**TEXAS STATE VITA**

**I. ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

**A. Name:** DeHart, Paul R. **Title:** Associate Professor

**B. Educational Background**

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| *Degree* | *Year* | *University* | *Major* | *Thesis/Dissertation* |
| Ph.D. | 2005 | University of Texas, Austin | Government | “Better Than They Knew: The Constitution’s Implicit Moral Design” |
| M.A. | 2000 | University of Texas, Austin | Government | “The Paradoxical Nature of the Political Thought of *The Federalist*: How the Presupposition of Self-Interests Helps Provide the Requisite Virtue for the Constitutional System” |
| B.A. | 1998 | Houghton College | Political Science and Philosophy | “Honors Thesis: The Paradox of Democracy” |

**C. University Experience**

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| *Position* | *University* | *Dates* |

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| Assistant Professor, Political Science | Texas State University | 2009-present |
| Assistant Professor, History & Political Science | Lee University | 2005-2009 |
| Assistant Instructor, Government | University of Texas, Austin | 2004-2005 |
| Adjunct Professor, Political Science | Texas Lutheran University | Fall 2004 |
| Western Civilization Fellow | Intercollegiate Studies Institute | 2003-2004 |
| Teaching Assistant, Government | University of Texas, Austin | 1998-2003 |

**II. TEACHING**

**A. Teaching Honors and Awards**:

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor, Spring 2011

**B. Courses Taught:**

HON 3394P: Introduction to Humanities II: Nature and the Natural in the Modern World (Spring

2012, Spring 2014)

POSI 5326C: Justice and Liberty in American Thought (Fall 2010, Summer 2011, Fall 2012, Summer 2013)

POSI 5325: Roots of American Constitutionalism (Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2013)

POSI 5319: Seminar in Constitutional Law and Theory (Spring 2011)

POSI 5302C: The Contractarians (Spring 2014)

POSI 5398: Directed Reading and Research (1 student, Fall 2013)

POSI 4399 (WI): Senior Seminar in Political Science (Fall 2012)

POSI 4311 (WI): The Supreme Court and the Judicial Process (Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013)

POSI 3334 (WI): Contemporary Political Theory (Summer 2012, Fall 2012)

POSI 3331 (WI): American Political Thought (Fall 2009, Spring, 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

POSI 3310: Constitutional Law: Basic Structures and Principles (Spring 2011, Fall 2013)

POSI 3305: The American Founding (Spring 2010, Summer 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Spring 2014)

POLS 490 (Honors): The Common Good (Honors), Lee University (Spring 2009)

POLS 490 (Seminar): Political Theology, Lee University (Fall 2007)

POLS 474: American Political Theory, Lee University (Spring 2006, Spring 2008)

POLS 473: Contemporary Political Theory, Lee University (Fall 2005, Fall 2007)

POLS 472: Modern Political Theory, Lee University (Spring 2007, Spring 2009)

POLS 471: Ancient and Medieval Political Theory, Lee University (Fall 2006, Fall 2008)

POLS 470: History of Political Thought, Lee University (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)

POLS 357: Constitutional Law II: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Lee University (Spring 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2008)

POLS 356: Constitutional Law I: Federalism and Separation of Powers, Lee University (Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Fall 2007)

POLS 355: The Presidency, Lee University (Spring 2009)

POLS 252: Morality and Politics, Lee University (Fall 2006, Fall 2008)

POLS 200: Understanding Contemporary Politics, Lee University (Fall 2005 through Spring 2009)

PHIL 241: Introduction to Philosophy, Lee University (Spring 2008)

GOV 312: Issues in American Government: The Federalist and Anti-Federalists, The University of Texas at Austin (Summer 2005)

GOV 310: Introduction to American Government, The University of Texas at Austin (Fall 2004, Spring 2005)

POLS 334: American Political Thought, Texas Lutheran University (Fall 2004)

**C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations, Honors Theses, or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please**

**indicate):**

MA Thesis Committee, Aaron Arthur, defended November 7, 2013

MA Thesis Committee, Rooppreet Sohal, defended June 25, 2013

MA Thesis Committee, Lena Brewster, defended April 25, 2013

MA oral examination committee for Kristaphor Abshier, October 5, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Misaki Terashima, October 15, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Aaron Taylor, April 30, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Riley Inks, April 23, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Chad Hinds, April 23, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Katy Thompson, April 5, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Seth T. Pingel, March 19, 2012

MA oral examination committee for Jesus Moreno, April 26, 2011

MA oral examination committee for Richard Wygle, April 19, 2011

MA oral examination committee for Jonathan Mouton, April 21, 2011

MA oral examination committee for Ahmed Shagroni, November 29, 2010

**D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:**

Created and Prepared: POSI 5302C: The Contractarians

Created and Prepared: POSI 5326C: Justice and Liberty in American Thought

Created and Prepared: POLS 372 (H): Concepts of the Good and the Body Politic, Lee University.

