

EUGEN L. NAGY

enagy@tamusa.edu

EXPERIENCE & INTERESTS

Academia: teaching and research in political philosophy; comparative politics; nations & nationalisms; Central & Eastern Europe; religion & politics; Søren Kierkegaard; ideologies; Eric Voegelin; politics & sport; political institutions; music & politics.
Policy: developing and managing international and US-based programs of development and cooperation, involving governmental institutions, international organizations, NGOs and civic leaders, and academic institutions.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – ACADEMIA

Lecturer, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, TX August 2023 – current
Department of Criminology and Political Science
Courses taught: GOVT 2305, Federal Government; POLS 3351, Comparative Politics; POLS 3341, International Relations; POLS 3311, Congress. **Courses created & taught:** HONR 3300 / POLS 4370, Music & Politics. **Courses created & introduced into the curriculum:** POLS 4435, Nations & Nationalisms.
Service: Producing & moderating the POLITalks @ TAMUSA departmental podcast. Academic judge – 2024 San Antonio Honors Student Symposium. Committee service: Departmental Faculty Development Committee; Political Science Curriculum Committee; College of Arts & Sciences Student Awards Committee. Intra-departmental service: new textbook search; student recruitment; curriculum review.

Program Coordinator & Instructor, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 2020-22
Honors EXCEL Program, The Honors College
Courses taught: HON 451, Summative Experience (Honors capstone). **Courses created & taught:** SEP 298, Sport & Society; HON 293, Love & Affliction.
Administrative: Development and day-to-day management of WVU's upper-division experiential learning Honors program. Duties included: advising and supporting students; managing admissions and enrollment; organizing events, seminars and workshops; training faculty and mentors; devising and implementing recruiting and retention strategies; supervising the curriculum; marketing and communication; program evaluation and strategic development; hiring and supervising staff etc.
Service: Serving on: WVU's Fulbright Committee, Mitchell Scholarship Committee, Portz Fellowship Committee; jury committees for undergraduate academic conferences; hiring search committee.

Visiting Instructor, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 2018-19
The School of Social Science and Global Studies, Political Science Program
Courses: American Government; Political Systems of the Modern World; The Congress; Religion & Politics (scheduled). The courses were offered in traditional, hybrid, and fully online formats.
Service: Supervising graduate teaching assistant.

Lecturer, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA 2013-18
Department of Political Science & William O. Douglas Honors College
Courses taught: Western European Politics; Russian Politics; Early Political Thought; Early Modern Political Thought; Religion & Politics; Comparative Politics; International Politics; American Politics; Introduction to Politics. **Courses created & taught:** Ideology & the Human Condition; Writing &

Research; Politics & Sport; European Union; Central & Eastern Europe; Nations & Nationalisms.

The courses were taught in traditional, hybrid, and fully online formats.

Service: Academic adviser. Co-organized several campus events, featuring international scholars. Wrote the proposal, won funding from the German Embassy, and implemented a two-week series of campus events on the European Union. Designed and implemented a comprehensive Enrollment Development Strategy. Designed a three-year plan for the development of an International Studies Program and Center.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Marymount University, Arlington, VA 2010-11

Courses taught: Comparative Government; Research & Writing; American Government; International Relations.

Lecturer, George Washington University, Washington, DC 2006-10

Courses taught: Western Political Thought; Comparative Politics of Western Europe; Comparative Politics of Central and Eastern Europe; Introduction to Comparative Politics.

Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 2004-08

Grading and teaching within several sections of the following courses: Introduction to Comparative Politics (instructor); Introduction to American Government, The Congress, Introduction to Political Theory (teaching assistant).

Recruiting and coordinating a team of students that competed and won the award within an EU-themed competition of projects organized by the Embassy of Germany.

Teacher, Institute of Reading Development, Washington D.C. Summer 2006

Teaching continuing education classes to about 300 students, of all age groups (from adults and high-schoolers, to preschoolers) and from various social backgrounds.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – POLICY (SELECTION)

Program Coordinator, Euroregional Center for Democracy, Romania 2000-02

Designing and implementing programs of international development and cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe, working with international partners such as USAID or the Council of Europe:

