

## **Colin Pearce, Ph.D., Lyceum Professor, Retires After Twelve Years at Clemson University**

Colin Pearce, Ph.D., one of the longest-serving faculty members at the Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism, retired at the end of the Spring semester. He has been teaching for the CISC in the political science department for the past twelve years and has been teaching and mentoring Lyceum Scholars since the start of the Lyceum Program in 2014.

Before joining the CISC, he taught at the University of South Carolina Beaufort and the University of Guelph-Humber. Pearce previously served as a Fellow at the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University, an Affiliated Professor at the University of Haifa, and President of the South Carolina Political Science Association. He holds a B.A. in History from the University of Queensland and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Toronto.

His articles and reviews have appeared in a wide variety of journals, including *Perspectives on Politics*, *Interpretation*, the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Mississippi Quarterly*, and *Voegelin View* and cover a range of subjects from the ontology of D.H. Lawrence to Aristotle's economics to the political philosophy of Leo Strauss.

To honor Pearce, the Lyceum Program recognized him at their annual Graduation Recognition ceremony. Surrounded by faculty, staff, and Lyceum

students, Pearce was congratulated for his incredible commitment to the program, which serves as a testament to the academic excellence that defines his career. Speaking about Pearce, Joseph Lord, a former Lyceum Scholar, said, "Pearce, as we all know, is a phenomenal scholar, but that goes without saying. Even more importantly, Pearce is an authentic human being. He's devoted his life to the pursuit of finding what is good, true, and beautiful. His retirement will certainly be a great loss."

C. Bradley Thompson, Ph.D., Executive Director of the CISC, said of Pearce, "Professor Pearce is the Socrates of the Lyceum Program. Like Socrates, he spent a lifetime talking to young people about the most important things. He also shares another quality with Socrates, namely the intrepid pursuit of truth. And, like Socrates, Pearce has always stood his ground. He is an intellectual warrior and will be impossible to replace."

The Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism wishes Colin Pearce all the best as he returns to Toronto to be the doting grandfather to three young grandchildren.

### **About the Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism**

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