privacy*

EXPERIENCE

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT: Teaching Assistant, Dep't. of Philosophy, Fall 2003.
Course Taught: Ancient Philosophy

STEPTOE AND JOHNSON, Washington, D.C.
Summer Associate, 2003

PROFESSOR OWEN FISS, Yale Law School
Research Assistant, Summer, Fall 2003

JUDGE DAVID NELSON, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Cincinnati, OH
Summer Intern, 2002

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY, Canton, NY: Visiting Assistant Professor, 2000-01.
Courses Taught: Ethical Theory; First Year Seminar: Resistance, Rebellion, and the Human Condition; On Rationality, (Seminar); Introduction to Philosophy; On Language: a team-taught course in the First Year Program.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, Nashville, TN: Teaching Fellow, 1994-2000.
Courses Taught: Introduction to Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, General Logic, English Composition.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- *A Constitutional Geography of Sharing*, Law and Society, Montreal, Canada, May 2008.
- *Guided By Theory: Vision, Human Rights, and Torture*, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, University of California, Berkeley, March 29-29, 2008.
- *Normalizing Necessity*, Loyola Law School Prawfsfest!, Los Angeles, December, 2007.
- *Is Torture Necessary? Constitutional Culture in Crisis*, International Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, July 25-28, 2007.
- *Sharing*, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, Georgetown University Law Center, March 23-24, 2007.
- Respondent, *Panel: Observing the Politics of Terror*, Symposium: The New Exceptionalism: Law and Literature Since 9/11, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, October 29, 2006.
- *Through A Glass Darkly: The Role of Vision in the Theory and Practice of Justice*, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities, Syracuse University School of Law, March 17-19, 2006.
- Respondent, Martha Nussbaum, *Radical Evil in the Lockean State: The Neglect of the Political Emotions*, Knowlton Lecture, University of South Carolina, February 23, 2006.
- (Invited) *Grammatical Attitudes: Wittgenstein on Changing Our Way of Seeing*, Conference on "New Readings of Wittgenstein: Criticism, Theory, Aesthetics," University of London, April 20-21, 2001.
- *Pragmatism and the Attitude of the Religious*, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Las Vegas, March 11-13, 2001.
- *Wittgenstein on Conversion and Moral Justification* (with Michael Hodges), Seventh Annual *Philosophical Collaborations* Conference, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, March 25-26, 1999.
- *An American Novelist in the Philosopher King's Court*, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, University of Oregon, February 25-27, 1999.
- *Seeing-As and Seeing Humans: Framework for a Wittgensteinian Politics?*, The Twentieth International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria, Aug. 9-16, 1997.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, Grant for Summer Language Training, 2006.
- NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers, "Literature and Values," University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 11 – July 20, 2001.
- College of Arts and Science Teaching Fellowship, Vanderbilt: 1999-2000.
- Burke Fellowship for Teaching Excellence, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt: 1998-99.
- Dissertation Enhancement Grant, The Graduate School, Vanderbilt University – to fund research at the Wittgenstein Collection, Trinity College, Cambridge: Summer, 1998.

- Invited participant in the Neuroscience and the Human Spirit Conference, coordinated by the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington D.C., September 24-25, 1998.
- Participant in the Vanderbilt Center for the Humanities Summer Seminars conducted by Jean Bethke Elshtain: "Politics and Embodiment," 1997; "Politics, Ethics, and Terror," 1996.
- University Fellowship, Vanderbilt University: 1994-98.
- Arts and Science Graduate Select Scholar, Vanderbilt University: 1994-98.
- Department of Philosophy Fellowship, University of Wales: 1992-3.
- University Scholarship (full tuition), Mississippi State University: 1988-92.