- Organizing and running numerous international conferences, events and training programs aimed at capacity building, civil society development, and peace-building in the countries of former Yugoslavia.
- *Accountability & Trust*: creating and running an innovative e-government, accountability-building program involving elected representatives, local governments, NGOs and citizens.
- *Southeast Europe Youth Initiative Fund*: running a grant-giving program for youth-led and youth-oriented programs, involving organizations from Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia.
- *Academic Links 2000*: managing an interdisciplinary research team of scholars from Serbia, Hungary and Romania, studying politics in ethnically and religiously divided societies, and producing the bilingual volume, *A Glossary for Plural Societies*.
- *Mirrors of Democracy*: managing a research program and summer school studying the levels of civic education among the youth of the region.
- *Link Diversity Campaign “Living with the Other”*: the national campaign of a youth-focused grant-giving program of the Council of Europe, aimed at building tolerance and interethnic dialogue.
- *Regional NGO Fairs I & II*: co-organizing two editions of an international event featuring over 200 NGOs and more than 800 participants from 11 different countries.

Program Developer, National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice & Milwaukee County Labor Council Summer 2003

Co-organizing one of the most successful “Labor in the Pulpits” programs of cooperation between religious communities and labor unions in the US.

Program Developer, John A. Ryan Institute & Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, The Holy See
St. Paul, MN & Rome, Italy 2003-04

Creating and developing an innovative database of international organizations working in the field of religion & social action - an open-access resource for building international networks and partnerships.

Program Developer, Terrence J. Murphy Institute, St. Paul, MN Summer 2004
Designing an outreach strategy for the institute, based on interviews with civic and policy leaders from the Twin Cities region.

Research Associate, Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies, Washington, DC 2009-10
Designing and managing the online, public platform of the institute (the Virtual Institute).

STUDIES

ACADEMIC DEGREES

ABD, Political Theory & Comparative Politics PhD defense Dec 2026
Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
Dissertation: “The Sphere(s) of the Political: The Structures of Existence According to Søren Kierkegaard”.

MA, Catholic Studies 2004
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
Study abroad at the Angelicum – Pontifical University St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy ('03-04).

Advanced Studies (graduate degree), Political and Administrative Sciences 1999
West University of Timisoara, Romania
Thesis: “Religion and Nationalism”

BA, Social Work 1997
School of Sociology and Psychology, West University of Timisoara, Romania

OTHER STUDIES & CERTIFICATES

The Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education 2024
Certificate in the Effective Teaching Practice Framework (one-year program).

Counsellor, Systemic Family Psychotherapy 2000
University Clinic of Clermont-Ferrand, France & University of Medicine and Pharmacology, Timisoara
Five-year training program (1996-2000) with specialists from France and Romania.

Timisoara Open College, Third Europe Foundation 2000
Post-graduate formation and research program on the culture, society and politics of Central Europe.

LANGUAGES

Fluent: French, German, Italian.

Native: Hungarian, Romanian.

Basic: Spanish, Latin, Serbian/Croat, Portuguese.

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

BOOK PROJECTS

In work:

The Crisis of Liberalism (a review and analysis of the current debate on the crisis of classical liberalism).

Planned for Lexington Books, a division of Rowman & Littlefield. In English.

The 1989 Generation (essays on the legacies of the 1989 Revolution, and of the post-communist transitions).

Several chapters already published as articles. In Romanian.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Noesis and Faith: Eric Voegelin and Søren Kierkegaard.” In *Eric Voegelin and the Continental Tradition: Explorations in Modern Political Thought*, edited by Lee Trepanier & Steven F. McGuire. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press, 2011.

“Brilliance and Decay - The Austro-Hungarian Empire in Joseph Roth’s *The Radetzky March*.” In *Ispita alexandrinismului* [The Temptation of Alexandrism], edited by C. Valcan. Timisoara: Bastion, 2008.

“Main Concepts of the Medieval Islamic Political Thought.” In *Studia Mediaevalia*, edited by Alin Tat. Cluj-Napoca, Romania: Napoca Star / Galaxia Gutenberg, 2005.

“Imperial Bourgeoisie: A Portrait of the Viennese Middle-Class.” In *The Central-European Man: Viena (1848-1938)*, edited by Ciprian Valcan. Bastion, 2008. [in Romanian]

“Subsidiarity.” In *A Glossary for Plural Societies*, edited by Gabriela Coltescu. Iași, Romania: Polirom, 2005. [in Romanian & Hungarian]

ARTICLES (SELECTION)

“The Passion of Understanding: Preliminary Remarks on Strauss' Quarrel Between Ancients and Moderns.” *The Catholic Social Science Review* 14 (October 2009).

“The Original Solitude and Sociality of Man.” *Studia Theologica*. Year I, no. 4 (2003).

