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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame

Ph.D. Political Science, *expected* 2026

Dissertation: “Aristotle’s Realist Aims: On Faction, Reciprocal Equality, and the Common Advantage in Aristotle’s *Politics*”

Committee: Susan Collins (Chair), Mary Keys, V. Phillip Muñoz, Emma Planinc

M.A. Political Science, 2023

Fields: Political Theory (1st), Constitutional Studies (2nd)

Yale University

B.A. Humanities with Distinction, 2017

Thesis: “Patriotism, Nationalism, and Religion in the Italian *Risorgimento*”

RESEARCH/TEACHING AREAS

Ancient, Medieval, and American Political Thought; Freedom, Diversity, and Civic Education in Liberal Democracies; Philosophy of Law; Constitutional Law

PUBLICATIONS

Working Papers

“Why *On Liberty* should be titled *On Progress*: How Comtean History Makes Sense of Mill”

“Aristotle as Political Realist”

“Aristotle, Populism, and Defining the Political Need for Expertise”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

2025-2026	Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Witherspoon Institute
2021-2024	Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship, U.S. Dept. of Education, via Notre Dame Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government
2023-2024	Richard Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute
2023	Stavros Niarhos Foundation Fellowship, City University of New York
2022-2023	Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Institute, George Mason University
2022	Professional Development Grant, Institute for Humane Studies
2021-2022	Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Witherspoon Institute
2020-2021	Graduate Fellowship, Rumsfeld Foundation
2016	Political Studies Fellowship, Hertog Political Studies Program

Notre Dame

2025-2026	Graduate Fellowship, Nanovic Institute for European Studies
2025	Conference Presentation Grant, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture

2025	Michael Novak and Karen Laub-Novak Fellowship in Philosophy and Public Policy Jacques Maritain Center
2020-2025	David Solomon Fellowship, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (competitive five-year fellowship for enhanced stipend)
2024-2025	Graduate Fellowship, Jacques Maritain Center
2024-2025	Graduate Fellowship, Nanovic Institute for European Studies
2024	Conference Presentation Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies
2024	Conference Presentation Grant, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture
2023	Grant for Language Study, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government
2023	Grant for Language Study, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture
2023	Conference Presentation Grant, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture
2020	Graduate School Professional Development Grant, University of Notre Dame

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentations

“Aristotle, Populism, and Defining the Political Need for Expertise”	
Ohio State Conference on Civic Thought, Education, and Leadership, Columbus, OH	2025
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC	2025
Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Meeting, Madison, WI	2025
“The Democratic Multitude in Aristotle’s Constitutionalism”	
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2025
“Why <i>On Liberty</i> should be titled <i>On Progress</i> : How Comtean History Makes Sense of Mill”	
Harvard University Graduate Political Theory Conference, Cambridge, MA	2024
“Aristotle’s Realist Constitutionalism: Aristotle on the Necessary Multiplicity of Regimes”	
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	2024
“The Limits of Politics as Allyship: Aristotle on the Necessary Multiplicity of Regimes”	
<i>Politics & Poetics</i> Conference on the “Concept of the Political,” Oxford, UK	2024
“The Three ‘Permanently Progressing’ Phases in Mill’s Ethical and Political Thought”	
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2023
“Stability as an Approximation of Justice in Aristotle’s <i>Politics</i> ”	
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL	2023
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	2022
“A Political Analysis of Catherine of Siena’s Mystical <i>Dialogues</i> ”	
de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference, South Bend, IN	2022

Invited Workshops

Teaching American Civics Seminar, Washington, D.C.	<i>upcoming</i> 2026
Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame and School of Civic Leadership, University of Texas at Austin	
Book Workshop, <i>Resurrecting Justice</i> by Professor Daniel Philpott, St. Joseph, MI	2025
Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre Dame	
Summer Institute on Rhetoric and Democratic Persuasion, Philadelphia, PA	2024
Jack Miller Center	
Intensive Reading of Thomas More’s <i>Utopia</i> , Los Angeles, CA	2023
Instauratio Magna Foundation	
Book Workshop, <i>Regenerative Politics</i> by Professor Emma Planinc, South Bend, IN	2023
Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame	
African American Political Thought Seminar, Online	2022

Tikvah Institute, led by Professor Diana Schaub

Panels Organized

“Aristotle’s Afterlives: Receptions of the Philosopher during Political Crises” (co-organizer)	2025
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC	
“Reimagining Political Realism” (co-organizer)	2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	
“Pre- and Postlapsarian Visions of Politics” (co-organizer)	2022
de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference, South Bend, IN	

