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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Humanities
Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, University of Florida, 2024-

Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow
Strategy and Policy Department, U.S. Naval War College, 2022-2024

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago

Ph.D., The John U. Nef Committee on Social Thought, 2022
Dissertation: "Four Fallacies: Thucydides on the Challenges of Democratic Decision-Making"
Committee: Nathan Tarcov (chair), Matthew Landauer, Arlene Saxonhouse

M.A., Committee on Social Thought, 2018

Princeton University

A.B., Politics, *summa cum laude*, 2014
Primary field: political theory; secondary field: international relations
Thesis: "Socrates Satisfied: John Stuart Mill, Plato, and the Athenian Political Ideal"

REFEREED ARTICLES

"The Wise Adviser Trap: Catastrophic Decision-Making in Herodotus and Thucydides."
(co-authored with Emma Lunbeck) *Journal of the History of Ideas* 84, no. 3 (July 2023): 417-439

"Machiavelli's Rhetoric of Provocation: the Examples of Fabius and Scipio." *History of Political Thought* XLII, no. 1 (Spring 2021): 23-40

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review: "Jonathan Kirshner: An Unwritten Future: Realism and Uncertainty in World Politics." *U.S. Naval War College Review* 76, no. 4 (Autumn, 2023)

Book Review: "Paul A. Rahe: Sparta's Second Attic War: The Grand Strategy of Classical Sparta, 446-418 B.C." *The Review of Politics* 83, no. 2 (Spring 2021)

"Reasoning with the Greeks: An Interview with Josiah Ober," Feb. 2019, *Tocqueville21*, with Danielle Charette

"Rousseau's General Will." *Ephemeris* 13, no. 1 (2013): 81-105.

WORKING PAPERS AND PROJECTS

Rhetoric and the Causes of War: Thucydides and the Challenges of Democratic Decision-Making (book manuscript in progress)

"Reading Thucydides: On the Politics of Strategy" (currently on submission)

"Strategy, Democracy, and the Rhetoric of National Character in Thucydides"

"Plural Voting and the Polis: John Stuart Mill's Politics of Exemplarity"

HONORS AND AWARDS

William Rainey Harper-Provost Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, 2021-2022

John U. Nef Dissertation Fellowship, 2020-2021

Institute for Humane Studies Research Grant, 2020

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute Fellowship, 2019

John U. Nef Summer Language Fellowship, 2017, 2018

Princeton Class of 2014 Winner of the *John G. Buchanan Prize in Politics*, for attaining the highest standing in the Department of Politics

Princeton University Center for Human Values Senior Thesis Prize, co-winner

TEACHING

U.S Naval War College:

Leaders of Rome: The Rise and Fall of the Republic (Spring 2024)

Strategy, Leadership, and Ethics in Thucydides' Peloponnesian War (Winter 2022-23, 2023-24)

Strategy and War (Autumn 2022, 2023)

University of Chicago:

Thucydides and Athenian Democracy at War (Autumn 2021)

Classics of Social and Political Thought I: Plato to Machiavelli (Autumn 2018)

Teaching Assistant: Classics of Social and Political Thought I, II, III (Autumn, Winter, Spring, 2017-2018)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Democracy, Empire, and Strategic Culture in Thucydides.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024.

“Sea Power and Athenian Democracy.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2024

“Thucydides on Constitutional Reform and the Language of Democratic Decision-Making.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023.

“Rationalism and Realism in Thucydides.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023.

“Thucydides on Rhetoric and Narrative.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2022

“John Stuart Mill on the Performance of Democracy.” Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2021

“Thucydides on the Athenian Ideology of Reason.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2021

“Thucydides on Demagoguery and Democratic Identity.” Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2020

“Thucydides’ Critique of Pericles and Post-Periclean Politics.” Accepted for the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

“Thucydides and the Athenian Assembly: the Mytilene Debate.” Presented at the Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, 2020

CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

“Thucydides on the Athenian Assembly: The Mytilene Debate and the Legacy of Pericles.”
Presented at The University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, November 2019

“Machiavelli’s Provocative Rhetoric: The Examples of Scipio and Fabius.” Presented at The
University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, February 2018

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Discussant: Southern Political Science Association: January, 2020; Midwest Political Science
Association: April, 2019; University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop: March 2019, April 2021;
Midwest Political Science Association: April, 2023. Reviewer for *Qeios*.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committee on Social Thought Colloquium Co-chair, 2021-22
Dean’s Advisory Council for the Social Sciences Division, 2019-2020, 2020-21

LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency of French and Ancient Greek. Some knowledge of Arabic, Latin

REFERENCES

John H. Maurer
Alfred Thayer Mahan Professor of Sea Power and Grand Strategy
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