

*Curriculum Vitae*  
*Dr Max Skjönsberg, FRHistS*

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor of Humanities (Tenure-Track), Hamilton Center,  
University of Florida** 2023 –
- Leverhulme Trust Early-Career Fellow, University of Cambridge** 2022 – 2023
- Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Liverpool** 2019 – 2022
- Associate Lecturer in Intellectual History (post-1700),  
University of St Andrews** 2018 – 2019
- Associate Lecturer in the History of Political Thought and  
Political Theory, University of York** 2017 – 2018

EDUCATION

- PhD in History, London School of Economics and Political Science** 2014 – 2018  
Thesis: *Internequine Discord: Party, History and Religion in Hanoverian Britain, c. 1714-65*  
Supervisor: Dr Tim Hochstrasser  
Examiners: Professor Richard Whatmore (St Andrews), Professor Brian Young (Oxford).
- MA in the History of Political Thought and Intellectual History,** 2012 – 2013  
**University College London (UCL) and Queen Mary University of London**  
Distinction, Skinner Prize for First Place
- BA in Contemporary History and Journalism, Queen Mary University  
of London and City University of London** 2009 – 2012  
First Class Honours

SELECTED HONOURS & AWARDS

- 2024 Quentin Skinner Lectureship for 2024-25 at the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge.
- 2022 Elected as an Associate Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge  
Shortlisted for the Constance Blackwell Prize, International Society for Intellectual History, for *The Persistence of Party* (CUP, 2021).  
Shortlisted for the Istvan Hont Book Prize, for *The Persistence of Party*.
- 2021 Elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society  
Runner-up, David Berry Prize for articles on Scottish History, Royal Historical Society, for 'David Hume and the Jacobites'.
- 2020 Parliamentary History Essay Prize, the Parliamentary History Yearbook Trust, for 'Edmund Burke, the French Revolution and the Battle for the Soul of the Whig Party'.
- 2019 Nominee, 'Outstanding Teacher' at the University of St Andrews.  
Fellow of the Jack Miller Center.
- 2018 David Hume Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh; Nominee, Excellence Award in the 'Teacher of the Year' category at the University of York.

- 2017 The Hume Society Young Scholar Award; Martin Abel Gonzalez Prize for Highly Commended Class Teacher, LSE Class Teacher Awards.
- 2014 LSE four-year fully-funded PhD Studentship.
- 2013 Skinner Prize for First Place, University of London MA in the History of Political Thought.

## BOOKS

1. *The Persistence of Party: Ideas of Harmonious Discord in Eighteenth-Century Britain* (Cambridge University Press, 2021; paperback edition 2022). [Series: Ideas in Context.] 373 pp.  
  
Reviewed in *Journal of British Studies*, *History of European Ideas*, *Intellectual History Review*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Parliamentary History*, *Parliaments, Estates and Representation*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, *British Journal of Eighteenth Century Studies*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *the LSE Review of Books*, *Law & Liberty*, *the University Bookman*, *Hume Studies*, *Choice Magazine*, *History*, *The Scriblerian* and *the Kit-Cats*, *イギリス哲学研究 = Studies in British Philosophy: The Journal of the Japanese Society for British Philosophy* (as of 15 March 2024).
2. Catharine Macaulay, *Political Writings* (Cambridge University Press, 2023.) [Series: Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought series.] Reviewed in the *Times Literary Supplement*, *London Review of Books*, and *History of European Ideas* (as of 15 March 2024).
3. *Adam Ferguson's Later Writings: New Letters and an Essay on the French Revolution*, co-edited with Ian Stewart (Edinburgh University Press, 2023). [Series: Edinburgh Studies in Scottish Philosophy]. Reviewed in *History of European Ideas* and *Eighteenth-Century Scotland*.
4. *Hume's 'Essays': A Critical Guide*, co-edited with Felix Waldmann (Cambridge University Press). Submitted.
5. *The Minute Books of the Bristol Library Society, 1772-1801*, co-edited with Mark Towsey (Bristol Record Society, 2022). Reviewed in the *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society* and *Library & Information History*.

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. 'Richard Champion and the Rockingham Whigs: The Aristocratic Politics of a Bristolian Quaker-Merchant in the Age of the American Revolution', *English Historical Review* (Online First, 2023).
2. 'Patriots and the Country Party Tradition in the Eighteenth Century: The Critics of Britain's Fiscal-Military State from Robert Harley to Catharine Macaulay', *Intellectual History Review*, 33 (2023), pp. 83-100.
3. 'A Theory of the Enlightenment in Late Eighteenth-Century Sweden: Nils von Rosenstein and Scotland's Science of Man and Politics', *Scandinavian Journal of History* (Online first 2023).
4. 'The Hume-Burke Connection Examined', *History of European Ideas*, 49 (2023), pp. 243-66.
5. 'Charles Francis Sheridan on the Feudal Origins and Political Science of the 1772 Revolution in Sweden', *Journal of the History of Ideas*, 83 (2022), pp. 407-30.

