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**Academic Experience**

July 2023 – Present Professor of Government, Claremont McKenna College

July 2018 – June 2023 Elizabeth & Morris Glicksman Chair in Political Science, Linfield University

February 2017 Promoted to Professor, Linfield University

July 2013 – January 2017 Associate Professor of Political Science, Linfield University

July 2009 – June 2013 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Linfield University

August 2007 – June 2009 Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Linfield University

**Education**

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Southern California, 2007

Dissertation Title: “The Civic Liberalism of Frederick Douglass”

M.A.: Political Science, University of Southern California, 2004

B.A.: Philosophy, Santa Clara University, 2001

B.S.: Political Science, Santa Clara University, 2001

**Courses Taught**

Great Political Thinkers; Law, Rights, & Justice; American Political Thought; African American Political Thought; Rebels, Thugs, & Skeptics: Twentieth Century Political Theory; Race and the American Story; Politics and the Arts; United States Supreme Court; American Politics; The Study of Law; Ideas, Institutions, and Individuals in American Politics; Judicial Review; Senior Seminar; Experiences in Politics; Freedom, Philosophy, & Film; Seminar on Frederick Douglass and James Baldwin; Revolutions: Civil and Gay Rights Movements; What is Freedom?; Introduction to Political Philosophy; Freshman Humanities Seminar: Love and Evil

**Publications**

**PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS**

The Fire is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in

America, Princeton University Press, 2019; Paperback, 2020

* *Selected Recognition of the Book:***Winner,**Frances Fuller Award for General Nonfiction, Oregon Book Awards; **Finalist**, Benjamin Hooks National Book Award; Museum of African American History Stone Book Award; Phi Beta Kappa Society’s Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize; **Named a Book of the Year** by *The Progressive*, *Literary Hub*, and *ESPN’s The Undefeated*; **New York Times Book Review Editors’ Choice.**

Abraham Lincoln and Liberal Democracy (Editor), University Press of Kansas, March 2016.

The Essential Douglass(Editor), Hackett Publishing Company, March 2016.

The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass: In Pursuit of American Liberty, New York

University Press, April 2012. (Paperback published in 2013).

* *Selected Recognition of Book:*Finalist, General Non-Fiction, 2013 Oregon Book Awards; reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of Politics, American Political Thought: A Journal of Ideas, Institutions, and Culture, Journal of American History, Journal of American Studies, Journal of Race and Ethnicity*, *Tulsa Law Review*, and *Choice*

**Forthcoming Peer-Reviewed Books**

One Man’s Freedom: King, Goldwater, and the Battle over an American Idea, under contract with Princeton University Press; forthcoming in 2024.

* Currently completing first draft (110,000 words in what I expect to be a 160,000 word book). I expect to submit the full manuscript to Princeton for peer review in October 2023.

Princeton History of American Political Thought, co-edited with Susan McWilliams Barndt and Roosevelt Montas, under contract with Princeton University Press; forthcoming in 2024.

* Currently possess 46 out of 50 chapters for this 500,000 word project. We expect to have all fifty chapters in hand by the end of September 2023, at which time we will submit it to Princeton.

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Does it matter…? Political Theory in the Archives of William F. Buckley Jr.” *PS: Political*

*Science and Politics*, forthcoming 2024.

“Frederick Douglass,” in Princeton History of American Political Thought, forthcoming in 2024.

“What William F. Buckley Jr. Did Not Understand about James Baldwin,” book chapter for A

Political Companion to James Baldwin, University Press of Kentucky, 2018.

“The Human Heart is a Seat of Constant War: Frederick Douglass on Human Nature,” an essay

for A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass, University Press of Kentucky, 2018.

“Introduction,” an essay for a Special Symposium on “James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr.,

and the American Dream,” *Journal of American Political* *Thought,* Volume 6, Number 4, (Fall

2017): 610-615.

“We Are Human, Too: James Baldwin on Dignity,” an essay for a Special Symposium on

“James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the American Dream,” *Journal of American*

*Political Thought,* Volume 6, Number 4, (Fall 2017): 641-647.

“Introduction,” The Essential Douglass, Hackett Publishing Company, 2016: pp. xv-xxvi.

