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## Professional Positions

Associate Professor, Texas State University. (September 2022 – Present).

Assistant Professor, Texas State University. (August 2016 – August 2022).

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in Western and American Political Thought, Furman University. (2015 - 2016).

Resident Fellow, United States Naval Academy. (2014 - 2015).

William E. Simon Postdoctoral Fellow in Religion and Political Life, Princeton University. (2013 - 2014).

Editorial Assistant, University of Notre Dame. (2011 - 2012).

Political Science Department Representative, Diversity and Mission Committee, University of Notre Dame. (2011 - 2012).

## Education

PHD, University of Notre Dame, 2013.  
Major: Political Science

MA, University of Notre Dame, 2010.  
Major: Political Science

BA, Trinity University, 2008.  
Major: Political Science

## Awards and Honors

2018 College of Liberal Arts Award for Excellence in Teaching. (2018 - Present).

2021-22 Presidential Distinction Award in the College of Liberal Arts, TSU. (September 2022).

2021-22 Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarly/Creative Activities, TSU. (April 2022).

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor Spring 2017, Alpha Chi, Texas State Chapter. (April 21, 2017).

## Media Appearances and Interviews

"Discussing Events at the US Capitol" LWV PAPA January 2021 on Public Access Television (Houston). (January 7, 2021).

Ms. Magazine. (October 10, 2020).

NPR. (August 10, 2019).

Hays Free Press. (August 29, 2018).

"On #ThxBirthControl Day, Latina advocates worry about reduced access under Trump administration" - NBC Latino. (November 16, 2017).

"America this Week" - Sirius XM. (September 27, 2017).

KXAN. (June 19, 2017).

## Publications

**Scholarly**

Bagnulo, A. (2022). Mercy for Lucretia: Augustine's Retelling of a Pagan Roman Myth. In *Augustine and Contemporary Social Issues*. Routledge Press.

Bagnulo, A. (2021). Rome and the Education of Mercy. In *Augustine in a Time of Crisis* (pp. 17–36).

Kabala, B., Bagnulo, A., Pinkoski, N., & Pinkoski, N. (Eds.). (2021). *Augustine in a Time of Crisis: Politics and Religion Contested* (B. Kabala, A. Bagnulo, N. Pinkoski, & N. Pinkoski, Eds.). Palgrave.

Bagnulo, A. (2020, November 11). *Rethinking the Working Class: Toward a Multi-Ethnic Conservative Coalition*. Published.

Bagnulo, A. (published). "Tragic Glory? Human Excellence in Manent and Augustine". *European Legacy*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10848770.2021.1989774>

Bagnulo, A. (2020). Desire, Conflict, and Tradition in Ethics in the Conflicts of Modernity. *Expositions: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities*, *14*(1), 86–96.

Bagnulo, A. (2019). Predatory Politics: The Limits of Consent in Machiavelli's Mandragola. *Political Science Reviewer*, *43*(1), 67–106.

Bagnulo, A. (2019). Deeds and Words: Latreia, Justice and Mercy in Augustine’s Political Thought. In D. Kries & R. Dougherty (Eds.), *Augustine's Political Thought* (pp. 74–104). Boydell & Brewer.

Bagnulo, A. (2019). Politics, Pride and Prejudice: Courtship and the Spouidaia. *Perspectives on Political Science*, *Published Online*. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/10457097.2019.1703458?scroll=top&needAccess=true&journalCode=vpps20>

Bagnulo, A. (2019). “Deceived by the Glory of Caesar”: The Role of Humility in Machiavelli’s Founder. *Interpretation*, *45*(2), 199–224.

Bagnulo, A. (2018). "Review: Christianity and Freedom". *Catholic Social Science Review*. Published.

Bagnulo, A. (2018). Officer Resignation and the Space Between Theory and Practice: Disputatio Sine Fine. *Armed Forces and Society*, *45*(3), 532–545.

