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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Notre Dame Expected 2026
Exam fields: Political Theory and International Relations (minor)
Dissertation: Hannah Arendt's Political Critique of Technology

M.A., Political Science, University of Notre Dame 2023

B.A., Politics and Government, University of Puget Sound 2018
Honors in political theory, *cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Emma Schmidt, Alexander C. Pacek, and Benjamin Radcliff. 2024. "The Welfare State and Human Well-Being Around the World: A Cross-National Analysis," *Applied Research in Quality of Life* 19.

Book Reviews

Emma Schmidt. 2025. Review of Bruce Ackerman, *The Postmodern Predicament: Existential Challenges of the Twenty-First Century* (Yale University Press, 2024). *The Review of Politics*, forthcoming.

Under Review

"Truthfulness in Democratic Politics: Lessons from Thucydides"

"The World and Its Things: Hannah Arendt's Political Critique of Technology"

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

Graduate Fellowship, Notre Dame-IBM Technology Ethics Lab - \$20,000 stipend 2024-2025

Expense Support Grant, Institute for Humane Studies - \$390 2024

Fellowship, Hertog Foundation, Washington D.C. - \$1,000 stipend 2018

Internal

Conference Presentation Grant, ND Graduate Student Government - \$350 2023

Research and Professional Development Grant, ND College of Arts and Letters - \$2,000 2021

PEDAGOGY

Instructor of Record

Citizens of the World: Cosmopolitanism and Its Critics Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant

Political Theory, Professor Patrick Deneen Spring 2024
Delivered guest lectures on Machiavelli and Tocqueville

World Politics: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor James McAdams Fall 2023
One weekly discussion section

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Susan Rosato Spring 2023
Two weekly discussion sections

Introduction to Political Theory, Professor Dana Villa Fall 2022
Two weekly discussion sections

Pedagogical Training

How to Teach Film Across the Humanities Summer 2022
Course taught by Professor Jim Collins, University of Notre Dame

Foundations of Teaching Series Spring 2022
Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Notre Dame

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presenter

“Hannah Arendt on Science, Politics, and Technical Thinking”
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL 2025

“Arendt and the Technologization of Politics”
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL 2025

“Nature and Artifice: Arendt and Heidegger on Technology”
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico 2025

“Technology and Ecological Emancipation: From Bacon to Habermas”
World Congress of Philosophy Conference in Rome, Italy 2024
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL 2023

“Re-thinking the Legitimation Crisis via Two Textbooks on Conspiracy” with Shasta Kaul
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL 2024

“Democracy Then and Now: Lessons from the Peloponnesian War”	
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA	2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA	2023

“Wollstonecraftian Intersectionality and the Abortion Debate”	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada	2022

Discussant – External

Panel: “Democracy: Ancient and Modern”	
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL	2025

Panel: “Ancient Political Thought”	
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA	2024

Panel: “Ghosts, Corpses, Fantasies: Specters of Political Thought”	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada	2022

Discussant – Internal

“Eros and Its Discontents: Marcuse, Auden, and Civilization”	
Paper by Adam Ryan Barton, University of Dallas	
Notre Dame Graduate Conference in Political Theory and Constitutional Studies	2025

“Rousseau’s <i>Emile</i> : Education for Citizenship by Consent”	
Paper by Professor Alexandra Oprea, University of Buffalo	
Political Theory Colloquium, University of Notre Dame	2023

“The Relational Turn: Thinking Robots Otherwise”	
Paper by Professor David Gunkel, Northern Illinois University	
Political Theory Colloquium, University of Notre Dame	2022

SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT

Invited Seminar: “The Machine Has No Tradition”	2025
Abigail Adams Institute, Cambridge, MA	

Panel Moderator, “Can We Rely on AI?”	2025
Notre Dame Tech Ethics Forum, Notre Dame, IN	

Invited Workshop: “Generative AI and Ethics”	2024
Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame, IN	

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Editorial Intern for <i>The Review of Politics</i>	2025
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DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Student Coordinator, Political Theory Colloquium 2024-2025
Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Conference Co-Chair and Co-Founder 2024
Notre Dame Graduate Conference in Political Theory and Constitutional Studies

Political Theory Field Representative (two terms) 2023-2025
Political Science Graduate Organization at University of Notre Dame

LANGUAGE

German – read, written, spoken (intermediate)
Spanish – read, written, spoken (intermediate)
French – read (intermediate)