

# NATASHA PIANO

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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of Chicago, Political Science, Expected June 2020

Dissertation: “Elites and Democratic Theory: The Italian School, American Political Science, and the Problem of Plutocracy”

Committee: John McCormick (chair), Joel Isaac, Jennifer Pitts, Linda Zerilli  
Exam Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics (high pass)

M.A. University of Chicago, Social Science, 2010

Thesis: “Plutarch and Florentine Republicanism: The Geek Tradition in Guicciardini’s Political Thought” (Readers: John McCormick, Nathan Tarcov)

B.A. University of Pennsylvania (*summa cum laude*), double major in Political Science (honors) and History, minor in Italian Literature, 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES

“Revisiting Democratic Elitism: The Italian School of Elitism, American Political Science, and the Problem of Plutocracy” *Journal of Politics*, vol. 8, no. 2 (2019): 524-538.

“Schumpeterianism’ Revised: The Critique of Elites in *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy*,” *Critical Review*, vol. 29, no. 4 (2018): 505-529.

### EDITED VOLUMES

*Florentine Political Writings from Petrarch to Machiavelli*, co-edited with Mark Jurdjevic and John P. McCormick (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press) 2019.

### ACADEMIC TRANSLATIONS

Francesco Guicciardini, “On the Method of Electing Offices in the Great Council” in *Florentine Political Writings from Petrarch to Machiavelli*, pp. 235-239.

Guicciardini, “On the Mode of Reordering Popular Government” in *Florentine Political Writings from Petrarch to Machiavelli*, pp. 250-279.

Guicciardini, “The Government of Florence after the Medici Restoration” in *Florentine Political Writings from Petrarch to Machiavelli*, pp. 280-284.

Guicciardini, “On the Mode of Securing the State of the House of Medici” in *Florentine Political Writings from Petrarch to Machiavelli*, pp. 285-296.

#### ENCYCLOPEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

“Gaetano Mosca,” *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers* (forthcoming 2020).

“Vilfredo Pareto,” *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers* (forthcoming 2020).

#### OTHER MEDIA

“Schumpeter and Brexit: Same Old Story, Different Ending”  
*Promarket*, The Blog of The Stigler Center at the Booth School of Business, April 2019,  
Accessible at [Promarket.org](http://Promarket.org).

“What Schumpeter Can Teach Economists About the Great Recession”  
*Promarket*, The Blog of The Stigler Center at the Booth School of Business, September 2018,  
Accessible at [Promarket.org](http://Promarket.org).

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW

“Neo-liberalism, Leadership, and Democracy: Schumpeter on “Schumpeterian” Theories of Entrepreneurship” (under journal review)

“Two Responses to a Walrasian Regulative Ideal: Pareto and Schumpeter” (in preparation for submission)

“Guicciardini’s Republicanism: *Uomini Da Bene* vs. *Uomini Savi*” (in preparation for submission)

#### **TEACHING**

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**Lecturer**, *University of Chicago*

“Elites and Democratic Theory: Cold War American Political Thought”  
Spring 2020 (scheduled)

“Classics of Social and Political Thought II: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau”  
Winter 2016

“Classics of Social and Political Thought III: Tocqueville, Mill, Marx, Nietzsche, DuBois”  
Spring 2015

**Teaching Assistant, *University of Chicago***

“Florentine Political Thought”

John McCormick, Winter 2017

“Classics of Social and Political Thought III: Tocqueville, Mill, Marx, Nietzsche, DuBois”

Robert Gooding-Williams, Spring 2014

“Classics of Social and Political Thought II: Hobbes, Lock, Rousseau”

Jennifer Pitts, Winter 2014

“Classics of Social and Political Thought I: Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Machiavelli”

James Lindley Wilson, Autumn 2013

**SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS, AND PRIZES**

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Grozdin’s Prize Recipient University of Chicago, 2019-2020

“Classical Liberalism in Contemporary Political Philosophy,” Conference and Research Grant,  
Liberty Fund and Institute of Humane Studies, Arlington, VA, October 2019 (scheduled)

Notre Dame Rome Archival Fellowship, Rome, Italy, 2019

Institute of Humane Studies Fellowship, 2019

Harry Ransom Dissertation Research Fellowship in the Humanities, UT Austin-Texas, 2018-2019

American Political Science Association Travel Grant, 2018

William Rainey Harper Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2017-2018

Grozdin’s Prize Recipient, University of Chicago, 2017-2018 (declined)