6. 'Michael Oakeshott on Libertarianism, Conservatism, and the Freedom of the English', *Cosmos + Taxis: Studies in Emergent Order and Organization*, 10 (2022), pp. 7-14.
7. 'David Hume and the Jacobites', *Scottish Historical Review*, 100 (2021), pp. 25-56. *Runner-up for the David Berry Prize for articles on Scottish History, awarded by the Royal Historical Society.*
8. 'Edmund Burke, the French Revolution and the Battle for the Soul of the Whig Party', *Parliamentary History*, 40 (2021), pp. 543-62. *Winner of the 2020 Parliamentary History Essay Prize.*
9. "'This Revolution in the Town": Richard Champion and the Early Years of the Bristol Library Society', *Library & Information History*, 37 (2021), pp. 149-167.
10. 'Ancient Constitutionalism, Fundamental Law, and Eighteenth-Century Toryism in the Septennial Act (1716) Debates', *History of Political Thought*, 40 (2019), pp. 270-301.
11. 'Adam Ferguson on Partisanship, Party Conflict, and Popular Participation', *Modern Intellectual History*, 16 (2019), pp. 1-28.
12. 'Adam Ferguson on the Perils of Popular Factions and Demagogues in a Roman Mirror', *History of European Ideas*, 45 (2019), pp. 842-65.
13. 'On the Character of a "Great Patriot": A Newly Ascribed Bolingbroke Essay', *Journal of British Studies*, 57 (2018), pp. 445-466. (Co-authored with Joseph Hone.)
14. 'Lord Bolingbroke's Theory of Party and Opposition', *Historical Journal*, 59 (2016), pp. 947-973.

#### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES & HANDBOOKS

1. 'Party and Faction in Eighteenth-Century Political Thought from Montesquieu to Madison', in *Political Thought and the Origins of the American Presidency*, edited by Ben Lowe (Florida: University Press of Florida, 2021, paperback edition 2024).
2. 'David Hume and "Of the Liberty of the Press" (1741) in its Original Contexts', in *Freedom of Speech, 1550-1850*, edited by Alex Barber, Robert Ingram and Jason Peacey (Manchester University Press, 2020), pp. 171-91.
3. 'The Communication of Fame', in *A Cultural History of Fame in the Enlightenment: 1650-1770*, edited by Brian Cowan, volume 4 for *A Cultural History of Fame*, 6 vols., general editor, P. David Marshall (London: Bloomsbury Academic; forthcoming).
4. 'Representative institutions and democracy', in *The Cambridge History of Democracy: Volume 2*, edited by Sophie Smith and Markku Peltonen (Cambridge University Press; forthcoming).
5. 'Henry Fielding and Political Thought', in *The Oxford Handbook of Henry Fielding*, edited by Tom Keymer and Henry Power (Oxford University Press; forthcoming).
6. Chapters on William Blackstone, Edmund Burke, and Bolingbroke in *Leading Works in the History of the Constitution*, edited by Chris Monaghan (Routledge, forthcoming in 2025).

## REVIEW ARTICLES & HISTORIOGRAPHICAL REVIEWS

1. 'The History of Political Thought and Parliamentary History in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries', *Historical Journal*, 64 (2021), pp. 501-13. Peer-reviewed.
2. 'Liberty and Religion: Catharine Macaulay and the History of Republicanism and the Enlightenment', *Intellectual History Review* (Online First 2021).
3. 'State of the Field: The History of Political Thought', *History: The Journal of the Historical Association*, 105 (2020), pp. 470-83. (Co-authored with Danielle Charette, University of Chicago.) Peer-reviewed.
4. 'Hume and Smith Studies after Forbes and Trevor-Roper', *European Journal of Political Theory*, 19 (2020), pp. 623-635.

## BOOK REVIEWS

My book reviews have appeared in *Journal of Modern History*, *Intellectual History Review*, *Global Intellectual History*, *English Historical Review*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Scottish Historical Review*, *History*, *Journal of Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Parliamentary History*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Utilitas*, *Dublin Review of Books*, *AdamSmithWorks.org*, *Law & Liberty*, and *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Power, Knowledge and Libraries in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World* (book project in development, together with Mark Towsey and Sophie Jones).

*The Making of a New Political Nation: From the English Revolution to the Age of Reform* (book project under contract with Princeton University Press. Delivery date: February 2025).

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

**Invited** to present at 'The Future of Intellectual History: A Celebration of Quentin Skinner's London Years', Queen Mary University of London, 10 May 2023. Paper title: 'The History of Political Thought and the Whig Interpretation of History.'

