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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2017-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (0%) 2019-present
Assistant Professor, Department of Classics (0%) 2019-present
Assistant Professor, European Union Center (0%) 2019-present
Unit for Criticism & Interpretive Theory (0%) 2018-present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2015-2017

CARLOS III JUAN MARCH INSTITUTE (Madrid, Spain)

Visiting Research Scholar, Research and Postgrad Centre in Social Sciences 2014-2015

NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY (Belmont, California)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy & Religion Studies 2013-2014

EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Philosophy 2015

Areas of Specialization: Ancient Greek, Ethics & Political Philosophy

Committee: Chris Bobonich, Alan Code, Josiah Ober, Eamonn Callan

M.A., Graduate College of Education 2012

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

M.A., Philosophy (*first class honours*) 2008

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

B.S., Philosophy (*magna cum laude*) 2005

B.S., Psychology (*magna cum laude*) 2005

PUBLICATIONS

5. Miller, Benjamin. (*forthcoming*). "Political Science Approaches to Greek Political Thought: Quantitative Analysis and Epistemic Democracy". In C. Attack (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Greek Political Thought*. Oxford University Press.
4. Kuklinski, James H., and Miller, Benjamin. (2022). "[New Thrusts and New Opportunities in the Study of Citizen Performance in Democratic Societies](#)". In T. Rudolph (ed.), *Handbook on Politics and Public Opinion*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
3. Miller, Benjamin. (2021). "[Virtue, Knowledge, and Political Instability in Aristotle's Politics: Lessons from the Eudemian Ethics](#)." *Polis*, 38(2).
2. Miller, Benjamin. (2019). "[What Open-Mindedness Requires from Us](#)." *Educational Theory*, 69(4).
1. Miller, Benjamin. (2018). "[Aristotle on citizenship and education: the central role of political participation](#)." In A. Peterson, G. Stahl, and H. Soong (eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Citizenship and Education*. Palgrave Macmillan.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Character Education and Democracy: What Aristotle Teaches Us about the Demands of Liberalism.
Book manuscript.

"Political Sophistication, Competence, and Performance: A Conceptual Analysis and Framework for Identifying the Tasks of Citizens"

“Comparing Two Rival Tasks of Voters: Policy-Matching vs Vote Against Backsliders”
 “What’s Bad About Affective Polarization? A Puzzle for Responsiveness Theories”
 “Against Flourishing as an Aim of Education in Democracies”
 “Learning About Aristotle’s Virtuous Person Through Non-Virtuous Motives”

EDITED VOLUMES

1. (2019). [Democracy Before Liberalism: A Discussion of Josiah Ober’s Demopolis](#). Special issue as part of the journal *Polis*, 36(3).

REVIEWS

2. Miller, B. (2019). [The importance of Demopolis for today’s political science](#). *Polis*, 36(3): 511-515.
 1. Miller, B. (2018). [A new interpretation of Aristotle’s Politics — \(D.J.\) Riesbeck Aristotle on Political Community. Pp. xii-322](#). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. *The Classical Review*, 68(1): 39-40.

INVITED TALKS

Political incompetence and defenses of democracy
 The Institute for Future Studies, PPE Seminar Nov. 2017
 Uppsala University, Philosophy Department Colloquium Nov. 2017
 University of Vermont, Ethics Workshop April 2017
 University of Nottingham, Centre for Normative Political Theory March 2017
 University of Manchester, Manchester Centre for Political Theory March 2017

What failed states don’t know: Aristotelian lessons for politics
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Phil. Dept. Colloquium Jan. 2016

Sunesis in Aristotle
 University of Auckland, Conference in honour of Rosalind Hursthouse August 2015

Justifying civic virtue
 Stanford University, Spencer Foundation Conference Oct. 2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Political Sophistication and Two Tasks of Voting
 American Political Science Association Conference Sept 2023

Political psychology and democratic theory
 American Political Science Association Conference Sept. 2020

Intrinsic defenses of democracy, norms of participation, and cognitive bias
 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Conference March 2020

A conceptual framework for successful bias intervention in political decision-making (with Seyoung Jung)
 American Political Science Association Conference Sept. 2019

Basic democracy and liberalism
 American Political Science Association Conference Sept. 2018

Invited comments on journal special issue working papers
Educational Theory Annual Workshop Oct. 2018

