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ACADEMIC RECORD

Ph.D., Political Science, Louisiana State University, 1997. Dissertation: "The Composition of Politics: Creative Human Existence in the Political Thought of Simone Weil and Albert Camus." Dr. Cecil L. Eubanks, Director.

M.A., American History, Louisiana State University, 1992.

B.A., History, Louisiana State University, 1989

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Political Science and Graduate Advisor, University of Texas at Tyler, Fall 2015-present.

--Associate Professor of Political Science and Graduate Advisor, University of Texas at Tyler, 2005-2015

--Assistant Professor of Political Science and Graduate Advisor, University of Texas at Tyler, 1999-2005

--Lecturer in Political Science, Department of Social Sciences, University of Texas at Tyler, 1998-1999

--Instructor, Honors College and Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University, 1997

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Contemporary Political Theory

History of Political Thought (Classical to Contemporary)

Theories of Culture, Literature, and Politics (Postcolonial, postmodern, feminist)

Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy

American Public (Constitutional) Law

PUBLICATIONS

1. Books

John Randolph LeBlanc, *Edward Said on the Prospects of Peace in Palestine and Israel*. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2013.

John Randolph LeBlanc and Carolyn M. Jones Medine, *Ancient and Modern Religion and Politics: Negotiating Transitive Spaces and Hybrid Identities*. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2012

John Randolph LeBlanc, *Ethics and Creativity in the Political Thought of Simone Weil and Albert Camus*, Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2004.

2. Articles and Book Chapters (refereed)

--John Randolph LeBlanc and Carolyn M. Jones, "Displacements of Identity in Palestine/Israel: Edward Said and Jean Mohr," *ARTS: The Arts in Religious and Theological Studies* 29:1 (Fall 2017), 54-69.

John Randolph LeBlanc, "Politics, Death, and Camus's Late Anarchic Style" in *Death and Anti-Death: Fifty Years After Albert Camus (1913-1960)*, edited by Charles R. Tandy (Palo Alto: Ria University Press, 2010)

John Randolph LeBlanc, "Memory and Justice: Narrative Sources of Community in Camus's *The First Man*," *Philosophy and Literature* 30:1 (April 2006) 140-157.

John Randolph LeBlanc and Carolyn M. Jones, "Space/Place and Home: Prefiguring Contemporary Political and Religious Discourse in Albert Camus's *The Plague*," *Contemporary Political Theory* 2:2 (July 2003): 209-230.

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PUBLICATIONS (continued)

2. Articles and Book Chapters (refereed)

--REPRINT: John Randolph LeBlanc and Carolyn M. Jones, "Space/Place and Home: Prefiguring Contemporary Political and Religious Discourse in Albert Camus's *The Plague*," *Critical Insights: Albert Camus*, edited by Steven G. Kellman (Pasadena, CA: Salem Press, 2012), 201-230.

John Randolph LeBlanc, "Camus, Said, and the Dilemma of Home: Space, Identity, and the Limits of Postcolonial Political Theory," *Strategies: Journal of Theory, Culture and Politics* 15:2 (2002): 239-258.

John Randolph LeBlanc, "Art and Politics in Albert Camus: Beauty as Defiance and Art as a Spiritual Quest," *Literature and Theology* 13:2 (June 1999): 126-148.

John Randolph LeBlanc, "Knowing, Totality and Politics in Simone Weil and Albert Camus," *Southeastern Political Review* (September 1998): 593-610.

John R. LeBlanc, "The Context of Manumission: Antebellum Alabama and Imperial Rome," *Alabama Review* (October 1993): 266-287.

3. Encyclopedia Entry (refereed)

John Randolph LeBlanc, "Simone Weil," in *Encyclopedia of Modern French Thought*, edited by Chris Murray, London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2004: 647-653.

4. Book Reviews

John Randolph LeBlanc, review of *Pax Gandhiana: The Political Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi* (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), *Contemporary Political Theory* (2019) 18 (Suppl 2): 110-113 (first published online: 18 January 2018): <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-018-0191-x>.

John Randolph LeBlanc, review of *Anomie of the Earth: Philosophy, Politics, and Autonomy in Europe and the Americas*, eds. Federico Luisetti, John Pickles, and Wilson Kaiser (Duke University Press, 2015), *The Latin Americanist*, 60:2 (June 2016): 305-07.