Bagnulo, A. (2016). Alejandro Bárcenas: Machiavelli's Art of Politics. *Review of Politics*, *78*(3).

Menchaca-Bagnulo, A. K. (2015). Humility and humanity: Machiavelli’s rejection and appropriation of a Christian Ideal. *European Journal of Political Theory*, *17*(2), 131–151. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474885115577145>

**Popular**

Bagnulo, A. (2020, June 8). Lessons from King, Tocqueville, and Augustine on Loving Our Black Neighbors. *Public Discourse*. Published.

Bagnulo, A. (2020). The boy who assaulted me watched porn since he was 7. Can the Eucharist help us fight this evil? *America Magazine.* https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/12/14/pornography-pornhub-consent-sexual-assault-eucharist-catholic-239503

Bagnulo, A. (2019, August 11). *El Paso, The President, and the Invaders*. Published. <https://www.mercatornet.com/mobile/view/el-paso-the-president-and-the-invaders>

Bagnulo, A. (2019, April 16). Who is "Like Us": American Diversity as Heritage. *Public Discourse*. Published. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2019/04/51093/>

Bagnulo, A. (2018). Conservatives Should Care about Institutional Racism. *Public Discourse*. Published. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2018/04/21367/>

Bagnulo, A. (2018, April 17). Women's Hidden Influence: Mothers, Race, and the American Republic. *Public Discourse*. Published. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2018/04/21274/>

Bagnulo, A. (2017, October 5). *The Playboy Lifestyle and the Death of Sexual Complementarity*. Published. <http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2017/10/20206/>

Bagnulo, A. (2017, August 17). I’m a conservative Latina. Is there a place for me in Trump’s Republican Party after Charlottesville?. *America*. Published. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/08/17/im-conservative-latina-there-place-me-trumps-republican-party-after>

Bagnulo, A. (2016, May 19). The Problem of Character: Why Republicans Must Reject Donald Trump. *Public Discourse*. Published. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2016/05/16994/>

Bagnulo, A. (2015, March). "The Paradox of Title IX: Fighting Campus Sexual Assault on Campus". *Public Discourse*. Published. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/03/14366/>

Bagnulo, A. (2014). "Why Republicans Need to Change the Way They Talk About Immigration". In *Public Discourse*. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2014/12/14153/>

**Works in Progress**

a. Works "submitted" or "under review":

Bagnulo, A. (Submitted / Under Review). The Aesthetics of Solidarity: Our Lady of Guadalupe and American Democracy. *Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture*.

Bagnulo, A. (Submitted/Under Review). Holding out for a Heroine: Our Lady of Guadalupe and Natality in the United States of America. In *Untitled Volume.* Franciscan University Press.

Bagnulo, A. (Submitted / Under Review). Nietzsche and the Ascetic Priest. *The Political Science Reviewer*. (May 2022)

Additional Comments: Revise and resubmit

Bagnulo, A. (Submitted / Under Review). The Despair of the Dominated: Consent, Conscience and the Lust for Domination in Augustine’s City of God. *European Journal of Political Theory*. (June 2021)

Bagnulo, A. (Submitted / Under Review). Religion and Education: Sacrifice and Politics in Machiavelli’s Discourses. *Pietas*. (June 25, 2021)

Bagnulo, A. (Submitted / Under Review). Three Stances Toward the Fallen World in Augustine’s City of God. *Journal of Church and State*. (June 29, 2020)

b. Works "in progress":

Bagnulo, A. (In Preparation; Not Yet Submitted). “Being Torn From my Side: Augustine’s Complicated Account of Feminine Rationality”. In *Augustine and the Frontiers of Pluralism*.

