

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**MATTHEW M.C. ROBERTS**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of Minnesota Twin Cities October 2009  
Political Science, Supporting Program in Linguistics and Education  
Dissertation: “The Amicus Curiae at Oral Argument: New Evidence of How and Why Third Parties Shape Supreme Court Decisions” (Advisor: Timothy R. Johnson)

B.A., Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Michigan) May 1998  
Double-major in Political Science and Philosophy; Minor in French

**NON-TEACHING ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

*Senior Instructional Design Specialist, Grand Valley State University* 2021 – Present  
*Instructional Designer, Grand Valley State University* 2011 – 2021  
Responsible for leading workshops and consulting with faculty in regard to issues of pedagogy and technology integration. Institutional Representative for the University’s Quality Matters subscription.

*Instructional Technology Fellow, University of Minnesota* 2001 – 2003  
Responsible for designing and maintaining course websites, collaborating with faculty on instructional design strategies, leading group and one-on-one training workshops, and creating instructional resources. Designed and developed department-specific online class management system using PHP, MySQL, and DHTML.

*Instructional Computing Specialist, Calvin College* Summer 1998 – Summer 1999  
Worked with faculty and students to facilitate the integration of technology into college instruction. Conducted workshops on technical skills and pedagogy.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Adjunct Professor, Grand Valley State University 2012 – Present

Adjunct Professor, Cornerstone University Fall 2016

Adjunct Professor, Kuyper College 2009 – 2011

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hope College 2007 – 2009

Instructor, Calvin College 2005 – 2007

Adjunct Lecturer, Aquinas College Spring 2005

Instructor, Calvin College 2003 – 2004

Instructor, University of Minnesota Spring 2003

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

*Political Science:* United States Supreme Court; Judicial Politics, Behavior, and Process; Legal Theory; Political Theory; Democratic Theory; Constitutional Law; Constitutional Theory; Religion and Politics; Education and Politics; Pedagogical Methodology; Technology and Higher Education

*Teaching:* digital literacy and citizenship; infowhelm and the “filter bubble;” eLearning and the future of education; history of instructional technology; gamification and digital badges; the flipped classroom; presentation aesthetics; learning and neuroscience; learner-centered instruction; whole brain learning; universal design for learning; alternative grading systems; artificial intelligence

**PUBLICATIONS****BOOKS**

Roberts, Matthew M. C. *Oral Argument and Amicus Curiae*. El Paso, TX: LFB Scholarly Press, 2011.

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “Adventures in Podcasting.” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, July 2008.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES**

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “Cantwell v. Connecticut.” In *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson, editors. New York: Facts on File Inc., 2003.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “City of Boerne v. Flores.” In *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson, editors. New York: Facts on File Inc., 2003.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “Goldman v. Weinberger.” In *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson, editors. New York: Facts on File Inc., 2003.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “Grove City College v. Bell.” In *The Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson, editors. New York: Facts on File Inc., 2003.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Knoppers, Sherry, Matthew Roberts, and Mark J. VanGorp. 1999. “Simulations on the Web: Practicing Procedures Online.” *NSNA Dean’s Notes*. Vol 20, No. 3. May.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Kenward, Kimberly and Matthew M. C. Roberts. “One Year Under Our Belt with Blackboard Ultra: Reflections, Successes, and Next Steps.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Blackboard Users Group; May 3, 2024.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “Synchronish, Not Synchronous: Deeper Engagement Through Lingering Digital Presence.” Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2023.

Kenward, Kimberly and Matthew M. C. Roberts. “Lessons from the Pioneer Trail.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Blackboard Users Group; May 5, 2023.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. “When Learners Get In the Way of Learning.” Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2022.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. and Erik S. Benson. “Destination Unknown: Practicing Effective Pedagogy in Unfamiliar Surroundings.” Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2022.

