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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Notre Dame

Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame, 2022-24.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

PhD, Committee on Social Thought, August 2022.

- Dissertation: “Excellence for the Democratic Age: Liberal Education and the Mixed Regime.”
- Committee members: Nathan Tarcov (chair), Joel Isaac, Joshua Mitchell.
- Visiting Research Fellow, Sciences Po-Paris and Centre de Recherches Politiques de Sciences Po, Autumn 2020-Autumn 2021.
- Predoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2022.

M.A., Committee on Social Thought, 2019, GPA 3.89

- Fundamentals Examination: Passed with Distinction, September 2018.
- Selected Coursework: *Greek Political Thought; Liberalism and Empire; Reason and Religion; Hegel’s Philosophy of Right; The Humanities as a Way of Knowing; Models of Ancient Politics: Athens, Sparta, Rome, and Modern Receptions; Conceptual Foundations of the Modern State; Machiavelli’s Discourses on Livy and the Prince; The French Enlightenment’s Legacy in Political Theory; Philosophy of Tragedy; Freedom, Justice, and Legitimacy; Weimar Political Theology; Virtues and Vices in Medieval Christian Thought.*

Columbia University – Columbia College

Bachelor of Arts in English (major) and History (concentration), 2015, GPA 3.94

- *Magna Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, English Departmental Honors.
- Senior thesis: “Tilting After the Trenches: The Quixotic Return of Heroism in G.K. Chesterton’s Modernism.”

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “Liberal Honor Between States: The Afterlives of Montesquieuan Nobility,” in *Montesquieu: A Philosopher for the American Republic*, Oxford Studies in the Enlightenment/Liverpool University Press, forthcoming.
- “Moralism in an Ironic Age: Samuel Johnson and David Foster Wallace,” *Genealogies of Modernity*, January 2024.
- “‘Socratic Remnant’ vs. ‘Creative Democracy’: Irving Babbitt’s anti-Deweyan Vision of Leadership,” *American Political Thought*, Volume 11, Number 4, Fall 2022.

- “Can the Great Books Serve the Common Good? Tocqueville on Aristocratic Education in a Democratic Age,” *Tocqueville Review/Revue Tocqueville*, Volume 43, Issue 1, 2022.
- “The Duty of the Clerics to the Nation: Why Schmitt, Strauss, and Eliot Tie Intellectuals to Liberalism,” *Political Science Reviewer*, Volume 45, No. 2, 2021.
- “Tocqueville on the Mixed Blessing of Liberal Learning: Higher Education as Subversive Antidote,” in *Exploring the Social and Political Economy of Alexis de Tocqueville*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.
- “Britain, Europe, and the borders of markets: TS Eliot and F. Hayek on postwar internationalism,” in *Reading the Postwar Future: Textual Turning Points from 1944*, Bloomsbury Press, 2019.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Montesquieu’s Case for Honor in Publius and Adams: Transposing the Society of Orders to the Commercial Republic,” *Modern Intellectual History*, revise and re-submit.
- “Lucas Alamán and Tocqueville: Federalism in Mexico,” *Political Science Reviewer*, revise and re-submit.
- “Tocqueville as Educator: Stirring the Democratic Soul,” *Political Theory*, under review.
- *Beyond Meritocracy: The Pursuit of Excellence in the Democratic Age*. Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government First Book Manuscript Workshop held March 2023. Comments by Mary Keys, Richard Avramenko, David O’Connor, Jeffrey Polet, Benjamin Storey, and Jenna Storey.
- “Wilson, Boutmy, and the Training of a Republican Civil Service Elite.”
- “Founding the American University: Jefferson, Adams, and Rush on Educating Elites.”

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *The Ideology of Democratism* (Oxford University Press) by Emily Finley, *Review of Politics*, Winter 2024, Volume 86, Issue 1.

