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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science (ABD), University of Wisconsin-Madison (Expected) May 2020
Subfields: Political Theory, American Politics, Ethics
- M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison May 2016
- B.A. Government, University of Virginia May 2014

DISSERTATION

Paragons of Political Leadership

Committee: Richard Avramenko (chair), Dan Kapust, Paula Gottlieb, Adam Nelson, John Zumbunnen

My dissertation proposes a new theory for evaluating political leadership. This theory includes a definition of political leadership and a conceptual framework for its evaluation. I define political leadership according to four fundamental dimensions: constitutional office, technical skill, the virtue of prudence, and service of the common good. This definition animates my framework, which presents ideal types, or paragons, as a heuristic for evaluation. In sum, my project provides an analysis of the central themes shaping the ethics of political leadership.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2018. "When Toleration Becomes a Vice: Naming Aristotle's Third Unnamed Virtue," (with Richard Avramenko). *American Journal of Political Science*. 62.4.

2017. "Truth, Lies, and Concealment: St. Augustine on Mendacious Political Thought," (with Jeremiah Russell). *Review of Politics*. 79.3.

BOOK REVIEWS

2018. Honor in Political and Moral Philosophy by Peter Olsthoorn. *Voegelinview*. February, 25.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"How Lives Form Leaders: The Three Elements of Plutarch's Leadership Education." *Revise & resubmit*.

"The Leading Virtue: Aristotle and the Prudence of Political Leadership." *In preparation for journal submission*.

"Liberal Arts Leadership: An Assessment of Political Leadership Education in American Universities." *In preparation for journal submission*.

"Leadership and Justice for All: Frederick Douglass & Democratic Leadership Education." *Invited chapter in preparation for edited volume*.

"When the Wrong Candidate Wins: Presidential Selection and Success." (with Elizabeth Sawyer). *In development*.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Dana-Allen Fellowship, <i>Institute for Research in the Humanities</i>	2019-2020
Humane Studies Fellowship, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	4-time recipient, 2016-2020
Adam Smith Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center</i>	4-time recipient, 2016-2020
Summer Research Grant, <i>UW-Madison</i>	Summer 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Summer Institute Fellow, <i>Jack Miller Center</i>	Summer 2018
University Fellowship, <i>UW-Madison</i>	2014-15, 2017-18
Hayek Fund Travel Grant, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	Summer 2016
Ph.D. Scholarship, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2015-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Instructor of Record**

Critical Thinking & Expression	Fall 2018, Spring 2019
Sport and Politics	Summer 2016, Fall 2017
Political Leadership, <i>University of Virginia</i>	Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant

The American Presidency	Spring 2017
Western Culture: Political, Economic & Social Thought I	Fall 2015, Fall 2016
<i>Invited Lectures: "St. Augustine's Cities of God and Man" & "Aristotle's Ethics"</i>	
Western Culture: Political, Economic & Social Thought II	Spring 2016
<i>Invited Lectures: "Adam Smith's Political and Moral Economy"</i>	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Leading Virtue: Aristotle and the Prudence of Political Leadership," <i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i>	2019
"Christine de Pizan & Thomas More on Political Leadership for the Common Good," <i>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)</i>	2019
"Paragons of Political Leadership," <i>APSA</i>	2018
"Cicero's Paragon of Political Leadership," <i>MPSA</i>	2018
"Machiavelli's Model: The Ideal Prince and His Education," <i>APSA</i>	2017
"Plutarch's Defense of Statesmanship: Virtue and the Common Good," <i>APSA & MPSA</i>	2016

CAMPUS TALKS

"Machiavelli's Princely Paragon," <i>UW-Madison Political Theory Workshop</i>	Fall, 2017
"Statesmanship Reconsidered: Plutarch and the Forms of Statesmanship," <i>UW-Madison Political Theory Workshop</i>	Fall, 2016
"Dante's Eternal Epic," <i>Fides et Ratio Society</i>	Fall 2015
"When Toleration Becomes a Vice," <i>UW-Madison Political Theory Workshop</i>	Fall 2015
"Discerning the Ideal Government," <i>Fides et Ratio Society</i>	Spring 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

Assistant Editor , <i>Political Science Reviewer</i>	2018-Present
Graduate Fellow , Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy	2016-Present
Graduate Coordinator , Political Theory Workshop	2017-2019
Advisor	
Tom Sawyer Society	2016-Present
Undergraduate Political Theory Association	2016-2018
Event Coordinator	
Plutarch in Byzantium, <i>Borghesi-Mellon Interdisciplinary Workshop</i>	2018-2019
Constitution Day Debate: “Civic Education in American Democracy”	September 2018
Constitution Day Panel: “Legacies of Constitutional Interpretation”	September 2017
Conference: “Free Speech on Campus: Old Challenges, New Threats”	March 2016

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