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## EDUCATION

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### University of Notre Dame

Ph.D., Political Science Expected: 2020

Dissertation: The Foundations of Tocqueville's New Kind of Liberalism

Committee: Michael Zuckert (Chair), Catherine Zuckert, Phillip Muñoz, Patrick Deneen

M.A. – Political Science – Fields: Political Theory, Constitutional Studies 2017

### Furman University

B.A. – Political Science and History, *Cum Laude* 2013

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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French and American Liberalism, Constitutional Law and Interpretation, American Political Thought, History of Political Thought, Islamic Law, Analytic Political Philosophy, Critical Theory

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Defining Human Liberty: Tocqueville’s Critique of American Cartesianism,” *Furman Humanities Review*, April 2013

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Tocqueville’s Anthropology: A Liberalism Without a State of Nature?”

“Democracy and Islam: Deconstructing the Incompatibility Thesis”

“Frederick Douglass, Lincoln & the Rebirth of America’s Science of Politics”

“Post-Metaphysical Thinking in Rawls, Habermas, and Tocqueville”

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of James Schleifer, *Tocqueville* (2018) in *American Political Thought*, forthcoming.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- University of Notre Dame**, Program for Liberal Studies Spring 2018  
Course: Political and Constitutional Theory
- Teach For America Corps Member** 2013-2015  
Teach For America is a national corps of recent college graduates and professionals who commit two years to teach in low-income urban and rural public schools.
- Denver Center for International Studies (DCIS)** at Montbello High School 2013-2015  
Courses: U.S. History (in Spanish), AP English Language and Composition, AP World History, World History, Senior Honors Philosophy

## COURSES ABLE TO TEACH

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Constitutional Interpretation, Constitutional Law (Civil Liberties), Islamic Law, Introduction to Political Thought, American Political Thought, Ancient Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Contemporary Political Thought, Political and Constitutional Theory, Liberalism and Conservatism

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- Committee for Inclusive Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship** 2018-Present  
Nominated by peers to participate in a joint faculty and PhD student committee to discuss strategies to foster diversity and inclusion at Notre Dame.
- Manuscript Reviewer** 2018-Present  
*American Political Thought*
- Task Force for Civil Discourse** 2012-2013  
Invited by the Furman University President, to participate in an *ad-hoc* committee to discuss strategies to promote civil discourse on campus.

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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- Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame 2018
- Ford Foundation Fellowship: Alternate and Honorable Mention 2017
- Nanovic Institute Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame 2017
- Tocqueville Program Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame 2017

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- American Legion Award, Furman University 2013

Quaternion Club (Secret Honors Society), Furman University	2013
Political Science Faculty Award, Furman University	2013
Senior Honors Essay Award Winner, Furman University	2013

## CONFERENCE PAPERS & PARTICIPATION

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### Invited Participant:

Panel Chair, Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, “The Benedict Option”	2018
Religion and Public Life Summer Seminar, Washington, D.C.	2018
Institute for Humane Studies, “Democracy in America,” University of Notre Dame	2017

### Paper Presentations:

“Tocqueville’s Civic Republicanism”	2019
Northeastern Political Science Association	
“Adjudicating Between New Natural Law and Natural Right”	2018
Center for Ethics and Culture	
“The Crisis of Liberal Democracy: A Tocquevillian Perspective”	2018
American Political Science Association	
“America’s New Science of Politics”	2017
Midwestern Political Science Association	
“The Ciceronian Turn”	2016
Northeastern Political Science Association	
“Tocqueville & Human Liberty”	2013
South Carolina Political Science Association	

## LANGUAGES

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Spanish, Fluent  
 French, Intermediate  
 Latin, Basic Reading

## REFERENCES

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