John Randolph LeBlanc, review of Gabriel Rockhill, *Radical History and the Politics of Art* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014), *CLIO: A Journal of Literature, History, and the Philosophy of History*, 45:2 (Spring 2016), 234-238).

John Randolph LeBlanc, review of Anna Stilz, *Liberal Loyalty: Freedom, Obligation, and the State* (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2009), *American Review of Politics*, vol. 30.

John Randolph LeBlanc, review of Alan Gibson, *Understanding the Founding: The Crucial Questions* (Lawrence: Kansas University Press, 2007), *American Review of Politics*, vol. 28 (Fall 2007): 266-268.

Randy LeBlanc, review of Emily Gill, *Becoming Free: Autonomy and Diversity in the Liberal Polity* (Lawrence: Kansas University Press, 2001), *American Review of Politics*, vol. 22 (Spring 2001): 134-137.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

1. Conference Papers

--"The Spectral Palestinian: Liminality and Politics in Darwish's *In the Presence of Absence*," (forthcoming) *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, CA, April 2020.

--"Walking Papers: Politics and Shehadeh's Walks in a Vanishing Political Landscape," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, Irvine, CA, October 2019.

--"K. in the West Bank: Shehadeh's Palestinian 'Legal Narrative' as Kafkaesque Chain Novel," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, April 2019.

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (continued)

1. Conference Papers

--"Collaboration, Resistance, and Implication in Sari Nusseibeh's Palestine/Israel," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, September 2017. *Nota Bene*: A revised version of this essay was presented at the *Association for Political Theory Meeting*, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2017.

--"Occupied Body, Occupied Mind: Transforming Vulnerability in Raja Shehadeh," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016. *Nota Bene*: Second revision, this one of a version given at the *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, March 2016. Revision of an earlier version given at *Open Embodiments: Locating Somatechnics—an International Conference*, Tucson, AZ, April 2015.

--"Sacred Violence and Radical Otherness: Said, Butler, and the Transformation of the Uncivil Imagination on Palestine/Israel," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.

--"No Political Solution: The Occupation of Palestinian Narrative in Raja Shehadeh," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA, April 2014.

--and Carolyn M. Jones Medine, "Displacements of Identity in Palestine/Israel: Edward Said and David Grossman," *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, April 2014.

--"From Iron Wall to Iron Cage: Beyond Enclosures of Space and Meaning in Said's Palestine/Israel," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, Texas, April 2011. (Significant revision of "Said at the Wall")

--"Said at the Wall: Breaching Enclosures of Space and Meaning," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, Portland, Oregon, October 2010.

--"Between Persuasion and Conversion: Said's Ambiguous Adventures with the Democratic," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, September 2010.

--"The Fastidious Artist: Albert Camus as Reluctant Non-Violent Anarchist," *Modernist Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, November 2009.

--"Between Persuasion and Conversion: The 'Democratic' in Edward Said's Political Theory," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, College Station, Texas, October 2009.

--"Articulating Presence: The PRIME Textbook and the Possibilities of Narrative in Said and Bhabha," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, March 2009.

--and Carolyn M. Jones, "The Alien and the Intimate in Sophocles's *Antigone*," *A Useful Past: History, Politics, and Literature from Classical Antiquity to the Present Day Conference*, Tyler, Texas, March 2009.

--"Unsettling Place: Agamben, Said, and the Inoperability of Political Place," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, London, Ontario, Canada, October 2007.

--and Carolyn M. Jones, University of Georgia, "The Care of the Self and the Care of the City," *M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence 2005 Gandhian Conference on Nonviolence*, Memphis, TN, October 2005.

--Also given at *American Academies of Religion Southeastern Regional Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, March 2006 and *From Sophocles to Sondheim: A Student/Faculty/Community Conference*, Tyler, TX March 2006..

--"Antecedent Justifications: Place-Claims and Hybridity in Edward Said," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO, October 2005.

--and Carolyn M. Jones, University of Georgia, "Telling Stories and Making Peace: Martin Luther King's Stride Toward Freedom and Desmond Tutu and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission," *M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence 2004 Gandhian Conference on Non-Violence*, Memphis, TN, October 2004.

