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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

Ph.D., Political Science Expected 2024
Exam Fields: Political Theory, International Relations
Dissertation Title: *Origins of Unity in the State Theories of Carl Schmitt and Hermann Heller*
Dissertation Committee: Dana Villa (Chair), Ernesto Verdeja, Susan Collins, William Scheuerman

M.A., Political Science 2022

Baylor University

B.A., University Scholar, *summa cum laude*, ΦBK 2019
Concentrations: Philosophy, Classics, German
Honors Thesis: *Idols and Empire: Preludes to Philosophy of Art in Early Christianity*
Thesis Committee: David Lyle Jeffrey (Advisor), Elizabeth Corey, Kenneth Jones

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External

Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University 2020
National Merit Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Corporation 2015-2019
2nd Place Intermediate Greek Translation, Eta Sigma Phi 2018

University of Notre Dame

Nanovic Graduate Fellowship, Nanovic Institute for European Studies 2022-2023
Laura Shannon Prize Residency, Nanovic Institute for European Studies 2022
Advance Language Training Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies 2021

Baylor University

Outstanding Thesis, Honors Program 2019
Outstanding Student of the Year, German Division, Dept. of Modern Languages & Cultures 2019
Outstanding Exit Interview, University Scholars Program 2018
Distinguished Scholars Scholarship 2015-2019
President's Gold Scholarship 2015-2019

WORKING PAPERS

In progress

“History and Hostility: Hegel’s Threefold Account of War”

“War and Peace as Political Paradigms: An Introduction to Heller’s Critique of Schmitt”

INVITED TALKS

Lecture: “Law versus Dictatorship: An Introduction to Hermann Heller’s Theory of the State”
Graduate Program in Political Science, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, August 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

Roundtable Participation Accepted: “G.W.F. Hegel: International Theory for Our Times?”
Annual Meeting, International Studies Association, Montreal, March 2023

Poster Accepted: “From Prussia with Love: Hegel and the Concept of the Political”
Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Montreal, September 2022

Paper Presented: “Hegel’s Threefold Account of War”
79th Annual Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2021

*Paper Accepted: “Hermocrates and the Construction of Sicilian Unity in the Peloponnesian War”
78th Annual Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 2020

*Paper Accepted: “Hegel, Sovereignty, and the ‘Family’ of European States”
2nd Annual Nanovic Institute for European Studies Student Conference, Notre Dame, March 2020

Undergraduate Conferences

Paper Presented: “Flourishing in Aristotle’s Political Philosophy”
8th Annual Undergraduate Classics Conference, University of Tennessee, February 2019

Paper Presented: “Nietzsche’s Response to Descartes’ Epistemology of Physics”
Braniff Undergraduate Conference in the Liberal Arts, University of Dallas, October 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Genocide in the Modern World (Professor Ernesto Verdeja)	Fall 2022
International Relations (Professor Joseph Parent)	Spring 2022
Led Two Weekly Discussion Sections	
Delivered Lecture: “Economics and Empires”	
International Relations (Professor Jazmin Sierra)	Fall 2021
Contemporary Political Theory (Professor Dana Villa)	Spring 2021
Catholicism and Politics (Professor Daniel Philpott)	Fall 2020
Delivered Lecture: “Catholic Personalism: A Philosophical Anthropology to Redeem the Age?”	

DEPARTMENTAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee 2021-2022

* Conference cancelled due to COVID-19

Baylor University

Office Assistance for the Honors Program

Research Assistant for Professor Alan Jacobs, Honors Program

Spring 2018-Summer 2019

Fall 2018

SPECIAL TRAINING

Goethe Institute German Language Study

Individual Course (Reading German in Political Philosophy & the Social Sciences)

Summer 2021

LANGUAGES

Conversational: German (Upper Intermediate), Portuguese (Basic)

Reading Only: Latin (Lower Intermediate), Greek (Lower Intermediate), Italian (Basic)

MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Beta Kappa

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)

International Studies Association (ISA)