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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Expected June 2022
Subfields: Political Theory, American Politics, Ethics	
M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2019
B.A. Government, Patrick Henry College	2017

DISSERTATION

The Heart of a Machine: Technological Threats to Liberty

Committee: Richard Avramenko (Chair), Daniel Kapust, Michelle Schwarze, and Jeff Polet

This project explores the paradoxical relationship between individual liberty and new automated technologies. My research seeks to answer the question: in what ways is automated technology itself a potential threat to liberty? I turn to the thought of Adam Smith, Alexis de Tocqueville, and John Stuart Mill as thinkers within the liberal tradition that collectively suggest that when technology harms the faculties by which people make reasoned judgments and consequent choices, it becomes a threat to liberty as concerning as any other form of tyranny or despotism.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Silicon Valley Stoics: Life-Hacking, Transhumanism, and Stoic Therapy” (Forthcoming, *Political Science Reviewer*).

“Transcendent Rebellion: The Influence of Simone Weil on Albert Camus’ Aesthetics” (Accepted, *Perspectives on Political Science*).

2019. “Communities Are All That’s Substantial: Kurt Vonnegut’s Post-liberal Political Thought,” *American Political Thought* 8, no. 4 (Fall 2019): 504-527.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Freedom and the Machine: Technological Criticism in Adam Smith's Thought” (Revise and Resubmit, *Political Research Quarterly*).

“The Politics of Suicide: *Miasma* and *Katharmos* in Plato’s Political Thought,” with Richard Avramenko (Under Review).

“Technology of Democracy: Tocqueville, Industry, and Democratic Despotism” (In Progress).

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Adam Smith Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2021-2022
Teaching Fellow Award, <i>UW-Madison College of Letters & Science</i>	2020-2021
Teaching Assistant Award, <i>Integrated Liberal Studies</i>	2020-2021
Don Lavoie Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2020-2021
Graduate Fellow, <i>Intercollegiate Studies Institute</i>	<i>Two-time recipient</i> 2019-2021
Summer Research Grant, <i>UW-Madison</i>	Summer 2019, 2020
Hayek Fund Travel Grant, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i>	Spring 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

PS 363, "Politics and Literature: Drama, Conflict, and Political Science Fiction."	Fall 2021
PS 460, "Conservative Political Thought."	Summer 2021
ILS 206, "Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought II."	Spring 2021
ILS 205, "Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought I."	Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant

PS 160, "Introduction to Political Theory."	Spring 2019 & Spring 2020
ILS 372, "Guns and Society."	Fall 2018
ILS 206, "Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought II."	Spring 2018
ILS 205, "Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought I."	Fall 2017 & Fall 2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Silicon Valley Stoics: Ancient Philosophy, Modern Technology." <i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i>	2020
"Technology and Machines: Technological Criticism in Adam Smith's Thought" <i>Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Cancelled/COVID</i>	2020
<i>Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Society Meeting Cancelled/COVID</i>	2020
<i>American Political Science Association (APSA)</i>	2019
"Killing Me Softly: Suicide in the works of Plato," <i>MPSA</i>	2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

Assistant Editor , <i>Political Science Reviewer</i>	2018-Present
Graduate Fellow , Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy	2017-Present
Graduate Coordinator , UW-Madison Political Theory Workshop	2019-2020
Advisor Tom Sawyer Society	2017-2019
Discussant Panel: Political Theory as a Resource for Political Challenges, APSA	October 2021
Thomas Bunting (Shawnee State University), APSA	September 2020
Richard Boyd (Georgetown). Political Theory Workshop (UW-Madison)	September 2019
Rita Koganzon (UVA). First Book Manuscript Workshop (CSLD)	February 2019
Susan Collins (Notre Dame). Political Theory Workshop (UW-Madison)	October 2018
Event Coordinator Conference: The Missouri Compromise at 200	November 2019

REFERENCES

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