

*Curriculum Vitae*

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Political Science Department  
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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. May 1989**

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**  
Department of Politics

**M.A. May 1986**

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**  
Department of Politics

**B.A. May 1982**

**VASSAR COLLEGE**  
Major: Political Science

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**2002-present**

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO**  
**Professor**  
Political Science Department

**1995-2002**

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO**  
**Associate Professor**  
Political Science Department

**1989-1995**

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO**  
**Assistant Professor**  
Political Science Department

**HONORS**

Graduation with Honors, Vassar College (1982)  
Phi Beta Kappa, Vassar College (1982)  
Master Teacher, College of Arts & Sciences, Loyola University Chicago (2005)  
Alpha Sigma Nu Book Award for *Quick Cash: The Story of the Loan Shark* (2011)  
Honorary Inductee, Alpha Sigma Nu, Loyola University Chicago (2012)

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

“The Permissible Assassination” (manuscript in preparation)

“Judging Camus’ Assassins” (revise & resubmit notice)

“Do Camus’ Assassins Have Dirty Hands?” (manuscript in preparation)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Noncombatant Immunity and the Ethics of Blockade”

**Journal of Military Ethics** 18/1 (April 2019): 2-19.

“Loansharking”

**Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice** (Wiley-Blackwell 2014).

“When and Why Usury Should Be Prohibited”

**Journal of Business Ethics** 116/3 (2013): 513-527.

“The Cost of Usury”

**Business Ethics Journal Review** 1/7 (2013): 44-49.

“Loan Sharks, Interest Rate Caps, and Deregulation”

**Washington and Lee Law Review** 69/2 (2012): 807-848.

**Quick Cash: The Story of the Loan Shark**

(DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, 2010).

“One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: On Lars Lih’s Lenin”

**Historical Materialism** 18 (Fall 2010): 47-63.

“Sweatshops, Exploitation, and Moral Responsibility”

**Journal of Social Philosophy** 38 (Winter 2007): 605-619.

“What’s Wrong with Exploitation?”

**Journal of Applied Philosophy** 24 (Spring 2007): 137-150.

“Guestworkers and Exploitation”

**Review of Politics** 67 (Spring 2005): 311-334.

“Payday Lending and Personal Bankruptcy”

**Consumer Interests** 50 (2004): 76-82.

“Payday Loans and Exploitation”

**Public Affairs Quarterly** 17 (July 2003): 197-217.

## **PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

“A Walzerian Theory of Exploitation”

**Polity** 34 (Spring 2002): 337-354.

“Robert Dahl and the Right to Workplace Democracy” and “A Rejoinder to Robert Dahl”

**Review of Politics** 63 (Spring 2001): 221-247, 255-257.

“Michael Walzer, Industrial Democracy and Complex Equality”

**Political Theory** 29 (April 2001): 237-261.

“Strategies of Justification in Authoritarian Ideology”

**Journal of Political Ideologies** 6 (June 2001): 147-168.

“Is There a Moral Right to Workplace Democracy?”

**Social Theory & Practice** 26 (Summer 2000): 301-325.

“Lenin and the Jacobin Identity in Russia”

**Studies in East European Thought** 51 (June 1999): 127-154.

“Lenin and the Practice of Dialectical Thinking”

**Science & Society** 63 (Spring 1999): 40-62.

“Lenin, the Proletariat, and the Legitimation of Dictatorship”

**Journal of Political Ideologies** 2 (February 1997): 99-115.

“Plekhanov, Lenin and Working-Class Consciousness”

**Studies in East European Thought** 49 (September 1997): 159-185.

“What Is Not To Be Done: Lenin, Marxism and Working-Class Consciousness”

**Science & Society** 61 (Fall 1997): 367-375.

“The Status of a Classic Text: Lenin's *What Is To Be Done?* After 1902”

**History of European Ideas** 22 (July 1996): 307-320.

“Lenin, Kautsky and Working-Class Consciousness”

**History of European Ideas** 18 (September 1994): 673-681.

“Lenin and the Concept of the Professional Revolutionary”

**History of Political Thought** 14 (Summer 1993): 249-263.

“Marx, Lenin and the Corruption of the Working Class”

**Political Studies** 41 (December 1993): 636-649.

## **PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

“The Dictatorship of the Proletariat from Plekhanov to Lenin”  
**Studies in East European Thought** 45 (December 1993): 255-280.

“Hannah Arendt, Leninism and the Disappearance of Authority”  
**Polity** 24 (Spring 1992): 399-416.