Discussant

“Euclidean Constitutionalism”	2025
Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium, South Bend, IN	
“An Aristotelian Framework for Ethics and Politics in the Age of AI”	2025
Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium, South Bend, IN	
“Redemptive Exemplarity and Popular Deference: Exile in Machiavelli’s Political Thought”	2025
Notre Dame Graduate Political Theory Conference, South Bend, IN	
“Frederick Douglass and the Political Rhetoric of Equivocation”	2024
Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium, South Bend, IN	
“Politics & Society: Social and Political Theory” (Chair)	2024
Notre Dame Aquinas at 800 Conference, South Bend, IN	
“Democracy and the Rule of Law: Lessons from the Weimar Republic”	2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	
“Hands of the Body: Aristotle’s Account of Family and Political Community”	2024
Notre Dame Graduate Political Theory Conference, South Bend, IN	
“Epistemic Authority: Ancient and Modern”	2024
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	
“Personhood and Post-liberalism” (Chair)	2023
de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference, South Bend, IN	
“Responsible Government in the American Political Tradition”	2023
Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL	
“J.B. Thayer and the Tragic Origins of American Constitutional Theory”	2023
Notre Dame Political Theory Colloquium, South Bend, IN	
“To Live Peaceably with All” (Chair)	2021
de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference, South Bend, IN	
“Democratic and Revolutionary Pedagogy”	2021
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Awards

Excellence in Teaching Award, Political Science, University of Notre Dame	2023
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Guest Instructor

Why the Church, visiting for Professor Daniel Philpott (Notre Dame)	2024
Rights Talk, visiting for Professor Christina Bambrick (Notre Dame)	2023
Political Theory, visiting for Professor Theresa MacArt (Holy Cross College)	2023
Theories of Law, visiting for Professor Mary Keys (Notre Dame)	2022

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Political Theory, Professor Patrick Deneen	2024
Delivered lecture on “Thomas Aquinas’s <i>Treatise on Law</i> ”	
Delivered lecture on “Democratic Habits of Mind in Alexis de Tocqueville”	
Introduction to Political Theory, Professor Dana Villa	2023
Taught two discussion sections; Course Instructor Feedback average 4.9/5	
Constitutional Law, Professor Christina Bambrick	2023
Catholicism and Politics, Professor Daniel Philpott	2022
Delivered lecture on “Integralism: Comment and Critique,” (with Tyler Castle)	
Led discussion on Pope John Paul II and the Cold War (with Tyler Castle)	
Introduction to Political Theory, Professor Ernesto Verdeja	2021

Student Mentorship

Graduate Writing Mentor, <i>Sites of Memory: Cataloguing Europe’s Contested Spaces</i>	2024
Nanovic Institute, University of Notre Dame	
Cor ad Cor Mentor, DeNicola Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame	2020, 2022, 2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Research Assistant, Professor Susan Collins	2025
Aristotelian Stasis	
Communications Assistant, ND History of Philosophy Forum and Maritain Center	2025
Conference Assistant, Professor Susan Collins	2023
MPSA Foundations of Political Theory Section Panel Arrangements	
Political Theory Colloquium Coordinator, Notre Dame Political Science	2022-2023
Research Assistant, Professor Christina Bambrick	
Horizontal Application of Constitutional Rights	2022
Virtues and Values in Liberal Theory	2021
Graduate Council Member, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame	2021-2023
Political Theory Field Representative, Political Science Graduate Organization	2021-2022

SKILLS

Programming: R (basic)
Languages: English (native), Attic Greek (reading), Italian (moderate), Latin (basic)

SELECTED SPECIAL TRAININGS

Language Study:

Attic Greek:	
Coursework, Notre Dame	2025
CUNY Latin Greek Institute Basic Program, received Cum Laude Honors	2023
Elementary Intensive Course, Notre Dame	2022
Latin:	
Elementary Courses, Yale and Notre Dame	2017; 2021
Italian:	
Graduate Reading Course, University of Notre Dame	2021
Intermediate Courses, Yale University	2015
Yale University Summer Session 8-Week Immersion Course, Grado, Italy	2014

Other:

Thomistic Seminar on Justice	2021
Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University	

Certificate Studies in Non-Profit Management, Villanova University	2019
Global Summer Program in the Moral Foundations of Politics, New Haven, CT	2015
International Alliance of Research Universities	

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
 Midwestern Political Science Association
 Association for Core Texts and Courses

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Princeton University Department of Politics, Princeton, NJ	2017-2020
Events Coordinator, James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions	
Fact Checker for Mr. Ross Douthat's book <i>To Change the Church</i> , Remote	Fall 2017
Yale University Office of General Counsel, New Haven, CT	2013-2017
Office Assistant	

REFERENCES

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Further references available upon request.