

DR. KEVIN ETHRIDGE STUART

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin (Austin, Tex.) 2006-2015
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Government

Fields: Political Theory and Public Law

Major interest areas include natural law theories, ancient political philosophy, Thomistic political theory, philosophy of law, constitutional law, religious liberty and pluralism, the Federalist and Anti-Federalist papers.

Visiting Scholar, University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK) 2009-2010
Independent research on Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*

London School of Economics and Political Science (London, England) 2004-2005
Master of Science (MSc), with Distinction (*summa cum laude*), in Comparative Politics

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.) 1996-2000
National Merit Scholar, Chancellor's Scholar
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in English (concentration in Literature)
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History, with College Honors

EXPERIENCE

Director, Master in Public Policy & Administration 2022-present
Director, Catholic Studies
Assistant Professor
University of St. Thomas (Texas)

President & Executive Director (Austin, Tex.) 2015-2022
Austin Institute for the Study of Family & Culture

- Created all of the organization's student formation and campus programs: lectures, seminar series, dinner discussion groups, reading groups, undergraduate fellows program, summer seminars (high school through graduate school)
- Structured budgeting processes to establish and meet targets
- Updated branding and marketing
- Implemented targeted advertising and a stronger digital presence
- Led and mentored a staff ranging from six to ten professionals and faculty (some in-person, others working remotely)
- Supervised over \$4M in research projects on five continents.
- Built the "Center for Family Flourishing" to 'translate' for non-specialists high-quality research on questions of public policy affecting the family
- Formalized donor cultivation and development processes including software (Bloomerang)

- Implemented project management (using Basecamp)
- Guided the organization through the Covid pandemic without a loss of revenue
- Submitted amici curiae to the U.S. Supreme Court and testified multiple times as an expert witness in lower courts, the Texas House of Representatives, and the Texas Senate.
- Developed working relationships with elected officials and their staff as well as other Texas-based public policy organizations
- Advised on and assisted in the shepherding of two bills to passage in the 2021 legislative session: one on religious freedom and another protecting the safety and competitiveness girls' sports
- Managed two John Templeton Foundation-funded projects (one large grant and one small grant, as they define them)

Headmaster (Taylor, Tex.) 2021-2022
St. Mary's Catholic Classical High School

- Increased enrollment over 300% in one year (7 students to 24)
- Recruited high-quality Catholic faculty members
- Implemented dual-credit program for college credit
- Developed handbook, policies, standardized processes and increased organization for the school
- Enhanced fundraising relationships
- Initiated fundraising plans for student pilgrimage to Rome
- Implemented student and parent handbook
- Created dual-credit program for college-credit classes
- Built a "practical arts" track alongside the fine arts track
- Formed relationships between the school and civic leaders
- Safeguarded Catholic identity and fidelity within the school's culture

President (New Orleans, La.) 2010-present
Teddlie Stuart Media Partners, Inc.

- Pollie award-winning and Addy award-winning chief strategist for political campaigns, public relations, creative work, marketing, media, and advertising
- Political Campaigns including: Federal SuperPAC work, U.S. Congress (multiple), Attorney General (multiple), State Senate (multiple), State House of Representatives (multiple), Public Service Commission, judicial offices ranging from local to state Supreme Court, and mayoral and city council races.
- Polling & research strategy, analysis, reporting
- Non-political work included most notably Walgreens Covid Vaccine campaign, IV Capital Partners, Save the New Orleans World Trade Center campaign, NFL Players Wives organization for the Super Bowl, Galatoire's Restaurant, the launch of Superior Seafood, and the launch of the Dooky & Leah Chase Family Foundation

Teacher (New Orleans, La.) 2014-2015
Philosophy

Isidore Newman School

Supplemental Instructor 2010
Government Department
University of Texas at Austin

Graduate Research Assistant Aug 2006-Aug 2009
Center for the Study of Western Civilization
University of Texas at Austin
Supervisor: Professor Robert C. Koons