**Invited** to present at the 'ISIH Women in Intellectual History (Early Modern)' seminar, 19 January 2023. Paper title: 'Editing Catharine Macaulay's *Political Writings*.'

**Invited** to present at the 'Experiencing Political Texts' workshop, at the University of Newcastle, 7-8 September 2022. Paper title: 'Reading Politics in Eighteenth-Century Subscription Libraries.'

'Intellectual History at the LSE: Michael Oakeshott's History of Political Thought', at *From Cambridge to Bielefeld— and back? British and Continental Approaches to Intellectual History*, conference held at the Centre for British Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin 2-4 June 2022.

**Invited** to a discussion on my monograph at the Research Institute for Politics and Government at the University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary, 2 March 2022.

## TEACHING

### Recognition

- 2019 Nominee, ‘Outstanding Teacher’ at the University of St Andrews.
- 2018 Nominee, Excellence Award in the ‘Teacher of the Year’ category at the University of York.
- 2017 Martin Abel Gonzalez Prize for Highly Commended Class Teacher, LSE Class Teacher Awards.

### Qualification

- 2015 – 2016 LSE Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, UK Higher Education Academy (HEA) Associate Level.

### Courses

2023 – Present, *University of Florida*

1. Capitalism and Its Critics
2. Life, Liberty and Happiness
3. History of Political Economy
4. Uncommon Read: *The Federalist Papers* (Honors)

2022 – 2023, *University of Cambridge*

5. History of Political Thought, c. 1700-c. 1890 (supervisions).
6. Evidence and Argument (seminars).
7. Historical Argument and Practice (lectures).

2020 – 2022, *University of Liverpool*

8. Enlightenment Ideas, Politics and Society in Eighteenth-Century Europe (second-year), convened.
9. Living the Global Eighteenth Century (second-year).
10. Revolution and Social Change: Politics, Cultures and Societies in the 18th–Century World (MA).

2018 – 2019, *University of St Andrews*

11. Political Thought from Machiavelli to Tocqueville (third-year), convened.
12. Revolutions and Empires, 1776-1848 (fourth-year special subject), convened.
13. MLitt in Intellectual History.
14. MLitt in Scottish Historical Studies.
15. MLitt in Early Modern History.
16. MLitt in Modern History.
17. Scotland, Britain and Empire, c. 1500-2000 (second-year).
18. History as a Discipline: Development & Key Concepts (second-year).

2017 – 2018, *University of York*

19. History of Political Thought (BA second year), convened.
20. We the People: Ideas of Democratic Representation from Rousseau to Occupy (BA, third-year), convened.
21. Approaches to Political Theory (MA-level), convened.
22. Introduction to Political Theory (BA first-year).

2015 – 2017, *London School of Economics and Political Science*

23. Faith, Power and Revolution: Europe and the Wider World, 1500-1800.

2015 – 2017, *Queen Mary University of London*

24. The Foundations of Modern Thought: Introduction to Intellectual History.

2016 – 2017, *King's College London (Department of Political Economy)*

25. History of Political Thought: Machiavelli to Bentham.
26. Contemporary Issues in Political Theory.

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

### Conferences, workshops and events organisation (selections)

- 2019 'David Hume as a Reader: The Authors who Provoked Hume', at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Edinburgh, 3 May 2019. £550 received from the Susan Manning Fund.
- 2018 Convened an international early-career workshop in the History of Political Thought at the University of York, 14-15 June 2018 (with Tim Stuart-Buttle, York).
- 2014 – 2017 Member of the convening committee for the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) Early-Career Seminar in the History of Political Ideas.
- 2014 – 2016 Member of the committee for the London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought.

### Board Membership

- 2023–Present Member of the International Advisory Board of *History of European Ideas*
- 2019 – 2022 Member of the Early-Career Board of *History*, the journal of the Historical Association.

### Public Engagement (selections):

- 'Burke Among and Beyond the Whigs,' Liberty classics series  
<https://lawliberty.org/classic/burke-among-and-beyond-the-whigs/> (25 October 2025).
- 'Adam Smith's Reader's in Bristol, 1773-1795', Blog post for  
<https://www.adamsmithworks.org/documents/skj%C3%B6nsberg-smith-readers-bristol> (5 April 2023).
- 'The Philosopher as Essayist', Liberty classics series at <https://lawliberty.org/classic/humes-profound-simplicity/> (19 October 2022).
- 'The Two Adams of the Scottish Enlightenment and Political Economy. Part 2', Blog post for  
<https://www.adamsmithworks.org/documents/two-adams-of-scottish-enlightenment-max-skjonsberg-2> (8 June 2022).
- 'The Two Adams of the Scottish Enlightenment and Political Economy. Part 1', Blog post for  
<https://www.adamsmithworks.org/documents/two-adams-of-scottish-enlightenment-max-skjonsberg> (March 2022).
- 'Book of the Month for Women's History Month: Catharine Macaulay's History of England':  
Blog post for [https://heurist.huma-num.fr/h6-alpha/viewers/smarty/showReps.php?db=Libraries\\_Readers\\_Culture\\_18C\\_Atlantic&q=id:81226&template=Blog%20entry.tpl](https://heurist.huma-num.fr/h6-alpha/viewers/smarty/showReps.php?db=Libraries_Readers_Culture_18C_Atlantic&q=id:81226&template=Blog%20entry.tpl) (8 March 2022).

