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Curriculum Vitae

DUSTIN SEBELL

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APPOINTMENTS

Senior Research Fellow, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, U.S. Naval Academy (2023–24)
Class of 1962 Fellow, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, U.S. Naval Academy (2022–23)
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University (2022–present)
Director, LeFrak Forum and Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, Michigan State University (2023–present)
Co-Director, LeFrak Forum and Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, Michigan State University (2019–23)
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University (2016–22)
John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow, John Marshall International Center for the Study of Statesmanship, University of Richmond (2015–16)
Postdoctoral Fellow, Program on Constitutional Government, Harvard University (2014–15)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Boston College (2014)
M.A., Political Science, Boston College (2009)
B.A., Liberal Arts, St. John's College (2007)

BOOKS

Xenophon's Socratic Education: Reason, Religion, and the Limits of Politics. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2021
Reviewed in *Choice*, *Classical Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of Politics*

The Socratic Turn: Knowledge of Good and Evil in an Age of Science. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016
Reviewed in *Ancient Philosophy*, *Choice*, *Claremont Review of Books*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Phronesis*, *Polis*, *Political Studies Review*, *Review of Politics*
Winner of the Delba Winthrop Award for Excellence in Political Science

ARTICLES

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“A Critique of Hume’s Critique of Religion in the ‘Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion.’”
Hume Studies (forthcoming)

“Ancient versus Modern Philosophy: The Socratic Refutations and the Napoleonic Strategy in
Leo Strauss’s ‘Restatement.’” *Political Science Reviewer* 45 (2), 2021, 355-388

“The Problem of Political Science: Political Relevance and Scientific Rigor in Aristotle’s
‘Philosophy of Human Affairs.’” *American Journal of Political Science* 60 (1), 2016, 85-
96

REVIEWS AND RESPONSES

“Response: A Symposium on ‘Xenophon’s Socratic Education: Reason, Religion, and the Limits
of Politics.’” *Review of Politics* (forthcoming)

Laurence Lampert, *How Socrates Became Socrates: A Study of Plato’s ‘Phaedo,’ ‘Parmenides,’
and ‘Symposium’* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021). *Review of Politics* 84
(2), 2022, 276-278

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Grant for the support of postdoctoral researchers, Jack Miller Center for Teaching American’s
Founding Principles and History, 2022

Constitution Day lecture grant, Jack Miller Center for Teaching America’s Founding Principles,
2018

Distinguished Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Notre Dame, 2016–17
(declined)

JMC Fellow, Summer Institute on Commerce and Character, Jack Miller Center for Teaching
America’s Founding Principles and History, 2016

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 2014

GSAS Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College, 2013–14

Earhart Fellowship, H.B. Earhart Foundation, 2009–10

Grant for summer study, Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation, 2010

Grant for summer study, Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, 2008–13

M.A. Fellowship, Boston College, 2007–09

AWARDS

Delba Winthrop Award for Excellence in Political Science, 2016

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2015

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College, 2012

TEACHING

“Political Philosophy,” U.S. Naval Academy, Spring 2023 (undergraduate)

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- “Modern Political Philosophy,” Michigan State University, Fall 2017, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2022 (undergraduate)
- “Classical Political Philosophy,” Michigan State University, Fall 2016, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022 (undergraduate)
- “Liberal Democracy as a Way of Life,” Michigan State University, Fall 2017 (undergraduate)
- “Readings in Political Science,” Michigan State University, Fall 2018 (undergraduate)
- “Proseminar in Political Thought,” Michigan State University, Fall 2018, Fall 2021 (graduate)
- “Research Seminar in Political Thought,” Michigan State University, Fall 2019, Fall 2020 (graduate)
- “Readings in Political Science,” Michigan State University, Fall 2019 (graduate)
- “Political Thought,” Michigan State University, Spring 2017 (graduate)
- “How to Rule the World,” University of Richmond, Spring 2016 (undergraduate)
- “Ancient & Medieval Political Philosophy,” Harvard University, Fall 2014 (undergraduate)
- “The Question of Justice,” Boston College, Fall 2011 (undergraduate)

INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

- “‘That Sweet Dream of Peace’: the Argument of the Action of Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*.” Paper to be delivered at the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Munich, Germany, 2023.
- “Is Peace Only a Dream ... and Not Even a Beautiful One? An Introduction to Xenophon’s *Education of Cyrus*.” Paper delivered at Baylor University, Department of Political Science, 2022; the University of North Texas, Department of Political Science, 2022; the University of Florida, Hamilton Center, 2023; the U.S. Naval Academy, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, 2023.
- The Peoria Project, Conference on “Science and Common Sense,” Hermosa Beach, California, 2018
- Liberty Fund, Colloquium on “Liberty and Responsibility for Human Nature,” Portland, Maine, 2017
- Churchill Institute, Colloquium on “Western Civilization, Diversity, and the Liberal Arts in the 21st Century,” Hartford, Connecticut, 2017
- Roosevelt University, Montesquieu Forum, Seminar on “The Problem of Socrates,” 2017
- “Pre-Socratic Physics and Socratic Politics.” Paper delivered at Michigan State University, Department of Political Science, 2015
- “An Introduction to the Socratic Turn.” Paper delivered at Harvard University, Department of Government, 2015
- “The Birth of Political Philosophy.” Paper delivered at the University of Richmond, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, 2015
- “Socrates, Young and Old.” Paper delivered at the University of Exeter (U.K.), Department of Politics, 2015
- Response to Eric Buzzetti’s “How to Begin to Study Leo Strauss’ *On Tyranny*.” Paper delivered at Boston College, Thomas W. Smith Lecture Series, 2014

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Peer reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Apeiron*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Leadership and the*

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Humanities, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Reviewer, Review of Politics,
Palgrave Macmillan, Rowman & Littlefield
Grievance Hearing Board, Michigan State University, College of Social Science, 2021–present
Graduate Studies Committee, Michigan State University, Department of Political Science, 2019–
present
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Michigan State University, Department of Political Science,
2016–18

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Xenophon’s Critique of Teleology.” Paper delivered at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2019
- “Xenophon’s Socrates on Natural and Revealed Theology.” Paper delivered at the Midwest American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2019
- Discussant on a panel held at the Michigan Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2018.
- “Justice, Self-Knowledge, and Happiness According to Socrates.” Paper delivered at the American Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2018
- “An Introduction to Xenophon’s *Memorabilia* IV.” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2018
- “The Socratic Teaching According to Xenophon” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2017
- “What Is A Political Community? The Perspective of Aristotle’s *Politics*.” Paper delivered at the Northeast Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2015
- “Political Theory Today.” Paper delivered at the New England Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2015
- “The Method of Aristotle’s Moral-Political Science.” Paper delivered at the Northeast Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2014
- Discussant on a panel, “Aristotelian Politics,” held at the Northeast Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2014
- “The Socratic Turn.” Paper delivered at the Midwest Political Science Association’s Annual Meeting, 2014

REFERENCES

Available upon request