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## EDUCATION

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### Harvard University

Fall 2022–Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Government

Dissertation Title: “The History and Politics of Supererogation”

Committee: Eric Nelson (chair), Richard Tuck, and Eric Beerbohm

### Columbia University

May 2019

B.A. in Philosophy and History

*Cum Laude*; Departmental Honors in Philosophy

GPA: 3.89

## PUBLICATIONS

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“Teleology”, in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought*, ed. Richard Bellamy (forthcoming)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

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Academic Mentorship Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$8000)

2025–2026

Graduate Student Affiliation, Harvard Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies

2025–2026

Judith Nisse Shklar Fellow, Harvard Department of Government

2022–2023

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference** (*Cancelled due to travel constraints*)

September 2025

- “Teleology and Hierarchy between Aquinas and Luther”

**International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry Annual Conference**

July 2025

- “Supererogation and Anscombe’s Two Traditions of Ethical Inquiry” (Paper presentation)

**Berkeley Graduate Conference on Early Modern Political Thought**

May 2025

- “Luther’s Ethics of Obedience and the Rejection of Supererogation” (Paper presentation)

**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference**

April 2025

- “Plato, Thomas More, and the Functions of Utopias” (Paper presentation)

- “Luther’s Rejection of Supererogation” (Paper presentation)

**Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA) Conference**

November 2024

- “Supererogation and the Freedom to Reject the Better Way” (Paper presentation)

**American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference**

September 2024

- “Luther’s Idea of Vocation and the Democratization of Perfection” (Paper presentation)

**New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Conference**

April 2024

- “Supererogation and the Freedom to Reject the Ideal” (Paper presentation)

**Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference**

April 2024

- “Supererogation’s History and Legacy in Political Theory” (Paper presentation)

**New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Conference**

April 2023

- “Supererogation Versus the Ethics of Vocation” (Paper presentation)

**De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, University of Notre Dame**

November 2022

- “Politics without the Fall: Augustine and Aquinas on Politics and Anarchy in the State of Innocence” (Paper presentation)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS TEACHING FELLOW

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**Political Thought of the American Founding** (GOV 1074); with Prof. Eric Nelson

Fall 2025

**What Is a Republic?** (GENED 1032); with Prof. Daniel Carpenter

Spring 2025

Teaching evaluation: 4.76/5.00

**Justice** (GENED 1200); with Prof. Michael Sandel

Fall 2024

Teaching evaluation: 4.42/5.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Coordinator, Harvard Political Theory Workshop (2024–2025)

Coordinator, Harvard European Philosophy Workshop (2024)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

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**The Morningside Institute**, New York, NY

August 2019–June 2022

Research Associate in Philosophy (paid full time)

LANGUAGES

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Ancient Greek (proficient); Latin (proficient); German (proficient); French (reading); Chinese (native)