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Academic Appointments

Washington University in St. Louis
Professor of Philosophy, 2026-Present
Professor of Religion and Politics (by courtesy), 2026-Present

Davidson College
Chair, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE), 2023-2026
Faculty Co-Convener, Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, 2021-2026
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2021-2026
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2015-2021

King's College, London
Visiting Research Fellow in Political Economy, 2019-2020

Brown University
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Political Theory Project, 2014-2015

Editorial Appointment

Locke Studies—Editor-in-Chief, 2022-2027

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, PhD in Philosophy (2014)

Ohio University, Honors Tutorial College, A.B. in Philosophy (2008), *summa cum laude*

Areas of Specialization

Political and Moral Philosophy, History of Political and Moral Philosophy

Areas of Competence

History of Modern Philosophy, History of Political Economy, Political Theology

Publications

1) *Books*

2022 (with Michael Huemer) **Is Political Authority an Illusion? A Debate** (Routledge)

2020 **Locke Among the Radicals: Liberty and Property in the Nineteenth Century** (Oxford)

2) *Articles and Chapters*

2027 (with Frank Lovett) "The Republican Theory of Legitimacy," ***Social Theory and Practice*** (forthcoming)

"Republican Equality" in ***Routledge Handbook of Equality***, ed. Jeppe von Platz and Lauren and Lauren McGillicuddy (Routledge, forthcoming)

"Land, Labor, and Freedom: Nineteenth-Century Afterlives of Locke's Theory of Property" in ***Locke's* Two Treatises*: A Critical Guide***, ed. Tim Stuart-Buttle and Felix Waldman (Cambridge, forthcoming)

"What Security for the Kingdom of Heaven? Locke's Right of Toleration" in ***Essays on Anarchism, Rights, and Territory: A Tribute to A. John Simmons***, ed. Atanacio Hernandez (Routledge, forthcoming)

2026 "Nozick beyond Locke: The Nineteenth-Century Foundations of *Anarchy, State, and Utopia,"* ***Cosmos + Taxis*** (forthcoming)

"Locke on Property," in ***The Oxford Handbook of Locke***, ed. Patrick Connolly (Oxford, forthcoming)

"Nozick, Self-Ownership, and the Problem of Self-Enslavement," ***Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*** (online first)

2024 "'Man's Propriety in the Creatures': Locke, Divine Ownership, and the Right to Exclude," ***Studi Lockiani: Ricerche sull'età moderna*** 5: 161-182

"Republican Criminal Justice," in ***The Oxford Handbook of Republicanism***, ed. Frank Lovett and Mortimer Sellers (Oxford, online first)

"Locke's Conflicted Cosmopolitanism: Individualism and Empire," in ***Hobbes-Bentham: Politics and Economy within International Theory***, ed. Benjamin Bourcier and Mikko Jakonen (Palgrave Macmillan): 71-91

2023 "'But I am Free!' Malick on Freedom and Transcendence," in ***Life Above the Clouds: Philosophy in the Films of Terrence Malick***, ed. Steven DeLay (SUNY): 375-392

2022 "Republican Liberty as Liberty within Rights," ***Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*** 8: 127-157

2021 "Locke's Republican and Liberal Legacy," in ***The Lockean Mind***, ed. Jessica Gordon-Roth and Shelley Weinberg (Routledge): 465-474

2019 "Boyle's Reductive Occasionalism," ***Journal of Modern Philosophy*** 1(1): 2: 1–11

2018 "Sufficiency and Freedom in Locke's Theory of Property," ***European Journal of Political Theory*** 17 (2): 152-173

2016 "Two Concepts of Consent in Locke's Political Theory," ***Ethics & Politics*** 18 (2): 111-132

"Expressive Objections to Markets: Normative, not Symbolic," ***Business Ethics Journal Review*** 4 (1): 1-6

"Robust Deliberative Democracy," ***Critical Review*** 28 (3-4): 494-516

2015 "The Fair Value of Economic Liberty," ***Res Publica*** 21 (4): 413-428

2014 "Accountability and Parenthood in Locke's Theological Ethics," ***History of Philosophy Quarterly*** 31 (2): 101-118

