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Education

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame IN Expected Graduation Date: May 2013
Pursuing PhD in Political Science
Primary Field: Political Theory
Secondary Field: American Politics

B.A. Trinity University, San Antonio TX Graduation Date: May 2008
Major: Political Science
Minor: Communication
Summa Cum Laude

Academic Experience

- 2010 North East Political Science Association Conference Fall 2010
- Presenter on panel on “The Conditions of the Just Regime in American Political thought; paper entitled *“The Demands of Justice and the Spirit of the Laws: The American Founding and Montesquieu's Political Thought”*
 - Presenter on panel on “Ron Fortin Memorial Panel: Christianity and Politics”; paper entitled *“To Spare the Conquered and Beat Down the Proud”*
- 2010 International COVR Conference on Religion and Violence at the University of Notre Dame Summer 2010
- Presenter on panel on “Violence and the City”; paper entitled *“To Spare the Conquered and Beat Down the Proud”*
- 2009 Ethics and Culture Conference *The Summons of Freedom* Fall 2009
- Presenter on panel on Pope Benedict’s social and political thought; paper entitled *“A World View in Three Acts “*
- 2009 North East Political Science Association Conference Fall 2009
- Presenter on Ron Fortin Memorial Panel on Medieval Political Philosophy, paper entitled *“My City More than My Soul”*
- 2008 International Alasdair MacIntyre Conference at St. Meinrad’s Abbey Summer 2009
- Presented paper entitled *“Alasdair MacIntyre: Prophet and Missionary”*
- 2007 SUNY Oneonta Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Spring 2007
- Presented paper entitled *“Richard Rorty and the Theological Virtues”*

Fellowships and Grants

Mach Fellowship Recipient

- Recipient of \$2000 fellowship award for research proposal at Trinity University
- Spring 2007

Diversity Fellowship at University of Notre Dame

- 2008-2009, 2009-2010

Novak-Laub Fellowship at University of Notre Dame

Summer 2011

- Obtained through the Jacques Maritain Center

Fortin Memorial Panel Travel Grant

- Fall 2009
- Fall 2010

Teaching Experience and Awards

- 2011 University of Notre Dame “Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher/TA” Award
- Teacher’s Assistant for “Introduction to Political Theory” at Trinity University in Spring 2007
- Teacher’s Assistant for First Year Seminar “What is the Good Life” at Trinity University in Spring 2008
- Teacher’s Assistant for Josh Kaplan at University of Notre Dame, “Introduction to American Politics” in Fall 2010
- Teacher’s Assistant for Dana Villa at University of Notre Dame, “Introduction to Political Theory” in Spring 2011

Professional Experience

2011-2012 *Review of Politics* editorial intern

2011-2012 Political Science Department Representative to University of Notre Dame’s Diversity and Mission Committee

2009-2010 Political Science Graduate Student Organization Theory Field Representative