

# WILLIAM A. MCCORMICK II, S.J.

## *Curriculum vitae*

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### **PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

#### **Saint Louis University**

Post-doctoral Fellow, Departments of Political Science and Philosophy, 2017-2020

#### **The University of Texas at Austin**

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, 2012

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Fordham University**

M.A., Philosophy, May 2017

Thesis: *John Courtney Murray, S.J., on the Political Philosophy of Pope Leo XIII*

Readers: Joseph Koterski, S.J. and Christopher Cullen, S.J.

#### **The University of Texas at Austin**

Ph.D., Government (political theory and comparative politics), May 2013

M.A., Government (political theory and public law), May 2010

Dissertation: *On the De Regno of Thomas Aquinas*

Committee: J. Budziszewski, B. Gregg, R. Hittinger (Tulsa), R. Koons, J. Schall, S.J. (Georgetown) and D. Stauffer

#### **The University of Cambridge (UK), Wolfson College**

Visiting Scholar, 2010-2011

#### **The University of Chicago**

A.B., Political Science, June 2007

Dean's List, 2004-2007

A.B. Thesis Supervisor: Danielle S. Allen (I.A.S./Harvard)

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

"Aquinas on Tyranny, Resistance, and the End of Politics." *Perspectives on Political Science* 44 (2014): 10-17 (co-authored with Michael D. Breidenbach).

"Jacques Maritain on Political Theology." *European Journal of Political Theory* 12 (2013): 175-94.

"Pride, Magnanimity and Humility," *Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits, forthcoming*.

"Modern Political Theory and Catholic Social Thought." In *Untrammelled Approaches*, ed. Heidi Giebel, Catholic University of America Press, *forthcoming*.

"Aquinas on Virtue and Politics." *Catholic Social Science Review*, forthcoming.

"Post-Modern Challenges to the Natural Law." In Festschrift for J. Budziszewski, forthcoming.

"Rousseau and Aquinas on Civil Religion," *under review*.

*The Kingdom and the Power: Church and State in the De Regno of Thomas Aquinas*, book MS in progress.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

"Neo-Liberalism as Religion: Foucault on the Sacred Origins of Neo-Liberalism." Paper to be presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Meeting, San Francisco, September 2017.

"U.S. Religious Liberty: The Early Work of John Courtney Murray." Paper presented at the New England Political Science Association Meeting, Providence, RI, April 2017.

"Political Aristotelianism and the American Founding." Paper presented at the American Maritain Association Meeting, New Orleans, March 2017.

"Post-Modernity and Political Theology." Paper presented at the Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2016.

"Catholic Social Thought and Philosophy." Paper presented at the American Maritain Association Meeting, New York, NY, February 2016.

"Maritain, Rawls and Aquinas on the Nature of Community." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2013.

"Beyond Natural Law Talk?" Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2012.

"The Possibility of Natural Law." Panel Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2012.

"A Metaphysics for Secularism." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2010.

"Aquinas and Secularism." Paper presented at the Southwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Houston, March 2010.

## **INVITED TALKS & LECTURES**

"The Ethics of Voting." Fordham University, November 2016.

"Faithful Citizenship: U.S. Politics & Religion." Saint Louis University (via Skype), October 2016.

"John Locke: The Basis of His Political Philosophy." St. Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ, March 2016.

"John Courtney Murray on *Dignitatis Humanae*." Ave Maria University, FL, December 2015.

## **NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Interview with Rod Dreher, author of *The Benedict Option*, *America Magazine*, posted 23 March 2017, available at <http://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/03/23/rod-dreher-common-ground-less-important-being-faithful-christians>

"A Saint for the Broken," *America Magazine*, posted 3 September 2016, available at <http://americamagazine.org/content/all-things/saint-broken>.

"The State of Working Mississippi 2016," Jesuit Social Research Institute, September 2016.

"A Slave on the Fourth: Frederick Douglas and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July," *JustSouth Monthly*, Jesuit Social Research Institute, July 2016.

Numerous articles on politics and society for *The Jesuit Post*, available at <https://thejesuitpost.org/author/bmccormicksj/>.

## **JOURNAL REFEREEING**

*Politics & Religion*

## **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

Richard Weaver Fellowship, ISI, 2012-2013

Macdonald Supplemental Fellowship, University of Texas, 2012-2013

Professional Development Award, University of Texas, Spring 2012

Calihan Travel Award, Acton Institute, 2011 and 2012

H.B. Earhart Fellowship, 2010-2011

Honorable Mention, Miller Undergraduate Essay Contest, University of Chicago, 2007

Metcalf Foundation Fellow, University of Chicago, 2005

National Merit Scholar, 2003

## **TEACHING**

Teacher, Escuela de Fe y Alegría, Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, Jan – April 2015  
English (K-8)

Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin, January – December 2012

Introduction to U.S. and Texas Government (Spring, Summer and Fall 2012)

Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, August 2008 – December 2011  
Democracy and the Rule of Law in Latin America, D. Brinks (Fall 2011)  
Competing Visions of the Good Life, J. Abramson (Spring 2010)  
Moral Choices (led discussion sections), J. Abramson (Fall 2009)  
American Political Institutions & Processes, D. Shaw (Spring 2009)  
The American Presidency, S. O'Brien (Fall 2008)  
Teacher, Paschal Sherman Indian School, Colville Indian Res., WA, Aug 2007 – June 2008  
Reading (K-3); Religion (K-8)

### **TEACHING TRAINING**

Supervised Teaching in Government (UT Government Department), Fall 2011  
Weekly comprehensive course on fundamentals of pedagogy  
Teaching Scholars Certificate Seminar (UT Center for Teaching and Learning), Fall 2012  
Biweekly seminars for experienced graduate student teachers

### **RESEARCH/LANGUAGE TRAINING**

Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University, New Orleans, June – August 2016  
Economic analysis; produced report on Mississippi tax and budget policies  
Parroquia La Natividad, Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala, January – April 2015  
Spanish Immersion  
Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua, Nicaragua, June – July 2014  
Philosophy coursework in Spanish  
Catholic Social Thought Seminar, The Lumen Christi Institute, Chicago, August 2011  
Seminar on the philosophical foundations of Catholic theological ethics  
First Principles Seminar, The Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, NJ, August 2009  
Seminar on Aquinas' moral philosophy and its contemporary applications  
Alliance Française, Paris, France, June-August 2009  
Intensive French language coursework  
New York Philharmonic Archives, Research Fellow, NY, NY, June – September 2005  
Created bibliography of 19<sup>th</sup>-century German music history

### **SERVICE**

Spiritual liaison, JVC: East, 2016 – 2017  
Moderator, JVC: Northwest Alumni club (Manhattan/Bronx), 2015 – 2017  
Associate editor, *The Jesuit Post*, 2015 – present  
Spiritual director, Fordham University South Africa Study Abroad Program, 2015 – 2017  
Co-president, Graduate Student Organization, University of Texas at Austin, 2011 – 2012  
Member, University of Chicago Alumni Schools Committee, 2008 – present  
Jesuit Volunteer, JVC: Northwest, 2007 – 2008

### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (proficient); Latin, French and ancient Greek (reading); some German and Italian

**SOCIETY OF JESUS** (UNITED STATES CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PROVINCE)

Entrance: 16 August 2013

First Vows: 8 August 2015

Member, Social Ministries Commission, Fall 2015 – present

References available upon request.

June 2017