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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science

University of California, Davis

Fields of Study: Political Theory, American Politics, and Comparative Literature

Dissertation: "What Can Be Done in Light of What Has Been Done: The Intersection of Theory and Practice in Rousseau" under the name Sara Price

Committee: John T. Scott (Chair), Robert S. Taylor, Julia Simon (French)

- MA, Political Science
 - **University of Houston**
- BA, Political Science

University of Houston

Summa cum laude with honors from the Honors College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Teaching Professor of Political Science, Florida International University (current)

- POS 2041: American Government (online)
- POS 4205: American Political Culture (online)
- POT 2002: Introduction to Political Theory (online)
- POT 3013: Ancient & Medieval Political Theory (online)
- POT 3054: Modern Political Theory (online)
- POT 3064: Contemporary Political Theory (online)
- POT 3204: American Political Thought (online)
- POT 3302: Political Ideologies (online)
- POT 4621: Theories of Justice (online)

Adjunct Instructor, University of New Mexico, Valencia

- The Political World (online)
- U.S. Government (online)

Adjunct Instructor, Portland Community College

- U.S. Government
- Citizenship and Engagement
- Globalization and International Relations
- Political Ideologies

Instructor, University of La Verne, La Verne, CA

Modern Political Theory

Adjunct Instructor, Odessa College, Odessa, TX

- Introduction to Federal Government (online)
- Texas State Government (online)

Instructor, University of California, Davis

- Late Modern Political Theory
- Basic Concepts of Political Theory

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

- Book Review, "The Cambridge Companion to Rousseau's Social Contract, edited by Matthew W. Maguire and David Lay Williams, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2024," in History of European Ideas, Forthcoming.
- "Rousseau's Rome: Book IV of the *Social Contract* and the Specter of Montesquieu," in *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, Volume 57, Number 1, Fall 2023

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Right, Legitimacy, and Institutional Design
- Democratic Theory
- Public Discourse and Rhetoric in Political Theory
- · Republicanism, Ancient and Modern
- Theories of Progress
- History of Political Thought
- French Enlightenment

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Working Article- "Rousseau's Practical Philosophy: Applying a Standard of Right to Poland and Corsica"
- Working Article- "Rousseau's Cosmopolitan Republicanism: Confederation, Political Progress, and the Limits of Universalizing the General Will"

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (SELECTIONS)

- "Rousseau's Practical Philosophy: Applying a Standard of Right to Poland and Corsica."
 Presented at the 2021 meeting of the Western Political Science Association Meeting, April 2021, Online
- Participant at the 2021 meeting of the Rousseau Association, hosted by the University of Michigan
- Presented at multiple meetings of the Midwestern Political Science Association and the Western Political Science Association (2009-2021)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Research Assistant for Dr. Scott MacKenzie, Area: American Political Development (2009-2013)
- Research Assistant for Dr. Cindy Kam, Area: American Political Psychology (2006-2007)
- Research Assistant for Dr. Richard Matland, Area: American Politics, Qualitative Methods (2006)
- Research Assistant for Dr. Ross M. Lence, Area: American Political Thought (2004-2006)
- Research Assistant for Dr. Donald Lutz, Area: American Political Thought (2004-2006)

TEACHING AND SKILLS

TEACHING ASSISTANT (UC DAVIS, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON)

Courses in Political Theory

- Introduction to Political Theory (Honors and Standard)
- Plato's Republic Seminar
- Ancient Political Theory
- Early Modern Political Theory
- Late Modern Political Theory
- Contemporary Analytic Political Theory
- War in Political Theory
- Politics of Greek Theatre (Honors)
- History of Political Philosophy (Graduate Level)
- Techniques of Textual Analysis (Graduate Level)
- American Political Thought (Graduate Level)

Courses in American Politics

- Introduction to American Politics/U.S. Government
- American Public Policy
- Political Communication and Politics of Mass Media
- Legislative Processes/Congress
- Politics of Equality in Constitutional Law
- Science and Technology Policy

SKILLS

- Foreign Languages: French (Intermediate), Greek (Basic), Latin (Basic)
- Computer Languages and Statistical Modeling Tools: HTML (Basic), CSS (Basic), Python (Basic), FileMaker Pro, STATA, SPSS, R; Harvard University Data Science Professional Certificates in R, Data Visualization, Inference and Modeling, Probability, Productivity Tools (R Markdown, UNIX, GitHub, Atom), and Linear Regression
- Learning Management Systems and Online Course Design: Blackboard and Canvas, Online Live Teaching Microcredential at Florida International University (2021), HQ Certification for Eight Courses
- Collaboration Tools: MS Teams, Zoom, Asana
- Social Media Content Creation, Advertising, Analytics, and Management Tools: Podcastle, Acast, Podbean, Social Blade, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, Google Analytics, AMS, Facebook Ads, Buffer, HootSuite
- Video Production and Collaboration/Graphic Design Tools: DaVinci Resolve, YouTube Studio, iMovie, Animaker, Video Scribe, Doodly, Kaltura, Vellum, Canva, InVideo Al
- AI Tools: Microsoft AI for Educators Trophy (2024), InVideo AI, MS Copilot, Chat GPT

SERVICE AND AWARDS

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles, Summer Institute Fellow (2012)
- UC Davis and Humanities Research Fellowship (2010-2011)
- UC Davis Charles Hardin and Emeriti Travel Award (2010)
- Earhart Foundation Fellowship, Awarded Twice (2005-2006, 2006-2007): stipend of \$17,000 plus tuition

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Website/Social Media Manager, Politics and International Relations Department at Florida International University (2021-current)
- Departmental Committee Service at Florida International University (2020-current)
- Chair of Panel "Virtuous Collisions" at Western Political Science Association Meeting (2021)
- U.S. Government Advanced Placement Exam Reader, Salt Lake City, UT (2016, 2018)
- Chair of Panel "Rousseau: Possibility, Omnipotence, Intimacy & Communion" at WPSA Meeting (2010)
- Social Chair of Political Science Graduate Student Association, UC Davis (2007-2008)
- Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Graduate Committee, UC Davis Dept. of Pol. Sci. (2006-2007)
- Vice President/Social Chair of Graduate Student Association, University of Houston (2005-2006)

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, Press and Public Affairs Division, assisting in Foreign Trade and Investment Division, British Consulate-General, Houston, TX
- Public Liaison, Office of Houston City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

- Jason Neidleman, Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science, University of La Verne (jneidleman@laverne.edu)
- Julia Simon, Professor and Chair, Department of French, University of California, Davis (jsimon@ucdavis.edu)
- James Read, Professor, Department of Political Science, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University (jread@csbsju.edu)