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**Academic Appointments**

Fall 2024-present Franklin Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Emory University

Spring 2024 Instructor, Ogden Honors College, Louisiana State University

**Education**

Ph.D., History, Louisiana State University, 2024

Dissertation title: “Reason Over Revelation: John Locke as Secular Rationalist”

Dissertation committee: Suzanne Marchand (chair), Victor Stater, James R. Stoner

M.A., History, Louisiana State University, 2021

B.A., History (*magna cum laude*), Louisiana State University-Shreveport

**Peer-Reviewed Publication**

2024 “Natural Law, Common Law, and the Problem of Historicism in American Public Life and Education.” *Laws* 13 (4), 56. https://doi.org/10.3390/laws13040056.

**Paper Under Review**

2024 “‘The Protestant Way of Resolving Faith’: Reason and Its Orthodox Uses in England, c. 1660-1700.” Submitted to *Journal of the History of Ideas*.

**Working Papers and Projects**

Book manuscript: *Reason Over Revelation: John Locke as Secular Rationalist*. In preparation to submit to Cambridge University Press.

Article: “Who Was John Locke’s Messiah?” In preparation to submit to *Locke Studies*.

**Book Review**

2024 John Colman: *Everyone Orthodox to Themselves: John Locke and His American Students on Religion and Liberal Society*. Forthcoming. *Locke Studies*.

**Popular Writing and Journalism**

2023 “No one should be scared into self-censoring themselves in higher education.” *The Reveille*. (April 26, 2023)

“President Tate’s ‘scholarship first’ agenda fundamentally ignores LSU humanities.” *The Reveille*. (April 2, 2023)

“Across the world, life is losing its value.” *The Reveille*. (February 22, 2023).

“Education is about expanding horizons and yourself.” *The Reveille*. (February 6, 2023)

“Will ChatGPT be the end of the college essay? *The Reveille*. (April 30, 2023)

“To win the culture war, the Right needs to get back to the university’s roots.” *The Reveille*. (January 23, 2023)

2022 “Canada’s medically assisted death for mental health problems is a ‘joyless quest for joy.’” *The Reveille*. (December 12, 2022)

“Republicans should steer clear of Trump’s 2024 presidential run.” *The Reveille*. (November 23, 2022)

“Positive changes to LSU are leaving the humanities behind.” *The Reveille*. (November 16, 2022)

“Attorney General Jeff Landry misinterprets the American founding.” *The Reveille*. (November 8, 2022)

“Post-COVID-19 learning needs stricter academic standards.” *The Reveille*. (October 28, 2022)

“Pro-lifers need to get back to their movement’s roots.” *The Reveille*. (October 9, 2022)

“We criticize LSU because we love it.” *The Reveille*. (October 7, 2022)

“Mold, Icy offices, broken elevator: Conditions for psychology students show deeper issues.” *The Reveille*. (September 29, 2022)

“Three tips for your first college paper from someone who grades them.” *The Reveille*. (September 16, 2022)

“LSU infrastructure problems create ‘disheartening’ conditions for grad students.” *The Reveille*. (September 2, 2022)

**Teaching**

Emory University

POLS 150: Foundations of American Democracy (Fall 2024)

POLS 202: Modern Political Thought (Fall 2024)

Louisiana State University

HNRS 2030: Reform and Revolt: Making the American and French Revolutions (Spring 2024)

HIST 1003: Western Civilization, 1500 to Present (teaching assistant; Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023; Fall 2022; Spring 2022; Fall 2021)

HIST 2040: War and Genocide (teaching assistant; Spring 2021, Fall 2020)

HIST 3000: Louisiana History (teaching assistant; Spring 2020)

HIST 1001: Western Civilization to 1500 (teaching assistant; Fall 2019)

**Conference Presentations**

2024 “John Locke’s Theory of Toleration as Proto-Nationalist Response.” Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 12, 2024.

2023 “The Motivations and Origins of John Locke’s Theory of Toleration, 1660-c. 1667.” Louisiana State University Graduate Student Association Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 4, 2023.

2022 “Visions of Glory: Dissenting Views of Happiness in Restoration England.” Duke Methods Lab, Durham, NC, February 13, 2022.

2021 “The Evolution of an Idea: Happiness in Restoration England.” North American Conference on British Studies, Atlanta, GA, November 7, 2021.

“The Evolution of an Idea: Happiness in Restoration England.” LSU History Graduate Student Association Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 6, 2021.

2020 “The Beauty and Sublimity of Salvation: John Bunyan’s Aesthetic in *Grace Abounding* and *The Pilgrim’s Progress*.” LSU History Graduate Student Association Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 4, 2020.

**Academic Service**

2022-2024 Assistant Editor, *Civil War Book Review* (August 2023-May 2024)

Program Committee Member, Consortium on the Revolutionary Era (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)

Discussant, Professional Development Roundtable, “The Future of Graduate Education.” Consortium on the Revolutionary Era Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, February 2024.

Conference Chair, Louisiana State University History Graduate Student Association (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)

Conference Chair, Louisiana State University History Graduate Student Association (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Panel Chair, “Reason and Romanticism.” Louisiana State University History Graduate Student Association Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, March 4, 2023.

Service Officer, Order and History Society (Fall 2022-Spring 2024)

2020-2021 Treasurer, Louisiana State University History Graduate Student Association (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)

**Honor Societies, Awards, and Fellowships**

2024 Eric Voegelin Institute for American Renaissance Studies Scholarship Award (2022-24)

2022 James Smith Noel Collection Fellowship (February 21-25, 2022)

2019 University Award at Louisiana State University-Shreveport

**Languages**

Latin (reading knowledge)

French (reading knowledge)

**References**

Suzanne Marchand, Boyd Professor of History, Louisiana State University; email: smarch1@lsu.edu; (225) 578-4454

James R. Stoner, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Eric Voegelin Institute, Louisiana State University; email: poston@lsu.edu; (225) 578-2538

Alexander Mikaberidze, Professor History and Ruth Herring Noel Endowed Chair for the Curatorship of the James Smith Noel Collection, Louisiana State University-Shreveport; email: alexander.mikaberidze@lsus.edu; (318) 795-2415

Victor Stater, Jane Lucas De Grummond Professor of History, Louisiana State University; email: stater@lsu.edu; (225) 578-4504