“The Foundations of Politics.” *Revista 22*. Year XV, no. 882 (Feb. 2-8, 2007). [Romanian]

“The National Dimension of the Banat Region.” *The Sphere of Politics* 9, no. 99 (2001). [Romanian]

“Romanians and Hungarians: Review of *Subjective Transylvania: A Case Study of Ethnic Conflict*, by Alina Mungiu-Pippidi.” *Orizont* (2001). [Romanian]

CONFERENCES & LECTURES

ACADEMIA (SELECTION)

Guest Lecturer. West University of Timișoara, Romania, Nov. 2025.

“Darkness and Light: Moral Dimensions of the Pursuit of Knowledge”.

Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Criminology & Political Science, TAMUSA, 2025.

“Student Evaluations of Teaching (SETs): The Uses and Abuses of a Problematic Tool”.

121st Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Vancouver, BC, 2025.

“Music & Politics: An Interdisciplinary Investigation”.

Brown Bag Presentation, Department of Criminology & Political Science, TAMUSA, 2025.

“Music, Sport, Religion, and Politics: Models for Teaching Interdisciplinary Courses”

120th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, 2024

“Liberalism and Its Critics: A Review and Critique of the Current Debate”.

Annual Meeting, Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), New Orleans, LA, 2024

“The Crisis of Liberalism: The Case Study of Russia (1990-2024).”

Guest Lecturer, Department of Social Work, West University of Timisoara, Romania, 2023
“Prolegomena for a Philosophical Anthropology of Social Work.”

114th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA, 2018
“Against Ideology: An Antipolitics for the Twenty-first Century”.

113th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco, CA, 2017
Chair and organizer: “A Theory of History and Experience” panel.

112th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, 2016
“Tan Dun’s *The First Emperor*: Empire and Ecumene in Politics, Art, and Consciousness”.

IV. International Implantology Days, "The Future Starts Now", Baden-Baden, Germany, 2016.
“Ethics and Aesthetics: On the Pursuit of the Beautiful.” (TED-style talk)

National Technology and Social Science Conference, NSSA, Las Vegas, 2014.
With Rex Wirth: “A Federated Kingdom: The Revised Belgian Constitution.”

104th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, MA, 2008
“Kierkegaard and Voegelin: Consciousness and History.”

39th Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Boston, MA, 2007
Discussant for the panel: “Ancient Political Secrets for Moderns?”

103rd Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, IL, 2007
“The (Im)Possibility of Politics: Kierkegaard and Voegelin.”

65th Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, 2007
“The Source of the True Society: I-Thou in Plato and Genesis.”

15th Annual Meeting, Society of Catholic Social Scientists, New York, 2007.
“Religion and Politics: Augustine and Kierkegaard on the Human Condition.”

The Johns Hopkins Political Science Colloquium, Baltimore, MD, 2007
“The Dilemma of Political Thought: Søren Kierkegaard on Consciousness and History.”

38th Annual Meeting, Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Boston, MA, 2006
“Limits of Political Philosophy: Kierkegaard, Language and Being.”

“Politics and Lunch” series, Catholic University of America, 2006.
“A Post-Modern Science of Politics: Giambattista Vico on Religion and Politics.”

59th Annual Conference, New York State Political Science Association (NYSPSA), New York, NY, 2006
“Heidegger: A Poetic Endeavor.”

Georgetown Political Theory Colloquium, Washington, DC, 2006.
Discussant for Jacob Howland’s talk, “Kierkegaard and Socrates.”

International Congress “Person and Society,” Braga, Portugal, 2005
“The Original Solitude and Sociality of the Human Being.”

POLICY (SELECTION)

Democracy & Religion Conference, Romania, 2002
President of the organizing committee of an international conference on the role of religious communities in building democracy and stability in Southeast Europe.

Europe of Regions Conference, Romania, 2001
Speaker and reporter at the 19th international conference on interethnic dialogue, regional cooperation and European integration.

Democratic Values of a Multicultural Society, Romania, 2001

Organizer of an international conference studying best practices of cooperation between ethnic and religious groups in Eastern Europe.

Meeting of NGOs within the EU's Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe, Slovenia, 2001

Participant in the Working Table on Human Rights and Democracy.

MEMBERSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Current memberships: American Political Science Association (APSA); Eric Voegelin Society (EVS).

Past fellowships & scholarships: Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society, 2006-2009;

Bradley Fellowship, 2004-2009; Research Fellowship, Søren Kierkegaard Research Center, Copenhagen, Denmark, Summer 2007; University of St. Thomas Fellowship, 2002-2004.