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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University, Department of Political Science, Postdoctoral Fellow	2020–2021
United States Naval Academy, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, Resident Fellow	2019–2020
Harvard University, Government Department, Visiting Scholar	2018–2019
Boston College, Political Science Department, Lecturer	2018–2019
Carleton College, Political Science Department, Visiting Instructor	Spring 2018
Middlebury College, Political Science Department, Visiting Instructor	Winter 2017

EDUCATION

Boston College, Ph.D., Political Science.	2011–2018
<i>Major Field:</i> Political Theory. <i>Minor Fields:</i> American Politics, Comparative Politics.	
<i>Dissertation:</i> “Alexis de Tocqueville and J.S. Mill on Liberty and Empire.”	
<i>Committee:</i> Christopher Kelly, Robert C. Bartlett, Nasser Behnegar, R. Shep Melnick	
Middlebury College, B.A. <i>Summa cum laude</i> , Political Science.	2006–2010

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization: modern political philosophy (especially French and British); liberalism; nationalism; empire; democratic theory

Areas of Competence: Ancient political philosophy; American political thought and development; theories of international relations; ethics

PUBLICATIONS

“Liberalism and Nationalism.” *National Affairs* No. 41 (Fall 2019): 142–158.

“Rousseau and Julie von Bondeli on the Moral Sense,” co-authored with Christopher Kelly. *The Adam Smith Review* Vol. 11 (Dec., 2018): 7–20.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Submitted for review: “Alexis de Tocqueville and J.S. Mill on Democracy and the Franchise.” In *Voting: A History*, ed. Joshua Hill.

Submitted for review: “Like a God on Earth: Popular Sovereignty in Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America*.” In *Popular Sovereignty and Populism*, ed. Christopher Barker.

Article in preparation: “The Liberalism of Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill.”

Article in preparation: “Tocqueville on America, Democracy, and a New Form of Empire.”

Book manuscript in preparation: “Alexis de Tocqueville and J.S. Mill on Liberty and Empire.”

TEACHING

Boston College

The Political Philosophy of Alexis de Tocqueville and J.S. Mill

Liberalism and Its Critics

Rights in Conflict (Sophomore Seminar in American Politics)

Carleton College

Political Philosophy

Liberalism and Its Critics

Middlebury College

Introduction to Political Philosophy

Boston College, Teaching Assistant/Grader: *Modern Iran, US-Iranian Relations, Rousseau’s Emile, Introduction to Modern Politics, How to Rule the World (Introduction to Political Theory), Current Issues in US Foreign Security Policy*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University. 2017–2018

McMeekin Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies. 2016–2017, 2017–2018

Graduate Fellow, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College. 2014–2015, 2017–2018

Political Science Department Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College. 2016–2017

Bradley Fellow, Boston College. 2013–2017

Supported Scholar, Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation. Summers 2012–2017

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Presidential Fellowship, Boston College. 2011–2016

Ph.D. Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies. 2015–2016

Julian E. and Melba Jarrett Prize, Middlebury College. 2010
For the study of political philosophy, constitutional law and American government.

CONFERENCES, COLLOQUIA, AND INVITED LECTURES

Paper Presentation, “The Ambivalent Imperialism of Alexis de Tocqueville.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. November 2019.

Invited Participant, “Tocqueville and the Future of Democracy.” Conference at the Salvatori Center for the Study of Freedom in the Modern World, Claremont McKenna College. October 4–5, 2019.

Invited Lecture, “The Liberalism of Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill,” Abigail Adams Institute, June 5, 2019.

John Marshall Project Invited Lecture, “Liberalism in Crisis: Imperial Hegemony or Our Last Best Hope?” Boston College, April 17, 2019.

Paper Presentation, “Like a God on Earth: Popular Sovereignty in *Democracy in America*.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

Invited Paper Presentation, “Like a God on Earth: The People as Sovereign.” Popular Sovereignty and Populism, Conference at The George Washington Forum on American Ideas, Politics, and Institutions, Ohio University. March 15–16, 2019.

Paper Presentation, “Tocqueville and Mill on the Democratic Franchise.” American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA. August, 2018.

Invited Paper Presentation, “The Conditions and Consequences of the Expanded Franchise: Alexis de Tocqueville and J.S. Mill on the Possibilities for Democracy in Nineteenth Century France and England.” Voting: A History, Conference at The George Washington Forum on American Ideas, Politics, and Institutions, Ohio University. April 13–14, 2018.

Paper Presentation, “The Liberalism of Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

Invited Participant, “Democratic Greatness? Tocqueville on American Ambition.” Marshall Center, University of Richmond. May 11–13, 2017.

Paper Presentation, “The Pre-requisites of Liberalism and the Problems of Empire in Tocqueville’s Political Thought.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2017.

Paper Presentation, “Tocqueville’s Argument for France’s Empire.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA. November 2016.

Invited Participant, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute: “Commerce and Character.” Philadelphia, PA. August 2–12, 2016.

Paper Presentation, “Alexis de Tocqueville and J.S. Mill on the Aims of Empire.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2016.

Invited Participant, Institute for Humane Studies Conference: “Burke and Tocqueville on Liberty.” Alexandria, VA. October 16–18, 2015.

Roundtable Participant, *Rousseau’s Lesser Known Works on Women*. American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA. September 2015.

Paper Co-Presentation with Christopher Kelly, “Rousseau and Julie von Bondeli on the Moral Sense.” Themes From Smith and Rousseau Conference, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK. July 2015.

Paper Presentation, “Imperial Ambition and the Promise of Happiness in Xenophon’s *Education of Cyrus*.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2015.

Paper Presentation, “Empire, Ambition, and Legitimacy in Thucydides and Xenophon.” Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA. November 2014.

Paper Presentation, “Rhetoric, Wisdom, and the Philosophic Life: The ‘Digression’ in Plato’s Theaetetus.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2013.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Undergraduate Fellows Coordinator, The John Marshall Project. Boston College, 2018–2019

Student Representative, Graduate Grievance Committee. Boston College, 2015–2016

President, Political Science Dept. Graduate Student Association Group, 2013–2014

Treasurer, Political Science Dept. Graduate Student Association Group, 2012–2013; 2015–2016

LANGUAGES

French (reading and speaking); German (reading and speaking); Ancient Greek (elementary reading)