TEACHING

- University of Notre Dame, “Constitutionalism, Law, and Politics II: American Constitutionalism,” Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2024.
- University of Notre Dame, “Core Texts in Constitutionalism and Citizenship: Economics, Politics, and Justice,” Fall 2023.
- Graduate Preceptor, University of Notre Dame, “Church, State, and American Constitutionalism,” Fall 2023 (Philip Muñoz).
- University of Notre Dame, “Liberal Education and Citizenship,” Spring 2023.
- Sciences Po-Reims, “Aristocracy, Democracy, and the Liberal Arts: Education for Good Government,” Autumn 2021.
- Sciences Po-Reims, “Elites Without Authority: Paradoxes of the Rule of the Few,” Spring 2021.
- Teaching Assistant, Hertog Foundation, “Political Studies Program,” Summer 2020 (Vickie Sullivan, James Caesar, Anton Barba-Kay, Hugh Liebert, Gregory Wiener, Daniel Blumenthal, Benjamin Storey, Richard Reinsch).
- University of Chicago, “Classics of Social and Political Thought,” Spring 2020.

- Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, “Introduction to Political Theory,” Spring 2020 (Matthew Landauer).
- Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, “Tolkien: Medieval and Modern,” Spring 2020 (Rachel Fulton Brown).
- Teaching Intern, University of Chicago, “Classics of Social and Political Thought,” Autumn 2018 (Paul Cheney), Winter 2019 (Chiara Cordelli), Spring 2019 (Sarah Johnson).

INVITED LECTURES

- “Aristocratic Education and the Democratic Soul: Tocqueville and Newman,” University of Dallas, February 2024
- “Aristocratic Education and the Democratic Soul: Tocqueville and Newman,” Christendom College, February 2024.
- “The Aristocratic Principle in a Democratic Age: Wilson and Boutmy,” Hillsdale College, January 2024.
- “Rome: Freedom and Virtue,” In Altum Rome Seminar, August 2023.
- “Simone Weil’s Vision: Rebuilding Privileges and Duties,” Academia Tocqueville, June 2023.
- “The Aristocratic Principle in Modernity: Reciprocity in the *Ancien Régime*,” Academia Tocqueville, June 2023.
- “Right Ideas: A Discussion of Irving Babbitt,” National Association of Scholars, May 2023.
- “Liberal Honor Between States: The Afterlives of Montesquieuian Nobility,” Séminaire Montesquieu, Sorbonne Université, May 2023.
- “John Henry Newman on Meritocracy, Privilege, and Duty,” De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, April 2023.
- “(Mis)Education of Foreign Policy Elites: Tocqueville and Babbitt on the Liberal Arts as Refining Judgment,” The Institute for Human Ecology, Catholic University of America, March 2023.
- “From Citizenship to Leadership: The Role of Elite Graduates in Democracy,” Bur Oak Foundation, November 2022.
- “Aristocratic Education and the Democratic Soul: The Pursuit of Excellence in America,” Committee on Social Thought Doctoral Lecture, University of Chicago, October 2022.
- “Producing Philosopher-Kings or Don Quixotes: The Competing Claims of Philosophy and Poetry in Elite Education,” Abigail Adams Institute, October 2022.
- “Michael Young, Christopher Lasch, and Pierre Nicole on What Ails Elite Education: From Meritocracy to Excellence,” Elm Institute, October 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Harvard’s Civic Mission: The Growth of a National Elite in the Postwar Period,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2024.
- “The Napoleonic Aristocracy: The Origins of Meritocracy in the *Grandes-Écoles*,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2024.
- “Lucas Alamán and Tocqueville: Federalism in Mexico,” “Traditions of Latin American Political Thought and Constitutionalism” Conference-Within-a-Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2024.

