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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

Lecturer in Political Science (2023-)
Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer in Humanities (2020-23)
Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center (2020-22)

Deep Springs College

Visiting Professor (May-June 2020, May-June 2021, May-June 2023, June-July 2024)

University of Richmond

John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow, Jepson School (2018-20)

Ashland University

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (2017-18)

EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Ph.D. in Political Science (2018)
Committee: Ryan Balot (supervisor), Clifford Orwin, Ronald Beiner, Arlene Saxonhouse (external examiner, University of Michigan)
Fields of Study: Political Theory (primary), International Relations
Awarded Connaught International Doctoral Scholarship

Carleton College

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Distinction in Political Philosophy (2010)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Luckless: The Idea of Luck in Ancient Greek Thought (Oxford University Press, 2026)

- Complete at 86,000 words
- In production with projected publication date of May 2026
- Chapters on Herodotus, Thucydides, Aristotle, Euripides, Sophocles

REFEREED ARTICLES

- “The Political Significance of Luck: A Thucydidean Perspective,” *Political Research Quarterly* 74, No. 4 (December 2021): 986–997.
- “Entangling Plato: A Guide through the *Political Theory* Archive,” coauthored with Liam Klein, *Political Theory* (Online March 1, 2021).
- “Aristotle’s Psychological Approach to the Idea of Luck,” *The Review of Metaphysics* 73, No. 1 (September 2019): 31–54.
- “Aristotle, Equity, and Democracy,” *Polis* 35, No. 2 (September 2018): 333–355.
- “With Steel or Poison: Machiavelli on Conspiracy,” coauthored with David Polansky, *Interpretation* 45, No. 1 (September 2018): 67–86.
- “Luck and Character in Machiavelli’s Political Thought,” *History of Political Thought* 37, No. 4 (December 2016): 606–29.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Paradoxes of Honor: The Case of the Ancient Greek Hero,” coauthored with Ryan Balot, in *A Cultural History of Fame in Antiquity*, edited by Charles Hedrick (London: Bloomsbury, 2024).
- “‘Every Form of Death’: Thucydides on Death’s Political Presence,” in *Political Theory on Death and Dying*, edited by Erin Dolgoy, Kimberly Hurd Hale, and Bruce Peabody (New York: Routledge, 2021).

OCCASIONAL PIECES

- [“This Irresistible Revolution: On digital tech and Antón Barba-Kay’s *A Web of Our Own Making*,”](#) *The Point* (May 16, 2024).
- [“Accountability after Insurrection,”](#) coauthored with David Polansky, *The Washington Post* (February 4, 2021).
- [“Expendable Bodies: Sophocles’ *Philoctetes*,”](#) *Public Seminar* (June 25, 2020).
- [“What Thucydides Can Teach Us: Ancient Reflections on a Time of Plague,”](#) *Public Seminar* (April 20, 2020).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Equality and Excellence in Ancient and Modern Political Philosophy*, edited by Steven Frankel and John Ray, *Polis* (in progress).

Review of *The Tragedy of the Athenian Ideal in Thucydides and Plato*, by John T. Hogan, *Polis* 40, No. 1 (February 2023): 165–67.

Review of *Thucydides and the Pursuit of Freedom*, by Mary P. Nichols, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 137, No. 1 (November 2017): 249–50.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale University

DRST 005 & 006: Directed Studies: Historical and Political Thought I & II (Fall 2025, Fall 2024, AY 2023-24, Spring 2023, AY 2021-22, AY 2020-2021)

- Faculty coordinator of Historical and Political Thought track, Fall 2025
- HUMS 263/PLSC 329/EP&E 372: Thucydides (Fall 2024, Fall 2022)
HUMS 296/PLSC 360/EP&E 252: Thomas Hobbes's *Leviathan* (Spring 2024)
HUMS 177/PLSC306/CLCV 377: Tragedy and Politics (Fall 2023)
HUMS 325/PLSC 323/EP&E 373: Aristotle and Kant (Spring 2023)
DRST 003: Directed Studies: Philosophy (Fall 2022)
HUMS 471: Directed Reading: Greek Tragedy (Fall 2022)
HUMS 221/PLSC 288/PHIL 380/CLCV 321: Plato (Spring 2022)
HUMS 304/PLSC 315: Women in Greek Political Thought (Spring 2021)

Deep Springs College

- Term 1 Seminar: Isolation and Community (June-July 2024)
Term 6 Seminar: Tragedy and Politics (May-June 2023)
Term 6 Seminar: Machiavelli (May-June 2021)
Term 6 Seminar: Tragedy and Politics (May-June 2020)

University of Richmond

- LDST 390/POLS 310: Greek Tragedy and Political Theory (Spring 2020)
LDST 378/POLS 310: Statesmanship (Spring 2019)

Ashland University

- POLSC 345: Early Modern Political Thought (Spring 2018)
POLSC 101: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Spring 2018)
POLSC 102: Democracy in America (Fall 2017)
POLSC 370: American Statesmanship (Fall 2017)
HIST 113: Western Civilization (AY 2017-18, two sections)

University of Toronto

- POL 200: Introduction to Political Theory—Ancients Semester (Summer 2017)

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Lux et Veritas Faculty Prize Lecture scheduled for September 2025

