

KRISTEN R. COLLINS

Buchanan Hall D121
Mercatus Center
George Mason University
4400 University Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

kcollins@mercatus.gmu.edu
www.kristenrcollins.com

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Georgetown University McCourt School of Public Policy, Washington, DC (present)

Adjunct Lecturer, PPOL 569-10: Communication for Data Science and PPOL 568-20: Data Ethics

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

PhD in Government (August 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

Best Short Feature Film Script Project, Communications and Media Studies Program, 2012

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

History of political and economic thought (especially modern); liberalism; normative democratic theory; critical theory; ethics and politics of technology; passions in politics; feminist theory; American political economy; 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* Volume 50, Issue 4 (August 2022): 596-620.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/00905917211046659>

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

<https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12544>

“Sensibility and Self-command in Adam Smith’s Approach to Political Judgment” *Political Science Reviewer*. (Forthcoming)

EDITED BOOK

Market Process and Market Order: From Human Action, But Not of Human Design, ed. Rosolino A. Candela, Kristen R. Collins, and Christopher J. Coyne (Lexington Books, 2022).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Seeing and Being Seen: Spectatorship and Surveillance in Liberal Democracies (book manuscript).

“The Use of Surveillance in Market Society” (working paper).

“From Feelings Sprout Rituals: Comparing Mencius’s Ethics and Charles Taylor’s Ethic of Authenticity” (working paper).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Mathias Risse, *Political Theory of the Digital Age: Where Artificial Intelligence Might Take Us*, *Review of Politics*. (Forthcoming)

“Jeremy Bentham’s Democratic Liberal Constitutionalism: Review of *Bentham on Democracy, Courts, and Codification*, edited by Philip Schofield and Xiaobo Zhai (2022),” *Metascience* Volume 32, Issue 2 (July 2023): 211-214.

Review of Krzysztof Pelc, *Beyond Self-Interest: Why the Market Rewards Those Who Reject It*, *World Trade Review*. (Forthcoming, published online March 8, 2023)

Review of Michelle Schwarze, *Recognizing Resentment: Sympathy, Injustice, and Liberal Political Thought*, *The Review of Austrian Economics*. (Forthcoming, published online August 9, 2021)

Review of Kevin Vallier, *Trust in a Polarized Age*, *The Independent Review* (September 2021).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University

McCourt School of Public Policy

Instructor of Record/Adjunct Lecturer

PPOL 569-10: Communication for Data Science (Seminar)

Spring 2023

PPOL 568-20: Data Ethics (Seminar)

Spring 2023, 2022

Georgetown University

School of Foreign Service

PHIL 99: Political and Social Thought (Teaching Assistant)

Spring 2018, 2017 with Professor Richard Boyd

Fall 2017 with Professor Joshua Cherniss

Fall 2016 with Professor R. Bruce Douglass

Georgetown College

GOVT 80: Elements of Political Theory (Teaching Assistant)

Spring 2016 with Professor Richard Boyd

Fall 2014, 2015 with Professor Joshua Cherniss

Spring 2015 with Professor Thomas Kerch

INVITED TALKS

- “Jeremy Bentham’s Panopticon and Sotimion,” guest lecture for Professor Eileen Hunt’s “AI Before and After Frankenstein” course, *Center for Constitutional Citizenship and Government, University of Notre Dame*, July 3, 2023.
- “Discipline and Entertainment in Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s Spectacular Spaces,” *Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science at George Washington University*, December 2, 2022.
- “Jeremy Bentham on Sex, Secrecy, and Securing Political Accountability,” *Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University*, August 3, 2022.
- “The Powers of the Audience in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*,” *Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community Workshare*, July 29, 2022.
- “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 23, 2021.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Opinion, Queen of Rousseau’s World and Ours,” *Association for Political Theory*, October 13, 2023 (scheduled).
- “Discipline and Entertainment in Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s and Adam Smith’s Theories of Spectatorship,” *Association for Political Theory*, October 28, 2022.
- “The Use of Surveillance in Market Society,” *American Political Science Association*, September 16, 2022.
- “Discipline and Entertainment in Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s and Adam Smith’s Theories of Spectatorship,” *International Adam Smith Society*, July 12, 2022.
- “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.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *American Journal of Political Science*; *Constellations*; *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*;
Journal of the History of Economic Thought.

Professional member of American Political Science Association; Association for Political Theory;
Western Political Science Association; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society;
International Adam Smith Society.

Chair and Discussant, *Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society 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 Representative, Georgetown University Graduate Political Science Association,
2015-2017.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Creator and host, *Virtual Sentiments Podcast*, <https://www.mercatus.org/hayekprogram/virtual-sentiments>

“Do You Feel Seen? Ft. Kristen Collins,” *Re-Educated Podcast* (August 30, 2022).

“Adam Smith’s Critique of the Public’s Scrutiny of the Poor (Parts I and II),” Adam Smith Works
“Speaking of Smith” Blog (January 2022).

“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 Demagogy,”
The Vienna Circle (February 8, 2021).

“Inequality and Surveillance During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *The Vienna Circle* (September 3,
2020).

LANGUAGE

French (intermediate proficiency in reading, writing).

Russian (intermediate proficiency in reading, writing)

REFERENCES

Richard Boyd
Associate Professor of Government
Georgetown University
Richard.Boyd@georgetown.edu

Joshua Cherniss
Associate Professor of Government
Georgetown University
Jlc306@georgetown.edu

R. Bruce Douglass
Emeritus Associate Professor of Government
Georgetown University
Douglasr@georgetown.edu

Virgil Storr
Vice President of Academic and Student
Programs, The Mercatus Center
Associate Professor of Economics
George Mason University
Vstorr@mercatus.gmu.edu