- Taught Executive Seminar sessions on selections from “great books” to business executives and others
- Led a reading group of faculty and graduate students
- Organized fundraising efforts and approaches to foundations
- Liaison to government officials and donors
- Recruited high-achieving students to be junior fellows
- Instructed freshman seminar

Teaching Assistant 2008
Government Department
University of Texas at Austin

SERVICE

Chairman, Diocesan School Advisory Board (Austin, Tex.) 2022

Honorary Chair, “Saints & Scholars” (Austin, Tex.) 2022
Diocese of Austin

Diocesan School Advisory Board (Austin, Tex.) 2017 – present
Diocese of Austin

Editor (Austin, Tex.) 2016 – present
Catholic Social Thought book series, Franciscan University Press
Society of Catholic Social Scientists

Chairman of the Board (Austin, Tex.) 2016 – present
Austin Catholic Classical Project

President (New Orleans, La.) 2015 – present
New Orleans Institute for Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Advisory Board Member (New Orleans, La.) 2013 – present

Alexis de Tocqueville Project
University of New Orleans

Board of Directors
Young Catholic Professionals
Austin Chapter

(Austin, Tex.)

2017

PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCES

Publications

“Behind Closed Doors: Public Restrooms and the Fight for Women’s Equality” (co-author) in *Texas Review of Law and Politics* 24:1 (2020).

“A Dark Coast: An Application of Conscience in Contemporary Ethics” in *Catholic Social Science Review* 22: 27-37 (2017).

“Rawlsian Public Reason and the Theological Framework of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s ‘Letter from Birmingham Jail’” (co-author) in *Politics & Religion*, Spring 2013.

Public Writing

“OK, Senator” in *The American Mind*, October 26, 2020. <https://americanmind.org/salvo/ok-senator/>

“The Extended Family Can’t Replace the Immediate Family” in *The American Mind*, February 21, 2020. <https://americanmind.org/salvo/the-extended-family-cant-replace-the-immediate-family/>

“A Dialogue on the New Nationalism” in *America*, October 22, 2019. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2019/10/22/dialogue-new-nationalism>

“Liberalism is Failing Because It Rejected Orthodox Christianity” in *Public Discourse*, May 28, 2019. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2019/05/51848/>

“Rebuilding Social Capital in Trump Country” in *The American Conservative*, May 9, 2019. <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/rebuilding-social-capital-in-trump-country/>

“Against the Dead Consensus” (co-author) in *First Things*, March 21, 2019. <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2019/03/against-the-dead-consensus>

“American Civil Religion, Rightly Understood” in *The American Mind*, November 21, 2018. <https://americanmind.org/features/a-claremont-thanksgiving/thanks-for-what-antle-codevilla-alt-wolfe/american-civil-religion-rightly-understood/>

“Attack Sebastian Gorka’s Ideas, Not His Credentials or Person” in *Federalist*, May 9, 2017. <https://thefederalist.com/2017/05/09/attack-sebastian-gorkas-ideas-not-credentials-person/>

“The Power of a Dad, a Kid, and a Game of Catch, Institute for Family Studies, December 15, 2016. <https://ifstudies.org/blog/the-power-of-a-dad-a-kid-and-a-game-of-catch/>

“Trump’s Populist Appeal is a Shock to the Ideological Cores of Both Major Political Parties” in *America*, November 16, 2016. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2016/11/16/trumps-populist-appeal-shock-ideological-cores-both-major-political>

“Why Fathers Are Crucial to Aspiring Major Leaguers” in *Washington Examiner*, October 29, 2016. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/tag/mlb?source=%2Fwhy-fathers-are-crucial-to-aspiring-major-leaguers%2Farticle%2F2605930>

“Is Baseball a White Man’s Sport” in *Detroit News*, October 27, 2016. <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/opinion/2016/10/27/baseball-white-mans-sport/92871554/>

