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### EDUCATION

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**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI

*PhD in Political Science*

Expected May 2023

*MA in Political Science*

December 2019

- Major: *Political Philosophy*
- Minor: *Public Policy*
- Dissertation: “*Boats Against the Current: Tocqueville on Inequality in a Democratic Age*” (Proposal Successfully Defended February 2021), Committee Members: Dustin Sebell (Chair), Arthur Melzer, Raul Rodriguez, Aaron Herold (SUNY-Geneseo)
- *Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellow*, James Madison College 2019-2020

**Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**, Minneapolis, MN

*MPP in Social Policy*

May 2017

- Minor: *Population Studies*

**Kenyon College**, Gambier, OH

*BA in Political Science and Economics*

May 2013

- Minor: *Music*

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Jonathan Spiegler, Carlos Güereca, Dominic McQuerry, and Erin Troedson. Forthcoming. “**From Crisis to Housing: A Comparison of Select Homeless Shelters from Across the United States.**” *Journal of Poverty*.

Jacob Smith and Jonathan Spiegler. 2020. “**Explaining Gun Deaths: Gun Control, Mental Illness, and Policymaking in the American States.**” *Policy Studies Journal* 48, no. 1 (February): 235-256. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/psj.12242>.

Jonathan Spiegler and Jacob Smith. 2019. “**Regression Analysis for Beginners: Exploring Gun Violence.**” *Sage Publications*: 1-12. <http://methods.sagepub.com/case/regression-analysis-for-beginners-exploring-gun-violence>.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Department of Political Science, Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI

*Instructor of Record*

- PLS 377: American Political Thought (Spring 2023, Summer 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020)

- PLS 170: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Fall 2022)
- PLS 310: Public Administration and Policymaking (Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)
- PLS 313: American Public Policy (Spring 2019)

*Section Instructor*

- PLS 201: Introduction to Methods of Political Analysis (Spring 2022)

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- PLS 372: Modern Political Philosophy (Summer 2022)
- PLS 200: Introduction to Political Science (Fall 2021)
- PLS 320: Judicial Politics (Summer 2020)
- PLS 377: American Political Thought (Spring 2018)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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- *Political Philosophy*: American political thought, Alexis de Tocqueville, American slavery and racism, French Revolution, history of ancient and modern political philosophy
- *Public Policy*: social policy, criminal justice policy, race and public policy, poverty and public policy, gun violence, economic inequality, democracy and public policy
- *American Politics*: bureaucracy, presidency
- *General*: academic writing

## POPULAR PRESS/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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Jacob Smith, Jonathan Spiegler, and Aidan Floyd. 2020. “**Here’s the problem Biden faces if he picks current lawmakers for his cabinet.**” *The Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*, December 2, 2020. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/12/02/heres-problem-biden-faces-if-he-picks-current-lawmakers-his-cabinet/>.

Jonathan Spiegler and Jacob Smith. 2018. “**Why Improved Mental Health Care Alone Will Not Stop Gun Violence.**” *Scholars Strategy Network*, October 15, 2018. <https://scholars.org/brief/why-improved-mental-health-care-alone-will-not-stop-gun-violence>.

Jacob Smith and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. “**More mental health care alone will not stop gun violence.**” *The Conversation*, June 19, 2018. <https://theconversation.com/more-mental-health-care-alone-will-not-stop-gun-violence-94201>.

Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. “**Gun Violence, Gun Control, and Mental Illness.**” Interview by Dave Akerly. *WILS Morning Wake Up with Dave Akerly*, WILS 1320, March 27, 2018. Audio, 10:23. [http://1320wils.com/podcasts/the-wils-morning-wake-up?play\\_file=67376](http://1320wils.com/podcasts/the-wils-morning-wake-up?play_file=67376).

Jacob Smith and Jonathan Spiegler. 2018. “**Gun Control or Mental Healthcare? Unequal Solutions to Gun Violence.**” *Institute for Public Policy and Social Research: Michigan Policy Wonk*, March 19, 2018. <http://ippsr.msu.edu/public-policy/michigan-wonk-blog/gun-control-or-mental-healthcare-unequal-solutions-gun-violence>.

