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## **Education:**

**Michigan State University** 2020-present

Ph.D. Student, Department of Political Science

Major Field: Political Philosophy

Minor Field: American Politics

Specific Area of Interest: Ancient Political Philosophy, Early Modern Political Philosophy, 20th century Political Philosophy, Statesmanship, Politics and Literature, Shakespeare and Politics

Dissertation (work in progress): Philosophical Politics: The Critique of Philosophy from the Point of View of Politics in Cicero's *Republic*

- Dissertation Committee: Dustin Sebell, Arthur Melzer, Douglas Kries, Raúl Rodríguez

**St. John's College, Santa Fe** B.A., 2020

B.A., Liberal Arts

Majors: Philosophy and History of Mathematics and Science

Minors: Classics and Comparative Literature

Senior Thesis: Life and Death of di Lampedusa's ode to Sicily in *The Leopard*

- Thesis Advisor: Frank Hunt

## **Fellowship and Grants**

Graduate Teaching Fellowship Fall 2023

Graduate Stipend, Michigan State University 2020-present

Stavros-Niarchos Foundation Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center 2018

Presidential Scholarship, St. John's College, Santa Fe 2016-2020

## **Academic Programs**

Basic Program in Ancient Greek, Latin & Greek Center at CUNY Graduate Center

## **Teaching Experience**

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| Graduate Instructor   | Fall 2024          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 170, Introduction to Political Philosophy</li> </ul> |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Raúl Rodríguez  | Spring 2024        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 170, Introduction to Political Philosophy</li> </ul> |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Zachary Bennett   | Summer 2023        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 371, Modern Political Philosophy</li> </ul>          |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Ryan Black  | Fall 2023          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ISS 308, Social Science and the Supreme Court</li> </ul> |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Eric Juenke   | Spring 2023        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 100, Introduction to American Politics</li> </ul>    |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Zachary Bennett   | Fall 2022          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ISS 235, Liberal Democracy as a Way of Life</li> </ul>   |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Zachary Bennett   | Spring 2022        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 170, Introduction to Political Philosophy</li> </ul> |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Ryan Black  | Fall 2021          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 320, Judicial Politics</li> </ul>                    |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Arthur Melzer   | Spring-Summer 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 170 Introduction to Political Philosophy</li> </ul>  |                    |
| Teaching Assistant, Professor Erica Frantz  | Fall 2020          |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PLS 200 Introduction to Political Science</li> </ul>     |                    |

### **Skills**

Ancient Greek - Reading Proficiency

Latin-Elementary Proficiency

French- Elementary Proficiency

### **Working Papers**

The Natural Diet of Man: Vegetarianism in Rousseau's *Emile*

Tension Between Politics and Philosophy in The Dream of Scipio in Cicero's *Republic*

The Defense of Criminality: Evelyn Waugh's Critique of Totalitarianism in *Love Among the Ruins*

### **Conference Experiences**

Discussant at Michigan State University Political Science Department Alumni Conference  
Spring 2022

Presenter at Midwest Political Science Association Conference Spring 2023 "Political  
Philosophy contra Politics and Philosophy: A Reading of Cicero's Preface to the *Republic*"

Presenter at Michigan Political Science Association Conference Fall 2023 "Natural Diet of Man:  
Rousseau's Case for Vegetarianism in *Emile*"

Presenter at Midwest Political Science Association Conference Spring 2024 "Rousseau's  
Political Vegetarianism in *Emile*"

Presenter at Association of Core Texts and Courses Conference Spring 2024 "The Use of Love  
Potion in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*"