“Introduction,” Abraham Lincoln and Liberal Democracy, University Press of Kansas, 2016: pp. 1-9.

“What if Honest Abe Was Telling the Truth? Natural Rights, Race, and Legalism in the Political Thought of Abraham Lincoln,” an essay in Abraham Lincoln and Liberal Democracy, University Press of Kansas, 2016: pp. 110-135.

“Frederick Douglass,” Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism,

Wiley Blackwell Publishers, 2016.

“The Essential Dignity of Man as Man: Frederick Douglass on Human Dignity,” *Journal of*

*American Political Thought***,**Vol. 4, No. 2 (Spring 2015): 228-258.

“An Invitation to Get *Lost*: The Right Place for Liberal Learning,” an essay for The Best Kind of

College: An Insiders’ Guide to America’s Small Liberal Arts Colleges, State University of New

York Press, 2015.

“In Defense of Judicial Prudence,” *Journal of Jurisprudence,* Volume 21, (Spring 2014), 49-72.

“A Life of One’s Own: Slavery, Self-Ownership & the Foundations of Frederick Douglass’s

Liberalism,” *Journal of Political Science*, Volume 37, (2009): 173-199.

“‘The Tyranny of the Least and the Dumbest’: Nietzsche’s Critique of Socialism,” *Quarterly*

*Journal of Ideology*, Volume 31, Number 3, (2009): 1-37.

“Critical Distances: The Principled Skepticism of Leo Strauss & Judith Shklar,” *The Journal of*

*Contemporary Thought*, (Winter 2008): 129-150.

“Each for All & All for Each: The Liberal Statesmanship of Frederick Douglass,” *Review of Politics*, 70 (2008): 400-419.

“Finding Room for Same-Sex Marriage: Toward a More Inclusive Understanding of a Cultural

Institution,” *Journal of Social Philosophy*, Volume 36, Number 3, (2005): 331-343.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Book Review of Steven B. Smith, Reclaiming Patriotism, *Political Science Reviewer*, Fall 2022

Book Review of Carlos Lozada, What Were We Thinking?, *American Political Thought*, Spring 2022

Book Review of Nolan Bennett, The Claims of Experience, *American Political Thought*, Spring 2021

Book Review of Eddie S. Glaude, Begin Again, *New Rambler Review*, September 2020

Book Review of Cyril Ghosh, The Politics of the American Dream, published in *Review of Politics*, Volume 77, Issue 04, Fall 2015: pp. 719-721.

Book Review of R. Blakeslee Gilpin, *John Brown Still Lives!* in *Journal of American Political Thought*, Fall 2013.

“The Facts and the Philosophy,” Book Review of Peter Myers, Frederick

Douglass: Race and the Rebirth of American Liberalism (2008),*Review of*

*Politics*, Volume 71 (2009): 136-139.

**Selected Publications for Magazines, Websites, & Non-Peer Reviewed Journal Publications**

Review Essay, “Should You Be Among Liberalism’s Discontents?” *American Political Thought,* Spring 2023

“Learning to Love Like James Baldwin,” *The Constitutionalist*, Fall 2021

“The Great Debate: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the American Dream,” *James Baldwin Review,* Volume 6, Fall 2020

* This piece was a lightly adapted excerpt from my book, *The Fire Is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America*. My understanding is that it was reviewed “in house” by the journal’s editors.

“Private Property, Get Out! An Echo from the Past,” *Scheer Post*, Fall 2020

“From How Could He to How Am I,” *Counterpunch*, Fall 2020

“‘Don’t Do It, Jimmy’: James Baldwin and the Duty to Combat Racism,” *The Common Reader,*2019

“You Can’t Put Frederick Douglass in Chains,” *New York Times*, March 12, 2018

“Remembering the Radicalism of Frederick Douglass,” published in *From the Square* (the blog of New York University Press), February 25, 2017

“What is My Duty as a Progressive Voter?” published in *Counterpunch* (an online magazine), August 2, 2016.

 “Don’t Forget to Celebrate Constitution Day,” published in *The Oregonian*, September 15, 2014.

“Booker T. and W.E.B. on the Great Higher Education Debate,” published in *The News Register*, March 7, 2014.

