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WRITER & EDITOR

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Emerging right-wing writer and editor aiming to work across opinion journalism, policy institutes, and academic life, using historical perspective and the Catholic intellectual tradition to refine internal debates on the right and help build a serious, tradition-minded public philosophy.

EDUCATION

B.A. Candidate in History, Secondary in Medieval Studies

Expected May 2028

Harvard University

- Courses incl. b/n/l to: Latin, Humanities Colloquium A & B, Metaphysics, Catholic Thought for Contemporary Challenges, ResPublica, Medieval Christian Thought, Western Intellectual History: Greco-Roman Antiquity, The Fall of the Roman Empire, The Origins of Arthur, English Legal History

Certificate, Military Public Affairs

November 2023

Defense Information School

- Selected to attend and completed the Intermediate Public Affairs Specialist Course, Defense Information School, a joint-service program providing advanced training in policy communication, media relations, and clear, audience-focused messaging for senior leaders and the public.

Certificate, Mass Communications

January 2019

Defense Information School

- Completed the Defense Information School Basic Mass Communication Specialist Course, supporting military public affairs through training in communication law and ethics, media and community relations, internal information, and OPSEC-compliant content production.

EXPERIENCE

George Andrew Kellner Fellow

August 2025 - Present

Harvard Catholic Forum

- Selected as the George Andrew Kellner Fellow, joining a small cohort committed to advancing the Catholic intellectual and cultural tradition at Harvard and across Cambridge.
- Develop and support Forum programming—lectures, reading groups, and other non-credit offerings—in which Catholic thought engages contemporary scholarship, professions, and the arts; assist with outreach.
- Collaborate with Forum staff and fellows to design educational projects that deepen Catholic intellectual life on campus and bring new students into Forum events.

John Aroutiounian Fellow

August 2025 - Present

Abigail Adams Institute

- Selected as a John Aroutiounian Fellow, recognizing commitment to holistic intellectual exploration, free and open dialogue, and community-building in the humanities.
- Participate in a yearlong formation program while pursuing independent scholarly projects.

Director of External Affairs

February 2025 - Present

Conservative Coalition at the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School

- Built a pipeline between Harvard students and right-wing internships in government, policy, and advocacy, cultivating contacts in congressional offices, executive agencies, and think tanks and matching students with opportunities.

Flourishing Fellow

January 2025 - August 2025

Oxford University, Human Flourishing Program at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science

- Participated in the Vivarium at Oxford, engaging with cutting-edge interdisciplinary research on the chief determinants of human happiness and well-being and discussing its implications for culture, politics, and public life.

Editor-in-Chief

October 2024 - November 2025

The Harvard Salient

- Directed a staff of ~30, transforming it from a tabloid-style campus publication into a long-form, magazine-format journal of conservative political philosophy and commentary recognized as Harvard's leading conservative publication; previously served as Staff Writer/Editor Oct 2024–Jan 2025, Managing Editor Jan–May 2025.

Petty Officer 2nd Class

April 2018 - June 2024

United States Navy

- Mass/Strategic Communications Specialist - Noncommissioned officer providing public affairs services to military and civilian leadership to promote key U.S. diplomatic and military strategies.
 - Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, *January 2022 - June 2024*
 - Supply Department Supervisor, *April 2023 - June 2024*
 - Managed over \$2.2 million in public affairs assets; oversaw inventory, logistics, and accountability procedures over 3,600 items across a high-velocity communications unit.
 - Content Director, *January 2022 - May 2022*
 - Led a global production team of 30 across broadcast, graphic, and print operations. Streamlined operations and improved labor efficiency by 54%.
 - Carrier Strike Group Ten, *May 2022 - April 2023*
 - Communication Director and Executive Public Affairs Specialist, *May 2022 - April 2023*
 - Directed communications for six forward-deployed U.S. Navy warships. Developed and distributed media content in support of U.S. and NATO missions in Europe and the Middle East.
 - Produced executive-level messaging, speechwriting, and photography for senior leadership, contributing to a 600%+ increase in viewership.
 - Ranked #2 news writer in the U.S. Navy during this period.
 - Defense Media Activity, *January 2019 - January 2022*
 - Content Developer, Contributor/Editor, All Hands Magazine
 - Generated written, visual, and digital content for 34 editions of the Navy's flagship publication, with 33M+ annual views.
 - Served as lead graphic designer for the U.S. Navy Community College and supported COVID-19 communications strategy.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Research/Course Work

- Once and Future Empire* - Studies early Latin and Welsh Arthurian sources to show how nationalist mythmaking underwrites Christian kingship, imperial expansion, and British claims to sovereignty.
- Orosius and the Christian Reimagining of the Roman Empire* - Examines how Paulus Orosius interprets the fall of Rome and rise of Christendom through divine providence, offering a distinctly Christian account of empire, decline, and renewal.
- Modal Realism, Classical Metaphysics, and the Divine: A Critique of David Lewis's Possible Worlds* - Critiques Lewis's modal realism from a Thomistic and anti-relativist perspective, defending a hierarchically ordered creation grounded in the divine intellect as the basis for stable moral, social, and political judgment.
- Bridging the Divide: The Role of Catholic Social Teaching in a Politically Polarized World* - Argues that Catholic Social Teaching offers a robust right-of-center alternative to both libertarian market ideology and progressive statism, grounding social and economic life in the common good, subsidiarity, and the moral claims of tradition.
- Current and Emerging Projects: Ongoing work in medieval Christian political theory, the Avignon papacy as a crisis of papal and temporal authority, and aesthetics in political philosophy, especially how beauty, architecture, and liturgy express and reinforce particular political orders.

Active DoD Secret Security Clearance