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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
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	2015-2017
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NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR UNIVERSITY (Belmont, California)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy & Religion Studies	2014-2015
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EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Philosophy <i>Specializations:</i> Ancient Greek Philosophy, Ethics, Political Philosophy <i>Committee:</i> Chris Bobonich, Alan Code, Josiah Ober, Eamonn Callan	2015
M.A., Graduate College of Education	2012

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

M.A., Philosophy (<i>first class honours</i>)	2008
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NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

B.S., Philosophy (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	2005
B.S., Psychology (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	2005

PUBLICATIONS

3. Miller, B. (forthcoming). When being open-minded requires transformation. *Educational Theory*, 69(4).
2. Miller, B. (2019). [The importance of Demopolis for today's political science](#). *Polis*, 36(3): 511-515.
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.

Virtue, knowledge, and political instability in Aristotle's *Politics*: lessons from the *Eudemian Ethics* (under review)

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*)

REVIEWS

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, Philosophy Department 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, Virtue (Moral & Epistemic) & Education 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
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 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 *Politics*
 American Political Science Association Conference Sept. 2016

Aristotle's Spartans Midwest Political Science Association Conference	April 2017
Understanding <i>to kalon</i> as an ethical concept in Aristotle Stanford University Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop	Jan. 2013
How to justify the civic virtues Stanford University Dirty Leviathan Political Theory Retreat	April 2011
Comments on Sarah Broadie's "Looking at Aristotle through the lens of Bernard Williams" Stanford University Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern Workshop	Nov. 2011

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 270 Intro to Political Theory
Spring 2016*, Autumn 2016*, Autumn 2017, Autumn 2018*, Spring 2019)
- PS 371 Classical Political Thought
Autumn 2015*, Autumn 2016*, Autumn 2017*
- PS 300 Justice in Politics
Spring 2017*
- PS 300 Children, the Family, and Social Justice
Spring 2017*
- PS 300 Citizenship & Diversity
Autumn 2015*
- PHIL 203 Ancient Philosophy
Spring 2016*

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- Introduction to Philosophy
Autumn 2013, Spring 2014
- Moral Issues
Autumn 2013, Spring 2014

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- 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

PROFESSIONAL
 SERVICE

UIUC POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Omnsbud Faculty/Grad Representative, Political Science, (elected by PS grad students)	2019-2020
CS+PS Committee	2018-2019
Advisory Committee	2018-2019
Committee on Department Climate	2017-2019
Law and Power Concentration Chair	2017
Political Philosophy Area Chair	2017-2019
Graduate Admissions and Affairs Committee	2017-2019

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

University of Illinois Subcommittee for Student Conduct Resolution	2018-present
Illinois Promise Scholars Program Mentor (3 students total)	2017-present
RSO Advisor for SOAP	2017-present

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	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

SKILLS

Ancient Greek Language (reading)