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (continued)

1. Conference Papers (continued)

--A modest revision of this essay was presented at the *American Academies of Religion Southeastern Regional Meeting*, Winston-Salem, NC, March 2005.

--"The Politics of Statelessness: Edward Said and the Ambiguities of Liberal Nationalism," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2004.

--and Carolyn M. Jones, "Emblems of the Trope of Journey: An Introduction," *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*, Athens, GA, February 2003.

--"In-Between' Culture and Meaning: Voegelin, Bhabha, and the Intervention of the Political," *American Political Science Association*, Boston, August 2002

--and Carolyn M. Jones, "Culture, Location, and the Problem of Transitive Identity," *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, March 2002.

--"Negotiating Space(s): Reframing Political Conflict in Walzer, Lyotard, and Bhabha" *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, November 2001

--"The Just as *Game*: Space and the Possibility of Justice in Walzer and Lyotard," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Fort Worth, TX March 2001

--and Carolyn M. Jones, "'The Better Angels of Our Nature: Sophocles' *Antigone* and the Crisis of Union," *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, February 2001

--"Camus, Said, and the Dilemma of Home: Space, Identity, and the Limits of Post-Colonial Political Theory," *American Political Science Association*, Washington, D.C., September 2000

--"Home and Homelessness in Postcolonial Political Thought: Edward Said's Reading of Albert Camus," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Galveston, TX, March 2000

--and Carolyn M. Jones, "Space/Place and Home: Political and Religious Discourse in Albert Camus' *The Plague*," *American Academy of Religion--Southeast Regional Conference*, Atlanta, GA, March 2000

--"The Limits of Reconstruction: Reconstituting Community in Martin Luther King, Jr.," *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*, Macon, GA, February 2000

--"Camus' Critique of Contemporary Conceptions of Justice," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, San Antonio, Spring 1999

--"The Nexus of Politics: Camus' *First Man* and Voegelin's Anamnestic Recovery," *American Political Science Association*, Washington, D.C., 1997

--"Plague's New Order: Ritual and Power in the Political Thought of Albert Camus," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, New Orleans, 1997

--"Creative Political Knowing: Creativity and the Limits of Rationality in the Political Thought of Simone Weil and Albert Camus," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Houston, 1996

--and James D. Hardy, Jr., "Narrative Contexts of Political Commentary in the Late Enlightenment," *South Central Society for Eighteenth Century Studies*, Salt Lake City, 1995

--"Art and Politics in Albert Camus: Beauty as Defiance and Art as a Spiritual Quest," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, New Orleans, 1993

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (continued)

1. Conference Papers (continued)

--"Notions of the Divine in the Political Economy of Adam Smith," *South Central Society for Eighteenth Century Studies*, Lubbock, 1992

2. Colloquia and other Invited Participation

--Keynote Address: "Speaking Peace to Enmity: Edward Said, Judith Butler, and the End of Criticism in the Discourse on Palestine/Israel," *Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Political Science Association*, Conway, AR, February 2015.

--Seminar Participant: "Metaethics," *Association for Political Theory*, Nashville, TN, October 2013.

--Seminar Participant: "Modernism's Anarchisms," *Modernist Studies Association*, Montreal, Canada, November 2009.

--"The Politics of Statelessness: Edward Said and the Ambiguities of Liberal Nationalism," Essay Presentation for the University of Georgia Department of Religion Faculty Colloquium, November 2002.

--Johannes Althusius and the Covenant of Liberty," *Liberty Fund Colloquium*, San Antonio, September 2002.

--"Politics and Literature: 'Great Men' and Liberty," *Liberty Fund Colloquium*, Columbia Falls, MT, July 16-22, 2001.

--"Burke: The Animating Spirit of Constitutional Liberty," *Liberty Fund Colloquium*, Washington, D.C., August 24-27, 2000.

3. Conference Panel Chairs

--Chair, "Theories and People in Motion in the Age of Global Coloniality," *Abolition/Decolonial Conference in conjunction with the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.

--Chair, "Cosmopolitanism," *Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, April 2014.

--Chair, "Critical Theory and the State," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, London, Ontario, Canada, October 2007.

--Chair, "Affect and Political Life," *Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting*, Bloomington, IN, October 2006.

