THOMAS CLOUD

Curriculum Vitae

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Texas State University
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EDUCATION

2025	Ph.D., Political Science, Louisiana State University
	Dissertation: "Leo Strauss and the Regime of Philosophy"
	Committee: James R. Stoner (Chair), Cecil Eubanks, Alexander Orwin, Christopher M. Sullivan
2017	M.A., Politics, Hillsdale College Van Andel Graduate School of Statesmanship
2011	B.A., Economics and History, University of Washington

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Political Philosophy (Ancient, Modern, 20th century)

AREAS OF ADDITIONAL COMPETENCE

American Political Thought (Founding, Civil War, Early Progressives)
Conservative Political Thought
International Relations Theory
C.S. Lewis
Philosophy of Science
Phenomenology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas State University – Lecturer
Principles of American Government, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Summer 2026, Fall 2026.

Functions of American Government, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026.

Louisiana State University
Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021

C.S. Lewis: Imagination and Politics, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

Fundamentals of Politics, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

WRITING

"Review of *Tradition v. Rationalism: Voegelin, Oakeshott, Hayek and Others.*" In *VoegelinView* (22 Jun. 2019). voegelinview.com.

Works in Progress

Leo Strauss and the Regime of Philosophy – book. Proposal submitted.

Marx, Michael Polanyi, and the Sociology of Knowledge – journal article

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Michael Polanyi's Recovery of the Person through Science," Eric Voegelin Society, Online conference for Eric Voegelin Society, 2022.

"Neglecting Evil in Cicero's *De Officiis*," Ciceronian Society panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 2018.

OTHER RELEVANT CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

"Forms that Fit: The Permanent Things in a Turbulent Time" – Academy of Philosophy and Letters. June, 2025.

"The Sources of American Politics: Christian, Classical, and Modern" - Hillsdale College. March, 2025.

"The Machine Has No Tradition" - Zephyr Institute. July, 2022.

HONORS/AWARDS

2013-present Member of The Philadelphia Society

2022 Cecil Eubanks Award

2018-2022 Five-time recipient, Voegelin Institute Scholars' Fund

2018 Emogene Pliner Graduate Fellowship Award

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2021-2024 Order and History Society LSU graduate book club – Officer (2021-2022) and Founding Member

2021 LSU Honors College – Book Club Leader
Selected book: Simone Weil, *The Need for Roots*

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 – 2014 MAQ Software – Writer
Outlined with the author and then edited the book *What I Did Not Learn at IIT* (Random House India, 2013); assisted with general office support by developing and editing company documents; and recruited new software engineers. My first stint at MAQ Software was from May 2013 to April 2014. I returned in January 2015 for a planned second book project but left in March for graduate school before the project began.

2013 Heritage Foundation – Online Member Relations Intern

2012 Cloud for Congress – Political Director

2012 CNSNews.com – Intern Journalist
Published thirty news articles. I was based in Washington, D.C., and interviewed members of the U.S. Congress and U.S. Senate.

2011 The Leadership Institute – Intern for Morton Blackwell

REFERENCES

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Dr. Cecil Eubanks
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