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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026 – Present	Assistant Professor University of Alaska Anchorage, Department of Political Science
2023 – 2026	Visiting Assistant Professor Colgate University, Department of Political Science
2018 – 2023	Lecturer Princeton University, Princeton Writing Program

EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D., Political Science, Columbia University
2012	M.A., Political Science, Columbia University
2009	B.A., International Studies, Boston College

PUBLICATIONS

“Popular Sovereignty in Early Modern Jesuit Thought,” in William McCormick, S.J. and Matthew Baugh S.J., eds., *The Jesuits and Politics: Innovation, Adaptation, and Intrigue over Five Centuries* (Chestnut Hill, MA: Institute of Jesuit Sources) (forthcoming)

“John Locke’s Early Tolerationism: A Critique of the Conversion Narrative,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 87, no. 1 (2026).

“Divine Law Divided: Francisco de Vitoria on Civil and Ecclesiastical Powers,” *Intellectual History Review* 31, no. 2 (2021): 201-223.

“Divine Right and Secular Constitutionalism: The Jesuit-Absolutist Debates, 1580-1620,” *History of Political Thought* 39, no. 4 (2018): 606-633.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Alaska Anchorage

- Introduction to Political Science. Fall 2026.
- Introduction to American Government. Fall 2026.

Colgate University

- “Theories of Democracy.” 2024-2026.
- “Politics and Moral Vision.” [Introduction to Political Theory] 2025.
- “Foundations of Political Thought.” [History of Political Thought, Antiquity to Present] 2023-2024.

Princeton University

- “Justice Beyond Borders.” 2018-2023.

New York University

- “Modern Political Thought.” 2017.

Columbia University

- “Church and State in Medieval and Modern Thought.” 2015.

INVITED TALKS

“Political Power and the State: Max Weber’s *Politics as a Vocation*.” University of Alaska Anchorage. June 29, 2026.

“Is It Possible to Be Neutral Toward Religion?” Colgate University. February 5, 2026.

“Theological Secularism.” Auburn University. Department of Political Science. December 1, 2025.

“Secularism Before Liberalism.” Korea University. Department of Political Science. December 4, 2023.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Alonso de Sandoval and the Theological Justification of Black Slavery.”

- American Political Science Association. Vancouver, Canada. September 11-14, 2025.

“‘Christ Must Live and the Law Perish’: Martin Luther and the Problem of a Free Conscience.”

- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2025.

“The Secular Confessional State: A Theory of Territorialization.”

- Association for Political Theory. Blacksburg, VA. November 21-23, 2024.

“Political Secularism Beyond Political Liberalism.”

- Association for Political Theory. Schenectady, NY. October 12-14, 2023.

“The Theocratic Logic of Early Modern Political Thought.”

- American Political Science Association. Montréal, Canada. September 15-18, 2022.

“John Locke’s Early Tolerationism.”

- John Locke Society Annual Conference. American University in Bulgaria. June 21-23, 2022.
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. 2019. “Holy Wars and Sacred States.” Queen’s University Belfast, UK. July 3-5, 2019.

“The Jesuit Theory of Popular Sovereignty.”

- “Jesuits and Politics: An Academic Reflection for the Ignatian Year.” Saint Louis University. June 1-3, 2022.

“Thomas Aquinas and the Theological Origins of Political Secularism.”

- Association for Political Theory Annual Conference. Irvine, CA. October 24-26, 2019.
- International Society for Intellectual History Annual Conference. University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. June 6-8, 2019.

“Divine Right and Secular Constitutionalism in Jesuit-Royalist Debates, 1580-1620.”

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- Duke University Graduate Conference in Political Theory. February 23-24, 2017.

“Taking Conscience Seriously: The Conflict Between Religious Belief and Political Obligation.”

- Brown Legal Studies Graduate Conference. Providence, RI. April 22, 2017.

“Natural Law and the Foundations of Political Secularism.”

- 16th Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference at The New School for Social Research: “Secularism and Its Discontents.” New York, NY. April 7, 2017.
- Sciences Po Political Theory Graduate Conference. Paris, France. June 11-12, 2015.

“Popes, Pagans, and Apostates: Natural and Supernatural Foundations of Political Authority in Vitoria’s Thought.”

- Cambridge Graduate Conference in Political Thought and Intellectual History. Cambridge, UK. May 13, 2016.

“Toleration in Context: Understanding Locke’s Secular Project.”

- Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory. Princeton, NJ. April 11, 2014.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP COMMENTS

- Panel: “Foundations of Liberalism.” American Political Science Association. September 5, 2026.
- Panel: “Founders, Lawgivers, and Reformers.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2025.
- Panel: “Liberalism Reconsidered.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 3-6, 2025.
- Panel: “New Directions in Ancient Thought.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 31-September 3, 2023.
- Tom White, “Secularism après la lettre: Locating values and merit in Fiji’s Faith-based Schools.” Workshop on “Secularism as a Value.” Princeton University. May 3-4, 2023.
- Georgina Clarke and Renae Barker, “Faith, Society and the State: Towards a (Re)Definition of the Secular.” Workshop on “Secularism as a Value.” Princeton University. May 3-4, 2023.

- Philip Gorski, *American Covenant*. Columbia Political Theory Workshop. April 26, 2017.
- Bryan Garsten, “From Popular Sovereignty to Civil Society in Post-Revolutionary France.” Columbia Political Theory Workshop. November 11, 2015.
- Axel Honneth, “The Idea of Social Freedom: On the Intellectual Roots of Socialism.” Columbia Political Theory Workshop. October 8, 2014.
- Nicolas Guilhot, “The First Modern Realist: Felix Gilbert’s Machiavelli and the Making of the Realist Tradition in International Relations.” Columbia International Politics Seminar. April 3, 2014.
- Brandon Terry, “Critical Race Theory and the Tasks of Political Philosophy.” Columbia Political Theory Workshop. December 4, 2013.

GRANTS & AWARDS

- Balmuth Teaching Award (nominated). Colgate University. Spring 2026.
- Grant for Law-Related Programmatic Activities, Princeton University Center for Human Values and Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. 2023. (\$10,000)
- Princeton University Committee for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Anonymous Undergraduate Research Fund. 2022. (\$3,200)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer:

- *Constellations*
- *Perspectives on Politics*
- Cambridge Elements Series in International Relations

Committee Membership:

- Program Committee. Association for Political Theory. 2020.
- Search Committee. Princeton Writing Program. Spring 2019.

Co-organizer:

- Colgate Workshop on Early Modern Political Thought (with Noah Dauber). Colgate University. May 12-13, 2026.
- Workshop on “Secularism as a Value” (with Farrah Ahmed). Princeton University Center for Human Values. Co-organizer. May 3-4, 2023.
- Columbia Political Theory Workshop. 2015-2016.