Created: POLS 352: U. S. Courts and Jurisprudence, Lee University.

**III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE**

**A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press)**

**1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)**

**a. Scholarly Monographs:**

DeHart, Paul R. *Uncovering the Constitution's Moral Design.* Columbia: The University of Missouri Press, 2007. (refereed) [nominated for 3 awards; see p. 8]

**c. Edited Books**:

DeHart, Paul R. and Carson Holloway, eds. *Reason, Revelation, and the Civic Order: Political Philosophy and the Claims of Faith*. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, forthcoming March 2014 [presently at printers; first copies expected mid-February 2014]. (refereed)

**d. Chapters in Books**:

DeHart, Paul R. “Political Philosophy after the Fall of Classical, Epistemic Foundationalism,” in *Reason, Revelation, and the Civic Order: Political Philosophy and the Claims of Faith*, Edited by Paul R. DeHart and Carson Holloway. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, forthcoming March 2014. 33-63. (refereed)

Holloway, Carson and Paul R. DeHart. “Introduction,” in *Reason, Revelation, and the Civic Order: Political Philosophy and the Claims of Faith*, Paul R. DeHart and Carson Holloway, eds. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, forthcoming March 2014. 3-13. (refereed)

DeHart, Paul R. “Leviathan.” In *The New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy*. Ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 volumes. Detroit: Gale, 2013. 888-890. (refereed and invited) [The volume in which this essay appears is a peer-reviewed reference volume]

DeHart, Paul R. “Reason and Will in Natural Law” in *Natural Law and Evangelical Political Theory*, Jesse Covington, Bryan McGraw, and Micah Watson, eds. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2012. 125-152. (refereed and invited)

**2. Articles**

**a. Refereed Journal Articles:**

DeHart, Paul R. “Leviathan Leashed: On the Incoherence of Absolute, Sovereign Power,” *Critical Review* 25.1 (Winter 2013): 1-37. (refereed) [acceptance rate: under 10%]

DeHart, Paul R. “Fractured Foundations: The Self-Contradiction between Locke’s Ontology and His Moral Philosophy,” *Locke Studies*, Vol. 12 (2012): 111-148. (refereed) [INT2 ranking on the European Reference Index for the Humanities published by the European Science Foundation]

DeHart, Paul R. “Covenantal Realism: The Self-Referential Incoherency of Conventional Social Contract Theory and the Necessity of Consent,” *Perspectives on Political Science*, Vol. 41 (July 2012) No. 3: 165-177. (refereed) [acceptance rate: 15%]

DeHart, Paul R. “The Dangerous Life: Natural Justice and the Rightful Subversion of the State,” *Polity,* 38.3 (July 2006): 369-394. (refereed) [acceptance rate: 12-15%]

**6. Book Reviews**:

DeHart, Paul R. “A Review of *Politics for the Greatest Good: The Case for Prudence in the Public Square* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2009) by Clark D. Forsythe,” *International Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 51 (September 2011) No. 3: 407-412. [This was a review essay]

DeHart, Paul R. “A Review of *Constitutional Illusions & Anchoring Truths: The Touchstone of the Natural Law* (Cambridge University Press) by Hadley Arkes,” *The Journal of Church and State*, Vol. 53 (Summer 2011) No. 3: 478-480.

DeHart, Paul R. “A review of John Blakeman’s *The Bible In the Park: Federal District Courts, Religious Speech, and the Public Forum*,” *The Journal of Church and State*, Vol. 50 (Summer 2008) No. 3: 601.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Travails of Liberal Constitutionalism: A review of Howard Schweber's *The Language of Liberal Constitutionalism* (Cambridge University Press),” *The Review of Politics,* Vol. 70 (July 2008) No. 3: 481-484.

DeHart, Paul R. “Trees, Andrew. *The Founding Fathers & The Politics of Character,*” *The Maryland Historian,* Volume 29, Numbers 1 and 2, Winter 2005.

**B. Works not in Print**

**1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:**

DeHart, Paul R. “Thomas Hobbes and the Failure of Modern Natural Law.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 11-14, 2013.

DeHart, Paul R. “Not a Hobbesian Constitution.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 2, 2012.

DeHart, Paul R. “Laws Common and Unwritten: On Natural Law and the Possibility of Civic Cooperation for the Common Good.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the  American Political Science Association in New Orleans, Louisiana, August 30-September 2, 2012.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Place of Authority in Natural Law.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 12-14, 2012.

DeHart, Paul R. “Framing Democratic Statesmanship.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011.

DeHart, Paul R. “Two Theories of Natural Law, Two Theories of Covenant, Two Theories of Consent.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 21-23, 2011.