- ‘Parliamentary Culture and Library History in Britain’: Blog post for <https://intellectualhistory.web.ox.ac.uk/article/parliamentary-culture-and-library-history-in-britain> (7 January 2022). (Co-authored with Mark Towsey.)
- ‘From Factions to Parties: The Eighteenth-Century Debate’: Blog post for <https://jhiblog.org/2021/09/27/from-factions-to-parties-the-eighteenth-century-debate/> (27 September 2021).
- Interview with Ryan Tripp for New Books in History podcast, part of the New Books Network: <https://newbooksnetwork.com/the-persistence-of-party> (published 30 July 2021).
- ‘Party Like It’s 1714-97’: Interview for the Podopticon Podcast: <https://podopticon.com/party-like-its-1714-97> (11 July 2021).
- ‘Adam Smith on Political Parties’: Blog post for <https://www.adamsmithworks.org/speakings/adam-smith-on-political-parties> (21 March 2021).
- ‘World Book Day: Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes, and Other Literary Quixotes in Eighteenth-Century Subscription Libraries’: Blog post for [https://heuristplus.sydney.edu.au/h6-alpha/viewers/smarty/showReps.php?db=Libraries\\_Readers\\_Culture\\_18C\\_Atlantic&q=id:47180&template=Blog%20entry.tpl](https://heuristplus.sydney.edu.au/h6-alpha/viewers/smarty/showReps.php?db=Libraries_Readers_Culture_18C_Atlantic&q=id:47180&template=Blog%20entry.tpl) (4 March 2021).
- ‘Party in Eighteenth-Century Politics’: Blog post for <https://thehistoryofparliament.wordpress.com/2021/02/23/party-in-eighteenth-century-politics> (23 February 2021).
- I have recorded interviews for intellectualhistory.net, with Helena Rosenblatt, Mark Towsey, Gregory Conti and Tim Stuart-Buttle (2021).
- ‘Libraries, Reading Communities and Cultural Formation in the Eighteenth-Century Atlantic: A New Database Project’, newsletter for CILIP: The Library and Information Association (2021). With Sophie Jones and Mark Towsey.
- Contributed sections to the History of Parliament Publication *300 Years of Leadership and Innovation* (2 vols., St James’s House, 2021). <https://stjames.org/products/300-years-of-leadership-and-innovation>
- ‘Adam Smith’s Readers in Eighteenth-Century Libraries’: Blog post for <https://www.adamsmithworks.org/speakings/adam-smith-s-readers-in-eighteenth-century-libraries> (published 20 November 2020).
- ‘After Edward Colston: The Bristol Library Society and the Slave Trade’. Blog Post for the University of Liverpool. <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/history/blog/2020/after-edward-colston-bristol-library-society-slave-trade/> (published 10 June 2020).
- ‘Edmund Burke and the Rockingham Whigs’. Blog post for The History of Parliament Trust. <https://thehistoryofparliament.wordpress.com/2020/02/11/parliaments-politics->

[and-people-seminar-edmund-burke-and-the-rockingham-whigs/](#) (published 11 February 2020).

'Problems and Promises of Party in History and Politics', *Starting Points: A Journal of American Principles & American Practices*. <https://startingpointsjournal.com/problems-and-promises-of-party-in-history-and-politics-skjonsberg> (published 30 September 2019).

'Bolingbroke's Reflections upon Exile'. Blog post for 'The Georgian Lords', The History of Parliament Trust. <https://thehistoryofparliament.wordpress.com/2019/03/07/bolingbrokes-reflections-upon-exile> (published March 2019).

### **Peer-Review**

Reviewed book manuscripts and book proposals for:

Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Manchester University Press, Routledge, and Boydell and Brewer.

Reviewed articles for:

*Historical Journal*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Journal of British Studies*, *History of Political Thought*, *The Review of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *History of European Ideas*, *Global Intellectual History*, *Parliamentary History*, *Helsinki Centre for Intellectual History Yearbook*, *Scottish Historical Review*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *History*, *Northern Studies*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Law & Liberty*, AdamSmithWorks.org, and EconLib.org.

### **LANGUAGES**

English (fluent); Swedish (native); French (higher intermediate, C1); German (intermediate, B2); Latin (basic); Spanish (basic); Danish and Norwegian (communicative).