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### Academic History:

Ph.D., Texas A & M University, 2010  
Fields: Political Theory, American Political Institutions,  
History of Medieval Political Thought  
B.A., Georgetown University, 2005

### Academic Positions:

Assistant Professor of Political Science- University of Central Arkansas  
August 2010- Present

### Publications:

#### Articles in Refereed Journals:

Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2010. "Democracy and the *Defensor Pacis* Revisited: Marsiglio of Padua's Democratic Arguments." *Viator*, Vol. 41, No. 2, pp 257-69.

Nederman, Cary J. and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan. 2008. "Reading Aristotle through Rome: History and Republicanism in Ptolemy of Lucca's *De regimine principum*." *European Journal of Political Theory*. Vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 223-40.

#### Chapters in Edited Volumes:

Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. "Justice, Temptation, and the Limits of Princely Virtue in Dante's Conception of the Monarch" in *Princely Virtue in the Middle Ages, 1200-1500*. István P. Bejczy and Cary J. Nederman, eds. (Turnhout: Breppols, 2007) pp. 123-38.

Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. "The Bond of Aristotelian Language among Medieval Political Thinkers." in *Communities of Learning in the Middle Ages*. (Turnhout: Brepols, forthcoming).

#### Articles under Review

Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. "Verbal Swordplay: The Two Swords as a Linguistic Tool (and Not a Doctrine) in Medieval Political Writing.

Nederman, Cary J. and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan. "Polybius as a Source for Republican Thought in Medieval and Renaissance Europe."

**Working Papers**

"The Scientific Study of Politics in Medieval Europe."

"Dante's *Monarhcia* as Political Satire." (with Christie L. Maloyed)

**Courses Taught:**

University of Central Arkansas

PSCI 1330- US Government & Politics

PSCI 3370- Political Theory I

PSCI 4335- The American Congress

Texas A&M University

POLS 303- Intro Political Theory

POLS 349- Early Political Theory

**Research Interests:**

Political Language & Communication

Medieval Political Thought

Use of Ancient Sources by Later Political Thinkers

Republicanism

Religion and Religious Arguments in the Political Arena

**Teaching Interests:**

History of Political Thought

Contemporary Political Theory

Political Communication

Religion & Politics

Democratic Theory

American Politics Institutions

Campaigns & Political Rhetoric

**Select Conference Presentations:**

Nederman, Cary J. and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan. 2010. "Polybius as a Source for Republican Thought and Medieval and Renaissance Europe: From Ptolemy of Lucca to Machiavelli." Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

- Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2010. "Verbal Swordplay: Use of Luke 22:38 by Medieval Political Thinkers." 44<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Maloyed, Christie and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan, 2009. "Dante's *De Monarchia as Political Satire*." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2008. "The Question of Regime Type in Thomas Aquinas and Ptolemy of Lucca." Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
- Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2008. "Democracy and the *Defensor Pacis* Revisited." American Political Science Association, Boston, MA
- Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2007. "Political Aristotelianism Before (and After) the *Politics*: Brunetto Latini, Ptolemy of Lucca, and Medieval Italian Republicanism." 42<sup>nd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI
- Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2007. "Human Nature and Human Need in the Medieval Italian Republican Tradition." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (also presented at the 2007 European Consortium for Political Research, Pisa, Italy)
- Sullivan, Mary Elizabeth. 2006. "The Bond of Aristotelian Language among Medieval Political Thinkers." *Communities of Learning*, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- Nederman, Cary J. and Mary Elizabeth Sullivan. 2006. "From the Classroom to the Republic: The Classical Roman Sources of Republican Thought in Ptolemy of Lucca and Machiavelli." *Classics in the Classroom 1000-1600*. University of Sydney, Australia (Also Presented at APSA 2006, Philadelphia)

### **Professional Service:**

Member, Public Administration Search Committee, UCA

Member, Curriculum Committee, UCA Department of Political Science

Reviewer, *Midsouth Journal of Political Science*

President, Texas A & M Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2007-2008

Student Member (nonvoting), Graduate Studies Committee, 2007-2008

**Awards and Honors:**

Regents Fellowship- Texas A & M University, 2005-2006

Graduate Student Travel Grant- Glasscock Center for Humanities Research,  
Spring 2007

**Foreign Languages:**

Latin (reading, classical and medieval)

French (reading, modern)

Italian (some)

**Professional Memberships:**

American Political Science Association

Northeastern Political Science Association