- “Founding the American University: Jefferson and Rush on Educating Republican Elites,” “Religion, Civic Virtue, and Constitutional Democracy” Conference-Within-a-Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2024.
- “Númenor as Israel: National Apostasy and the Call to Holiness,” Franciscan University of Steubenville Conference, “Tolkien: A Long-Expected Party,” September 2023.
- “Founding the American University: Jefferson, Adams, and Rush on Educating Elites,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2023.
- “Wilson, Boutmy, and the Training of a Republican Civil-Service Elite,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2023.
- “Civic Education in Plato’s *Republic* and *Laws*,” American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, January 2023.
- “Tocqueville’s Education of the Pascalian Soul via Montesquieu and Rousseau,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022.
- “Tocqueville’s Education of the Pascalian Soul via Montesquieu and Rousseau”—*Politics and Poetics* Conference, “Politics and Envy,” August 2022.
- “Montesquieu’s Case for Honor in *The Federalist*: Transposing the Society of Orders to the Commercial Republic,” Sorbonne University Colloquium, “Montesquieu, a Philosopher for the Early American Republic?,” June 2022.
- “Socratic Remnant’ or ‘Creative Democracy’: Irving Babbitt’s Critique of John Dewey,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2021.
- “Accounting for the Few: Toward a Typology of Critiques of the Contemporary Elite,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021.
- “How Aristotelian Is Rawls? How Civic Education Puts Liberalism to the Test,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic).
- “The Shortcomings of Commerce as Pedagogue of the Passions: Montesquieu and Tocqueville on the Value of Honor,” Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, March 2020.
- “Education According to Nature: Locke, Rousseau, and Newman on Intellectual Perfection,” University of Dallas Braniff Conference in the Liberal Arts, “The World Is Bare Now: Nature and Human Flourishing,” November 2019.
- “The Pride of Knowing: The Relationship of Moral and Intellectual Virtue in Newman and Tocqueville,” Universidad de Navarra, III European Liberal Arts and Core Texts Education Conference, October 2019.
- “Machiavelli’s Infantry Tactics: The Ubiquitous Knowledge of the Art of War,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2019.
- “The Lover and the Founder: Imagining Ancient and Modern Questing with Virgil,” Association for Core Texts and Courses Conference, April 2018.

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

- “Wilson, Boutmy, and the Training of a Republican Civil-Service Elite,” Notre Dame Political Theory Workshop, April 2023.
- “Tocqueville’s Education of the Democratic Soul: Remediating Pascal’s Worries via Montesquieu and Rousseau,” Notre Dame Political Theory Workshop, April 2023.

- “Excellence for the Democratic Age: Liberal Education and the Mixed Regime,” Notre Dame Political Theory Workshop, November 2022.
- “The Role of the Knowers: Plato on the Task of Educating,” Notre Dame Political Theory Workshop, April 2022.
- “Tocqueville’s Education of the Democratic Soul: Remediating Pascal’s Worries via Montesquieu and Rousseau,” “Tocqueville and Weber on Democratic Distinction,” Abigail Adams Institute Colloquium, August 2021.
- “Teaching the Love of Greatness: Tocqueville on Poetic Authority in Democracy,” Séminaire doctoral de Patrice Gueniffey, École d’Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, June 2021.
- “Separated Powers in the Democratic Soul: Plato, Tocqueville, and Babbitt,” Séminaire de Théorie Politique, Centre de Recherches Politiques de Sciences Po, March 2021.
- “‘Socratic Remnant’ vs. ‘Creative Democracy’: Irving Babbitt’s Critique of John Dewey,” University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, November 2020.
- “Separated Powers in Hamlet’s Soul: The Tragedy of Denmark,” University of Chicago Literature and Philosophy Workshop, October 2019.
- “Separated Powers in the Democratic Soul: Plato, Tocqueville, Dewey, and Babbitt on Liberal Learning,” Abigail Adams Institute Scholars Workshop, September 2019.
- “Exile’s Wisdom: Thucydides on Piety and Political Virtue,” University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, March 2019.
- “Tocqueville on the Mixed Blessing of Liberal Learning: Higher Education as Subversive Antidote,” University of Chicago Social Thought Colloquium, March 2019.

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

- Barry Center Fellow, 2022-23, 2023-24.
- Teresa de Ávila Fellow, In Altum Rome Seminar, 2023.
- Institute for Humane Studies Book Proposal Workshop Grant, 2023.
- Cristobal de Torres Fellow, Becket Initiative, 2022-23, 2023-24.
- Pascal Institute Fellowship, 2022, 2023.
- France Chicago Center François Furet Travel Grant, 2021.
- Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Fellowship, 2021.
- Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, 2021.
- University of Chicago Paris Exchange Fellowship, 2020.
- University of Chicago Graduate Council Conference Travel Fund, 2020.
- F.A. Hayek Scholars Travel Fund, 2019, 2020, 2021.
- John U. Nef Summer Language Study Grant, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- Institute for Human Ecology Civitas Dei Fellowship, 2018.
- Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellowship, 2016, 2017, 2021.