“Brock Turner, Moral Outrage, and Natural Law” in *Public Discourse*, September 16, 2016. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2016/09/17660/>

“Taxing Churches Would Marry Church and State” (co-author) in *Federalist*, September 28, 2015. <https://thefederalist.com/2015/09/28/taxing-churches-would-marry-church-and-state/>

“MLK’s Philosophical & Theological Legacy” (co-author) in *Public Discourse*, January 16, 2012. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2012/01/4503/>

Papers, Presentations, and Conferences

“Prudence: the Forgotten Virtue” Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture	September 2020
Foundation for Excellence in Higher Education “Developing and Engaging Trustees and Advisors” Executive Director training for 24 institutes	March 2021
Southern Political Science Association Adjacent conference organizer and presenter “The Family in Law and Politics Today”	January 2019
Chapman University, National Association of Scholars “Academic Heretics”	January 2019
Harvard University, Abigail Adams Institute “Behind Closed Doors: a Corrected History of Bathroom Politics”	August 2018
American Political Science Association “Co-ed housing and the Prevalence of Sexual Assault on College Campuses”	August 2018
Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture	November 2016

Lecture: "Election 2016 Post-Mortem: What in the World Happened?"

American Maritain Association February 2016
"Thomists Wrestle with Pluralism"

Western Political Science Association March 2013
Presented paper "John Rawls and Philosophical Anthropology: What is the Basis for a Stable Social Peace?"

"Limited Government & the Rule of Law" Conference, Grand Rapids, MI February 2013

"Evaluating the Idea of Social Justice" Conference, Detroit MI February 2012

"The Scottish Enlightenment" Conference, Mecosta, MI April 2011

Southern Political Science Association January 2011
Presented paper "Rawlsian Public Reason and the Theological Framework of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'Letter from Birmingham Jail'" (co-authored with Justin Buckley Dyer of the University of Missouri—Columbia).

Midwest Political Science Association Conference April 2009
Presented paper "Aristotle's Advice to the New U.S. President on Picking Judges"

Midwest Political Science Association Conference April 2009
Discussant, "Tyranny, Ancient and Modern."

Lehrman American Studies Princeton Institute on American History and Founding 2008

Philosophical Foundations of the Social Sciences July 2007
Oxford University, UK

Western Political Science Association March 2007
Presented paper: "Driving the Economy: Mercedes-Benz, Alabama, and the Race to the Bottom"

First Principles, Witherspoon Institute August 2005, 2006, 2007

COURSES AND SEMINARS TAUGHT

"The Great Divides: What's Dividing Americans in the Era of Polarization?" (2021), Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture

"Fighting for Your Attention and Stealing Away Your Time: How to Survive in a Distracted World" (2021), Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture

“The Constitution at the Crossroads: Religious Liberty & the New Civil Rights Movement” (2017), Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture

“Founding Debates: Federalists and Antifederalists” (2008), University of Texas at Austin (TA and discussion section instructor)

“Human Life: Basic Philosophical Questions and Answers” (February-March 2008), Christ Church Parish. Taught a seminar series on the fundamental political-philosophical questions surrounding human persons: what a person is and what that means for our conduct.

Guest Lecturer (April 2007) “The Philosophies of the American Founders,” “Contemporary American Social Theory,” and “State Sovereignty and Human Rights,” University of Texas at Austin

Lecturer (April 2007) UT Quest program,

AWARDS

Catholic Education Service Award	2020
Nominee, Best Paper, Southern Political Science Association Conference	2011
Pre-dissertation Fellowship, Witherspoon Institute	2009-2010
H.B. Earhart Fellowship	2009-2010
Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute	2008-2009
Grant for Summer Study at Oxford, Witherspoon Institute	2007
Scholarship to attend First Principles, Witherspoon Institute	2005-2007
Resident Scholar, Sigma Phi Epsilon Educational Foundation	2006-2010
Full funding award, University of Texas	2006-2011
Graduate Support Scholarship, LSE	August 2004