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Appointments

University of Virginia

- Postdoctoral Fellow, Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy 2022-

Educational Experience

PhD: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2022

- Dissertation Title “Regime Agnosticism: Tacitus on the Nature of Republics and the Growth of Savagery”
 - Chair: Arlene Saxonhouse
 - Committee Members: Lisa Disch, David Temin, Celia Schultz (Classics)

BA: University of Wisconsin-Madison 2015

- Double major in Political Science and History (with honors); double minor in Classical Studies and European Studies

Fields of Research Interest:

Political Theory

- Republicanism and the republican tradition
- Ancient political thought, particularly the Romans
- Emotions and politics
- Literature and politics

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Servile Stories and Contested Histories: Empire, Memory, and Criticism in Livy’s *Ab Urbe Condita* (*Polis: The Journal for Greek and Roman Political Thought*; available at <https://doi.org/10.1163/20512996-12340409>) (2023)

Dostoyevsky and the Defense of Compassion (*Political Research Quarterly*; available at <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129211046579>) (2022)

Working Projects:

Regime Agnosticism: Tacitus on the Limits of Institutions and the Growth of Savagery (book project)

A Mixed Regime Can Hardly Endure: Lessons from Tacitus's Critique of the Principate

Works in Progress

"Words Do Not Bestow Valor": Populism in Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Iugurthinum*

Book Reviews:

Review of Roosevelt Montás, *Rescuing Socrates: How the Great Books Changed My Life and Why They Matter for a New Generation*. (*Michigan Journal of Law and Society*; available at

<https://mlawandsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Max-Lykinss-Review-of-Rescuing-Socrates-How-the-Great-Books-Changed-My-Life-and-Why-They-Matter-for-a-New-Generation.pdf>).

Invited Talks and Presentations

Franklin Fellows, Emory University. November 4, 2022. "Tacitus's Philosophy of History."

Hampden-Sydney College, Spring 2024. "Virtue and Republican Citizenship."

Service and other Professional Activity:

Associate Editor, *Michigan Journal of Law and Society* (2021-2022)

Referee for: *American Journal of Political Science*

Co-Coordinator for the Undergraduate Book Society, Program on Constitutionalism and Democracy (Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

Reading Group Coordinator for The Blue Ridge Center (Spring 2024)

Courses Taught:

- American Political Economy (Spring 2024)
- Roman Political Philosophy: Fall 2023
- The American Political Tradition: Fall 2022; Spring 2023 (at the University of Virginia)
- Graduate Student Instructor for Political Science 101 (Introduction to Political Theory): Fall 2017; Winter 2018 (as lead GSI or Administrative Assistant); Fall 2018 (as Administrative Assistant); Fall 2019 (as Administrative Assistant); Winter 2020 (as Administrative Assistant); Fall 2021 (as Administrative Assistant) (at the University of Michigan)
- Graduate Student Instructor for Political Science 402 (Liberalism and Its Critics) Winter 2019 (at the University of Michigan)
- Graduate Student Instructor for Political Science 409 (20th c. Political Thought) Fall 2020 (at the University of Michigan)

Awards, Recognition, and Fellowships:

- 2023 Commendation for Undergraduate Career Mentorship – UVA Career Center
- Summer 2022 Publication Accelerator Grant – Institute for Humane Studies
- Best Associate Editor (Ph.D. Student) – Michigan Journal of Law and Society
- Spring 2022 One-Term Fellowship – Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies
- Spring 2022 Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies
- Fall 2021 Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies
- Fall 2020 Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies
- Fall 2019 Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies
- Fall 2018 Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies
- 2018 Political Science Departmental Summer Collaboration Research Grant – University of Michigan Department of Political Science
- 2018 Graduate Student winner of Michigan's Contexts for Classics translation contest (for a translation of Ovid's *Heroides* 5.7-38)

Professional Meetings, Colloquia, and Conferences:

- MPSA 2024, paper presentation: "'Words Do Not Bestow Valor': Populism in Sallust's *Bellum Catilinae* and *Bellum Iugurthinum*"; chair and discussant for "Liberalism and Foundings" panel (forthcoming)
- APT 2023, paper presentation: "Will Institutions Save Us? The Growth of Savagery and the Limits of neo-Roman Liberty"
- MPSA 2023, paper presentation: "A Blessed Age? Tacitus, Trajan, and Writing History under the Optimus Princeps"; discussant for "Political Projects in Greek Thought" panel
- APSA 2022, poster presentation: "Regime Agnosticism and the Limits of Neo-Roman Liberty"
- MPSA 2022, paper presentation: Vicious Environments: Threats to Republicanism from a Regime Agnostic View
- MPSA 2022, discussant for "Plato and Friendship" panel
- MPSA 2021, paper presentation: "Trivial Events and Tedious History: The Pillars of Stoic History"
- MPSA 2021, chair and discussant for "Classical Considerations" panel
- IHS Colloquia "2020 Retrospective" Discussion Series
- IHS Grad Student Conference 2021, paper presentation: "Trivial Events and Tedious History: The Pillars of Stoic History"
- APSA 2020, discussant for "Tyranny, Technology, and Character in Ancient Political Thought" Panel
- MPSA 2020, paper presentation: Tacitus and the Schools of Ancient Philosophy (accepted; no presentation due to COVID-19)
- WPSA 2019, paper presentation: Dostoyevsky and the Defense of Compassion
- WPSA 2019, paper presentation: A Non-Partisan Tacitus? The *Dialogus de Oratoribus* and Regime Agnosticism

- MPSA 2019, paper presentation: A Non-Partisan Tacitus? The *Dialogus de Oratoribus* and Regime Agnosticism
- MPSA 2019, paper presentation: Dostoyevsky and the Defense of Compassion
- MIPSa 2018, paper presentation: Why Dostoyevsky? (Later re-titled as Dostoyevsky and the Defense of Compassion)