“Scalia Fails to Grasp True Democracy,” published on July 6, 2013 on *Salon.com*.

“Recovering the Progressive Frederick Douglass,” *Dissent*, February 24, 2012.

“Reasons to Protect Education Funding Compelling,” Op-Ed in *The Statesman Journal*,

February 24, 2012.

“Frederick Douglass’ Enduring Lessons,” Op-Ed in *The Baltimore Sun*, February 20, 2012.

“Proposition 8 is Morally Wrong,” Op-Ed in *The Oregonian*, February 9, 2012.

**Invited Talks & Professional Presentations**

**INVITED SCHOLARLY LECTURES**

**Selected Book Events for *The Fire Is Upon Us*(Fall 2019 - Present):**Town Hall Seattle, American Writer’s Museum, Oxford University, University of Cambridge, University of East Anglia, University of Oregon, Columbia University, Fordham University, Southern Methodist University, University of Texas-Austin, Baylor University, University of California-Los Angeles, Whittier College, University of Southern California, Pomona College, Linfield University, Clemson University, George Fox University, Notre Dame University, Baton Foundation, John F. Kennedy Foundation, University of Memphis, Quest Program, CUNY, Forest Grove Public Library, University of San Diego Law School

Fall 2020 “To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: Frederick Douglass’s Aspirational Constitution”: Delivered at Mercer University, Richmond University, Ursinus College, Rhodes College

Fall 2020 “The Great Debate: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America”: Delivered at the Baton Foundation, Notre Dame University, Reed College, SUNY-Geneseo, Jacksonville State University, University of Houston

Spring 2020 **“**In Pursuit of Liberty: The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass,” Middle Tennessee State

Spring 2020 “Freedom is Hard to Bear: Concepts of Liberty in James Baldwin's 'Down at the Cross,'” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago

Fall 2019 “To Secure the Blessings of Liberty: Frederick Douglass’s Constitutional Vision,” University of Portland

Spring 2019 “Frederick Douglass, James Baldwin, and the Ethics of Free Speech,” Azusa Pacific University

Fall 2018 “Why Read Frederick Douglass in 2018?” University of Louisville

Fall 2018 “Toward a More Perfect Union: Frederick Douglass’s Aspirational Constitution,” Seattle Pacific University

Fall 2017 “Frederick Douglass’s Vision of Democracy,” Lee University (October 2017)

Fall 2017 “Frederick Douglass in the American Mind,” University of Missouri-Columbia (October 2017)

Fall 2015 “Frederick Douglass and His Contemporaries,” Invited Lecture at Suffolk University (Boston, MA in October 2015)

 Fall 2015 “Frederick Douglass on Liberty,” Invited Lecture at Suffolk University (Boston, MA in October 2015)

Fall 2015 “Frederick Douglass’s Declarations of Independence,” an invited lecture at Lewis & Clark College (September 2015)

Fall 2014 “Frederick Douglass on Liberty,” an invited lecture at Lewis & Clark College (October 2014)

Spring 2014 “Frederick Douglass’s Declarations of Independence,” an invited lecture, Emory University’s Williams Lectures in the Liberal Arts, Atlanta, Georgia (April 2014)

Fall 2013 “Frederick Douglass’s Aspirational Constitution,” invited Constitution Day lecture at Carroll College in Helena Montana (September 2013)

Spring 2013 “Frederick Douglass in Pursuit of Liberty,” invited lecture at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi (April 2013)

Winter 2012 Invited lecture in honor of Black History Month at Reed College, “The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass”

Fall 2012 Invited lecture at the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in Washington, D.C., “Frederick Douglass in Pursuit of Liberty”

Fall 2012 Invited lecture and roundtable discussion on The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C.

