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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Ph.D., Political Science, 2022

Dissertation: *Minding the Mundane: The Critique of Political Participation from Epicurus to Montaigne*

Committee: Ronald Beiner (supervisor), Ryan Balot, and Teresa Bejan (Oxford)

Examiners: Emily Nacol (Toronto), Alison McQueen (Stanford)

Exam fields: Political Theory; Canadian Politics

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, M.A., Political Science, 2013

CARLETON UNIVERSITY, B.A., Humanities (Minor in English Literature), 2012

Awarded the Senate Medal for Academic Excellence

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. "Laughing with Leviathan: Hobbesian Laughter in Theory and Practice." *Political Theory* 39, no. 3 (2021): 431-56.
2. "Jesting with Giants: Playing the Fool in Rabelais's *Gargantua and Pantagruel*." *The Political Science Reviewer* 44, no. 1 (2020): 95-120.

BOOK REVIEW

1. "Wheat or Tare? Roger Williams in the History of Political Thought," *Review of Politics* 80, no. 3 (2018): 517-20.
 - Review of Teresa M. Bejan, *Mere Civility: Disagreement and the Limits of Toleration*.

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Educating the Leviathan: How Civic Education Strengthens and Constrains Hobbes's Sovereign" (R&R).
2. "Montaigne and the Modern State: Reading the *Essays* as a Mirror for Princes and Citizens" (in preparation).

3. “Democratic Legibility in Hobbesian Perspective” (with Daniel Hutton Ferris [Newcastle University]; in preparation).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, 2015-18. \$105,000 CAD.
2. University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award, 2019-20. \$3,000 CAD.
3. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2019-20. \$15,000 CAD.
4. Ontario Graduate Scholarship, 2018-19. \$15,000 CAD.
5. SSHRC Foreign Study Supplement, Canada Graduate Scholarship, 2018. \$6,000 CAD.
 - Awarded to study at Paris-Sorbonne IV under the supervision of Céline Spector
6. University of Toronto Doctoral Scholarship, 2014-15. \$15,000 CAD.
7. Senate Medal for Academic Excellence, Carleton University, 2012.
8. Wilgar Memorial Award for Essay Writing, Carleton University, 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOLE INSTRUCTOR

POL402: Problems in the Political Thought of the Socratic School. Fall 2022, University of Toronto

POL402: Problems in the Political Thought of the Socratic School. Fall 2021, University of Toronto

POL200: Introduction to Political Theory. Fall-Winter 2021-22, University of Toronto

CO-INSTRUCTOR

POL200: Introduction to Political Theory. Fall 2020, University of Toronto-Mississauga

POL200: Introduction to Political Theory. Summer 2018, University of Toronto

TEACHING ASSISTANT

*Duties include running 2-3 weekly tutorials of 25-30 students each, grading, student contact, and occasional lecturing.

Lead Writing T.A. for the Department of Political Science. 2016-17 & 2018-19,
University of Toronto

Introduction to Political Theory. Summer 2021, University of Toronto
Introduction to Political Theory. Fall 2020, University of Toronto
Introduction to Political Theory. 2019-20, University of Toronto - Mississauga
Introduction to Political Theory. 2019, University of Toronto - Scarborough
Introduction to Political Science. 2018-19, University of Toronto
Emotions in Political Theory. Fall 2017, University of Toronto (Grading)
Introduction to Political Theory. Fall 2017, University of Toronto – Mississauga
Modern Political Thought. 2016-17, University of Toronto
Introduction to Political Theory. 2015-16, University of Toronto (Head TA)
Introduction to Political Theory. 2014-15, University of Toronto

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. “Democracy and Legibility in Hobbesian Perspective,” with Daniel Hutton Ferris (Newcastle University)
 - American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (2022)
 - Midwestern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (2022)
 - Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (2022)
2. “Republicanism’s Rival: Monarchical Humanism in Early Modern France and England”
 - Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting (November 2020)
 - Declined participation due to COVID-19
3. “Laughing with the Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes on the Political Potential of Laughter”
 - Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory (February 2020)
 - Fully funded
4. "Jesting with Giants: Rabelais on the Political Uses of Laughter"
 - American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (September 2019)
5. "Montaigne, Party of One: The Critique of Partisanship in the *Essais*"
 - Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (June 2019)
 - Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (November 2018)
6. "Free from Scorn? Hobbes's Paradoxical Use of Laughter"
 - American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (September 2018)
7. "Mundane Monsters: The Politics of Ordinary Life in Rabelais' *Gargantua et Pantagruel*"
 - Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (November 2018)
 - Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (June 2018)
8. "Read Thy self: Legibility and Legitimacy in Hobbes's *Leviathan*"
 - American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (September 2017)

- Midwestern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting (May 2017)
9. "Unbinding Prometheus: Thomas Hobbes's Interpretation of Christianity"
 - International Society for Intellectual History, Annual Meeting (May 2016)
 10. "As a Bird in Lime Twigs: Hobbes and the Sovereign Right of Interpretation"
 - London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought (June 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

JOURNALS

1. Co-Organizer, "A Symposium on Teresa M. Bejan's *Mere Civility: Disagreement and the Limits of Toleration*." *The Review of Politics* 80 (2018).
 - Symposium included Jacob T. Levy, Melissa S. Williams, Paul Downes, Simone Chambers, Marc Hanvelt, and myself, with a response from Teresa M. Bejan.
2. Referee for *Review of Politics*, *Hobbes Studies*.

CONFERENCES

1. Panel Organizer, "Literary Form in the Political Thought of Hobbes," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2018.
 - Panel included Alison McQueen, Arlene W. Saxonhouse, Teresa M. Bejan, Emma Planinc, and Rebecca Ploof.
2. Discussant, European Hobbes Society's "Hobbes After Leviathan" conference. Padova, Italy. February 15-16, 2018.
3. Panel Co-Organizer, "Author Meets Critics Roundtable on Teresa Bejan's *Mere Civility: Disagreement and the Limits of Toleration*," Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2017.
 - Roundtable included Simone Chambers, Jacob Levy, Melissa Williams.
4. Conference Co-Organizer, "Imagining 150: The Ethics of Canada's Sesquicentennial." Centre for Ethics Annual Graduate Conference, May 2017, University of Toronto.
 - Featuring a keynote address from Paul Bramadat (University of Victoria)
 - Won funding from the Centre for Ethics, the Department of Political Science, and the University of Toronto's Canada 150 grant.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

1. Co-Organizer, Political Theory Research Workshop, University of Toronto, 2017-18 & 2018-19
 - PTRW discussant for Dr. Emily Nacol (2017), Dr. Clifford Orwin (2019), Dr. Ronald Beiner (2021)

2. Graduate Representative, Contemporary Political Theory Hiring Committee, Fall 2016.
3. Graduate Associate Coordinator, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, 2016-17.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA), Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Renaissance Society of America (RSA), European Hobbes Society

LANGUAGES

English (fluent); French (fluent)

REFERENCES

RONALD BEINER (Supervisor)
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