Bagnulo, A. (In Preparation; Not Yet Submitted). Interpretation as a Legal Art: The Jurisprudence of Justice Kennedy. In Catholic Supreme Court Justices. In Catholic Supreme Court Justices. Franciscan University Press

Bagnulo, A. (In Preparation; Not Yet Submitted). Break or Be Broken; Frederick Douglass and St. Augustine on the *Libido Dominandi*. For *Political Science Reviewer.*

## Presentations

Bagnulo, A., Augustine and the Frontiers of Pluralism, "The ‘Feminine’ Mind?: Prudence and Female Exemplars of Virtue in the City of God." (June 16, 2022).

Bagnulo, A., APSA, "Labor, Culture and Integration: Toward an Account of America's Multi-Ethnic Identity." (2021).

Bagnulo, A., Notre Dame Ethics and Culture Conference, "Augustine on Sexual Assault and Human Dignity." (November 2021).

Bagnulo, A., "Salon Series: Latinas and Conservatism," College of Liberal Arts, Texas State University. (June 23, 2021).

Bagnulo, A., "Latinos and the Future of Conservatism," Texas Public Policy Foundation, Red McCombs Event Center. (April 20, 2021).

Bagnulo, A., The Future of Conservatism, "The Real America? Labor, Race and Integration," Public Discourse, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. (March 23, 2021).

Bagnulo, A., "Rethinking the Working Class: Dr. Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo on Latinos and Conservatism," Austin Institute, What We Can't Not Talk About. (February 7, 2021).

Bagnulo, A., "Augustine and Machiavelli," Morningside Institute. (October 28, 2020).

Bagnulo, A., Love and Fidelity Network Annual Conference, "How to Win at Work and Homelife." (October 17, 2020).

Bagnulo, A., APSA, "Anthony Kennedy and the Mystery of Human Life." (September 12, 2020).

Bagnulo, A., APSA, "Race and National Identity in the American Constitutional Tradition." (September 11, 2020).

Bagnulo, A., ISME 2020: ARISTOTELIANISM IN A TIME OF CRISIS, "“Challenging the ‘Folklore of White Supremacy’”." (July 23, 2020).

Bagnulo, A., "Women and Work," Austin Institute, Austin. (December 4, 2019).

Bagnulo, A., APSA, "A New Founding?: Integralism as a Retelling of the Past," Voegelin Society. (August 2019).

Bagnulo, A., TNSPI, "Race and Economic Inequality," Baylor University. (April 13, 2019).

Bagnulo, A., SPSA, "Latinos and the Naturalness of the Family." (January 2019).

Bagnulo, A., SPSA, "Augustine and the Glory of the Romans." (January 19, 2019).

Bagnulo, A., APSA, "The Significance and Limitations of Consent and the Catholic Tradition," The Society of Catholic Social Scientists, Boston, MA. (September 1, 2018).

Bagnulo, A., Constitutionalist Foundation Meeting, "The Second Amendment and American Political Thought," New Braunfels, TX. (April 26, 2018).

Bagnulo, A., Shawnee Trail Regional Conference on American Politics and Constitutionalism, "Atonement and the Fourteenth Amendment: A New Birth of Freedom?," Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy. (April 19, 2018).

Bagnulo, A., "Augustine in Political Theory: Dialogue or Dialectic?", "Augustinian Consent in the Post Me-Too Era," James Madison Program, Princeton University. (April 16, 2018).

Bagnulo, A., Lone Star Conference, ""Dying to be Believed: The Public Performance of Sexual Trauma and the Rape of Lucretia"," Texas State University. (March 3, 2018).

Bagnulo, A., 2018 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, "Deceived by the Glory of Caesar," SPSA, New Orleans, LA. (January 4, 2018).

Bagnulo, A., APSA, "Patrick Deneen on Why Liberalism Failed," Project for the American Constitution. (August 2017).

Bagnulo, A., American Political Science Association Annual Conference, "The Connection Between Humility and the City: St. Augustine and Manent's Metamorphoses of the City," APSA, San Francisco. (August 2017).

Bagnulo, A., 2017 Ciceronian Society Conference, "Who is in the City of God: The Ordo Amoris and Natural Justice in Augustine's De Civitas Dei," Ciceronian Society, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. (March 24, 2017).

