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APPOINTMENTS

University of South Carolina

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012-2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Northwestern University, Political Science, 2012

M.A., University of Massachusetts Amherst, French and Francophone Studies, 2005

B.A., University of Massachusetts Amherst, French and Francophone Studies, 1997

BOOKS

2018 *Montaigne and the Tolerance of Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/montaigne-and-the-tolerance-of-politics-9780190679934?cc=us&lang=en&>

Reviewed in *Political Theory*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *The Review of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, and *Interpretations: A Journal of Political Philosophy*

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

2024 **The Bureaucratic Origins of Political Theory: Administrative Labor in the ‘Other Half’ of the History of Political Thought.** *Perspectives on Politics*.
Forthcoming.

2024 **Tocqueville and the Bureaucratic Foundations of Democracy in America.**

Political Theory 52(3).

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00905917231199279?journalCode=ptxa>

2022 **La découverte moderne de la partisanerie: La psychologie politique dans les**

Essais. Dans *Montaigne et le social*. Sous la direction de Philippe Desan, Paris: Éditions Hermann.

<https://www.editions-hermann.fr/livre/montaigne-et-le-social-philippe-desan>

2020 **Construire un avenir commun en période de conflit: Les conseils politiques de**

Montaigne. Dans *Montaigne: Penser en temps de guerres de religion*. Sous la direction de Thierry Gontier, Emiliano Ferrari, et Nicola Panichi. Paris: Classiques Garnier.

https://classiques-garnier.com/montaigne-penser-en-temps-de-guerres-de-religion-en.html#tabmat_link

- 2019 **To ‘Philosophize upon Realities’: Montaignian Political Education in Melville’s Billy Budd.** *Montaigne Studies* 31(1-2).
<https://classiques-garnier.com/montaigne-studies-2019-an-interdisciplinary-forum-n-31-montaigne-in-america-to-philosophize-upon-realities-montaignian-political-education-in-melville-s-billy-budd-en.html>
- 2019 **An Ill-Fitting Coat: Reforming U.S. Political Boundaries for a Metropolitan Age.** *The Journal of Politics* 81(1).
<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/700272>
- 2013 **Montaigne’s Political Education: Raison d’État in the Essais.** *History of Political Thought* 34(2).
<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/imp/hpt/2013/00000034/00000002/art00002>
- 2012 **Fortuna’s Revenge: Montaigne’s Critique of Classical Virtue.** *Montaigne Studies* 24 (1-2).

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 Review of *Montaigne: Life without Law*, by Pierre Manent, University of Notre Dame Press. *Perspectives on Politics* 19(2).
- 2019 Review of *Must Politics Be War? Restoring Our Trust in the Open Society*, by Kevin Vallier, Oxford University Press. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- 2016 Review essay: A ‘vagabond mind’: Montaigne’s *Essais* as Political Theory. *Political Theory* 44(5).
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0090591715627437>.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Indispensable Bureaucracy: A New Global History of Political Ideas, from Ancient Mesopotamia to the Present (book manuscript in preparation)

Seeing Like an Abolitionist State: Du Bois on Bureaucratic Representation and Democratization in America (with Susan Yang, article manuscript in preparation)

Early Modern Political Theory in Afro-Eurasian Context: The Bureaucratic Production of Public Goods in Machiavelli, Wang Yangming, and Lütfi Pasha (article manuscript in preparation)

Political Realism and the History of Public Administration: Chinese Legalism and the “First Political Question” (with Kuan-Wu Chen, article manuscript in preparation)

Representation and Time: The Strategic Construction of Party Identity (article manuscript in preparation)

Does Racial Justice Require a New Metropolitics? (article manuscript in preparation)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-president, Association for Political Theory (November 2022-present); Chairs/discussants committee (APT 2022); first book manuscript MS workshop (APT 2021); conference section chair (Foundations, APSA 2021, MSPA 2021); best article committee (*PRQ* 2021); book and article manuscript reviews for Cambridge UP, Oxford UP, multiple journals; Assistant Editor, *Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy* (2010-2012)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Summer Research Grant, Office of the Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina, 2015

Humanities Grant, Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina, 2014

Conference Travel Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2010, 2011

Conference Travel Grant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2011

David Minar Prize for Academic Excellence in Political Science, Northwestern University, 2008

Micheline Dufau Award for Teaching Excellence, Department of French and Italian, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2005

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

The Paradox of Bureaucratic Non-Domination in Machiavelli and Wang Yangming, Association for Political Theory, Houston, TX, October, 2022

Up from ‘the Strangling Hands of Oligarchy’: Du Bois on Bureaucratic Representation and Democratization in America, Political Theory Reading Group, Exeter Center for Political Thought, University of Exeter (UK), February 2, 2022

“La découverte moderne de la partisanerie: psychologie politique dans les *Essais*,” Montaigne, Penseur Social? University of Chicago Center, Paris, France, December 2021

“How to Keep a ‘Bad Aristocracy’ Down: Tocqueville, Beaumont, and Du Bois on Bureaucratic Representation,” Association for Political Theory, Amherst, MA, November 7-13, 2021

“Making a Virtù out of Weakness: Han Feizi, Machiavelli, and Comparative Political Development,” with Kuan-Wu Chen, Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Online, January 9, 2021

“Virtue, Liberty, and Religious Toleration in Pierre Bayle,” Liberty Fund, Annapolis, MD, February 14-17, 2019

Construire un avenir commun en période de conflit: Les conseils politiques de Montaigne, Atelier Montaigne, University of Chicago Center in Paris, France, January 18, 2019

“Institutionalizing Black Bargaining Power: Metropolitcs and Racial Justice in the United States,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 29-September 2, 2018

“What’s the Point of Wyoming? Rescaling Territorial Representation for the Urban Age,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Columbus, OH, October 20-22, 2016

Montaigne and the Tolerance of Politics: Negotiating Capacities in the Essais, Faith, Philosophy, and Politics in Early Modern Thought Seminar Series, UC Davis, May 2, 2016

“Radical Moderation: Citizenship as Negotiation in Montaigne’s Essais,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4, 2015

“Becoming Good Pantagruelists: Toleration in Rabelais’s Tiers Livre.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.

Beyond Moral Deliberation and Strategic Bargaining: Mohawk Politics and the Everyday Activity of Civic Negotiation in Diverse Societies. Political Science Workshop, College of Charleston, January 24, 2014

“Beyond the Inner Citadel: Genre(s), Form(s), and Style(s) of Political Activity in Montaigne’s Essais.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 29 - September 1, 2013

“Beyond Moral Deliberation and Strategic Bargaining: Mohawk Politics and the Everyday Activity of Civic Negotiation in Diverse Societies.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 28-30, 2013

“Beyond the Inner Citadel: Action and Integrity in Montaigne’s Essais.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 11-14, 2013

“Between Modus Vivendi and Justice? Toleration in Montaigne (or: Love the One You’re With).” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 12-15, 2012

“On ‘Legitimate Vices’: Reason of State and Political Education in Michel de Montaigne’s Essais.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011

“Neo-Stoic Constancy vs. Christian Patience: The Book of Job in Hobbes’s Political Thought,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 21-23, 2011