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### 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 (2022-2023)**

Adjunct Lecturer, PPOL 569-10: Communication for Data Science (Spring 2023) and PPOL 568-20: Data Ethics (Spring 2022, 2023)

### 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 (and its critics); democratic theory; ethics and politics of technology; passions in politics; feminist theory; American political economy; comparative political thought; international relations theory.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Sensibility and Self-command in Adam Smith’s Approach to Political Judgment,” Symposium: Beyond Wealth of Nations: Adam Smith’s Moral, Social, and Religious Thought, *Political Science Reviewer*. Volume 47, Issue 1 (October 2023): 351-380.

“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.

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

## 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).  
“On Neil Smelser’s *Theory of Collective Behavior*” (forthcoming, *Markets and Society*).  
“The Use of Surveillance in Market Society” (working paper).  
“Judith Shklar’s Ocular Liberalism” (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*. Volume 86 Issue 2 (Spring 2024): 265-268.  
Review of Krzysztof Pelc, *Beyond Self-Interest: Why the Market Rewards Those Who Reject It*, *World Trade Review* Volume 22 Issue 5 (December 2023): 708-711.  
“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 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**

- “The Use of Surveillance in Market Society,” *Symposium: Lessons from Classical Liberalism for the Modern World*, Department of Social Policy at London School of Economics, July 14-15, 2025 (scheduled).
- “Judith Shklar’s Ocular Liberalism,” *Department of Political Economy, King’s College London*, April 23, 2025 (scheduled).
- “The Use of Surveillance in Market Society,” *Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science at George Washington University*, November 8, 2024.
- “Inequality and Equanimity in Smith’s Approach to Spectatorship,” *Symposium: Lessons from Classical Liberalism for the Modern World, Department of Social Policy at London School of Economics (co-sponsored by the FA Hayek Program at George Mason University and the Classical Liberal Institute and Law School at New York University)*, June 20-21, 2024.
- “Judith Shklar’s Ocular Liberalism,” *Symposium: Amongst Friends and Enemies Alike: Judith Shklar in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Georgetown University Political Theory Speaker Series and the Tocqueville Forum for Political Understanding, Department of Government at Georgetown University*, February 9, 2024.
- “Bentham’s Panopticon and Surveillance Machines,” 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**

- “Rethinking the Canon: How to Teach Classic Texts in the Contemporary Academy,” *American Political Science Association: Teaching and Learning Conference*, February 7, 2025 (scheduled).
- “Judith Shklar’s Ocular Liberalism,” *American Political Science Association*, September 6, 2024.
- “Adam Smith on the Theatricality of Politics and the Politics of Theater,” *International Adam Smith Society*, March 12, 2024.
- “Adam Smith on the Theatricality of Politics and the Politics of Theater,” *Markets and Society Conference, F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics*, October 21, 2023.
- “Opinion, Queen of Rousseau’s World and Ours,” *Association for Political Theory*, October 13, 2023.
- “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*; *Social Philosophy and Policy*; *Constellations*; *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*; *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*; *Æconomia*; *Constitutional Political Economy*.
- Associate Editor, *Markets and Society* (2023-)
- 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*, (January 2023-present),

<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**

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