Lawrence R. Jacobs and Jonathan Spiegler. 2016. “**Gary Johnson, Queen Maker.**” *The New York Times*, November 4, 2016. <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/04/opinion/campaign-stops/gary-johnson-queen-maker.html>.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Jonathan Spiegler. “**Democratic Fatalism: Tocqueville, Slavery, and Race.**”

Jonathan Spiegler, Jacob Smith, and Aidan Floyd. “**Clearing the Bench: The Perils of Appointing Politicians to the Cabinet.**”

- Under review at *Journal of Policy History*

Jacob Smith, Jonathan Spiegler, and Aidan Floyd. “**Unions, the Minimum Wage, and Economic Inequality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.**”

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Boston, MA

“*Democratic Fatalism: Tocqueville, Slavery, and Race*”

- Paper will be presented November 10-12, 2022

**American Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Montreal, Quebec

“*Democracy and Race: Tocqueville on Democracy’s Connection to Racialism*”

- Poster will be presented September 16, 2022

**Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Virtual

“*Unions, the Minimum Wage, and Economic Inequality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*”

- Paper Presented January 7, 2021 with Jacob Smith

**Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Philadelphia, PA

“*Clearing the Bench: The Perils of Appointing Politicians to the Cabinet*”

- Paper presented November 11, 2017 with Jacob Smith
- Nominated for the *NPSA/Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award*

**Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Chicago, IL

“*Gun Control, Mental Health, and the Spillover of Gun Deaths Across American States*”

- Poster presented April 7, 2016 with Jacob Smith

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)**, East Lansing, MI

*Chapter Fellow*

August 2019 – Present

- Assist SSN’s Michigan chapter leaders
- Draft newsletters, participate in planning sessions, conduct presentations, and support chapter events

**Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**  
*Graduate Research Assistant* January 2018 – May 2018

- Assisted Professor Matt Grossman with research on state-level public policy
- Conducted literature review on the effects of various state-level policies including right-to-work, welfare reform, concealed carry gun laws, and abortion restrictions

**Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI**  
*Graduate Research Assistant* August 2017 – January 2018

- Assisted Professor Steve Kautz with research on American political philosophy
- Reviewed and edited articles on the political philosophy of Abraham Lincoln

**Tobacco Control Legal Consortium, Public Health Law Center, Saint Paul, MN**  
*Student Research Assistant* April 2017 – August 2017

- Assisted staff attorneys with public policy research related to tobacco control
- Conducted literature review on U.S. attitudes toward cigarettes, the effects of tobacco excise taxes, the effects of nominal pricing of tobacco, and the use of tobacco in homeless shelters
- Drafted part of letter to the FDA concerning the discounting of consumer surplus for those who quit smoking

**Hennepin County Government, Minneapolis, MN**  
*Data Governance Intern (Summers)* May 2016 – August 2017

- Researched government data practices/privacy law in Minnesota
- Reviewed and edited data inventory and privacy classification tables submitted by County departments

**Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN**  
*Graduate Research Assistant* August 2015 – August 2017

- Assisted Professor Larry Jacobs with research on public policy and American politics
- Gathered data, created graphs, researched guest speakers, wrote research and briefing memos
- Designed graphs and created index for *Fed Power: How Finance Wins*
- Proofread *Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know, Revised Edition*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Michigan State University Political Science PhD Student-Alumni Conference, East Lansing**

- Organized Political Philosophy panel
- April 28, 2022

**Michigan State University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF), Virtual**

- Evaluated research presentations by Michigan State University undergraduate students
- April 15-16, 2021

## AWARDS

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**Graduate Student Teaching Award**, Michigan State University Political Science Department

- 2021

**Sigma Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha**

- Inducted 2013

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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**American Political Science Association**

- Joined 2021

**Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)**

- Joined 2018

## OTHER PROFESIONAL SKILLS

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French reading

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