--Chair, "Perspectives on Classical and Medieval Political Thought," *From Plato to Potter: A Student/Faculty/Community Conference*, Tyler, TX, March 2005.

--Co-Chair with Carolyn M. Jones, "Emblems of the Trope of Journey," *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*, Athens, GA, February 2003.

--Chair, "Critiques of Capitalism," *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, November 2001

--Co-Chair with Carolyn M. Jones, "Pedagogy on the Border(s)," *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, 2001.

--"Paradox, Exile, Difference: Contingent Defenses for Universal Human Rights," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Galveston, 2000

--"Theories and Foundations," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, San Antonio, 1999

--"The French Influence in Louisiana: Eighteenth Century to the Present," *South Central Society for Eighteenth Century Studies*, Baton Rouge, 1993

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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY (continued)

3. Conference Panel Chairs

--"Literature and Political Theory," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, New Orleans, 1993

4. Conference Panel Discussant

--"Four Southern Political Theorists: Remembrance, Celebration and Critical Reflections," *Southern Political Science Association*, San Juan, PR, January 2016.

--"Critiques of Capitalism," *Northeastern Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, November 2001

--"It's the Truth Even If It Didn't Happen': Explorations of Truth in Fiction," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Fort Worth, TX, March 2001.

--"Roundtable on Undergraduate Moot Court Competitions," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Galveston, 2000.

--"Theories and Foundations," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, San Antonio, 1999

--"Perspectives on Justice," *Southern Political Science Association*, Atlanta, 1998

--"Shakespeare and Political Theory," *Southwestern Social Science Association*, Houston, 1996

5. Other Participation

--Representative of University of Texas at Tyler, *National Collegiate Honors Council*, Washington, D.C., October 2000.

GRANT ACTIVITY

--*University (University of Texas at Tyler) Faculty Research Grant*, 2000-2001

--*College of Liberal Arts (University of Texas at Tyler) Junior Faculty Summer Research Stipend*, Summer 2001

--*College of Liberal Arts (University of Texas at Tyler) Junior Faculty Summer Research Stipend*, Summer 2000

TEACHING AWARDS and NOMINATIONS

Paul Grosser Memorial Teaching Award (LSU, 1998)

Kappa Alpha Theta "Favorite Professor" (LSU, Spring 1997)

Kappa Alpha Theta "Favorite Professor" (LSU, Spring 1996)

Nominated, University of Texas at Tyler Chancellor's Council Teaching Award (Spring 2009)

Nominated, University of Texas at Tyler Chancellor's Council Teaching Award (Spring 2007)

Nominated, University of Texas at Tyler Chancellor's Council Teaching Award (Spring 2006)

Nominated, University of Texas at Tyler Chancellor's Council Teaching Award (Spring 2004)

Nominated, University of Texas at Tyler Chancellor's Council Teaching Award (Spring 2000)

COURSES TAUGHT (all at UT Tyler unless otherwise noted; syllabi available upon request)

POLS 5399 Independent Study in Political Theory: Modernism to Postmodernism

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: Sovereignty and Violence

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: Feminisms and Political Theory

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: "Just War and Terrorism"

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: "Power, Sovereignty, and Otherness"

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: Contemporary Political Philosophy

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: Liberal Nationalism, Edward Said, and the "Palestinian Question"

POLS 5350 Topics in Political Theory: Patterns of Resistance in Twentieth Century Political Theory

POLS 5321 Seminar in Political Theory

POLS 5300 Scope and Methods of Political Science

POLS 4365 Topics in Political Theory: Women in Political Theory

POLS 4360 American Political Thought

POLS 4353 Contemporary Political Theory

POLS 4322 Law of Civil Liberties

POLS 4321 American Constitutional Law

POLS 4320 The Judicial System and Process

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COURSES TAUGHT (all at UT Tyler unless otherwise noted; syllabi available upon request)

