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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (2019-Current)

Senior Fellow, F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

PhD in Government (2019)

Major field: Political Theory

Minor fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Dissertation: *Seeing and Being Seen: Toward A Liberal Democratic Theory of Spectatorship*

Committee: Richard Boyd (Chair), Joshua Cherniss, R. Bruce Douglass

MA in Government (February 2017)

Tufts University, Medford, MA

BA in International Relations, *magna cum laude* (2012)

Minors: Film Studies, Russian Language

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

History of political thought; liberalism and its critics; democratic theory; passions in politics; ethics and politics of technology; feminist theory; moral philosophy; comparative political thought; international relations theory.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“‘Secrecy or Silence with Her Finger on Her Mouth’: Jeremy Bentham’s Other Model of Visibility and Power,” *Political Theory* (forthcoming, published online October 5, 2021).

“Observed without Sympathy: Adam Smith on Inequality and Spectatorship,” *American Journal of Political Science* Volume 64, Issue 4 (October 2020): 1034-1046.

IN PROGRESS

Seeing and Being Seen: Toward a Liberal Democratic Theory of Spectatorship (book manuscript).

“From Feelings Sprout Rituals: Comparing Mencius’s Ethics and Charles Taylor’s Authenticity”

REVIEWS

- “Review of Kevin Vallier, *Trust in a Polarized Age*,” *The Independent Review* (September 2021, Online).
- “Review of Michelle Schwarz, *Recognizing Resentment: Sympathy, Injustice, and Liberal Political Thought*,” *The Review of Austrian Economics* (forthcoming, published online August 9, 2021).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- “Lectures in Economic Sociology – Peter Boettke and Kristen Collins,” *Hayek Program Podcast* (August 25, 2021).
- “From Party Democracy to Audience Democracy: The Role of Mass Media in Modern Demagoguery,” *The Vienna Circle* (February 8, 2021).
- “Inequality and Surveillance During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *The Vienna Circle* (September 3, 2020).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Georgetown University**, Teaching Assistant
- PHIL 99: Political and Social Thought
- Spring 2018, 2017 with Professor Richard Boyd
 - Fall 2017 with Professor Joshua Cherniss
 - Fall 2016 with Professor R. Bruce Douglass
- GOVT 80: Elements of Political Theory
- Spring 2016 with Professor Richard Boyd
 - Fall 2014, 2015 with Professor Joshua Cherniss
 - Spring 2015 with Professor Thomas Kerch

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- “Discipline and Entertainment in Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s and Adam Smith’s Theories of Spectatorship,” *Invisible Hand Seminar, Adam Smith Program, Department of Economics at George Mason University*, October 2021.
- “The Powers of the Audience in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*,” *American Political Science Association*, August 2019.
- “Surveillance and Public Identity,” *Andrea Mitchell Center for Democracy Graduate Workshop Series, University of Pennsylvania*, March 2019.
- “Eager to Look: Empowerment and Anxiety in Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” *Association for Political Theory*, October 2018.
- “Eager to Look: Empowerment and Anxiety in Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” *Midwestern Political Science Association*, April 2018.
- “Building Social Duties from Innate Desires: Exploring Individuality in Mencian Confucianism,” *Northeastern Political Science Association*, November 2017.
- “Retrieving Charisma and Intuition: A Weberian Critique of Charles Taylor’s Solutions to the Malaises of Modernity,” *Northeastern Political Science Association*, November 2016.

SELECT AWARDS AND GRANTS

Best Article in Austrian Economics, *Society for the Development of Austrian Economics*, 2021
(for “Observed without Sympathy: Adam Smith on Inequality and Spectatorship”).
Adam Smith Fellowships, *Mercatus Center, George Mason University*, 2017-2019.
Graduate Fellowship, *Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, 2018-2019.
Summer Research Fellowship, *Georgetown University Department of Government*, 2018.
“Ethics Across the Curriculum” Seminar, *Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business*, March 2018.
Conference Travel Grant, *Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, 2018.
Political and Social Thought Fellowships, *Georgetown School of Foreign Service*, 2016-2018.
Graduate Assistantships, *Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*, 2014-2016.

SERVICE

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*
Chair and Discussant, *Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Conferences*, 2015-2019.
“Dissertation Prospectus Workshop,” presentation for Georgetown Department of Government,
February 2018, 2019.
“Technology in Teaching,” presentation for the Georgetown Department of Government Pedagogy
Workshop, August 2017.
“Navigating the Program, the Discipline, and the Profession,” presentation for incoming PhD
students, September 2016, 2017.
Political Theory Subfield Representative, *Georgetown University Graduate Political Science
Association*, 2015-2017.

LANGUAGE

French (intermediate proficiency in reading, writing).
Russian (intermediate proficiency in reading, writing).

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