Yale Directed Studies Lectures (delivered to students and faculty in the program):
Thucydides (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, scheduled 2025), Plato's *Phaedo* (2022),
Aristotle's *Politics* (2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, scheduled 2025), Machiavelli (2021, 2022,
2023, 2024), Hobbes's *Leviathan* (2021, 2023, 2024), Rousseau's *Second Discourse*
(2022)

"The Rule of Law in Aeschylus' *Oresteia*," St. Thomas More Lecture Series,
Yale University, scheduled September 2025

"Luckless: The Idea of Luck in Greek Political Thought," Yale Political Theory
Workshop, January 2025

Lead visiting faculty member for first week of Gull Island Institute Buzzard's Bay
Term: led seminars on Genesis, Hesiod, and Marx, May 2024

"Aristotle on Luck," Elm Institute Speaker Series, New Haven, November 2023

"Luckless: The Idea of Luck in Greek Political Thought," St. Thomas More
Lecture Series, Yale University, October 2023

"Euripides' Critique of Luck and Courage in *Trojan Women*," Deep Springs
College Faculty Lecture, May 2023

Yale alumni seminar on statesmanship in the history of political thought co-taught
with Steven Smith over three days at the University Club NYC, April 2023

Yale Directed Studies roundtable on the Presocratics (with Michael Della Rocca,
Verity Harte, and Paul Grimstad), 2022

"Euripides' Critique of Luck and Courage in *Trojan Women*," lecture for Yale
Whitney Humanities Society of Fellows, 2021

Panel co-organizer, "Euripides' Political Thought," APSA, 2021

"Euripides' Critique of Luck and Courage in *Trojan Women*," APSA, 2021

"Euripides' Critique of Luck and Courage in *Trojan Women*," Yale Political
Theory Workshop, 2021

Yale Directed Studies roundtable on Thucydides (with Steven Smith, Paul
Freedman, and Terence Renaud), 2020

"The Political Significance of Luck: A Thucydidean Perspective," UCLA
Graduate Political Theory Reading Group, 2020

Panel chair and organizer, "Political Thought of Frederick Douglass," Conference
on Frederick Douglas, keynote by David Blight, University of Richmond, 2020

Seminar organizer and participant, "Tolerance and Civility," led by Teresa Bejan,
University of Richmond, 2020

"'If It Wasn't for Bad Luck': Thucydides on the Political Significance of *Tuchē*,"
NPSA, Philadelphia, 2019

Panel organizer, "Poetry and Athenian Democracy," APSA, DC, 2019

Seminar participant, "James Madison: Father of the Constitution?," John Marshall
Center Seminar, University of Richmond, 2019

"Thucydidean Reflections on Luck and Leadership," John Marshall Center
Lecture Series, University of Richmond, 2019

"Bad Luck and Resilience in Euripides' *Trojan Women*," APT, Philadelphia, 2018

“‘If It Wasn’t for Bad Luck’: Thucydides on the Political Significance of *Tuchē*,” APSA, Boston, 2018
 Panel co-organizer, “Democracy and Discontent,” APSA, Boston, 2018
 “Steel or Poison: Machiavelli on Conspiracy,” WPSA, San Francisco, 2018
 “Aristotle, Equity, and Democracy,” APT, Columbus, 2016
 “Aristotle, Equity, and Democracy,” Toronto Political Theory Workshop, 2016
 “Aristotle on the Fragility of the Regime,” MPSA, Chicago, 2016
 “Aristotelian Equity” NPSA, Philadelphia, 2015
 “Aristotelian Equity” Toronto Political Theory Workshop, 2015
 “Machiavelli on Fortune,” Toronto Political Theory Workshop, 2014
 “Thucydides’ Hermocrates,” MPSA, Chicago, 2012

SERVICE

Yale academic adviser (2022-25): academic adviser to more than twenty students
 Yale senior thesis adviser in Humanities and Political Science (2022-25): supervised theses on texts and topics such as Sophocles’ *Oedipus Tyrannus* (won award for best thesis in political philosophy 2023), Rousseau’s *Emile*, Hobbes and the American leviathan, Hobbes and the idea of representation, Hobbes’s translation of Thucydides (won award for best thesis in political philosophy 2025), and Plato’s *Theaetetus*
 Application reader for Yale Directed Studies (2021-2025)
 Seminar leader and speaker for the Warrior Scholar Project at Yale (2022, 2025)
 Seminar leader for Citizens, Thinkers, Writers (2025)
 Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Theory*, *Polis*, *Inquiry*, Brill, SUNY Press (2018-25)
 Annual lecture in Yale Directed Studies on writing essays for the Historical and Political Thought track (2023-24)
 Faculty adviser to the Yale Undergraduate Political Theory Reading Group funded by the Civic Thought Initiative (2021-2024)
 Seminar leader for Yale Pathways to Arts & Humanities (2022)
 Panelist, “Applying for Postdocs,” Yale Graduate Writing Lab (2020)
 Conference co-organizer, John Marshall Center Conference on Frederick Douglass, keynote speaker David Blight, University of Richmond (2019-20)
 Frederick Douglass reading group faculty co-leader (with Kevin Cherry and Dan Palazzolo), University of Richmond (2019-20)
 Senior thesis reader, Ashland University (2018)

REFERENCES

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