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EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations, Australia National University, Canberra, 2019-
(equivalent to Assistant Professor)

Research Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 2017-2019
Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2017

Primary Field: Political Philosophy

Secondary Field: Political Economy

Dissertation: *Children or Citizens: Civic Education in Liberal Political Thought*

Committee: Ruth Grant (chair), Michael Gillespie, Jack Knight, Jeff Spinner-Halev

BS in Economics, BA in Political Science, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2011

Summa cum Laude; Graduation with Distinction in both fields

Visiting Student, London School of Economics, London, UK, 2009-2010

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

forthcoming "Pluralism and the General Will: The Roman and Spartan Models in Rousseau's *Social Contract*," in the *Review of Politics* (accepted 25 Sep 2018)

forthcoming "Compassion's More Dangerous Allies: Fear, Anxiety, and *Amour-Propre*" in *Polity* (accepted 13 Dec 2018)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Inadequate for Democracy: How (Not) to Distribute Primary Education"

(R&R for *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*)

"The Limits of Generality: A Qualified Defense of Two-Party Majoritarian Democracy"

(under review with *Homo Oeconomicus*)

BOOK CHAPTERS

forthcoming "Locke on Children's Rights and Obligations," in *The Lockean Mind*
(Routledge Philosophical Minds series)

BOOK REVIEWS

2018 Charles Griswold, "Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Adam Smith: a Philosophical Encounter," *EH.net*
(*Economic History Association* official blog)

2011 Branko Milanovic, "The Haves and the Have-Nots: A Brief and Idiosyncratic History of Global
Inequality," *Review of Economic and Business Studies* 6, 1(2011): 303-306.

WORKING PAPERS

(available by request)

Education

"Legislators vs. Litigators: The Role of Courts in Education Policy"

"The Special Moral Obligations of Teachers and Teachers' Unions"

"Philanthropy and Education Policy"

Voting

"Voting by Randomized Committee: The Roman *Comitia Centuriata*" (with Vincent Conitzer)

"Voting in the Roman Republic" (with Michael Munger)

History of Political Thought

"The Education of Nations: Adam Smith on the Civic Dilemma of Commercial Society"

GRANTS

2017 Duke Education and Research Innovation in China (ERIC) (\$17,100)
(with Wenqing Zhao, Owen Flanagan, and Daniel Stephens)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
2016 Graduate Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University
2016 Hallowell Research Award, Political Science Department, Duke University
2015 Dissertation Support Award, Political Science Department, Duke University
2015 Research Fellowship, Council for European Studies, Duke University
2014 E. Bayard Halsted Scholarship in Science, History, and Journalism, Duke University
2013 Fellowship, Earhart Foundation
2013 James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University (yearly until 2017)
2012 University Scholars Graduate Fellowship, Duke University
2012 Research Fellowship, Council for European Studies, Duke University
2012 Harvard Presidential Scholarship (declined)
2012 Princeton Center for Human Values Fellowship (declined)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor

UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

"Introduction to Politics, Philosophy, and Economics,"

Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

"Capstone Seminar in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics"

Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018(x2), Spring 2019

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany,

"Polis Politics: The Theory and Practice of Politics in Classical Athens," Summer 2014

"Politics and Economics," Summer 2013

Teaching Assistant

Duke University, Durham, NC

"Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice," Fall 2016, Spring 2017

(taught simultaneously as "Introduction to Philosophy, Politics and Economics" at UNC-Chapel Hill)