Bagnulo, A., Inklings, ""Don’t Devour the Republic: The Role of 'Humility' in Machiavelli’s Founder"," Political Science Department, Texas State University. (March 9, 2017).

Bagnulo, A., 2016 Midwestern Political Science Conference, ""Cruel to Be Kind": Humility and Mercy in Machiavellian Institutions," MPSA, Chicago, IL, United States. (2016).

Bagnulo, A., Discourses in Democracy, "Election Panel," Texas State Political Science Department, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. (November 1, 2016).

Bagnulo, A., "Constitution 101: What You Should Know About the US Constitution", ""Executive Authority and the Constitution"," The Constitutionalist Foundation, Seekatz Opera House. (September 15, 2016).

Bagnulo, A., 2015 McCain Conference, "Just War Theory and Legitimate Authority," Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, United States. (2015).

Bagnulo, A., 2015 Northeastern Political Science Conference, "Mandragola and the Politics of Consent," NPSA, Philadelphia, PA, United States. (2015).

Bagnulo, A., 2014 Northeastern Political Science Conference, "Republican Rome and a Failure of Mercy: The Retelling of the Rape of Lucretia in Augustine's City of God," NPSA, Boston, MA, United States. (2014).

Bagnulo, A., 2013 Midwestern Political Science Association, "For Love of the World: Hannah Arendt and Augustine on Love and Politics," MPSA. (2013).

Bagnulo, A., "The Rape of Lucretia in Livy, Augustine and Machiavelli," Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, United States. (2012).

Bagnulo, A., Midwest Political Science Association Conference, "Madison as Reformer: The Montesqueian Roots of the Universal Negative," MPSA, Chicago, IL, United States. (2012).

Bagnulo, A., 2012 Midwestern Political Science Association, "Politics Pride and Prejudice: Courtship and the Spouidaia," MPSA, Chicago, IL, United States. (2012).

Bagnulo, A., 2010 Northeastern Political Science Conference, "The Demands of Justice and the Spirit of the Laws: The American Founding and Montesquieu's Political Thought," NPSA, Boston, MA, United States. (2010).

Bagnulo, A., 2010 International COVR Conference on Religion and Violence, "To Spare the Conquered and Beat Down the Proud," COVR, Notre Dame, IN, United States. (2010).

Bagnulo, A., 2010 NorthEastern Political Science Association Conference, "To Spare the Conquered and Beat Down the Proud," NPSA, Boston, MA, United States. (2010).

Bagnulo, A., 2009 Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, "My City More than My Soul," NPSA, Philadelphia, PA, United States. (2009).

## Teaching Experience

PS 3312, section 251, AM POL THOUGHT CIV WAR TO PRES. 3.00 credit hours. 19 enrolled.

PS 3333, section 251, CON LAW INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. 3.00 credit hours. 19 enrolled.

PS 5310, section 251, STDS ANCT & MEDVL. 3.00 credit hours. 4 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 002, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3.00 credit hours. 31 enrolled.

PS 3300, section 004, BASIC POLITICAL IDEAS. 3.00 credit hours. 30 enrolled.

PS 3333, section 001, CON LAW INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. 3.00 credit hours. 30 enrolled.

PS 3312, section 251, AM POL THOUGHT CIV WAR TO PRES. 3.00 credit hours. 27 enrolled.

PS 3332, section 252, CON LAW STRUCTURE & PRINCIPLES. 3.00 credit hours. 32 enrolled.

POSI 2310, section 277, PRIN OF AM GOV. 3.00 credit hours. 47 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 002, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3 credit hours. 27 enrolled.

PS 3333, section 001, CON LAW INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES. 3 credit hours. 30 enrolled.

POSI 2310, section 027, PRIN OF AM GOV. 3 credit hours. 50 enrolled.

