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## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Texas A&M University, In progress with expected dissertation defense April 2021

*Fields:* Political Theory, Public Policy and Public Administration

*Committee:* Cary J. Nederman (Chair), James R. Rogers, Benjamin G. Ogden, Erin A. Snider, Hassan Bashir

Master of Public Policy, Pepperdine School of Public Policy, Malibu, CA, 2016

*Fields:* International Relations, Economics

B.S. History Pre-Law, *summa cum laude*, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, OK, 2011

## Peer Reviewed Publications

“Republican Institutionalism for a ‘Government of Laws’: John Adams’s Polybian Political Science.” 2019. *American Political Thought* 8(3), 323-346.

“Tocqueville and Qutb: Religion, Democracy, and the Needs of the Soul.” 2016. *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 14(1), 89-101.

## Selected Popular Publications

“Experts, Politicians, and the Public: The Science and Art of Collective Decision-Making in a Free Society.” *Public Discourse*. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2020/04/62503/>.

“Harrington’s Cake: Institutions, Power, and Virtue.” *The Imaginative Conservative*.

<https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2020/04/james-harrington-oceana-institutions-power-virtue-ben-peterson.html>.

“Invoking the Tradition: Catholic Social Teaching in Policy Debates.” *Public Discourse*.

<https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2020/02/59750/>.

“Ruling Our Selves: The Right Kind of Regime Change.” *Law and Liberty*.

<https://www.lawliberty.org/2019/11/19/ruling-our-selves-liberalism-deneen-dreher/>.

“Thinking Constitutionally.” *National Affairs*.

<https://www.nationalaffairs.com/publications/detail/thinkingconstitutionally>.

“Can a Person Choose ‘Death with Dignity’?” *Ethika Politika*. <https://ethikapolitika.org/2015/08/04/can-a-person-choose-death-with-dignity/>.

“The False Promises of Presidential Leadership.” *Library of Law and Liberty*.

<http://www.libertylawsite.org/2016/10/13/the-false-promises-of-presidential-leadership/>.

“How Liberals and Conservatives Can Learn from Moynihan’s Virtues.” *Public Discourse*.

<http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2016/09/17874/>.

“Putnam’s Quest for Community.” *Library of Law and Liberty*. <http://www.libertylawsite.org/book-review/putnams-quest-for-community/>.

“The Gun Debate, Now Amplified by Terrorist Threats.” *The New York Times*.

<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2015/12/15/are-americans-fears-legitimate/the-gun-debate-now-amplified-by-terrorist-threats>.

### Working Papers

A ‘Mirage’ or a Must-Have? ‘Social Justice’ as a Standard for Institutions and Policy.

### Conference Presentations

“A ‘Mirage’ or a Must-Have? ‘Social Justice’ as a Standard for Institutions and Policy.” Liberal Arts International Conference at Texas A&M University in Qatar, March 2019.

“Divine Sovereignty and the Essence of Democracy: Maritain and Maududi.” Lone Star Conference for the Study of Political Thought, March 2018.

“‘The World is a Garden’: Legitimacy and Political Wisdom in *The Muqaddimah*.” American Political Science Association, August 2017.

### Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019. Benjamin G. Ogden, Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 308: Game Theoretic Methods.

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2019. Quan Li, Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 309: Polimetrics.

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017. Carlisle Rainey, Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 209: Introduction to Political Science Research.

Teaching and Research Assistant, Summer-Fall 2016. Ted McAllister, Pepperdine School of Public Policy. Inequality and Alienation.

Bible Teacher, Fall 2014. Brentwood Christian School. Eighth grade and freshman Bible classes.

### Relevant Professional Experience

Organized Panel Discussion: “Engaging American Muslims,” Spring 2016. Pepperdine School of Public Policy. Speakers: Jennifer S. Bryson, Ahmed Taha, and Dany Doueiri.

Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 2013-Spring 2016. Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership. Performed research to identify and prepare content for policy blogs on civic engagement and effective governance.

Behavioral Compliance Analyst, Summer 2012-Summer 2013. Cenpatico, Managed Behavioral Healthcare Organization. Analyzed contractual and regulatory requirements for managing Medicaid and Medicare behavioral healthcare and substance abuse treatment benefits to ensure access for members to high quality services.

Program Assistant, Fall 2011-Spring 2012. Middle East Studies Program (study abroad). Successfully facilitated first two semesters in Jerusalem after relocation from Cairo, establishing updated operational procedures and ensuring high satisfaction rate for 46 students.

### Current Memberships

Association for Political Theory

American Political Science Association

Society of Christian Scholars