- Institute for Humane Studies PhD Scholarship, 2017.
- John U. Nef Conference Travel Grant, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021.
- Intercollegiate Studies Institute Richard B. Weaver Fellowship, 2016.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Panel Organizer, “Epistemic Authority, Ancient and Modern,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2024.
- Faculty Host, *Goodbye, Dr. Banda: Lessons for the West from a Small African Country* with Alexander Chula, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, March 2024.
- Facilitator, “Discernment in Dark Times: Interwar Critiques of Fascism from the Right,” Notre Dame Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government Graduate Colloquium, March 2024.
- Panel Chair, “Political Thought on the Rio de la Plata,” *Political Science Reviewer* Conference-Within-a-Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2024.
- Co-Convener, “Traditions of Latin American Political Thought and Constitutionalism,” *Political Science Reviewer* Conference-Within-a-Conference, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2024.
- Respondent, *Moderate Liberalism and the Scottish Enlightenment: Montesquieu, Hume, Smith, and Ferguson* Roundtable (Constantin Vassiliou), University of Texas-Austin, December 2023.
- Co-Facilitator, “Tradition and Innovation: *The Education of Henry Adams* and *The Leopard*,” Intercollegiate Studies Institute Student Seminar, November 2023.
- Facilitator, “Josef Pieper’s *Leisure the Basis of Culture*,” Notre Dame Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government Graduate Colloquium, November 2023.
- Reviewer, *Political Science Reviewer*, *European Politics/Politique Européenne*.
- Faculty Co-Founder, Academia Tocqueville, June-July 2023, June-July 2024.
- Panel Co-Organizer, “Responsible Government in the American Political Tradition,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2023.
- Faculty Host, “A.P. Sertillanges’ *The Intellectual Life*,” Graduate Colloquium with Aurelian Craiutu, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, February 2023.
- Panel Moderator, “Pre- and Post-Lapsarian Visions of Politics,” De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Conference, University of Notre Dame, November 2022.
- Faculty Host, “The Politics of Skepticism,” Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium with Armand Rouvier, October 2022.
- Mentor, Becket Program, October 2022-June 2024.
- Facilitator, “Education Civic and Liberal: Can College Make You a Good Citizen?,” Notre Dame Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government Undergraduate Colloquium, September 2022.
- Panel Chair, “Dissent, Obedience, and Resistance: Early Modern Theories of Political Obligation,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022.
- Panel Moderator, “Réflexions épistémologiques : la question du langage,” Sciences Po Cevipof 2021 Graduate Political Theory Conference, November 2021.

- Panel Co-Organizer, “Democratic and Revolutionary Pedagogy,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2021.
- Co-Convener, “Tocqueville and Weber on Democratic Distinction,” Abigail Adams Institute Graduate Colloquium, August 2021.
- Mentor, Veritas Forum Graduate Student Mentorship Pilot, 2019-20.
- Committee on Social Thought Colloquium, Co-Chair, 2019-2020.
- Division of the Social Sciences Dean’s Advisory Council, Committee on Social Thought Co-Representative, 2018-2019, 2019-2020.
- Panel Organizer, “The Passions and Commercial Society: Smith and Montesquieu on Human Motivation in a New Epoch,” Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Conference, March 2020.
- Division of the Social Sciences Graduate Student Activities Council, Committee on Social Thought Co-Representative, 2017-18, 2018-19.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Portuguese (Fluent).
- French (Fluent).
- German (Proficient).
- Spanish (Proficient).
- Latin (Proficient).
- Ancient Greek (Elementary).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Southern Political Science Association, 2023-24.
- Member, American Political Science Association, 2021-24.
- Member, Midwest Political Science Association, 2020-24.
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2015-present.

REFERENCES

- Nathan Tarcov, Karl J. Weintraub Professor, Political Science and Social Thought, University of Chicago, nst1@uchicago.edu
- Joel Isaac, Associate Professor, Social Thought, University of Chicago, jisaac@uchicago.edu
- Joshua Mitchell, Professor, Government, Georgetown University, mitchelj@georgetown.edu
- Vincent Philip Muñoz, Tocqueville Professor, Political Science, University of Notre Dame, vmunoz@nd.edu