“Hannah Arendt, National Socialism and the Project of Foundation”  
**Review of Politics** 53 (Summer 1991): 469-487.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“One Payday, Many Payday Loans: Short-Term Lending Abuse in Milwaukee County”  
(February 2005). Based on a review of bankruptcy petitions supported by Wisconsin’s Eastern District of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. The paper has been disseminated to regulators, lawmakers, journalists, and various research institutes.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of Phillip Gray, *Vanguardism: Ideology and Organization in Totalitarian Politics*  
**Perspectives on Politics** 18/4 (2020): forthcoming.

Review of Vladlen Loginov, *Vladimir Lenin: How to Become a Leader*  
**Russian Review** 78/4 (2019): 676-77.

Review of Brian Murphy, *Rostov in the Russian Civil War, 1917-1920: The Key to Victory*  
**The European Legacy** 20/3 (2015): 307-308.

Review of Roland Boer, *Lenin, Religion, and Theology*  
**Russian Review** 73/1 (2014): 139-140.

Review of Otto Boele, *Erotic Nihilism in Late Imperial Russia: Mikhail Artsybashev’s Sanin*  
**The European Legacy** 18/2 (2013): 245-246.

Review of Ruth Grant, *Strings Attached: Untangling the Ethics of Incentives*  
**Ethics** 123/1 (2012): 154-158.

Review of Lars Lih, *Lenin*  
**The NEP Era** 5 (2011): 31-34.

Review of Gijs van Donselaar, *The Right to Exploit: Parasitism, Scarcity, Basic Income*  
**Economics and Philosophy** 27/1 (2011): 69-75.

Review of Richard Hamilton, *Marxism, Revisionism, and Leninism*  
**Science & Society** 65 (Winter 2002): 547-549.

## **BOOK REVIEWS (continued)**

Review of Francois Furet, *The Passing of an Illusion*  
**Review of Politics** 62 (Summer 2000): 371-373.

Review of D. Shlapentokh, *The French Revolution and the Russian Anti-Democratic Tradition*  
**The European Legacy** 3 (February 1998): 128-129.

Review of Manfred Steger, *The Quest for Evolutionary Socialism* and Kevin Anderson, *Lenin, Hegel, and Western Marxism*  
**History of European Ideas** 24 (January 1998): 137-141.

Review of Bonnie Honig (ed.), *Feminist Interpretations of Hannah Arendt*  
**Journal of Politics** 58 (August 1996): 894-895.

Review of Jeffrey Isaac, *Arendt, Camus and Modern Rebellion*  
**Journal of Politics** 56 (February 1994): 292-294.

## **INVITED TALKS AND INTERVIEWS**

“Subprime Credit” presented at the Evanston Financial Advancement Summit, 16 May 2012.

Interview about *Quick Cash: The Story of the Loan Shark* with Milt Rosenberg, “Extension 720,” WGN Radio, 22 January 2012.

Interview about *Quick Cash: The Story of the Loan Shark* with Alison Cuddy, “848,” WBEZ Radio, 21 January 2011.

“The Return of the Loan Sharks” presented at the Woodstock Institute’s Conference on Asset-Building, 25 April 2008.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

“Judging Camus’ Assassins” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 5 April 2019.

“Assassinating Hitler: An Ethical Analysis” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, 10 November 2018.

“Albert Camus and the Ethics of Assassination” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 5 April 2018.

“Orwell, Lenin, and *Animal Farm*” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 8 April 2017.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (continued)**

“The Ethics of Blockade” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 9 April 2016.

“Loan Sharks, Interest-Rate Caps, and Deregulation” presented at the Washington and Lee Law Review Symposium on Regulation in the Fringe Economy, 11 November 2011.

“Sweatshop Exploitation and the Benefit Paradox” presented at the American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, 3 April 2010.

“The Ethics of Exploitation” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 14 April 2007.

“What’s Wrong with Exploitation?” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 20 April 2006.

"Guestworkers and Exploitation" presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 7-9 April 2005.

“Payday Lending and Personal Bankruptcy” presented at the American Council on Consumer Interests Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, 1-3 April 2004.

“How Complex is Complex Equality?” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 21-23 April 2004.

“Payday Loans and Exploitation” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 3-6 April 2003.

“Equalizing Burdens” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, 8-10 November 2001.

“A Walzerian Theory of Exploitation,” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, 28-30 October 2000.

“Michael Walzer, Industrial Democracy and Complex Equality,” paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Jose, 24-26 March 2000.

“Robert Dahl and the Right to Workplace Democracy,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 1999.

“The Right to Workplace Democracy: A Critique,” presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, 29-31 October 1998.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (continued)**

Chair and Discussant on a panel entitled “The Ideological Uses of Political Concepts” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 10-12 April 1997.