DeHart, Paul R. “On the Relation Equality Bears to Consent.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31-April 3, 2011.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Collapse of Modern Epistemology and the Practice of Political Philosophy.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, March 31-April 3, 2011.

DeHart, Paul R. “John Locke, Conditional Necessity, and Nature’s Law: Rescuing Locke’s Political Theory from His Ontology.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 22-25, 2010.

DeHart, Paul R. “Leviathan Leashed: Covenantal Realism and Constrained Sovereignty.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts, November 2008.

DeHart, Paul R. “Covenantal Realism: Reclaiming the Possibility of Realist Social Contract Theory from the Ruins of Conventionalist and Voluntaristic Contractarianism.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Constitution on Natural Rights.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Constitution on Natural Law.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 2005.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Constitution's Theory of Sovereignty.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 2004.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Constitution's Theory of the Common Good.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 2004.

DeHart, Paul R. “Constitutional Presuppositions: Uncovering and Evaluating the Constitution's Normative Framework.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association in San Antonio, Texas, April 2003.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Dangerous Life: Natural Justice and the Rightful Subversion of the State.” First presented at the Political Theory Workshop, The University of Texas at Austin, February 2002. Revised and presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Denver, Colorado, March 2003.

DeHart, Paul R. “Natural Law Democracy?: The Enduring Relevance of Classical Natural Law to American Constitutional Thought.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Long Beach, California, March 2002.

DeHart, Paul R. “The Paradoxical Nature of the Political Thought of *The Federalist:* How the Presupposition of Self- Interest Helps Provide the Requisite Virtue for the Constitutional System.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association in Galveston, Texas, March 2000. Revised and presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washing, D. C., August 2000.

**2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:**

DeHart, Paul R. “Reason and Will in Natural Law.” Delivered at the Conference on Natural Law and Political Thought held at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, 18 February 2011. (This was an invited paper together with presentation)

DeHart, Paul R. “The Constitution's Moral Design.” Delivered at the Law School of The University of Dayton, 15 October 2008.

**4. Workshops:**

Presenter, Grant workshop, Lehrman American Studies Center’s Summer Institute, 2009.

Presenter, How to Publish a Book, Lehrman American Studies Center’s Summer Institute, 2009.

Leader, Critical Thinking Summer Institute, teaching fellow professors how to teach research skills to students, Lee University, Summer 2008.

Participant, “Project Workshop on Integration of Library Materials and Information Literacy,” Appalachian College Association, February 21-22, 2008, at the Southwest Virginia Education Center in Abingdon, Virginia.

**5. Other Works not in Print:**

1. **Works “submitted” or “under review”**

DeHart, Paul R. “The Place of Authority in Moral Law and Obligation.” Under review at *Philosophy and Public Affairs*.

DeHart, Paul R. “Thomas Hobbes and the Failure of Modern Natural Law.” Under review at *History of Political Thought*.

1. **Works “ in progress”**

*Covenantal Realism: Covenant, Natural Law, and the Foundations of Political Authority* (This is a book manuscript of which published articles and conference papers comprise parts; I am working on a proposal pursuant to requests for a proposal from 3 publishers.)

“Not a Hobbesian Constitution.” I’m revising this essay for submission to *American Political Thought*.

“Laws Common and Unwritten.” This is a project on the extent moral disagreement and consensus across cultures and on the possibility of the polis as a partnership for the common good.

“Framing Democratic Statesmanship.” I am revising the conference paper for submission to a journal. The argument herein is about the incoherence of the model of democracy advanced by Oliver Wendell Holmes and the attendant model of democratic statesmanship.

Research is underway for an essay I’m writing entitled “Locke, God, and the Dissolution of All,” which is on the role of Locke’s religious beliefs in his account of political authority and obligations. I intend to present this essay at a conference this academic year.

1. **Other works not in print**

***Additional Professional Meeting Participation:***

Chair, “Science, Math, and Religion in Hobbes,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 12, 2013.

Chair, “The Morality of Law: Theories and Applications,” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 14, 2012.

Chair, “Constitutions and Constitutionalism,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 23, 2010.

Chair and Discussant, “Religion and Political Theory,” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

Discussant, “Creating Social Justice” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, Illinois, April 2006.

Discussant, “The Political Philosophy of the American Constitution,” at the annual meeting of the Southwest Social Science Association in San Antonio, Texas, April 2003.

***Summer Institutes:***

Fellow, The Lehrman American Studies Center Summer Institute, co-Sponsored by the James Madison Program of Princeton University, June 15-27, 2009, Princeton, New Jersey. Stipend: $2,000.

Fellow, The Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, co-sponsored by the University of Virginia's Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy and in Partnership with the National Endowment for the Humanities, July 7-19, 2008, Charlottesville, Virginia. Stipend: $3,000.