POLS 3360 Classical Political Theory
POLS 3361 Political Theory from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance
POLS 3362 Modern Political Theory from the Enlightenment
POLS 3321 Jurisprudence (Legal Philosophy)
HNRS 1351 World, Text, and Image I: The Hero and the City (with Paul D. Streufert)
HNRS 1352 World, Text, and Image II: Others and Self (with Paul D. Streufert)
HNRS 4368 Honors Field Experience: Rome and Greece Travel Study
POLS 3301/2306 Texas Government and Politics/Introductory Texas Government
POLS 3300/2305 American Constitutional Development/Introduction to American Government
UNIV 1300 Freshman Seminar: Theater, Culture, and Identity: Greek Tragedy and Film Noir
POLI 2060 Introduction to Political Theory (LSU)
POLI 2051 Introduction to American Government (LSU)
POLI 1001 Introduction to Politics (LSU)
HNRS 3003 Western Civilization from 1789 to the Present (LSU)
HNRS 1001/1003 Ancient Western Civilization (LSU)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

1. Committees

Member (At-Large), UT-Tyler Faculty Senate, 2018-2021 (including several subcommittees per year)
Member, University Graduate Council, 2014-2017 (including several subcommittees per year)
Member, College of Arts and Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2004-06, 2008-10, 2012-14, 2016-18, 2019-2021
Chair and Member, numerous Departmental Tenure and Promotion Committees for the Department of Political Science and History and occasionally the Department of Literature and Languages, the Department of Mathematics (2005-present)
Chair and Member, Several Department of Political Science and History Faculty Search Committees (2007-present)
Past Chair, Faculty Awards Committee, 2011-2012
Chair, Faculty Awards Committee, 2010-2011
Member, Faculty Awards Committee, 2009-2011
Member, University Honors Advisory Council, 2009-2012
Member, Ad-Hoc Committee on the Formation of an Honors College at UT Tyler, 2008
Member, Search Committee for Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 2007-2008
Member, University Commencement Committee, 2008-2009
Member, University Information Technology Committee, 2006-2008
Chair, University Library Council, University of Texas at Tyler, 2003-04
Chair, University Standards Committee, University of Texas at Tyler, 2000-2002
Member, University Academic Affairs Committee, University of Texas at Tyler, 2000-2002
Member, Honors Program Development Committee, University of Texas at Tyler, 2000-2001
Member, Faculty Senate Faculty Affairs Committee (also Chair, Faculty Affairs Subcommittee to Review University Tenure and Promotion Procedures), University of Texas at Tyler, 1999-2000
Member, Health Education Advisory Committee, University of Texas at Tyler, 1999-2000
Member, Committee to Coordinate Freshmen Recruitment, Department of Social Sciences, University of Texas at Tyler, 1998
Member, Several Department of Social Sciences Search Committees, Fall 1998-present

2. Student-Related Service

Director of Several Master's Theses in Political Science (Political Theory)
Member of Several Master's Thesis Committees in Political Science
Reader for Master's Theses in History and Art History at UT-Tyler
Assistant Faculty Advisor, UT Tyler Undergraduate Model United Nations, 2007-2010
Coordinator and Advisor, Graduate Program in Political Science, 2000-present
Pre-Law Advisor, Department of Social Sciences/Political Science, 2004-2008
Undergraduate Academic Advisor, Political Science, 1999-2000
Co-Advisor of the University of Texas at Tyler Moot Court Team, 1998-2000

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3. Community Outreach

“The Supreme Court and Politics,” presentation to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, August 10, 2001.

“United Nations Efforts on Behalf of Women,” presentation to American Association of University Women, October 22, 1998, Tyler (TX) Community Center

“American Foreign Policy and Human Rights,” presentation to American Association of University Women, February 18, 1998, Tyler (TX) Public Library

3. Community Outreach (continued)

“American Foreign Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa,” presentation to American Association of University Women, March 4, 1998, Tyler (TX) Public Library

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Convenor, *Lone Star Chapter of the Conference for the Study of Political Thought*, 2009-2012

Member, Governance Committee, *Association for Political Theory*, 2007-2008

Member, Program Committee, *Association for Political Theory 2007 Annual Meeting*

Member, Governance Committee, *Association for Political Theory* (2003-2004)

Member, Program Committee, *Association for Political Theory 2003 Annual Meeting*

Manuscript Reader, State University of New York Press (2001)

Co-Chair, Program Committee for 2002 *Southern Humanities Council Annual Meeting*

Member of the Executive Committee, *Southern Humanities Council* (2000-2002)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Western Political Science Association

Modernist Studies Association

MISCELLANY

1. Languages

French (reading)

Latin (reading)