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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, Duke University, Durham, NC, Expected 2017

Dissertation: "Children or Citizens: Civic Education in Liberal Political Thought"

Dissertation Committee: Ruth Grant (chair), Michael Gillespie, Jack Knight, Jeff Spinner-Halev, Helen Ladd

Main Field: Political Theory. *Second field:* Political Economy

Other Training: Certificate for College Teaching, Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, European Studies Certificate

BS in Economics and Political Science, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2011

Summa cum Laude

Graduation with Distinction in Economics

Thesis Topic: "How will they fare on Judgment Day? Reputational Herding in Professional Communities"

Graduation with Distinction in Political Science

Thesis Topic: "Targeting Central Bankers: The Epistemic Community of Central Bankers"

(co-winner of Elizabeth G. Verville Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis in Political Science)

Year Abroad, London School of Economics, London, UK, 2009-2010

PUBLICATIONS

Book Review of Branko Milanovic, "The Haves and the Have-Nots: A Brief and Idiosyncratic History of Global Inequality," *Review of Economic and Business Studies* 6, 1(2011): 303-306.

WORKING PAPERS

"Why Should I Care? Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Politics of Intergroup Empathy" (2016)

"Rome or Sparta? Rousseau's Social Contract as a Tale of Two Cities" (2015)

"Insight and Hindsight: Burke and Tocqueville on the French Revolution" (2014)

HONORS and AWARDS

Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, 2016-2017

Hallowell Award, 2016

Dissertation Support Award, 2015

Research Fellowship, CES Society of Scholars, 2015-2016

Center for International Studies Award for the "Humor and Politics" Working Group, 2015-2016

E. Bayard Halsted Scholarship in Science, History, and Journalism, 2014-2015

IHS Fellowship, 2013-2017

Earhart Foundation Fellowship, 2013-2014

James B. Duke Fellowship, 2013-2017

University Scholars Graduate Fellowship, 2012-2013

Center for European Studies Fellowship, 2012-2013

Harvard Presidential Scholarship (declined), 2012

Princeton Center for Human Values Fellowship (declined), 2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 "The Citizenship of Children: Civic Education Before the Nation State", APSA
2016 "The Citizenship of Children: Revisiting the Role of Tacit Consent in Locke's Political Thought", WPSA
2015 "Citizen without a Country? Civic Education in Jean-Jacques Rousseau's Emile and Confessions", IHS Fall Research Colloquium
2015 "'May my neighbors' goat perish also': The Boundaries of Empathy in Smith and Rousseau", APT
2015 "'May my neighbors' goat perish also': Empathy and Envy in Smith and Rousseau", Affect Theory: Memory, Aesthetics and Ethics in Winnipeg, Canada
2015 "Insight and Hindsight: Edmund Burke and Alexis de Tocqueville's studies of the French Revolution" MPSA
2014 "From good man to virtuous citizen: Using the Emile to read the Social Contract", NPSA
2014 "Development in Rousseau's Political Philosophy", Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany
2014 "'Seeking the man in the child...': Rousseau's Use of Development in His Political Theory" 7th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton, NJ
2013 "Why did Plato found his Academy?" IHS Fall Research Colloquium
2013 "Choice of Lives: Learning from the Ancient Greeks", Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

OTHER TALKS

- 2016 "Citizenship Lab: Civic Participation of Refugee Youth in Durham", Duke University Bass Connections Program
2016 "Humor and Politics: A Serious Dose of Laughter about Local and Global Issues", Duke University Center for International Studies
2015 "Political Psychology of Inequality", Society of Duke Fellows
2013 "Pythia and Politics", University Scholars Symposium

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Interests: ancient and modern political thought, liberalism, democratic theory, history of political economy, education for citizenship, politics and literature

Primary Instructor

"Polis Politics: The Theory and Practice of Politics in Classical Athens"

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2014

"Politics and Economics", Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2013

Teaching Assistant

"Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice", Durham, NC, 2016

(taught simultaneously as "Introduction to Philosophy, Politics and Economics", Chapel Hill, NC)

"Introduction to Political Philosophy", Duke University, Durham, NC, 2016

"American Political Thought" (taught 1/4th of course), Duke University, Durham, NC, 2015

Guest Lecturer

"Women and Comedy" in *Gender and Philosophy*, Duke University, Durham, NC

"Humor and Democracy" in *Politics and Literature*, Duke University, Durham, NC

"Liberty in Hobbes and Rousseau" in *Political Ideas Seminar*, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC

"Legal and Social Equality" in *American Political Systems*, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC

WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

"Science, Values and Democracy?", Vienna Summer School, Vienna, Austria, 2016

"Statelessness in the Middle East" with UNCHR Regional Protection Officer on Statelessness
Durham, NC, 2016

"Property, Power and the Rise of Atlantic Institutions"

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA, 2015

"The Computational Turn: Simulation in the Sciences", Vienna Summer School, Vienna, Austria, 2015

Workshop on Frontiers in Contemporary Political Economy, Durham, NC, 2014

SERVICE

Member of Graduate Student Advisory Committee for Political Theory Job Search Committee, 2016

Member of Bass Connections Student Advisory Council, 2016

Team Member, "Citizenship Lab: Civic Participation of Refugee Youth in Durham", 2015-2016

Graduate Mentor, University Scholars Program, 2013-2015

Conference Co-Organizer, Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2015, 2016

Co-Coordinator, Duke English-Political Theory Working Group, Theme: "Humor and Politics", 2014-2016

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Professor Thomas Spragens, 2013-2016

Associate in Research, Sanford Public Policy Institute, Duke University, 2011-2012

Research Assistant, Professor Michael Gillespie, 2011-2012

LANGUAGES

Romanian – Native

German – Intermediate

French – Intermediate for Research Purposes (Translation, Reading, not Writing)

Ancient Greek - Intermediate for Research Purposes (Translation, Reading, not Writing)

REFERENCES

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