- Roberts, Matthew M. C. and Erik S. Benson. "The Coach in the Corner: Re-envisioning the Instructor/Learner Relationship." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2019.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Points are Pointless: The Search for Grading Nirvana." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2019.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. and Eric Kunnen. "Digital Badges for Faculty: A Primer." Presented at the Educational Technology Organization of Michigan Fall Conference (Clinton Township, MI), November 2018.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Alone at the Table Together: Hospitality, Community, and Online Education." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2018.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Expertise as Teaching Presence: Online Tools for Interactive Learning Experiences." Presented at the 2018 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Expertise as Teaching Presence: Online Tools for Interactive Learning Experiences." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2017.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Ghosts of the Digital Native: Considerations Ethical, Practical, and Instructional." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2016.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. and Erik S. Benson. "Rick Steves Goes to College: Tips for Teaching in (Un)Familiar Territory." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2016.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Grading Nirvana: Toward a Better System and How to Implement It (Kind Of)." Presented at the Fall Conference of the Educational Technology Organization of Michigan (Allendale, MI), November 2015.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. and Erik S. Benson. "Let's Get Physical: Students as Visual Aids." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2015.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Sneaky Slides: How to Rescue PowerPoint from the Dark Side for More Engaging eLearning Videos." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2015.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "The Flipped Classroom: Innovation for the 20th Century." Presented at the Michigan Flip Teaching Conference (Grand Rapids, MI), January 2015.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Please Pass the Potatoes: Hospitality as Educational Metaphor." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2014.
- Benson, Erik S. and Matthew M. C. Roberts. "Rod Stewart Was Right: The Value of Hindsight in Teaching." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2014.
- Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Instructional Gymnastics 101: What I learned from My Year in a Flipped Classroom." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Instructional Gymnastics 101: What I learned from My Year in a Flipped Classroom." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2013.

Benson, Erik S. and Matthew M. C. Roberts. "No More Eyesores: A Case Study in Multimedia Makeovers." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), October 2013.

Sciarini, Michael, Paul Stansbie, and Matthew M. C. Roberts. "Exploring when and how to best integrate online/hybrid courses in an HTM curriculum." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators, October 2013.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Clear as Mud." Presented at the Conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, October 2012.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Glue Them to Their Seats." Presented at the Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching (Traverse City, MI), September 2012.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Experiencing Election 2008: The impact of hands-on education." Presented at the 2009 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "With Friends Like These: The Amicus Curiae at Oral Argument." Presented at the 2009 meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 2009.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Case and Counsel: Explaining the Presence of Oral Amici." Presented at the 2008 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2008.

Roberts, Matthew M. C. "Amicus Curiae at Oral Argument: A Study in Attorney Experience." Presented at the 2007 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2007.

Johnson, Timothy R., and Matthew M. C. Roberts. "Amicus Curiae: the Informational Role of Supreme Court Oral Arguments." Presented at the 2004 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2004.

Johnson, Timothy R., and Matthew M. C. Roberts. "Oral Arguments, *Amicus Curiae*, and the Attitudinal Model." Presented at the 2003 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 2003.

Johnson, Timothy R., and Matthew M. C. Roberts. "*Amicus Curiae*, Oral Arguments, and Supreme Court Decision Making." Presented at the Arleen Carlson Symposium on Judicial Decision Making, University of Minnesota, February 2003.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

"Generative AI in Education, Teaching, and Learning: Ethical and Integrity Considerations" *GVSU CECI BigByte; November 1, 2023*

"Lessons from the Pioneer Trail." (with Kim Kenward) *Michigan Blackboard Users Group  
October 25, 2022*

"Democracy and the American Dream." *GVSU Community Service Learning Center  
January 22, 2020*