PS 3312, section 251, AM POL THOUGHT CIV WAR TO PRES. 3 credit hours. 31 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 251, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3 credit hours. 30 enrolled.

PS 5310, section 251, STDS ANCT & MEDVL. 3 credit hours. 9 enrolled.

PS 5399B, section 251, THESIS. 3.00 credit hours. 1 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 002, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3 credit hours. 29 enrolled.

PS 3332, section 002, CON LAW STRUCTURE & PRINCIPLES. 3 credit hours. 32 enrolled.

PS 5398, section 002, DIR RDNG & RESCH. 3 credit hours. 2 enrolled.

POSI 2310, section 009, PRIN OF AM GOV. 3 credit hours. 67 enrolled.

PS 5399A, section 001, THESIS. 3 credit hours. 1 enrolled.

PS 3312, section 251, AM POL THOUGHT CIV WAR TO PRES. 3.00 credit hours. 24 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 251, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3 credit hours. 23 enrolled.

PS 3332, section 251, CON LAW STRUCTURE & PRINCIPLES. 3 credit hours. 32 enrolled.

PS 5398, section 256, DIR RDNG & RESCH. 3.00 credit hours. 1 enrolled.

PS 4324, section 251, WOMEN IN POLITICS. 3 credit hours. 17 enrolled.

PS 3312, section 001, AM POL THOUGHT CIV WAR TO PRES. 3.00 credit hours. 15 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 002, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3.00 credit hours. 25 enrolled.

PS 5398, section 503, DIR RDNG & RESCH. 3.00 credit hours. 1 enrolled.

PS 3312, section 251, AM POL THOUGHT CIV WAR TO PRES. 3.00 credit hours. 20 enrolled.

PS 5310, section 251, STDS ANCT & MEDVL. 3.00 credit hours. 7 enrolled.

PS 3311, section 001, AM POL THOUGHT TO CIVIL WAR. 3.00 credit hours. 25 enrolled.

PS 4311, section 002, ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL POL THOUGHT. 3.00 credit hours. 15 enrolled.

POSI 3331, section 251, AMER POL THOUGHT. 3.00 credit hours. 29 enrolled.

POSI 3332, section 251, ANC & MED POL THO. 3.00 credit hours. 29 enrolled.

POSI 3332, section 001, ANC & MED POL THO. 3.00 credit hours. 26 enrolled.

POSI 3332, section 002, ANC & MED POL THO. 3.00 credit hours. 28 enrolled.

POSI 3332, section 251, ANC & MED POL THO. 3.00 credit hours. 27 enrolled.

POSI 3311, section 252, CON LAW IND LIBERT. 3.00 credit hours. 32 enrolled.

POSI 3331, section 001, AMER POL THOUGHT. 3.00 credit hours. 37 enrolled.

POSI 3310, section 002, CON LAW STRCT & PR. 3.00 credit hours. 33 enrolled.

## Directed Student Learning

Independent Study, "Directed Readings in Late Modern and Contemporary Political Thought." (2020 - Present).  
Advised: Cory Townsend

Independent Study, "Directed Readings in Contemporary Political Thought." (2020 - Present).  
Advised: Jean-Marc Pruit

Exit Exam, "Oral Exam for Adam Henley." (2021).

Master's Thesis, "Towards an Integrated Humanity: Tyranny and Tyrannicide in the Black Atlantic." (2019 - March 26, 2021).  
Advised: Jean-Marc Pruit

"Oral Exam for Julio Araujo." (March 2019).  
Advised: Julio Araujo

Honor's Thesis, "Privacy Law in the Internet Age." (April 2018 - December 2018).  
Advised: Maria N. Jaimes

Honor's Thesis, ""Questioning Discrimination in Democracy: An Analysis of Texas Voter Laws."." (October 2017 - May 2018).  
Advised: Morgan Morrow

## Teaching Innovation and Curriculum Development

Curriculum Development. American Political Thought II. April 2017 - 2017.

