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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University
Multiyear Lecturer in Political Science (2023-)
Senior Fellow, Center for Civic Thought (2025-)
Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer in Humanities (2020-23)
Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center (2020-22)

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

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

Luckless: The Idea of Luck in Ancient Greek Thought (OUP 2026)

- Featured on Johanna Hanink's (Brown U.) *Leschē* podcast
- Reviews forthcoming in *BMCR* and *Polis*; to be featured on Jeff Church's (U. Wisconsin-Madison) Political Theory Review podcast

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* (March 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," 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

"Old Age and Youth in Thucydides," in *The Philosophy of Aging in Ancient Greek Thought*, edited by Pavlos Kontos, Mariska Leunissen, and Pierre Destrée (in preparation).

"*Tuchē* in Greek Tragedy," in *Greek and Roman Humanities Encyclopedia*, edited by Eirene Visvardi (De Gruyter Brill, in preparation).

"Paradoxes of Honor: The Case of the Ancient Greek Hero," with Ryan Balot, in *A Cultural History of Fame in Antiquity*, edited by Charles Hedrick (London: Bloomsbury, 2025).

"'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

"Thucydides the perspicacious," with David Polansky, *Aeon* (July 2026).

"This Irresistible Revolution: On digital tech and Antón Barba-Kay's *A Web of Our Own Making*," *The Point* (May 2024).

"Accountability after Insurrection," with David Polansky, *The Washington Post* (February 2021).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Demos: How the People Ruled Classical Athens*, by Daniela Cammack (in preparation for *Polis*).

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 (AY 2026-27, AY2025-26, Fall 2024, AY2023-24, Spring 2023, AY2021-22, AY2020-2021)
Faculty coordinator of Historical and Political Thought track, Fall 2025
HUMS 221/PLSC 288/PHIL 380/CLCV 321: Plato (Fall 2026, Spring 2022)
HUMS 263/PLSC 329/EP&E 372: Thucydides (Fall 2024, Fall 2022, Spring 2026)
HUMS 177/PLSC306/CLCV 377: Tragedy and Politics (Fall 2025, Fall 2023)
HUMS 296/PLSC 360/EP&E 252: Thomas Hobbes's Leviathan (Spring 2024)
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 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

Yale Directed Studies lectures (delivered to students and faculty in the program): Herodotus (2026), Thucydides (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025), Plato's *Phaedo* (2022), Aristotle's *Politics* (2020, 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025), Machiavelli (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2026), Hobbes's *Leviathan* (2021, 2023, 2024), Rousseau's *Second Discourse* (2022, 2026)

"What is Liberal Education Today?," Elm Institute, 2026

"The Rule of Law in Aeschylus' *Oresteia*," APSA, 2026

Panel organizer and chair, session on Ryan Balot's *Tragedy, Philosophy, and Political Education in Plato's Laws*, APSA, 2026

Luckless featured on Johanna Hanink's (Brown U.) *Leschē* podcast, 2026

Lead visiting faculty member for first week of Gull Island Institute summer term: seminars on Genesis, Hesiod, Marx, and Arendt, 2024 and 2026

Remarks at President McInnis's house on the first year of the Center for Civic Thought, 2026

"Eva Brann's Liberal Learning," Elm Institute, 2026

Lux et Veritas Faculty Prize Lecture, "What Is Liberal Education Today?," 2025

"What Is Liberal Education Today?," St. Thomas More Lecture Series, 2025

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

"Aristotle on Luck," Elm Institute, 2023

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

"Euripides' Critique of Luck and Courage in *Trojan Women*," Deep Springs College Faculty Lecture, 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, 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*," 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, 2019

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

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

"'If It Wasn't for Bad Luck': Thucydides on the Political Significance of *Tuchē*," APSA, 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: academic adviser to more than twenty students (2022-26)

Yale senior thesis adviser (2022-26): supervised theses on texts and topics such as Hobbes's translation of Thucydides (won award for best thesis in political philosophy 2025), Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannus* (won award for best thesis in political philosophy 2023), Rousseau's *Emile*, Hobbes and the American "administrative state," Hobbes and the idea of representation, Plato's *Theaetetus*, Sophocles' *Philoctetes*, Euripides' *Hecuba*, and Herodotus' *Histories*

Course Coordinator of Historical and Political Thought in Directed Studies (2025)

Seminar leader and speaker for the Warrior Scholar Project at Yale (2025, 2022)

Seminar leader for Citizens, Thinkers, Writers (2025)

Annual lecture in Yale Directed Studies on academic essay writing (2023-25)

Reading Group Leader, Senior Fellow, Center for Civic Thought (2025-26)

Application reader for Yale Directed Studies (2021-2026)

Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Research Quarterly, Political Theory*, *History of Political Thought*, *Polis*, *Inquiry*, Brill, SUNY Press (2018-26)

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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