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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA (August 2019-Current)**  
Senior Fellow, F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

**Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Washington, DC (Spring 2022)**  
Adjunct Professor, PPOL-568-10: Data Ethics

**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; political economy; 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

*Austrian Economic Thought in The Market Process*, ed. Rosolino Candela, Kristen Collins, and Christopher Coyne, under contract with Lexington Books.

*Seeing and Being Seen: 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 Schwarze, *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

“Liberal Spectatorship in an Era of Audience Democracy,” *Colloquium on Market Institutions and Economic Processes*, Department of Economics at New York University, January 24, 2022.

- “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*; *Constellations*; *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, Georgetown Department of Government, 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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