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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 Postgraduate 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

3. Miller, B. (*forthcoming*). Virtue, Knowledge, and Political Instability in Aristotle's *Politics*: Lessons from the *Eudemian Ethics*. *Polis*.
2. Miller, B. (2019). [What Open-Mindedness Requires from Us](#). *Educational Theory*, 69(4).
1. Miller, B. (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

Sophisticated Citizens: Aristotle's Developmental Theory of Political Deliberation. Book manuscript.
"Intrinsic defenses of democracy, norms of participation, and cognitive bias"
"Regime change in Aristotle's *Politics*: how to build a virtuous city"
"Elite incompetence" (with Jim Kuklinski)
"A conceptual framework for successful bias intervention in political decision-making" (with Seyoung Jung)
"Specifying the grand end: the virtuous person's conception of eudaimonia according to Aristotle"
"The role of the *kalon* in ethical decision-making" (Aristotle's *Ethics/Politics*)

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| EDITED VOLUMES | 1. (2019). Democracy Before Liberalism: A Discussion of Josiah Ober's Demopolis . Special issue as part of journal <i>Polis</i> , 36(3). | |
| REVIEWS | 2. Miller, B. (2019). The importance of Demopolis for today's political science . <i>Polis</i> , 36(3): 511-515. | |
| | 1. Miller, B. (2018). A new interpretation of Aristotle's Politics — (D.I.) Riesbeck Aristotle on Political Community. Pp. xii-322 . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. <i>The Classical Review</i> , 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 |
| | <i>Sunesis</i> 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 | 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 | |
| | <i>Educational Theory</i> 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 | April 2017 |
| | Intersectional conversations in a post-truth world | |
| | Invited Panel, Unit for Criticism, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Feb. 2017 |
| | Regime change in Aristotle's <i>Politics</i> | |
| | American Political Science Association Conference | Sept. 2016 |
| | Aristotle's Spartans | |
| | Midwest Political Science Association Conference | April 2017 |

AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS

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| 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 270 Intro to Political Theory

Spring 2016*, Autumn 2016*, Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018*, Spring 2019, Autumn 2020)

PS 371 Classical Political Thought

Autumn 2015*, Autumn 2016 *, Autumn 2017*, Autumn 2020*

PS 370 Justice in Politics

Spring 2017*, Autumn 2018*, Spring 2019*

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 Francies

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

Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (graduate course with Thomas Ehrlich)

Winter 2012

Philosophical Accounts of Love and Friendship

Winter 2010

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| PROFESSIONAL SERVICE | <p>UIUC POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Ombud Faculty/Grad Representative, Political Science, (elected by PS grad students) 2019-2020</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">CS+PS Committee 2018-2019</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Advisory Committee 2018-2019</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Committee on Department Climate 2017-2019</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Law and Power Concentration Chair 2017</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Political Philosophy Area Chair 2017-2019</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Graduate Admissions and Affairs Committee 2017-2019</p> <p>UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">University of Illinois Subcommittee on Student Conduct Resolution 2018-present</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Illinois Promise Scholars Program Mentor (3 students total) 2017-present</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">RSO Advisor for SOAP 2017-present</p> <p>DISCIPLINE-WIDE</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">APSA Section Officer, Ideas, Knowledge, and Politics section 2018-present</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><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</p> <p>STANFORD UNIVERSITY</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Teaching Consultant for Stanford Center for Teaching and Learning</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Graduate Student Advisor to the <i>Dualist</i>, Stanford Undergraduate Journal in Philosophy</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Stanford Hume Society Co-President</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Co-Founder of Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Marta Sutton Weeks Stanford Humanities Workshop</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Co-Founder of Dirty Leviathan Graduate Student Political Theory Group and Annual Retreat</p> |
| AFFILIATIONS | <p>American Political Science Association</p> <p>Midwest Political Science Associate</p> <p>American Philosophical Association</p> <p>Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society</p> <p>Association for Political Theory</p> |
| SKILLS | <p>Ancient Greek Language (reading)</p> |