Fall 2012 Invited lecture and book signing, The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass, Fall for the Book Festival, Fairfax, VA

Fall 2012 Invited lecture and book signing, The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass, Southern Festival of Books, Nashville, TN

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

Fall 2022 “Political Theory in the Archives,” Roundtable at the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Fall 2020 “Liberty and Responsibility in the Political Thought of Frederick Douglass,” University of Richmond

Fall 2019 Author Meets Critics on *The Fire Is Upon Us*, American Political Science Association

Spring 2018 “Down at the Cross” as Political Theory, professional presentation at the Western Political Science Association” (March 2018)

Spring 2016 “ What William F. Buckley did not Understand about James Baldwin,” professional presentation at the Southwestern Political Science Association (March 2016)

Fall 2014 “What if Honest Abe Was Telling the Truth?” professional presentation at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association” (September 2014)

Fall 2013 “The Significance of Frederick Douglass’s Political Thought,” professional presentation as part of a Roundtable on Frederick Douglass at the American Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, Illinois (August 2013)

Spring 2013 “The Religion of Reason: The Righteous Politics of Gerrit Smith,” professional presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, Illinois (April 2013)

Spring 2013 Invited to participate in an Author Meets Critics panel on The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago, Illinois (April 2013)

Spring 2013 Invited to participate in an Author Meets Critics panel on The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in Hollywood, California (March 2013)

Fall 2012 Invited to participate in an Author Meets Critics panel on The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass at the American Political Science Association meeting in New Orleans (one of only seven Author Meets Critics panels at the 2012 APSA, which was unfortunately canceled due to Hurricane Isaac)

Fall 2012 “What to the Slave is the Value of Relativism?” presentation at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association, Portland, OR

Spring 2011 “In Defense of Judicial Prudence,” paper presentation at the Western Political Science Association Meeting in San Antonio, Texas

Spring 2011 “In Defense of Judicial Prudence,” paper presentation at the Southwest Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada

Fall 2010 “In Defense of Judicial Prudence,” (co-presentation with Linfield alumna Aila Wallace) to the monthly meeting of the Portland Political Theory/Political Philosophy group

Fall 2010 “The Cardinal Virtues & Judicial Review,” Paper Presentation at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Meeting, Spokane, Washington

Fall 2009 “They’re All Wrong: Misinterpretations of Frederick Douglass,” Paper Presentation at the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Meeting, Victoria, B.C.

Spring 2009 “Frederick Douglass in the American Mind,” Paper Presentation at the Midwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Spring 2008 “The Civic Liberalism of Frederick Douglass,” Paper Presentation at the Western Political Science Association Meeting, San Diego, California

Spring 2008 “Friends of Freedom: Frederick Douglass on Good Citizenship,” Paper Presentation at the Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada

Fall 2007 “A Life of One’s Own: Slavery & Self-Ownership as the Foundations of Frederick Douglass’s Liberalism,” Paper Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Political Theory, University of Western Ontario

**Selected National Grants, Honors & Awards**

Spring 2021 Winner, Oregon Book Awards, Category: General Non-Fiction for

The Fire Is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America

Spring 2018-Present Numerous grants from the Jack Miller Center to support the Frederick Douglass Forum on Law, Rights, and Justice at Linfield University (est. $100,000)

Fall 2021-Spring 2022 Discourse Initiative Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, to support research travel and materials, One Man’s Freedom ($10,000)

Fall 2020- Spring 2021 Discourse Initiative Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, to support research travel and materials, One Man’s Freedom ($20,000)

Spring 2014 – Spring 2017 National Endowment for the Humanities ($20,000) Enduring Questions Grant (“What is Freedom?”)

Spring 2013 Finalist, Oregon Book Awards, Category: General Non-Fiction for The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass

Summer 2013 Summer Fellow, National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Institute, “Transcendentalism and Social Action in the Age of Emerson, Thoreau, and Fuller,” Concord, Massachusetts

Fall 2012-Present Raised over $100,000 from foundations and private donors to support academic programming hosted by the Frederick Douglass Forum on Law, Rights, and Justice (dozens of lectures, debates, reading groups, etc.)

