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## EDUCATION

**Department of Political Science, Duke University**

*Ph.D. Candidate*

First field: Political Theory

Second field: Religion and Politics

**08/2014 – Present**

*Durham, NC, USA*

**Department of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong**

*Visiting Ph.D. Student*

**10/2016 – 01/2017**

*Hong Kong, China*

**Department of Political Science, Duke University**

*Master of Arts (Political Theory)*

**08/2012 – 05/2014**

*Durham, NC, USA*

**School of International Studies, Peking University**

*Bachelor of Law (International Politics, Sociology)*

**09/2008 – 07/2012**

*Beijing, China*

## RESEARCH

### Expertise

History of political philosophy

Political ethics

Contemporary democratic theory

Comparative political theory (China)

### Doctoral Dissertation

Title: *The Civic Ethics of Honor in the Political Theory of Rousseau, Smith, and Kant*

Committee: Ruth W. Grant (Chair, Political Science, Duke University), Michael A. Gillespie (Political Science, Duke University), Alexander S. Kirshner (Political Science, Duke University), and Sharon R. Krause (Political Science, Brown University).

### Working Projects

"The Constant Companion of Virtue: Kantian Honor and Its Political Implications for the Fight against Disrespect" (Under review)

"The Antinomy of Rousseauian Pity" (Under review)

"Adam Smith, Public Reason, and the Cultivation of Civility"

"Honor and Shame in East Asian Local Community Building: The Perspectives of Liang Shuming and Yoshida Shoin"

"The Political Implications of Praiseworthiness and Resentment in Adam Smith's Honor Ethics"

"Rousseau's Images of Youthfulness and the Dilemma of the Legislator"

"Aristotle and the Judgment of the Multitude in Epistemic Democratic Theory"

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

The Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, 2018-2019.

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, 2018-2019.

Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2018-2019.  
 Dissertation Support Award (Political Science, Duke University), 2017-2018.  
 Wilson Endowment Research Grant (Political Science, Duke University), 2017-2018.  
 Institute for Humane Studies Ph.D. Scholarship, 2017-2018.  
 Conference Travel Award (Duke University), 2016-2019.  
 Summer Research Fellowship (Duke University), 2014-2017.  
 Earhart Fellowship, 2014-2015.  
 Master's Scholar (Political Science, Duke University), 2012-2013.  
 The Best Senior Honors Thesis Award (Peking University), 2011-2012.  
 AEON Scholarship, 2011-2012.  
 Hong Kong Engineer Scholarship, 2010-2011.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

04/2019, "The Constant Companion of Virtue: Kantian Honor and Its Political Implications for the Fight Against Disrespect," Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory 2019.  
 04/2019, "Adam Smith, Public Reason, and the Cultivation of Civility," Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference 2019.  
 01/2019, "The Political Implications of Praiseworthiness and Resentment in Adam Smith's Honor Ethics," Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference 2019.  
 11/2018, "Adam Smith on the Love of Praiseworthiness, Resentment, and Their Political Implications," Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Conference 2018.  
 08/2018, "The Constant Companion of Virtue: On the Use of Kantian Honor in the Fight Against Disrespect," American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference 2018.  
 01/2018, "Rousseauian Honor in the Face of Disrespect," Duke Political Theory Workshop.  
 11/2017, "Rousseauian Honor in the Face of Disrespect," Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Conference 2017.  
 10/2017, "Rousseauian Pity Revisited: A New Justification for Its Naturalness and Moral Significance," Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory 2017.  
 10/2017, "The Constant Companion of Virtue: Kant's Reform of Honor in the Fight Against Disrespect," Association of Political Theory (APT) Annual Conference 2017.  
 04/2017, "Kant, Love of Honor, and Sustaining Good Politics," Midwestern Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference 2017.  
 03/2014, "Leo Strauss and Michael Sandel Go East: Western Political Thought in China", Duke Political Theory Workshop.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor

*Militant Democracy: Theory and Practice*, Humboldt University of Berlin (Summer 2017).

### Teaching Assistant

*The Ethics of War*, Duke University (Spring 2019).

*Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Duke University (Spring 2017, Fall 2018).

*Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice*, Duke University (Fall 2017, Spring 2018).

### **Qualification**

Certificate in College Teaching, Duke University (In progress).

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **Research Assistant**

For Alexander S. Kirshner, Duke University, 2017-2018.

For Ruth W. Grant, Duke University, 2015-2017.

For Emerson M.S. Niou, Duke University, 2012-2013.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Academic Service**

Reviewer, *Journal of Politics*.

Discussant, Duke Political Theory Workshop: Michael Walzer (04/2016), Christopher Kennedy (01/2018), Andrew Sabl (11/2018)

### **Organizational and Administrative Service**

Leading organizer, Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory 2016, 2018.

Organizing assistant, Duke Political Theory Workshop 2014-2015.

## **ACADEMIC SKILLS**

### **Language skills**

Mandarin Chinese (native)

English (proficient)

Classical Chinese (reading)

French (reading)

German (reading, limited)

## **REFERENCES**

Professor Ruth W. Grant (grant@duke.edu), Department of Political Science, Duke University

Professor Michael A. Gillespie (mgillesp@duke.edu), Department of Political Science, Duke University

Professor Alexander S. Kirshner (alexander.kirshner@duke.edu), Department of Political Science, Duke University

Professor Sharon R. Krause (sharon\_krause@brown.edu), Department of Political Science, Brown University

Professor Jiwei Ci (jiweici@hku.hk), Department of Philosophy, The University of Hong Kong