Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Notre Dame — Expected January 2027
Exam fields: Political Theory and International Relations
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

"Rhetoric, Trust, and Democratic Politics: A Thucydidean Account." *Democratic Theory* (2026).

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

Book Reviews

Review of Bruce Ackerman, *The Postmodern Predicament: Existential Challenges of the Twenty-First Century* (Yale University Press, 2024). *The Review of Politics* 87, no. 4 (2025).

Public Facing

"Disaffected Democracy: Hannah Arendt and Freedom from Politics." *The Harper Review*, November 2025.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

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

"Toward a Political Phenomenology of Algorithms"

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

Graduate Fellowship, Notre Dame-IBM Technology Ethics Lab — 2024 - 2025
Expense Support Grants, Institute for Humane Studies — 2024; 2025

Political Studies Fellowship, Hertog Foundation, Washington D.C. 2018

Internal

Conference Presentation Grants, ND Graduate Student Government 2023; 2026
Research and Professional Development Grant, ND College of Arts and Letters 2021

PEDAGOGY

Instructor of Record

Citizens of the World: Cosmopolitanism and Its Critics Fall 2024

Senior Thesis Advisor 2025-2027

Teaching Assistant

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

World Politics: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor A. 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 James Collins, University of Notre Dame

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

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presenter

"Toward a Political Phenomenology of Algorithms" 2026
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)

"Hannah Arendt on Science, Politics, and Technical Thinking"
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL) 2025

"Rhetoric, Trust, and Democratic Politics: A Thucydidean Account"
Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory (Cambridge, MA) 2025
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA) 2024
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA) 2023

"Arendt and the Technologization of Politics"
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL) 2025

"Nature and Artifice: Arendt and Heidegger on Technology"
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico) 2025

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

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

"Wollstonecraftian Intersectionality and the Abortion Debate"
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (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 *Emile*: 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 THE PROFESSION

Editorial Intern for *The Review of Politics* 2025

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Student Coordinator, Political Theory Colloquium (two terms) 2024-2025; 2026-2027
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

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