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### EMPLOYMENT

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#### **Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina**

*Assistant Professor of Political Science, July 2025-present*

*Assistant Teaching Professor of Political Science, August 2024-July 2025*

*Department of Government and Justice Studies*

#### **Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland**

*Adjunct Instructor, January 2024-May 2024*

*Department of Political Science*

### EDUCATION

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#### **Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland**

*PhD, Political Science, Defended August 2024*

*Major Field Examination: Political Theory*

*Minor Field Examination: Law and Politics*

*Dissertation: "Orderly Dispositions: Modes of Affective Governance"*

*Committee: William Connolly (Chair), Jane Bennett, Jennifer Culbert, Naveeda*

*Khan, Alessandro Angelini*

#### **University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois**

*MA, Social Sciences, August 2016*

#### **McGill University, Montréal, Quebec**

*BA, First Honours Political Science, Minor in Philosophy, June 2015*

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **Journal Articles**

"Revisiting the Climate General Strike: Working Through William Connolly's Strategic Turn in the Anthropocene." *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (OnlineFirst publication October 2024).

"Biopolitics, the State, and COVID: Revisiting Foucault and Poulantzas." *New Political Science*. (Accepted, forthcoming).

"In Case of Emergency: Sovereign Performances, Unsettled Audiences" (submitted).

"Communicable Dis-ease: Foucault, Habermas, and Pandemic Politics" (in preparation).

#### **Book Reviews**

Review of "States of Exception: Human Rights, Biopolitics, Utopia" by Costas Douzinas

*Law, Culture, and Humanities, OnlineFirst March 2025*

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Review of “The Government of Things: Foucault and the New Materialisms” by Thomas Lemke

*Foucault Studies, Issue 32, October 2022*

Review of “Capital Hates Everyone: Fascism or Revolution” by Maurizio Lazzarato

*Marx and Philosophy Review of Books, online June 2022*

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Orderly Dispositions: Foucault, Affect, and Biopolitical Contestation” in *Affirmative Biopolitics: Collective Life, Social Power, and Resistance* edited by Kellan Anfinson and Derek Denman, forthcoming with Manchester University Press (to be submitted October 2026).

### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Graduate Fellow in the Johns Hopkins Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine 2023-2024

*Invited fellow in interdisciplinary center based at the School of Medicine for collaboration across campuses in medical humanities and social medicine*

Dean’s Teaching Fellowship 2022-2023

*Graduate student teaching Fellowship for a self-designed course to be taught as instructor of record for one term*

Paul A. McCoy Prize 2020

*Best Graduate Paper in Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, For the Paper: “Directing the Fearful Multitude: Spinoza and Hobbes”*

Michael L. Garmaise Prize 2015

*Best Essay in Political Science by an Undergraduate at McGill University, For the BA Thesis: “America’s Battle Lab: Disciplinary Experiments in the State of Exception at Guantánamo”*

Office of Multicultural Affairs Student Leadership Award 2021

*Awarded for work as Graduate Representative Organization Co-Chair alongside representatives from undergraduate student organizations for efforts to diversify undergraduate course offerings emphasizing the critical study of race*

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

*Philosophy of Law and Legal Theory (Spring 2026)*

*MA Seminar in Political Philosophy (Spring 2026)*

*American Political Thought (Fall 2025)*

*Feminist Political Theory (Fall 2025)*

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*Emergency Law and Politics (Spring 2025)*

*Political Theory 17th Century-Present (Spring 2025)*

*Political Ideologies (Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2025)*

*Marxism (Fall 2024)*

### **Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland**

*Global Justice (Spring 2024)*

### **Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland**

*Revolution: Political Theory and Practice on the French Left 1789-1968 (Instructor, Spring 2023)*

*Introduction to Sociology (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Mike Reese, Summer 2022)*

*Introduction to Political Theory (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jane Bennett, Spring 2022)*