Political incompetence and defenses of democracy
 Pacific American Philosophy Association Conference April 2018
 American Political Science Association Conference Oct. 2018

Civic identity and feelings of patriotism: can we really justify an education for political identity?
 Western Political Science Association Feb. 2017

Intersectional conversations in a post-truth world Invited Panel, Unit for Criticism, UIUC	Sept. 2016
Regime change in Aristotle's <i>Politics</i> American Political Science Association Conference	April 2017
Aristotle's Spartans Midwest Political Science Association Conference	April 2017

**AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS**

Awarded Rosenthal funds from UIUC PS Dept (\$2,500)	2022
Clarence A. Berdahl Award for Excellent Undergraduate Teaching	2019
Campus Research Support Award, University of Illinois	2017
Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center & Mellon Foundation	2014-5
APSA Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association	2014
AAP Conference Grant, Stanford Philosophy Department	2012
Course Design Grant for TA Training Program, Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning	2011
Stanford Graduate Fellowship, Stanford Philosophy Department	2008-2013
Restoration in an Age of Global Warming Conference Travel Grant, Stanford Philosophy Department	2008

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN	
(* = Included on the List of Excellent Teachers as Ranked by their Students)	
PS 579 Principles of Democratic Governance (grad course)	
Fall 2021*	
PS 270 Intro to Political Theory	
Spring 2016*, Autumn 2016*, Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018*, Spring 2019, Autumn 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2021*, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023	
PS 371 Classical Political Thought	
Autumn 2015*, Autumn 2016*, Autumn 2017*, Autumn 2020*, Spring 2021*, Fall 2022*	
PS 370 Justice in the Law	
Spring 2017*, Autumn 2018*, Spring 2019*, Spring 2020*, Spring 2021*, Spring 2022, Spring 2023	
PS 300 Children, the Family, and Social Justice	
Spring 2017*	
PS 300 Citizenship & Diversity	
Autumn 2015*	
PHIL 203 Ancient Philosophy	
Spring 2016*	
NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY	
Introduction to Philosophy, Autumn 2013, Spring 2014	
Moral Issues, Autumn 2013, Spring 2014	
STANFORD UNIVERSITY	
Ethics in Real Life: How Philosophy Can Make Us Better People	
Winter 2014	

Introduction to Environmental Ethics
 Summer 2015
 Personal Responsibility: Moral and Civic Life (with Blake Francis)
 Winter 2013
 Teaching Methods (graduate course)
 AY 2012-3 (with Grant Rozeboom), AY 2011-2 (with Amanda Greene)
 Education in the USA: What Would Be Fair?
 Hope House Scholars Program, Service League of San Mateo County, residential drug and alcohol program for women, Summer 2012 (with RJ Leland)
 Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (graduate course, with Thomas Ehrlich)
 Winter 2012
 Philosophical Accounts of Love and Friendship
 Winter 2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UIUC POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Department Awards Committee	2021-2022
Omnibus Faculty/Grad Representative, Political Science, (elected by PS grad students)	2019-2020
CS+PS Committee	2018-2019
Advisory Committee	2018-19, 21-22
Committee on Department Climate	2017-2019
Law and Power Concentration Chair	2017
Political Philosophy Area Chair	2017-2019,
Graduate Admissions and Affairs Committee	2023
	2017-19, 20-21, 22-23

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

University of Illinois Subcommittee on Student Conduct Resolution	2018-2021
Illinois Promise Scholars Program Mentor (4 students total)	2017-present
RSO Advisor for SOAP	2017-2020

DISCIPLINE-WIDE

APSA Section Officer, Ideas, Knowledge, and Politics section <i>Reviewer:</i> Philosophy, Politics & Economics, Res Publica, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Classical Review, Journal of Economic Methodology, Polity Press, Critical Review, Constellations, Political Research Quarterly, Episteme, APSR	2018-present
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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Teaching Consultant for Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning
 Graduate Student Advisor to the *Dualist*, Stanford Undergraduate Journal in Philosophy
 Stanford Hume Society Co-President
 Co-Founder of Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Marta Sutton Weeks Stanford Humanities Workshop
 Co-Founder of Dirty Leviathan Graduate Student Political Theory Group and Annual Retreat

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
 Midwest Political Science Associate
 American Philosophical Association
 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society

Association for Political Theory

SKILLS

Ancient Greek Language (reading)