“The Irrelevance of *What Is To Be Done?*: Lenin’s Mature Theory of Working-Class Consciousness” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Newark, 9-11 November 1995.

Discussant on a panel entitled “Marx and Marxism” at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 14-16 April 1994.

“Lenin and the Theory of Working-Class Consciousness,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Newark, 11-13 November 1993.

“Marx, Lenin and the Corruption of the Working Class,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 15-17 April 1993.

“The Disappearance of Authority: Arendt, Leninism and the Project of Foundation,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, 9-11 April 1992.

“Who is the Modern Prince? Marxism and Foundation,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, 14-16 November 1991.

## **GRANTS**

Eastern District of Wisconsin, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Exemption from Fees, Fall 2004, “One Payday, Many Payday Loans.”

Loyola University Chicago, Small Research Grant, Spring 2003, “Payday Lending and Personal Bankruptcy.”

Loyola University Chicago, Summer Research Grant, Summer 1999, “The Moral Right to Workplace Democracy.”

Russian & East European Research Laboratory, University of Illinois Summer Stipend, June 1996, “Soviet Interpretations of Leninism in the 1920s.”

Loyola University Chicago, Research Leave of Absence, Fall 1992, “Lenin’s Political Thought.”

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Refereed manuscripts for *American Political Science Review*; *Analysis*; *Cambridge University Press*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Consumer Interests*; *Continuum Press*; *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Ethics*;

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (continued)**

*Europe-Asia Studies; History of Political Thought; Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy; Political Psychology; Politics, Philosophy & Economics; Polity; Polity Books; Public Affairs Quarterly; Res Publica; Review of Politics; Review of Social Economy; Russian Review; Social Theory & Practice; Southeastern Political Review; Studies in East European Thought; University of Chicago Press.*

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

PLSC 100: Political Theory  
PLSC 300: Dystopian Thought  
PLSC 300: Just War Theory  
PLSC 300: Fascism  
PLSC 301: Political Justice  
PLSC 303: Conservatism  
PLSC 304: Ancient Political Theory  
PLSC 306: Modern Political Theory  
PLSC 307: Democratic Theory  
PLSC 308: Contemporary Political Theory  
PLSC 310: Catholic Political Thought  
PLSC 312: Feminist Theory  
PLSC 313: Resistance & Obligation  
PLSC 337: Terrorism  
PLSC 339: Political Ideologies  
PLSC 348: Russian Politics  
PLSC 359: Revolutions  
PLSC 366: Dictatorship  
PLSC 373: Politics and Literature  
PLSC 374: Democracy  
PLSC 395: George Orwell  
PLSC 396: Liberalism  
PLSC 396: Anarchism  
PLSC 440: Ancient Political Theory (graduate)  
PLSC 442: Modern Political Theory (graduate)  
PLSC 444: Great Authors: Nietzsche (graduate)  
PLSC 449: Nineteenth-Century Political Theory (graduate)  
PLSC 450: Socialism (graduate)  
PLSC 499: Nietzsche's Politics (graduate)  
PLSC 499: Foucault's Thought (graduate)  
PLSC 499: Greek Political Theory (graduate)  
PLSC 546: Political Theory (graduate)  
PLSC 546: Contemporary Political Theory (graduate)  
PLSC 546: Theories of International Justice (graduate)  
WOST 390: Disadvantaging Women



## **COURSES TAUGHT (continued)**

UNIV 102: The Return of the Loan Sharks

## **SERVICE**

College Martin Luther King Celebration Committee (1994)  
College Core Curriculum Revision Board (1998-1999)  
College Pre-Law Advisor (2005-2010)  
College Writing-Intensive Program (1991-1993, 1995, 2015-)  
College Rank, Tenure and Leave Committee (2019-)  
Department Covey Lectures Coordinator (1996-1997, 1999, 2001)  
Department Graduate Studies Committee (1991-1992)  
Department Undergraduate Studies Committee (1990-1991, 1992-1995)  
Department Undergraduate Studies Committee Chair (1995-2000, 2020-)  
Department Honors Program Coordinator (1996-2000)  
Department Awards Committee (1989-1990)  
Department Research Seminars Coordinator (1990-1998)  
Department Course Reduction Committee (2008)  
Department Web Master (2001-2012)  
Department Teaching Assessment Committee (2015-)  
University M.A./M.S. Council (1991-1992)  
University Freshman Advising (Summer 1991)  
University Fulbright Fellowship Interview Committee (1994, 1997)  
University Academic Council (1995-1997, 1998-1999)  
University Graduate Fellowships Committee (1995-1998)  
University Appeals Committee (2010-11)  
University Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy Advisory Board (2012-2015)  
University Libraries Dean Search Committee (2016)