**Linfield Honors & Awards**

2023 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly project

2020-2021 Allen and Pat Kelley Faculty Scholar, Linfield University (honor given to one faculty member per year for exemplary scholarship)

2020-2021 Lacroute Initiative Grant, Linfield University, for the development of “Collaboration for Urban-Rural Engagement” (CURE) – conversations between urban and rural students about the meaning of freedom and the idea of good citizenship

Summer 2020 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly project

Summer 2019 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Summer 2018 Awarded Elizabeth and Morris Glicksman Chair in Political Science, Linfield University

Summer 2018 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Summer 2017 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Summer 2016 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Fall 2015 Faculty Development Grant, Linfield University, for work on scholarly projects

Fall 2015 Diversity Grant, Linfield University, for the creation of a course on African American Political Thought

Summer 2015 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Spring 2015 Samuel E. Graf Faculty Achievement Award, Linfield University (given annually to a faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the college beyond their regular duties that is worthy of special recognition)

Summer 2014 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014 Allen and Pat Kelly Faculty Scholar, Linfield University (given annually to a tenure-track or tenured faculty member in recognition of outstanding scholarly achievement in the preceding academic year)

Spring 2013 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Fall 2012 Faculty Development Grant, Linfield University, for work on new book project

Spring 2011 Faculty Development Grant, Linfield University, for work on new book project

Spring 2011 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 Samuel E. Graf Faculty Achievement Award (given annually to a faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the college beyond their regular duties that is worthy of special recognition)

Summer 2010 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

Fall 2009 Faculty Development Grant, Linfield University, for work on new book project

Summer 2009 Collaborative Research Grant, Linfield University, for collaborative research with students on scholarly projects

**Service to Department & University**

July 2017 – July 2019: Faculty Trustee (elected by peers to serve two-year term on Board of Trustees and serve of Faculty Executive Council, the highest faculty governing body on campus)

January 2017-July 2017: Member of the President’s Diversity Advisory Council, Linfield University

Spring 2016-Spring 2017: Representative of the Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Planning and Budget Committee, Linfield University

2013-2016: Chair, Department of Political Science, Linfield University

2012-Present: Director, Frederick Douglass Forum on Law, Rights, and Justice

2012-Present: Coordinator, Law, Rights, and Justice Major and Minor

2014-Present: Facilitator for Faculty Learning Community on Liberal Education

Summer - Fall 2015: Faculty Advisor, Linfield Colloquium Program

Summer – Fall 2012: Faculty Advisor, Linfield Colloquium Program

Spring 2011 to Spring 2013: Representative of the Division of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Curriculum Committee, Linfield University

Spring 2011: Member of the Academic Programs/DCE Working Group of the Executive Planning Committee (Strategic Planning), Linfield University

Fall 2010 to Fall 2011: Faculty representative on the Linfield Safety Committee

Fall 2010 to Spring 2013: Facilitator for Linfield Learning Community on Liberal Education

Fall 2010 to Fall 2012: Chair, Ultimate Questions Working Group, Linfield University Curriculum Committee

Spring 2010: Member of Linfield Learning Community on Multiculturalism

Spring 2009 to Fall 2010: Member of the Ultimate Questions Working Group, Linfield University Curriculum Committee

Fall 2010: Outside Member of Search Committee for the Department of Psychology search for “Personality” position, Linfield University

Fall 2010: Outside Member of Search Committee for the Department of Business search for “Business Law” position, Linfield University

Fall 2010: Outside Member of Search Committee for the Department of Business search for “Strategic Management” position, Linfield University

Fall 2009: Portfolio Evaluator for Linfield University DCE Program

Fall 2008 to Present: Founding Coordinator / Regular Participant, Pizza & Politics Series, Linfield University

Summer-Fall 2008: Faculty Advisor, Linfield University Colloquium Program

Service to the Profession

2019-2023    Book Review Editor, *Journal of American Political Thought*

Fall 2020 PEN America, Judge, Jacqueline Bogard Weld Biography Category

Fall 2016   Guest Editor, Special Symposium for the *Journal of American Political Thought*

Fall 2015   External Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities “Enduring Questions Program”

2013-2014   Facilitator, Portland Political Theory / Political Philosophy Group

2014  Chair Political Theory Section of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association (PNWPSA)

2013  Chair, Political Theory Section of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association (PNWPSA)

2012  Co-Chair, Political Theory Section of the Pacific Northwest Political Science Association meeting

2009-Present External Reviewer, Numerous Scholarly Journals and University Presses

Professional Affiliations: I am a member of the American Political Science Association, Association for African American Intellectual History, and the American Association of University Professors.