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Professor of Political Science
Northern State University
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1. Personal

Birth Date: May 26, 1957
Married, Two Children.

2. Academic Degrees

Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School 1990 Government
BA University of Arizona 1979 Philosophy

3. Professional Experience

1989-Present Northern State University
1987-1989 California State University, San Bernardino, Instructor.

5. Publications.

- 2022 “The Remerging Foundations of a Biopolitical Science,” in *Biopolitics at 50 Years: Founding and Evolution*, Tony Wohlers and Amy Fletcher, eds., Emerald Press.
- 2021 “Philosophy in the Age of Auschwitz,” in *Emil Fackenheim’s Post-Holocaust Thought and Its Philosophical Sources*, Martin Yaffe and Kenneth Green, eds.. SUNY Press.
- 2017 “Political Ethics,” in *Handbook on Biology and Politics*, Steven Peterson and Albert Sommit, eds., Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2017 “Are All Men ‘Created Equal’ after Darwin,” Parts 1 and 2, A Starting Points Conversation featuring Ken Blanchard and Thomas J. Kaiser.
- 2010 “Natural Right and the Origin of the Species” *Perspectives on Political Science* 39: 12-19.
- 2010 “Impossible Knowledge, True Opinion,” a Review of *Virtue in the Cave: Moral Inquiry in Plato’s Meno*, by Roslyn Weiss, in *The Review of Politics*.

- 2009 Editor and Contributor, *Darwinian Conservatism: A Disputed Question*, by Larry Arnhart et. al., Exeter, UK, Imprint-Academic.
- 2009 Conference Review, The Illinois Biology and Politics Summer Institute, in *Politics and the Life Sciences*.
- 2007 “Darwin’s Conservatives,” Reports of the National Center for Science Education, 26 (6): 33-34.
- 2003-2004 “Aristotle,” “Machiavelli,” “Plato,” “Leo Strauss.” In Encyclopedia of Science, Ethics, and Technology. McMillan Press.
- 2000 The Enemies of Socrates: Piety and Sophism in the Socratic Drama. In *The Review of Politics*, Summer 2000.
- 1999 Metaphor and the Mechanical Mind: Adam Smith on the Pre-Socratics. In *Proceedings, Midwest Conference on Early British Literature*.
- 1997 Conference Report: NEH/HSF Summer Institute-Human Nature: Integrating Nature and Nurture. *Politics and the Life Sciences*. Summer, 1997.
- 1996 “Being, Seeing, and Touching: Machiavelli’s Modification of Platonic Epistemology.” *Review of Metaphysics*. March, 1996.
- 1994 “The Middle Way of Classical Political Philosophy: Socrates’ Dialogues with Aristippus in Xenophon’s Memorabilia,” *Review of Politics*, Fall 1994.
- 1993 “Ethnicity and the Problem of Equality.” *Interpretation: a Journal of Political Philosophy*. 1993.
- 1989 “Philosophy in the Age of Auschwitz.” In *Remembering for the Future*, edited by Yahuda Bauer. New York: Pergamon, 1989.
- 1986 Review of Shirley Christian’s Nicaragua: A Revolution in the family in *The Claremont Review of Books*, Spring 1986.

6. Papers and other Academic Presentations

- 2019 “Aristotle, Darwin, and the Evolution of Common Sense,” presented at a meeting of the Peoria Project, Arizona State University, December 5-7.
- 2019 “Feminism, Darwin, and Natural Rights” a debate with Carson Holloway at Boise State, Feb 20th.

- 2019 “Plato’s Darwinian Explanation for Common Sense” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington D. C.
- 2018 “Darwin and the Declaration of Independence,” presented at the biannual meeting of the International Political Science Association in Brisbane Australia.
- 2017 “The Coevolution of Political and Familial Morality,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco.
- 2016 “The Darwinian Dynamic of Aristotelian Political Animals,” presented at the annual meeting of the International Political Science Association, in Poznan, Poland.
- 2015 “Inequity Aversion and Virtue Ethics,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Politics and Life Sciences, in Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2014 “The Philosophical and Biological Foundations of Personal Autonomy” presented at the annual conference of the International Political Science Association, in Montreal.
- 2013 “Moral Responsibility & Leadership in Ancient and Modern Theory,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Politics and Life Sciences, in Lubbock, Texas.
- 2012 “Sociobiology, Social Engineering, and Social Reform, presented at the annual conference of the International Political Science Association, in Madrid.
- 2011 “The Biological Roots of Authority,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Politics and Life Sciences, in Cleveland.
- 2010 “Lincoln and Darwin on Natural Right,” delivered at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2009 “The Limits of Darwinian and Aristotelian Teleology,” delivered at the Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.
- 2008 “Natural Right and Biology,” delivered at the Annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.
- 2007 “The Platonic Dimensions of the Darwinian Idea,” annual meeting of the Association of Politics and Life Sciences, Bloomington Indiana.

- 2006 “Teleology: Aristotelian and Darwinian,” delivered at the Annual meeting of the Association of Politics and Life Sciences at Chicago.
- 2004 “Natural Right and Natural Selection: Darwinism as Platonism,” delivered at the Annual meeting of the Association of Politics and Life Sciences at Philadelphia.
- 2003 “Plato and Darwin..” Delivered at annual meeting of the Association for Politics and Life Sciences, Philadelphia.
- 2002 “Natural Right and Technology,” delivered at the Annual American Political Science Meeting at Boston. This paper was a commentary on the new book by Francis Fukuyama, and was commented on by that author.
- 2001 “For Hume the Bell Tolls,” Presented at the Midwest Conference on Early British Literature.
- 2000 “Shakespeare’s Machiavellian Moment: Henry VI, Parts 1, 2, and 3.” Presented at a panel organized by the Claremont Institute. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D. C., September 2000.
- 2000 “Natural Right and Biology: Platonic Dimensions of Darwinian Theory.” Presented at a panel organized by the North American Chapter of the Society for the Study of Greek Political Thought, at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D. C., September 2000.
- 1998 “Metabolism and Being: the Neo-Aristotelianism of Hans Jonas,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston.
- 1997 “Socrates’ Wonderful Enthusiasm: The Socratic Turn in Plato’s *Phaedo*.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1997.
- 1995 “The Enemies of Socrates,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 1995.
- 1992 “Shakespeare’s Machiavellian Moment,” First Dakotas Conference on Earlier British Literature, Northern State University.
- 1992 “The Middle Way of classical Political Philosophy,” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, April.