"Introduction to Political Philosophy," Spring 2016

"American Political Thought" (taught 1/4th of course), Fall 2015

Guest Lecturer

Meredith College, Raleigh, NC

"Liberty in Hobbes and Rousseau" in *Political Ideas Seminar*, Spring 2016

"Legal and Social Equality" in *American Political Systems*, Fall 2015

Teaching Interests

political philosophy
democratic theory

public choice
political economy

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- 2019 **Contracting with(out) Children: The Limits of the Social Contract**
European Political Science Association, Belfast, Ireland
- 2019 **Games and Simulations in the Political Science Classroom**
Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA
- 2019 **Children's Rights and Children's Labor in Locke's Educational Writings**
When Markets and Politics Diverge: Education in Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 **Sentimental Education in Troubled Times: Compassion in Mencius and Rousseau**
4th Braga Colloquium in the History of Moral and Political Philosophy, Portugal
(paper co-authored with Wenqing Zhao)
- 2018 **Inadequate for Democratic Citizenship**
Voting in the Roman Republic: An Alternative Model for Epistemic Democrats
Northeastern Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada
- 2018 **Public Servants or Public Masters: The Contested Role of Public School Teachers**
American Political Science Association, Boston, MA
- 2018 **Public Teachers and Public Choice**
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2017 **Experts and Educators: The Political Organization of Teachers**
Association for Political Theory, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2017 **Rome and Sparta: The *Social Contract* as a Tale of Two Cities**
American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 **The Citizenship of Children: Civic Education Before the Nation State**
American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA
Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA
- 2016 **Neither Man nor Citizens: Rousseau's Two Conceptions of Children's Citizenship**
Association for Political Theory, Columbus, OH
IHS Fall Research Colloquium, Arlington, VA (2015)

- 2015 **Insight and Hindsight: Burke and Tocqueville on the French Revolution**
Midwester Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2015 **'May my neighbors' goat perish also': Empathy and Envy in Smith and Rousseau**
Association for Political Theory, Boulder, CO
Affect Theory: Memory, Aesthetics and Ethics, Winnipeg, Canada
- 2014 **Development in Rousseau's Political Philosophy**
Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA
Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
Annual Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton, NJ
- 2013 **Choice of Lives: Learning from the Ancient Greeks**
Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

INVITED TALKS (Selected)

- 2019 **The Philosophy of Leadership**
for Institute for Public Trust at UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 **The Roles of the University and the Contributions of Free Speech**
Civic Ideas Summit, UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 **Inadequate for Democracy: How (Not) to Distribute Primary Education**
Value Theory Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 **Who Should Control the Public Schools?**
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2018 **The Philosophy of Leadership**
for Institute for Public Trust at UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 **Ethical Leadership**
for Durham City Hall, Durham, NC
- 2018 **Who Should Control Our Public Schools?**
Carolina Public Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2017 **Compassion's More Dangerous Allies**
Value Theory Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2017 **The Future of Political Theory**
Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Durham, NC

- 2017 **Does Moral Diversity imply Moral Relativism?**
University Scholars Symposium, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2017 **Political Humor in an Election Year**
Center for Global and International Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2016 **Citizenship Lab: Civic Participation of Refugee Youth in Durham**
Bass Connections, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2016 **A Serious Dose of Laughter about Local and Global Issues**
Center for International Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2015 **Political Psychology of Inequality**
Duke Society of Fellows, Duke University, Durham, NC

INVITED WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, SYMPOSIA (Selected)

- 2019 **Classroom Pedagogy: Fostering Fruitful Classroom Discussion**
UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2019 **Global Philosophies, Global Universities**
Duke Kunshan University Center for Comparative Philosophy, Kunshan, China
- 2019 **Reducing Poverty and Restoring the American Dream**
UNC Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 **Civil Society, Citizenship, and Self-Governance**
Bradley Foundation, Washington, DC
- 2017 **Backsliding to Authoritarianism (discussant)**
Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2016 **Science, Values and Democracy**
Vienna Summer Institute, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 **Statelessness in the Middle East**
Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2015 **Property, Power and the Rise of Atlantic Institutions**
Jack Miller Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 **The Computational Turn: Simulation in the Sciences**
Vienna Summer Institute, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 **Workshop on Frontiers in Contemporary Political Economy (discussant)**
Duke University, Durham, NC

SERVICE

- 2017 Judge for Regional and National Highschool Ethics Bowl (2 years)
2017 Co-Founder and Director, Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory (3 years)
2017 Co-Founder and Director, Duke Humor and Politics Working Group (3 years)
2016 Graduate Student Advisory Committee for Duke Political Theory Job Search Committee
2016 Duke Bass Connections Student Advisory Council
2015 Graduate Mentor, Duke University Scholars Program (4 years)

Reviewer for *Political Research Quarterly*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Research Assistant, Professor Thomas Spragens
3 years, research assistance on book project on politics and economics
- 2012 Research Associate, Sanford Public Policy Institute, Duke University
1 year, statistical analysis for papers in North Carolina education policy
- 2012 Research Assistant, Professor Michael Gillespie
1 year, historical analysis on medieval Christianity

LANGUAGES

- Romanian** Native
French Advanced for Research Purposes (Translation, Reading, not Writing)
German Intermediate
Ancient Greek Intermediate for Research Purposes (Translation, Reading, not Writing)