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute Fellow, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2017

Stigler Center Dissertation Prize Fellow, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, 2016-  
2017

Hydoski Summer Research Award, University of Chicago, 2016

Division of Social Science Summer Research Grant, University of Chicago, 2015

Political Science Summer Research Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2012-2013

Philo Bennett Prize for Best Political Science Thesis, University of Pennsylvania, 2008

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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“Machiavelli and the Modern Machiavellians: Machiavelli and the Elite Tradition in Contemporary Political Thought” (scheduled)

- “Machiavelli and Contemporary Politics,” 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Ideas in Politics Conference, Institute of Political Studies, Prague, November 2019

“The Schumpeterian Dare: A Critical and Contextual Reading of Schumpeter’s Realist Theory of Democracy”

- “Political Realism and Democratic Theory XX-Century Visions, XXI -Century Challenges,” MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September 2019
- APSA Conference, Washington D.C, September 2019

“Neoliberalism and Economic Leadership: Schumpeter on ‘Schumpeterian’ Theories of Entrepreneurship”

- American Political Theory Conference, UC Irvine, October 2019 (scheduled)
- History of Capitalism Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2019
- Stigler Center Workshop, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago, April 2019
- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2019
- Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2018

“Guicciardini’s *Dialogo* and Aristocratic Republicanism”

- Guicciardini Symposium, University of Chicago, November 2018

“Redefining Schumpeterianism”

- Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Cambridge, MA, October 2018
- American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, August 2018
- Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton, New Jersey, April 2018
- LSE Graduate Conference in Political Theory, London, March 2018

“Schumpeterianism: Creative Destruction, the Free Market, and Monopoly Capital”

- Stigler Center Workshop, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago, April 2018

“Revisiting Democratic Elitism”

- Political Theory Workshop, April 2018, University of Chicago
- Elites and Democracy in Modern Political Thought, CRASSH Conference, University of Cambridge, December 2017

“Human Nature in Politics: Schumpeter on Mass Epistemic Capacities”

- Midwestern Political Science Association, April 2018, Chicago, Illinois

“Guicciardini, Pocock and Re-branding Aristocratic Republicanism in the *Dialogo del Reggimento di Firenze*”

- Renaissance Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 2017

“Plutarch, Lycurgus, and Guicciardini”

- Western Mediterranean Culture Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2017

“Paretian Political Thought”

- Stigler Center Workshop, Booth School of Business, University of Chicago, November 2016

“The Knife of Lycurgus: The Greek Tradition in Francesco Guicciardini’s Political Thought”

- Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2015

“On Joseph Schumpeter’s Progressivism”

- Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2014

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## **SELECTED RESPONDENT ROLES**

“Political Realism and Ideologies”

Enzo Rossi (University of Amsterdam), “Political Realism and Democratic Theory XX Century Visions, XXI -Century Challenges,” MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester, September 2019

“Republican Liberty and the Early Modern Revolution”

Quentin Skinner, (Queen Mary, University London), Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2017

“Machiavelli and Dictatorial Authority”

Marco Geuna (Università degli Studi di Milano), Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2016

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

*Journal of Politics*

### **Conference Organization**

*Organizer.* “Historical Populisms and Contemporary Responses”

Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C, September 2019

- *Discussant:* Simone Chambers, (University of California, Irvine)
- Arash Abizadeh (McGill University), Jeffrey Lenowitz (Brandeis University), Amanda Maher (Drexel University), Natasha Piano (University of Chicago)

*Organizer.* “Democratic Elitism and the Populist Moment: Elites, Masses, and Elections”

Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, September 2018

- *Discussant:* Melissa Schwartzberg (New York University)
- Eric Beerbohm (Harvard University) and Ryan Davis (Brigham Young University), Helene Landemore (Yale University), Josiah Ober (Stanford University), Natasha Piano (University of Chicago)

## **LANGUAGES**

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Italian (fluent); Spanish (proficient)

## **REFERENCES**

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John P. McCormick, Professor of Political Science  
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Joel Isaac, Associate Professor of Social Thought  
University of Chicago | 773.702.8496 | [jisaac@uchicago.edu](mailto:jisaac@uchicago.edu)

Jennifer Pitts, Professor of Political Science and Social Thought  
University of Chicago | 773.702.8868 | [jpitts@uchicago.edu](mailto:jpitts@uchicago.edu)

Linda Zerilli, Charles E. Merriam Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science  
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