- "Points are Pointless: The Search for Grading Nirvana." *Transforming the Teaching and Learning Environment virtual conference, Northeastern State University, February 2020*
- "Glue and a Half: Strategies for Making Things Stick" *MHAT Annual Conference; October 26, 2017*
- "Redeeming PowerPoint through Neuroscience and Good Design" *MHAT Annual Conference; October 20, 2016*
- "Glue them to their seats!" *GVSU Charter Schools Office; April 2015*
- Pre-Conference Workshop on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning *University of Minnesota Political Science Teaching Conference July 24, 2014*
- Faculty Work Day, "Where They Need You the Most: Using Technology to Flip Your Classroom" *Cornerstone University; August 2012*
- Fall Teaching Conference, "Where They Need You the Most: Using Technology to Flip Your Classroom" *Grand Valley State University; August 2012*
- Adult Education Series, "Would Jesus Vote for Universal Healthcare" *Hillside Community Church; January 2010*
- Faculty development workshop, "Four Principles for teaching with technology" *Kuyper College; October 23, 2009*
- Presentation to Visiting Students from Meiji Gakuin University, Japan; "U.S. Presidential Candidates and the 2008 Election" *Hope College; September 3, 2008*
- Featured Speaker, Constitution Day Celebration *Hope College; September 18, 2007*
- Speaker, Election 2006 Voter Information Forum *Heartside Ministries; October 31, 2006*
- Panelist, "Is the Constitution in Crisis?" *Cornerstone University; September 18, 2006*
- Panelist, Public Forum on Religion in the First Amendment *Calvin College; September 19, 2005*
- Research Presentation, "Black Robes and Black Boxes" *Calvin College; March 29, 2005*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE***Grand Valley State University*

American Government and Politics (PLS 102), American Constitutional Foundations (PLS 206; online)

*Cornerstone University*

American Government (SSC 211; online)

*Kuyper College*

American Studies (HI 117), American Government (GV 110)

*Hope College*

Introduction to American Political Institutions (POL 100); Parties, Interest Groups, and Elections (POL 212); State and Local Politics (POL 221); Congress and the President (POL 332); Legal and Democratic Theory (POL 110)

*Calvin College*

American Politics (POLS 101); Constitutional Law (POLS 310); Persons in Political Community (POLS 110); Political Ideas in Historical Perspective (POLS 240); Methods in Political Analysis (POLS 251); The President and Congress (POLS 314); Dissecting Democracy (IDIS 150); Democracy and Civility (POLS W11); Criminal Rights in America (POLS W42)

*Aquinas College*

American Politics (PS 101); Presidency and Congress (PS 210)

*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*

Democracy and Citizenship

**PROFESSIONAL, DEPARTMENTAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

## OCCASIONAL MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

<i>Journal of University Teaching and Learning Practice</i>	Spring 2015 – Present
<i>American Politics Research</i>	Fall 2011 – Present
<i>Journal of Information Technology and Politics</i>	Spring 2011 – Present
<i>Law and Society Review</i>	Summer 2010 – Present
<i>Journal of Political Science Education</i>	Summer 2008 – Present
<i>The Michigan Academician</i>	Spring 2004 – Present

## CONFERENCE PROPOSAL REVIEWER

<i>Lilly Conference Series on College and University Teaching and Learning</i>	Spring 2016 – Present
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## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

<i>FTLC Advisory Committee, Grand Valley State University</i>	2013 – 2017, 2019 – Present
Member of the for the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory Committee.	
<i>Search Committee, Grand Valley State University Information Technology Department</i>	Winter 2021
Member of the search committee for the position of Instructional Technology Project Specialist.	
<i>Search Committee, Grand Valley State University Information Technology Department</i>	Winter 2020
Member of the search committee for the position of Instructional Technology Project Specialist.	
<i>Search Committee, Grand Valley State University Information Technology Department</i>	Fall 2016
Member of the search committee for the position of Digital Media Developer.	
<i>Search Committee, Grand Valley State University Information Technology Department</i>	Winter 2014
Member of the search committee for the position of LMS administrator.	
<i>Search Committee, Grand Valley State University Information Technology Department</i>	Spring 2013
Member of the search committee for the position of Emerging Technologies Coordinator.	

*Scholarship Reviewer, Calvin College Department of Political Science* Spring 2004  
 Department reviewer for the Bernard Zylstra undergraduate scholarship in political theory.

*Search Committee, Calvin College* Spring 1997  
 Undergraduate member of the search committee for the Vice President of Information Services.