First Time Course Preparation. Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties. January 2017 - 2017.

First Time Course Preparation. Ancient and Medieval Political Thought. January 2017 - May 2017.

First Time Course Preparation. Constitutional Law: Basic Principles and Institutions. August 2016 - December 2016.

## Faculty Development Activities Attended

Workshop, "Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning," Texas State University, San Marcos, TX, United States. (2016 - Present).

Seminar, ""Science, Political Science, and the American Regime"," Jack Miller Center, Denver, CO. (June 21, 2022 - July 1, 2022).

Institute, "Summer Institute on “America in the Republican Tradition"," Jack Miller Center, Philadelphia, PA. (June 26, 2019 - July 3, 2019).

Seminar, "Trends in Scholarship and Research," University Lecture Series, San Marcos, TX, United States. (February 1, 2018).

Conference Attendance, "Liberty and Diversity in the United States," Liberty Fund, Monterrey, CA, United States. (March 30, 2017 - April 2, 2017).

## University Service

Undergraduate Advisor, Supporting Women in Political Science. (August 2017 - Present).

Member, Job Search Committee for Constitutional Law and American Institutions Position. (August 2022 - March 2023).

Member, Job Search Committee for Constitutional Law and American Institutions Position. (August 2021 - December 2021).

Organizer, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (October 8, 2021 - October 9, 2021).

Organizer, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (August 2021 - September 2021).

Organizer, APSA Panel for Department Special Group. (August 2021).

Member, Job Search Committee for Legal Studies Position. (January 2020 - 2020).

Participant, 2020 Discourse in Democracy’s Election Panel. (October 15, 2020).

Organizer, APSA Panel. (2019 - September 2020).

Organizer, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (March 28, 2020).

Undergraduate Advisor, St. Paul's Outreach. (August 2018 - 2019).

Organizer, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (January 2019 - April 2019).

Member, Job Search Committee for Comparative Politics Position. (August 2018 - January 2019).

Organizer, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (October 2018).

Participant, Innovation Day. (September 24, 2018).

Organizer, Society of Catholic Social Scientists' Panel "The Problem of Sexual Assault" at APSA. (September 1, 2018).

Prepared students and ran small seminars in anticipation of TNSPI, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (March 2018).

Discussion Leader, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (October 2017).

Participant, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (October 21, 2017).

Undergraduate Advisor, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. (August 2016 - September 2017).

Participant, Welcome Tents for the Retention Management and Planning Office. (September 6, 2017).

Organizer, Project for the American Constitution's Panel on the Work of Patrick Deneen at APSA. (August 2017).

Participant, Program Learning Outcomes Assessment Workshop. (May 12, 2017).

Participant, Department Awards Nomination Committee. (2016).

## Professional Service

Coordinator / Organizer, Department Organized Panel for APSA. (September 2021).

Speaker, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (September 24, 2021 - September 25, 2021).

Reviewer / Referee, Political Science Reviewer. (November 2020).

Coordinator / Organizer, Department Organized Panel for APSA. (September 2020).

Reviewer / Referee, Review of Politics. (September 2019).

Speaker, Texas Network for the Study of Public Issues. (April 12, 2019 - April 13, 2019).

Reviewer / Referee, European Political Thought. (March 14, 2019).

Reviewer / Referee, Catholic Social Scientist Quarterly. (March 11, 2019).

Discussant - New Perspectives on Thomas Aquinas’s work On Kingship, SPSA. (January 19, 2019).

Reviewer / Referee, Palgrave Macmillan. (September 2018).

Coordinator / Organizer, APSA - Department Organized Panel. (September 1, 2018).

Reviewer / Referee, Catholic Social Science Quarterly. (April 1, 2018).

Coordinator / Organizer, APSA - Department Hosted Panel. (December 2016 - September 2017).

Reviewer / Referee, Catholic Social Review Quarterly. (November 2016).