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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Chicago, 2020 -

Collegiate Assistant Professor and Harper & Schmidt Fellow
Social Sciences Core: Classics of Social and Political Thought

EDUCATION

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

Dissertation: “Elites and Democracy: Italian Elite Theory, American Political Science, and the Problem of Plutocracy”

Committee: John McCormick (chair), Joel Isaac, Jennifer Pitts, Linda Zerilli

Comprehensive Exams: Political Theory, Comparative Politics (*high pass*)

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

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

RESEARCH FIELDS

Democratic Theory; History of Political Thought; Theories of Political Economy; American Political Science; History of Social Sciences; Renaissance Political Thought; Italian Political Thought

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Democracy and Plutocracy: Italian Elite Theory and the False Promise of American Political Science (manuscript in progress).

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

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Neo-liberalism, Leadership, and Democracy: Schumpeter on “Schumpeterian” Theories of Entrepreneurship” *European Journal of Political Theory* (forthcoming).

“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.

INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Symposium Contributors: Peter J. Boettke, Solomon Stein and Virgil Henry Storr, JanaLee Cherneski, Josiah Ober, Philip Pettit, Natasha Piano, George Thomas

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 2021).

“Vilfredo Pareto,” *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers* (forthcoming 2021).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“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)

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.

“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.

TEACHING

Assistant Collegiate Professor, *University of Chicago*

“Classics of Social and Political Thought,” 2020-2021

Lecturer, *University of Chicago*

“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

Guest Lecture, *University of Chicago*

“Guicciardini’s *Considerations*” November 21st, 2019
“Machiavelli and Machiavellism,” Rocco Rubini, Autumn 2019

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

Brown University Political Theory Project Postdoctoral Fellowship 2020-2022 (declined)
Grozdin’s Prize Recipient University of Chicago, 2019-2020 (declined)
“Classical Liberalism in Contemporary Political Philosophy,” Conference and Research Grant,
Liberty Fund and Institute of Humane Studies, Arlington, VA, October 2019
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, 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

INVITED TALKS

- “Schumpeter’s Challenge: A Critical 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
- “Revisiting Democratic Elitism”
- “Elites and Democracy in Modern Political Thought,” CRASSH Conference, University of Cambridge, December 2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Guicciardini’s Republicanism: *Uomini Da Bene* vs. *Uomini Savi*”
- Renaissance Society Association Conference, Dublin, April 2021 (scheduled)
- “Machiavelli and the Machiavellians”
- Machiavelli Society Conference, Rome, Italy, December 2020 (scheduled)
- “Schumpeterian Entrepreneurship”
- APSA Conference, September 2020
- “The Modern Machiavellians: The Elite Tradition in Contemporary Political Thought”
- “Machiavelli and Contemporary Politics,” 4th Biennial *Ideas in Politics* Conference, Institute of Political Studies, Prague, November 2019
- “Schumpeter’s Challenge: A Contextual Reading of Schumpeter’s Realist Theory of Democracy”
- APSA Conference, Washington D.C, September 2019
- “Neoliberalism and Economic Leadership”
- Columbia Graduate Conference in Political Theory, November 2019
 - American Political Theory Conference, UC Irvine, October 2019
 - 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, October 2018
 - American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, August 2018

- Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2018
- LSE Graduate Conference in Political Theory, March 2018

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

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

“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*”

- Renaissance Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, 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

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

“Machiavelli’s Corrupt Republic: Inequality, Patronage, and the Allure of Kingly Power,”

Amanda Maher (University of Chicago), Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2014

“Leo Strauss’ Religious Rhetoric”

Thomas Meyer (LMU Munich), Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Politics

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association; American Political Theory Association; Midwestern Political Science Association; Renaissance Society of America; Social Sciences Historical Association

Conference Service

Organizer: “Democracy and the Politics of the Economy” Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, September 2020

Discussant: “Machiavelli’s Freedom, between State and Empire,” Machiavelli Mini-Conference for the APSA Annual Meeting, September 2020

Chair: “Conflict, Corruption and the Lessons of History: Machiavelli and Florentine Political Realism,” Machiavelli Mini Conference for the APSA Annual Meeting, September 2020

Organizer: “Historical Populisms and Contemporary Responses” Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C, September 2019

Organizer: “Democratic Elitism and the Populist Moment: Elites, Masses, and Elections” Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, September 2018

LANGUAGES

Italian (native); Spanish (proficient); French (reading)

REFERENCES

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