

AMY CHANDRAN
HAMILTON CENTER FOR CLASSICAL AND CIVIC EDUCATION
AMYCHANDRAN@UFL.EDU

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor (2024–current)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Hamilton Center

College Fellow (2023–24)
HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of Government

Lecturer (2023)
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Department of Politics

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of Government
PhD, Political Theory, 2023: *Mortal God: The Religious Imagination and the Making of the Leviathan*
Richard Tuck (Chair), Harvey Mansfield, Eric Nelson, Michael Sandel, Cheryl Welch

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of Government
Master of Arts, 2023

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government
Master in Public Policy, May 2016

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Graduate Certificate in Economic Policy, June 2014

UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY
Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honors), June 2011

PUBLICATIONS

‘A “Divine Legislator” for the Leviathan? The Commonwealth by Institution and the Case of the Prudent Prophet’ *History of European Ideas*, 2024.

‘Transubstantiation, Absurdity and the Religious Imagination: Hobbes and Rational Christianity.’ *Hobbes Studies*, 2024.

‘Hobbes in France, Gallican Histories, and Leviathan's Supreme Pastor’ *Modern Intellectual History*, 2023, Vol. 20 (2), p.359-387.

REVIEWS:

‘Review: Hobbes and the Democratic Imaginary by Christopher Holman’ *Review of Politics*, 2024 Vol 86 (1), 130-133.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Shortlisted for *Charles Sumner Award for Best Dissertation*, Government Department, Harvard University 2023-4.
Certificate of Distinction Teaching Award, Derek Bok Center, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019.
Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching, Dean of Undergraduate Education, Harvard College, 2020.

Dillon Fellowship, Dillon Fellowship Fund, 2016–17.

Taubman Prize for Urban Policy, Harvard Kennedy School (HKS), Exceptional research and analysis (Master’s Thesis Award) 2016.

R.G. Menzies Scholarship, Menzies Foundation of Australia, 2014–15.

Westfield Fellowship, American Australian Association, 2014–15.

Admission as a Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2012.

Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence, University of Technology Sydney, 2011.

INVITED & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (SELECT PRESENTATIONS)

“Finding a ‘Civil’ Solution: Unity, Sociability and the Emergence of ‘Religion’ in Late-Sixteenth Century France” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, April 2024.

“Power, Projection and the Creation of the Commonwealth in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference*, Los Angeles, USA, September 2023.

“*Leviathan*’s Theodicy: Hobbes and the Politics of Grace,” *European Hobbes Conference*, Regensburg University, Germany, August 2023.

“Transformation and Trolling: Hobbes, Christianity, and the Limits of Science,” *North American Conference on British Studies*, Chicago, USA, November 2022.

“History, Hierarchy and the Powers that Be” *The Intellectual History Working Group*, European University Institute, Florence, June 2022.

“Early Modern Theories of Authority, Obedience and Resistance,” (Invited Presentation), *History Department*, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, April 2022,

“Coercive Laws, Free Beliefs and Hobbes at the Origins of Toleration,” *New England Political Science Association Conference*, New Hampshire, April 2022.

“Obedience before Obligation: Grace, Nature and Representation in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*,” *Notre Dame University*, Indiana, USA, November 2021.

“Hobbes in France: The Gallican Histories and Trajectories of Political Reform,” *American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference*, September 30–October 2, 2021.

“Hobbes on Religion, Politics and a Gallican Feud,” *New England Political Science Association*, April 2021 (2020 entry postponed; 2021 event conducted remotely).

“Knowledge, Passion, Belief & *Leviathan*’s Limits of Philosophy,” *Midwest Political Science Association*, (Event conducted remotely), March 2021.

Colloquium Respondent, “The Political Arithmetic of Transmutation: Heterodoxy and Political Economy in Sir William Petty (1623–1687)” Prof. Shannon Stimson, *Harvard Political Theory Colloquium*, Harvard University, November 2019.

“Pelagianism and the Origins of Rawlsian Liberalism,” *Notre Dame University*, Indiana, USA, November 2018.

“Nudging and the Political Value of Choice,” *Harvard Graduate Theory Workshop*, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, March 2017,

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor, *Man and Nature: From Creation to Climate Change*, Harvard, 2024
 Head Teaching Fellow, *Behavioral Insights and Public Policy*, Harvard, Spring 2024
 Lecturer, *Introduction to Political Theory*, Brandeis University, Fall 2023.
 Primary Instructor, *Hobbes and the Making of the Leviathan*, Spring 2022.
 Teaching Fellow, *Meritocracy and its Critics*, (Professor Michael Sandel), Fall 2022.
 Primary Instructor, *Hobbes and the Making of the Leviathan*, Spring 2021.
 Assistant Head Teaching Fellow, *Justice: Ethics in an Age of Pandemic and Racial Reckoning* (Prof. Michael Sandel), Fall 2020.
 Teaching Fellow, *History of Modern Political Thought* (Prof. Harvey Mansfield), Spring 2020.
 Teaching Fellow, *Enlightenment Political Thought* (Prof. Ryan Hanley), Fall 2019.
 Teaching Fellow, *Money, Morals and Markets* (Prof. Michael Sandel), Fall 2018.
 Research Assistant, *Democracy and Ethics* (Prof. Eric Beerbohm), 2015–17.
 Course Assistant: *Quantitative Analysis and Empirical Methods*, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015.
 Research Assistant: *Policy Analysis Core Course*, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015.

LANGUAGES

French – advanced reading; intermediate speaking.
 Latin (ecclesiastical & early modern) – advanced reading.
 Spanish – intermediate reading & basic speaking.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Organizer, *Harvard Graduate Conference* 2019.
Women in Political Theory Group, Harvard Government Department 2021-23.
 Reviewer: *Polity*, *Hobbes Studies*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASH CENTER for Democratic Governance and Innovation Cambridge, MA
 Research Intern, May–November 2015

DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET ACT, Australia
 Policy Adviser, 2012–2014

ANTI-SLAVERY AUSTRALIA Sydney, NSW, Australia
 Legal Intern, Professional Legal Training, 2011–2012

REFERENCES:

Richard Tuck
 Frank G. Thomson Professor of
 Government Theory, Harvard University
richard_tuck@harvard.edu

Harvey Mansfield
 William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of
 Government, Harvard University
hmansfield@gov.harvard.edu

Eric Nelson
 Robert M. Beren Professor of
 Government, Harvard University
enelson@fas.harvard.edu

Michael Sandel
 Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of
 Government, Harvard University
msandel@gov.harvard.edu

Cheryl Welch
 Senior Lecturer on Government
 Department of Government (*Retired*)
cwelch@gov.harvard.edu