#### CONFERENCE SERVICE

*International Teaching Learning Cooperative / Lilly Conferences* 2018 – 2019  
 Inaugural Ambassador for the Lilly Traverse City Conference on Evidence-based Teaching and Learning

*Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* April 2018  
 Panel discussant, "Using Simulations to teach Political Science"

*Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* April 2009  
 Panel discussant, "Cognition, Emotion and Information Seeking on the Supreme Court"

*Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* April 2008  
 Panel discussant, "Alternative Ways of Learning."

*Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference of Political Scientists* October 2007  
 Roundtable participant, "Students in a Technological Age"

*Henry Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College* April 2006  
 Panel chair and discussant, "Religion, Political Philosophy, and American Politics"

*Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association* April 2005  
 Panel discussant, "Electing Judges and Judging Elections."

*Henry Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College* April 2004  
 Panel chair and discussant, "Religious Understanding and Politics."

*Michigan Conference of Political Scientists, Calvin College* October 2003  
 Panel discussant, "Liberalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

*The Association for Political Theory Inaugural Conference, Calvin College* October 2003  
 Panel chair, "Technology in Question."

*Arleen Carlson Symposium on Judicial Decision Making, University of Minnesota* February 2003  
 Research assistant and paper presenter

*Henry Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College* May 2002  
 Panel chair and discussant, "Religion and Political Tolerance in Comparative Settings."

#### OTHER SERVICE

*Advisor for Student Internship* Fall 2008  
 Michigan Rep. Pete Hoekstra's Congressional District Office

*Transfer Student Advisor* Summer 2006  
 Calvin College

#### **ASSISTANTSHIPS**

*Teaching: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*  
 Criminal Rights; American Democracy in a Changing World; American Political Thought;  
 Civil Rights and Liberties

*Research: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*  
 Data analysis and coding for Dr. Timothy Johnson

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association (Law & Courts Section, Undergraduate Education Section)

Association of Political Theory

Midwest Political Science Association

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Outstanding Team Project Award, Grand Valley State University 2024

Michigan Blackboard Users Group Distinguished Member of the Year 2023

Student Success Award Grand Valley State University, 2020

Amazon Alexa "Tech for Good" Skills Challenge Finalist (\$10,000) Fall 2018

Blackboard Catalyst Award for Training and Professional Development (Team) Spring 2018

Graduate Research Partnership Grant (\$5269) University of Minnesota, Summer 2003

Political Science Department Travel Grant (\$150) University of Minnesota, Spring 2003

Political Science Department Travel Grant (\$850) University of Minnesota, Spring 2002

Instructional Technology Fellow University of Minnesota, 2001 – 2003

Political Science Departmental Fellowship University of Minnesota, 1999 – 2000

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Political Science Honor Society Calvin College, 1998

Dean's List Calvin College, 1994 – 1998

National Merit Finalist Scholarship Calvin College, 1994 – 1998

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

"Resilient Teaching." Massively Open Online Course (verified certificate), sponsored by Coursera and the University of Michigan (2020).

"The History and Future of (Mostly) Higher Education." Massively Open Online Course, sponsored by Coursera and Duke University (2014).

"eLearning Ecologies." Massively Open Online Course, sponsored by Coursera and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2014).

"Gamification Design." Massively Open Online Course, sponsored by iversity.org (2014).

"The Future of Storytelling." Massively Open Online Course, sponsored by iversity.org and the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam (2013).

Quality Matters: Institutional Representative training (2012), Applying the Quality Matters Rubric (2012).

"Instructional Ideas and Technology Tools for Online Success." Massively Open Online Course sponsored by Blackboard and facilitated by Dr. Curtis Bonk of Indiana University (2012).

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Middle School Robotics Coach, Dutton Christian School	Winter 2019 – Present
Head Counselor for Hillside Community Church Calvinist Cadet Club (scouting)	2014 – 2020
Campaign Volunteer, Harold J. Mast for Kent County Commissioner	Fall 2010
Pollworker, City of Kentwood, MI	Fall 2004

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request

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