*Constitutional Law (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Emily Zackin, Spring 2021)*

*Capitalism and Ecology (Teaching Assistant for Prof. William Connolly, Fall 2020)*

*Contemporary International Politics (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Steven David, Fall 2019)*

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING AWARDS**

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### **Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina**

*Undergraduate Research Assistantship (Faculty Advisor), Spring 2025 and Fall 2025*

*High Country Humanities Travel Award, Fall 2024*

### **McGill University, Montréal, Quebec**

*Student Fellowship, Research Group on Constitutional Studies, September 2012 - December 2014*

*Arts Research Internship Award (ARIA) Research Assistant, Summer 2013*

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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“Between Genealogy and Immanent Critique: Foucault and Marx on ‘Population’ in Political Economy”

*Accepted for the Western Political Science Association Annual Conference 2026*

“Emergency Beyond Sovereignty: Complexity and Contestation of Emergency Powers in the COVID Pandemic”

*Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference 2026*

“In Case of Emergency: Sovereign Performances, Unsettled Audiences”

*American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2025*

*Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2025*

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- “Biopolitics, the State, and COVID: Revisiting Foucault and Poulantzas”  
*Conference of the Caucus for a Critical Political Science 2025*  
*Western Political Science Association Annual Conference 2025*
- “Potential without Exception: Emergency Powers After Schmitt and Agamben”  
*American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2024*  
*Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2024*
- “Orderly Dispositions: Policing the Affective Economies of Racial Capitalism”  
*Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference 2024*
- “‘Population-Public’: Staging an Encounter Between Biopolitics and the Affective Public Sphere”  
*Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2023*  
*Invited for presentation at Johns Hopkins Political Theory Workshop 2023*  
*Accepted, withdrawn from American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2023*
- “Not Exceptional: Emergency Law and Affective Governance”  
*Western Political Science Association Annual Conference 2023*  
*Law and Society Association International Conference 2022*
- “The Emotional Logic of Police Terror: Racial Capitalism and the Strategic Arrangement of Fear”  
*Western Political Science Association Annual Conference 2023*
- “The Emotional Logic of Police Terror”  
*Beyond Militarism Conference at Cambridge University 2022*
- “Toward A Theory of Affective Governance”  
*Western Political Science Association Annual Conference 2022*
- “Strike Without End: Mass Strikes and the Anthropocene”  
*American Political Science Association Annual Conference 2021*
- “Governing the Fearful Multitude: Spinoza, Affect, and Counterterrorism”  
*University of Chicago Graduate Political Theory Conference 2020*

**DISCUSSANT SERVICE**

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- Discussant for “Marx and His Interlocutors”  
*Western Political Science Association Annual Conference 2026*
- Discussant for “Transforming and Transformative Passions”  
*Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2026*
- Discussant for Ashley Kim, *Johns Hopkins Political Theory Workshop 2024*
- Discussant for Kevin Duong, *Johns Hopkins Political Science Seminar 2023*
- Discussant for Steph Saxton, *JHU Political Science Graduate Colloquium 2023*
- Discussant for Berkay Kabalay, *JHU Political Science Graduate Colloquium 2023*
- Discussant for Darko Vinketa, *JHU Political Science Graduate Colloquium 2019*

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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Johns Hopkins University Shared Governance Council

*Graduate Student Representative, Academic Year 2021-2022*

Graduate Representative Organization

*Co-Chair, June 2020-June 2021*

*Representative for Political Science Department, June 2021-September 2022*

Seminary Co-op Bookstore

*Bookseller, October 2016-August 2018*

University of Chicago Neighborhood Schools Program

*Teaching Assistant, Hyde Park Academy High School 2016*

*World History and French*

**Reviewer**

*Contemporary Political Theory*

*New Political Science*

**Member**

American Political Science Association

Caucus for a Critical Political Science

Association for Political Theory

Southern Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

**Languages**

Proficiency in French (reading)