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EDUCATION

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

PhD in Political Science

Expected Summer 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.” Committee Members: Dustin Sebell (Chair), Arthur Melzer, Raúl Rodríguez, Aaron Herold, Corwin Smidt. Abstract: This dissertation examines Alexis de Tocqueville’s theory of democracy. It lays out the problems he considers inherit to democracies, and strategies for moderating those problems including his ideas on the family, religion, intellectual excellence, and race.

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

MPP in Social Policy

May 2017

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

BA in Political Science and Economics

May 2013

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10875549.2022.2113593>.

Jacob Smith and Jonathan Spiegler (equal contribution). 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 (equal contribution). 2019. “**Regression Analysis for Beginners: Exploring Gun Violence.**” *Sage Publications*: 1-12.

<http://methods.sagepub.com/case/regression-analysis-for-beginners-exploring-gun-violence>.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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, racial and economic inequality, gun violence.

American Politics: bureaucracy, presidency, judicial.

AWARDS

Excellence-In-Teaching Citation, Michigan State University

- Nominated by Political Science Department in 2022. Six graduate students per year from across the university are selected by MSU to receive award (decision pending).

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Michigan State University Political Science Department

- Selected in 2022 from among all graduate student teaching assistants in Political Science Department. Only one graduate student per year in the department receives this award.

Sigma Theta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Instructor of Record

Political Philosophy

- American Political Thought (Spring 2023, Summer 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Political Philosophy (Fall 2022)

Public Policy

- Public Administration and Policymaking (Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)
- American Public Policy (Spring 2019)

Section Instructor

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

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)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellow, James Madison College, MSU 2019-2020

- One of six fellows selected from across MSU to participate in yearlong program dedicated to the study of interdisciplinary teaching theory and practice.
- Met twice monthly to discuss readings on interdisciplinary teaching.
- Conducted Teaching and Learning Project centered on improving my writing instruction.
- Met with faculty mentor periodically to discuss teaching strategies.
- Observed classes taught by faculty at James Madison College.

WORKING PAPERS

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

- Submitted to the *American Political Science Review*.

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 21st Century.**”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec

- Poster presented September 16, 2022.

“**Unions, the Minimum Wage, and Economic Inequality in the 21st Century**”

Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, Virtual

- Paper presented January 7, 2021 with Jacob Smith.

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

Northeast Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

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

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

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

- Poster presented April 7, 2016 with Jacob Smith.

POPULAR PRESS/PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Jonathan Spiegler. 2022. “**Abortion and the Natural Rights Tradition.**” *What to Do About Now?* October 16, 2022. <https://www.whattodoaboutnow.com/post/abortion-and-the-natural-rights-tradition>.

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.

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>.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Scholars Strategy Network (SSN), East Lansing, MI

Chapter Fellow

August 2019 – Present

- Assist Michigan chapter leaders further SSN’s mission of connecting policymakers and journalists with academic research to help inform public debate and public policy.
- Draft newsletters, participate in planning sessions, conduct presentations, interview members, 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 Grossmann 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 and nominal pricing of tobacco, and the use of tobacco in homeless shelters.

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.

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 briefing memos.
- Designed graphs and created index for *Fed Power: How Finance Wins*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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

- Organized Political Philosophy panel on April 28, 2022.

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

- Evaluated research presentations by undergraduate students on April 15-16, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

French reading

STATA

REFERENCES

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