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Dept of Government, Cornell University

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Education

Cornell University 2018–present

Ph.D, Government, in progress

M.A., Government, awarded 2021

Fields: Political Theory (major), American Politics (minor)

4.0 GPA

Dissertation: *The Politics of Natural Society*

Committee: Jason Frank (co-chair), Jill Frank (co-chair), Richard Bensel, Aziz Rana

Oberlin College 2013–2017

B.A. in Politics, *with highest honors*

3.96 GPA

Research Interests

History of political thought • Contemporary political theory • Modern political thought • Democratic theory • Political theories of society • American political thought • The development of capitalism • Critical theory • Thomas Paine, Adam Smith, Edmund Burke

Conferences and Presentations

American Political Science Association 2022
“Thomas Paine’s Society: Common Sense and Democratic Theory”

Association for Political Theory 2022
“The Political Economist in Society: Adam Smith on Theory, Nature, and Political Reform”

History of Economics Society 2023
“Natural Society and the Problem of Politics in Adam Smith’s *The Wealth of Nations*”

American Political Science Association 2023 (withdrew)
“Edmund Burke, Natural Society, and the Genre of Theory”

Association for Political Theory 2023
“Edmund Burke, Natural Society, and the Genre of Theory”

Work Experience

Editorial Assistant, *The American Prospect* 2017-2018

Fact checked and edited articles in preparation for publication; wrote feature length pieces for online and print magazine: <https://prospect.org/topics/jordan-ecker/>

- “Money Against Democracy” Summer 2019.
<https://prospect.org/culture/books/money-democracy/>
- “Sharing the Tech Wealth” Spring 2018.
<https://prospect.org/infrastructure/sharing-tech-wealth/>

Research Experience

- Research Assistant**, Richard F. Bensel, Gary S. Davis Professor of Government, Cornell University 2020
Provided editorial feedback on a manuscript developed into *The Founding of Modern States* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).
- Research Assistant**, Peter Katzenstein, Walter S. Carpenter, Jr. Professor, Cornell University 2023
Provided extensive editorial feedback and research on a manuscript developed into a book for publication.

Teaching Experience

All courses are Dept. of Government, Cornell University.

- Freshman Writing Seminar: Revolution! Radicalism, Liberalism and Conservatism, instructor: Jordan Ecker, fall 2022
- American Politics (head T.A.), instructor: Douglas Kriner, fall 2021
- The U.S. Constitution: Crisis, Change, and Legitimacy, instructor: Aziz Rana, spring 2020 and 2022
- Crime and Punishment, instructor: Joseph Marguiles, spring 2021
- Civil Disobedience, instructor: Alexander Livingston, fall 2020
- The American Presidency, instructor: Douglas Kriner, fall 2019

Awards

- **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar** 2023
 - The History of Economics Society
- **The Carpenter Fellowship** 2023
 - Department of Government, Cornell University
- **Adam Smith Fellowship** 2022-23
 - The Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- **Sage Graduate Fellowship** 2018-9, 2023-4
 - College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University
- **Comfort M. Starr Prize for Politics** 2017
 - Politics Department, Oberlin College

Skills

- German (reading proficiency)
- Basic R proficiency