

# Benjamin Miller

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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.

"Making Progress on Understanding Citizen Performance by Comparing Two Rival Tasks of Voters"

- “A Contradiction Between Affective Polarization and Political Sophistication: A Critique of the Standard Preferences Model of Voting”
- “Conceptualizing and Measuring Democratic Commitment By Asking Citizens Their Views”  
(w/Seongjoon Ahn)
- “Against Flourishing as an Aim of Education in Democracies”
- “Learning About Aristotle’s Virtuous Person Through Non-Virtuous Motives”

#### EDITED VOLUMES

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

#### REVIEWS

- Miller, B. (2019). [The importance of Demopolis for today’s political science](#). *Polis*, 36(3): 511-515.
- Miller, B. (2018). [A new interpretation of Aristotle’s Politics — \(D.L.\) 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 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, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	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

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	
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)

Winter 2012 (with Thomas Ehrlich)

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

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

2018-present

*Reviewer:* 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

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)