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## EDUCATION

- 2019- Duke University  
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, expected 2025  
Primary field: Political Theory; Secondary field: Religion and Politics
- Dissertation: “Regimes of Pluralism: Tolerance Beyond Liberal Democracy”  
Committee: Michael Gillespie (chair), Alexander Kirshner, Geneviève Rousselière, Jed Atkins
- 2016 Middlebury College  
B.A., Major in Political Science (*magna cum laude* with high departmental honors), Minor in French
- Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris, Sciences Po Paris (Spring 2015)

## RESEARCH

### Under Revision

“Civil Religion and Political Freedom in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*”  
(Invited to Revise and Resubmit at *The Review of Politics*)

### Working Papers

“Montesquieu’s Religious Particularism: A Regime-Specific Account of Pluralism”

“Toleration and Dissent: John Locke on The Status of Hats, Turbans, and Cloaks”

## TRANSLATION

- 2023 French to English translation for “Montesquieu and the Classical World” by Catherine Larrère, in *The Cambridge Companion to Montesquieu*, eds. Keegan Callanan and Sharon Krause, 76-93. Cambridge University Press, 2023.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024-2025	Charles Capper Fellowship, Triangle Intellectual History Seminar
2024-2025	Ottis Green Fellowship, Duke University
2024-2025	von der Heyden Global Fellowship, Duke University
2023-2024	Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Duke University
2023	Democracy, Institutions, and Political Economy Grant, Duke University
2022-2023	Graduate Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
2022-2023	John H. Hallowell Research Grant, Duke University
2022	Teaching on Purpose Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
2022	Digital Humanities Initiative Summer Research Grant, John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University
2022	American Political Science Association Travel Grant
2020-2022	Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University
2021	Robert R. Wilson Research Grant, Duke University
2021	Duke University Center for International & Global Studies Graduate Award for Research & Teaching
2020	John H. Hallowell Research Grant, Duke University
2015	Middlebury-Mellon Foundation Research Grant

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	“Montesquieu’s Religious Particularism: A Regime-Specific Account of Pluralism,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2023	“Montesquieu on Toleration and Regime Type,” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting
2023	“Montesquieu on Toleration and Regime Type,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2022	“Civil Religion and Political Freedom in Rousseau’s <i>Social Contract</i> ,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2022	“Civil Religion and Political Freedom in Rousseau’s <i>Social Contract</i> ,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2020	“Civil Religion and Political Freedom in Rousseau’s <i>Social Contract</i> ,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

## TEACHING AT DUKE UNIVERSITY

2024	Instructor of Record, Ethics, Citizenship, and the Examined Life (Duke-Kunshan University common core course offered at Duke University)
2023-2024	Honors Thesis Advisor, Department of Political Science
2023	Student-Athlete Mentor, Duke University Athletics (Football Program)
2023	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy
2022	Teaching Assistant, Ethics of War
2022	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy
2022	Teaching Assistant, Challenges of Living an Ethical Life

## **SERVICE AT DUKE UNIVERSITY**

2021-2023 Co-Organizer, Graduate Conference in Political Theory  
2020-2021 Political Theory Subfield Representative, Department of Political Science

## **LANGUAGES**

French, advanced reading and writing  
Mandarin, intermediate reading and writing  
Latin, basic reading

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2019-2021 Political Science Research Assistant, Duke University  
2016-2019 Foreign Service Officer (Political & Economic), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore

## **REFERENCES**

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