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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Notre Dame
Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar, Department of Political Science 2024-2025

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame
Ph.D., Political Science August 2024
Fields: Political Theory, International Relations
Dissertation: *Hermann Heller and the Problem of Political Unity*
Chair: Dana Villa
Committee: Ernesto Verdeja, Susan Collins, William Scheuerman (IU-Bloomington)

M.A., Political Science January 2022

Baylor University
B.A., University Scholar, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa May 2019
Concentrations: Philosophy, Classics, German

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles
"Hegel, History, Hostility: The Persistence of War in Hegel's Political Philosophy" 2023
Political Research Quarterly, 76(4): 1661-1673: online here.

Revise and Resubmit
"The Rousseauian Roots of Neorealism" 2024
Review of International Studies

Public Facing
"War and Ukrainian Identity: An Interview with a Ukrainian Graduate Student" 2022
Europe in the World, Nanovic Institute: online here.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Project
Hermann Heller's State and Constitutional Theory

Articles in Preparation
Mr. Euthyphro Goes to Weimar: Voluntarism and Intellectualism in Interwar Germany
Hermann Heller's Defense of Parliamentary Democracy
Imagining Community in Weimar: Hermann Heller's Contribution
Opaque Novel Technologies as a Rationalist Explanation for War (coauthored with Clay Parham)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External

Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($750) 2024
Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center ($5,000) 2023-2024
Graduate Sabbatical, Institute for Humane Studies ($15,000) 2023
First Generation Scholars in the Profession Annual Meeting Accessibility Grant, APSA ($200) 2022
Travel Stipend, Institute for Humane Studies ($730) 2022
Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($500) 2020

Internal

Graduate Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies ($2,000 per annum) 2022-2024
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts ($1,000) 2022
Notebaert Professional Development Award, The Graduate School ($762) 2022
Advanced Language Training Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies ($4,700) 2021

INVITED TALKS

External

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

Internal

"Economics and Empires" April 2022
Introduction to International Relations, University of Notre Dame

"Catholic Personalism: A Philosophic Anthropology to Redeem the Age?" September 2020
Catholicism and Politics, University of Notre Dame

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers

"Hermann Heller and the 'Polemical Principle' of Democracy" September 2024
American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia

"Nietzsche's Thucydidean Cure for Platonism" April 2024
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago

"Imagining Community in Weimar" March 2024
Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Vancouver

"Nietzsche's Thucydidean Cure for Platonism" January 2024
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), New Orleans

"Critical Politics: Hermann Heller and the Interwar Crisis in Europe" April 2023
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago

"Opaque Novel Technologies as a Rationalist Explanation for War" with Clay Parham April 2023
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago

"Hegel's Threefold Account of War" April 2021
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago

"Hermocrates and the Construction of Sicilian Unity in the Peloponnesian War" April 2020
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago (Canceled)

"Hegel, Sovereignty, and the 'Family' of European States" March 2020
Nanovic Institute for European Studies Annual Conference, Notre Dame (Canceled)

Posters

"From Prussia with Love: Hegel and the Concept of the Political" September 2022
American Political Science Association (APSA), Montreal

Discussant

"Reimagining Political Realism" September 2024
American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia

"Unity and Multiplicity: Is Political Science Objective or Relative?" April 2023
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago

Undergraduate Poster Session April 2023
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Political Theory Spring 2025
War and Peace in Modern Political Thought Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant

Genocide in the Modern World, Prof. Ernesto Verdeja Fall 2022
International Relations (Two Discussion Sections), Prof. Joseph Parent Spring 2022
International Relations (Lead TA), Prof. Jazmin Sierra Fall 2021
Contemporary Political Theory, Prof. Dana Villa Spring 2021
Catholicism and Politics, Prof. Daniel Philpott Fall 2020

DEPARTMENTAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External

Article Reviewer, European Journal of International Relations 2024

Internal

Abstract Reviewer, Notre Dame Political Theory Graduate Conference	Spring 2024
Discussant for Amy Gais, Political Theory Colloquium	August 2023
Discussant for Eduardo Schmidt Passos, Political Theory Colloquium	April 2023
Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee	2021-2022

SPECIAL TRAINING

Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar
Modern Challenges to Liberty — Summer 2022

Goethe Institute German Language Study
Individual Course (Reading German in Political Philosophy & the Social Sciences) — Summer 2021

Technische Universität of Dresden Institute of Advanced Studies — Summer 2018
A2 German Certification

LANGUAGES

Conversational: German (Advanced), Portuguese (Basic)
Reading Only: Latin (Lower Intermediate), Greek (Lower Intermediate), Italian (Basic)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA)
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

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