**C. Grants and Contracts**

**1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:**

The National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend. $6,000. Summer 2008

2**. Submitted, but not Funded, External Grants and Contracts**:

The National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend. Applied Fall 2006.

**3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:**

Presidential Summer Research Grant, Office of the President, Lee University. $2,500. Summer 2007

Presidential Summer Research Grant, Office of the President, Lee University. $2,500. Summer 2006

**4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Grants and Contracts:**

Research Enhancement Program, Texas State University—San Marcos, 2012.

Research Enhancement Program, Texas State University—San Marcos, 2009.

**D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:**

Western Civilization Fellowship. Intercollegiate Studies Institute. $20,000. 2003-2004.

Bruton Fellowship. The University of Texas at Austin. $1,000. 2003-2004.

Macdonald Summer Internship. Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin. $3,500. Summer 2003.

Patterson Fellowships. Supporting various conference presentations. Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin.

***Book Award Nominations:***

DeHart, Paul R. *Uncovering the Constitution’s Moral Design* (Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2007) was nominated for the following 3 awards:

* Herman C. Pritchett Award for best book by a political scientist on Law and Courts
* David Easton Award for a book that broadens the horizons of contemporary political science by engaging issues of philosophical significance in political life through any of a variety of approaches in the social sciences and humanities
* Henry Adams Prize, awarded by the Society for History in the Federal Government

**IV. SERVICE**

**A. Institutional**

1. **University:**

Guest lecturer in Dr. Donald Griffin’s “Policy Making in the Healthcare Arena” class, Texas State University, March 22, 2010.

Interview with Andrew Reyna for KTSW on Health Care Reform, Rights, and the Common Good. Interview aired 27 September 2009.

Critical Thinking Task Force, Lee University, 2008-2009.

Faculty Sponsor, Academic Clubs Council, Lee University, 2007-2009.

1. **Department/School:**

Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas State University, 2012-2013.

Learning Outcome Subcommittee, Department of Political Science, Texas State University, 2012-2013.

MA Thesis Screening Committee, Department of Political Science, Texas State University, 2012-2013.

Panelist for the Meet the Professors Broadcast, “The First Amendment—Past, Present, and Future,” Texas State University, September 30, 2011.

Panelist on the Discourse in Democracy Panel, “Politics, Values, & Culture,” Texas State University, November 9, 2011.

Presented a talk entitled “On Consent” to Political Science Department faculty and graduate students at a meeting of the Inklings, Texas State University, October 28th, 2010.

Was invited to be a panelist and involved in discussions for Constitution Day for 2010. Panel was cancelled due to fire in ELA.

Faculty Panelist, Constitution Day Panel: “The Great Debate: How Our Constitution Affects You,” Texas State University, September 17, 2009.

I have participated in the annual, year end Outcomes Assessment Workshop every year since joining the Department of Political Science at Texas State University.

Pre-law advisor, Lee University, Department of History and Political Science, 2006-2009.

Faculty co-sponsor, *Pi Sigma Alpha* (Political Science honors society), Lee University, 2006-2009.

Humanities Major Committee, Lee University, Department of History and Political Science, 2006-2007.

Political Theory Search Committee, Department of Government, The University of Texas at Austin, 2004-­2005.

**B. Professional:**

***Service as Journal Referee:***

Referee for *American Political Thought*

Referee for *Perspectives on Political Science*

Referee for the *Journal of Juridical Science*.

Referee for *American Politics Research*.

***Service as Reviewer for Book Proposals and Manuscripts:***

Reviewer, Routledge Press, proposal for *Too Much Liberty and Too Much Authority: Social Contract Theory in American Jurisprudence* by Thomas R. Pope, August 2012.

Reviewer, Oxford University Press, proposal for an Introduction to Political Science textbook by Craig Parsons, May 2010.

Reviewer, Longman Press, *Making Sense of Politics* proposal, April 2008.

***Service as External Reviewer for Grant Proposals:***

External Reviewer for the Earhart Foundation

***Service as Organizer of Panels for Professional Meetings***

I organized a panel entitled “Natural Law Constitutionalism” for the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in 2012. Panelists included: James Stoner, Christopher Wolfe, Carson Holloway, Justin Dyer, and myself.

***Memberships in Professional Organizations:***

The American Political Science Organization

The Midwest Political Science Organization

**C. Community:**

My wife and I have twice served as panelists for classes, run by the non-profit Pathways, necessary for being licensed as a foster-to-adopt parent.

Political Analyst for WRCB-Channel 3, local NBC affiliate for Chattanooga TN, appearing on-air 4 times during the 2008 Presidential election season: January 4 (after the Iowa Caucuses), February 6 (after Super Tuesday), and November 4th and 5th (the day of and the day after the Presidential election).

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