

## EDUCATION

### ◆ *PhD, Political Science*

University of California, Davis

Fields of Study: Political Theory,  
American Politics, and Comparative  
Literature

Dissertation: "What Can Be Done in  
Light of What Has Been Done: The  
Intersection of Theory and Practice  
in Rousseau"

Committee: John T. Scott (Chair),  
Robert S. Taylor, Julia Simon  
(French)

### ◆ *MA, Political Science*

University of Houston

### ◆ *BA, Political Science*

University of Houston

*Summa cum laude* with honors  
from the Honors College

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Assistant Teaching Professor of Political Science, Florida  
International University, Miami, FL (current)*

- POS 2041: American Government
- POS 4205: American Political Culture
- POT 2002: Introduction to Political Theory
- POT 3013: Ancient & Medieval Political Theory
- POT 3054: Modern Political Theory
- POT 3064: Contemporary Political Theory
- POT 3204: American Political Thought
- POT 3302: Political Ideologies
- POT 4311: Problems of Democracy
- POT 4621: Theories of Justice

*Faculty, Univ. of New Mexico, Valencia, Los Lunas, NM*

- The Political World
- U.S. Government

*Faculty, Portland Community College, Portland, OR*

- U.S. Government
- Citizenship and Engagement
- Globalization and International Relations
- Political Ideologies

*Faculty, Univ. of La Verne, La Verne, CA*

- Modern Political Theory

*Faculty, Odessa College, Odessa, TX*

- Introduction to Federal Government
- Texas State Government

*Instructor, Univ. of California, Davis, Davis, CA*

- Late Modern Political Theory
- Basic Concepts of Political Theory

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## PUBLISHED RESEARCH

- Book Review, “The Cambridge Companion to Rousseau’s *Social Contract*, edited by Matthew W. Maguire and David Lay Williams, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2024,” in *History of European Ideas*, Volume 51, Issue 3, 2025
- “Rousseau’s Rome: Book IV of the *Social Contract* and the Specter of Montesquieu,” in *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, Volume 57, Number 1, Fall 2023

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Political Right, Legitimacy, and Institutional Design
- Democratic Theory
- Public Discourse and Rhetoric in Political Theory
- Republicanism, Ancient and Modern
- Theories of Progress
- History of Political Thought
- French Enlightenment
- Political Theory and Technology

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Working Article- “What Right Permits and Interest Prescribes: Equality and Legitimacy in Rousseau’s Applied Constitutionalism”
- Working Article- “Rousseau’s Cosmopolitan Republicanism: Confederation, Political Progress, and the Limits of Universalizing the General Will”

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (SELECTIONS)

- “What Right Permits and Interest Prescribes: Equality and Legitimacy in Rousseau’s Applied Constitutionalism.” Presented on panel “Liberty, Right, and Order in Rousseau and Tocqueville,” at the 2025 meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2025
- “Rousseau’s Practical Philosophy: Applying a Standard of Right to Poland and Corsica.” Presented at the 2021 meeting of the Western Political Science Association Meeting, 2021

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Research Assistant for Dr. Scott MacKenzie, Area: American Political Development
- Research Assistant for Dr. Cindy Kam, Area: American Political Psychology
- Research Assistant for Dr. Richard Matland, Area: American Politics, Qualitative Methods
- Research Assistant for Dr. Ross M. Lence, Area: American Political Thought
- Research Assistant for Dr. Donald Lutz, Area: American Political Thought

# ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND SKILLS

## TEACHING ASSISTANT (UC DAVIS, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON)

### *Courses in Political Theory*

- Introduction to Political Theory (Honors and Standard)
- Plato's Republic Seminar
- Ancient Political Theory
- Early Modern Political Theory
- Late Modern Political Theory
- Contemporary Analytic Political Theory
- War in Political Theory
- Politics of Greek Theatre (Honors)
- History of Political Philosophy (Graduate Level)
- Techniques of Textual Analysis (Graduate Level)
- American Political Thought (Graduate Level)

### *Courses in American Politics*

- Introduction to American Politics/U.S. Government
- American Public Policy
- Political Communication and Politics of Mass Media
- Legislative Processes/Congress
- Politics of Equality in Constitutional Law
- Science and Technology Policy

## SKILLS

- *Foreign Languages:* French (Intermediate), Greek (Basic), Latin (Basic)
- *Computer Languages and Statistical Modeling Tools:* HTML (Basic), CSS (Basic), Python (Basic), FileMaker Pro, STATA, SPSS, R; Harvard University Data Science Professional Certificates in R, Data Visualization, Inference and Modeling, Probability, Productivity Tools (R Markdown, UNIX, GitHub, Atom), and Linear Regression
- *Learning Management Systems and Online Course Design:* Blackboard and Canvas, Online Live Teaching Microcredential at Florida International University (2021), HQ Certification for Eight Courses
- *Collaboration Tools:* MS Teams, Zoom, Asana
- *Social Media Content Creation, Advertising, Analytics, and Management Tools:* Podcastle, Acast, Podbean, Social Blade, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, Google Analytics, AMS, Facebook Ads, Buffer, HootSuite
- *Video Production and Collaboration/Graphic Design Tools:* DaVinci Resolve, YouTube Studio, iMovie, Animaker, Video Scribe, Doodly, Kaltura, Vellum, Canva, InVideo AI
- *AI Tools:* Microsoft AI for Educators Trophy (2024), InVideo AI, MS Copilot, Chat GPT, Dall-E

# SERVICE AND AWARDS

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECTIONS)

- Jack Miller Center for Teaching America's Founding Principles, Summer Institute Fellow
- UC Davis and Humanities Research Fellowship
- UC Davis Charles Hardin and Emeriti Travel Award
- Earhart Foundation Fellowship, Awarded Twice

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (SELECTIONS)

- Chair of Panel "Political Legitimacy, Anarchism, and Secession" at Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (2025)
- Website/Social Media Manager, Politics and International Relations Department at Florida International University (2021-current)
- Departmental Committee Service at Florida International University (2020-current)
- Chair of Panel "Virtuous Collisions" at Western Political Science Association Meeting (2021)
- U.S. Government Advanced Placement Exam Reader, Salt Lake City, UT (2016, 2018)
- Chair of Panel "Rousseau: Possibility, Omnipotence, Intimacy & Communion" at WPSA Meeting (2010)
- Social Chair of Political Science Graduate Student Association, UC Davis
- Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Graduate Committee, UC Davis Dept. of Pol. Sci.
- Vice President/Social Chair of Graduate Student Association, University of Houston

## GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, Press and Public Affairs Division, assisting in Foreign Trade and Investment Division, British Consulate-General, Houston, TX
- Public Liaison Intern, Office of Houston City Council Member/Mayor Pro Tem Gordon Quan