2012 "The Compatibility of Locke's Waste Restriction and his Political Voluntarism," ***Locke Studies*** 12: 183-199

2011 "Locke on Basic Income," ***Basic Income Studies*** 6 (2): 1-12

4) *Reviews*

2022 Review of Walter Horn, *Democracy Naturalized: The Foundations of Distilled Populism* (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2020) in ***The Journal of Value Inquiry*** (online first)

2020 Review of Alberto Mingardi, *Classical Liberalism and the Industrial Working Class: The Economic Thought of Thomas Hodgskin* (New York: Routledge, 2020) in ***Erasmus Journal of Philosophy and Economics*** 13 (2): online first

2016 Review of Jason Brennan and Peter Jaworski, *Markets without Limits* (New York: Routledge, 2016) in ***Business Ethics Quarterly*** 26 (4): 561-564

Selected Presentations

Law and Coercion in Locke's Consent Doctrine

- Issues in Early Modern Philosophy Conference (New York University)—November 2026
- WPES (Washington University in St. Louis)—October 2026
- APSA 2026 (Boston)—September 2026

Nozick, Self-Ownership, and the Problem of Self-Enslavement

- Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy (Chapman University)—September 2025

John Locke and James Otis on Property, Liberty, and Tyranny

- PPE Colloquium (Florida State University)—September 2025
- American Philosophical Association (New York)—January 2026

Land, Labor, and Freedom: Nineteenth Century Afterlives of Locke's Property Theory

- Keynote Address, John Locke Conference 2025 (University at Buffalo, NY)—July 2025
- PPE 2025 (London)—July 2025

Republican Legitimacy

- MPSA 2025 (Chicago)—April 2025
- Vrije Universiteit Normativity Workshop (Amsterdam)—July 2025

"Man's Propriety in the Creatures": Locke, Divine Ownership, and the Right to Exclude".

- PPE 2024 (New Orleans)—November 2024
- John Locke Conference 2024 (Durham, UK)—June 2024
- Stephenson Center, Wabash College (Crawfordsville, IN)—May 2024

What is the Point of Political Consent?

- APSA 2023 (Los Angeles)—August 2023

Locke on Property

- Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (Amsterdam)—June 2023

Lockean Competition: Emancipation or Enslavement?

- University of Essex (Colchester, UK)—September 2022

Hypocrisy and Punishment in the Locke-Proast Controversy

- Philosophy in Assos (Assos, Tukey)—July 2022
- John Locke Conference (Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria)—June 2022
- York Political Theory Workshop (York, UK)—November 2021
- PPE 2022 (New Orleans)—February 2022

Putting Locke's Proviso in its Place

- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (online)—January 2021

Republican Liberty as Liberty Within Rights

- University of Reading (Reading, UK)—November 2020
- 8th Workshop for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy (Nuffield College, Oxford)—May 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- PPE 2020 (New Orleans)—March 2020
- Oxford University Philosophy Society/Oxford University Hayek Society (Balliol College, Oxford)—January 2020
- Durham University (Durham, UK)—January 2020

Locke's Natural Rights Republicanism

- 2021 John Locke Conference (Naples, Italy)—June 2021
- 2021 Workshop on Locke's Political Philosophy (King's College London)—May 2021
- PPE 2020 (New Orleans)—March 2020

Locke Among the Radicals

- 5th Wuhan University Contemporary Issues in Political Philosophy Summer School (Wuhan, China)—August 2021
- Chapman University (Orange, CA)—September 2019

- UNC-Chapel Hill—May 2019
- Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC)—April 2019
- Politics, Philosophy, and Economics 2019 (New Orleans)—March 2019

Teaching

Washington University in St. Louis

Course

Philosophy 3230: Philosophy of Law (fall 2026)

Davidson College

Courses

Philosophy 190: Introduction to PPE (spring 2023, fall 2024, spring 2026)
Philosophy 106: Early Modern European Philosophy (spring 2024, spring 2025, spring 2026)
Philosophy 325: Philosophy of Law (fall 2022, fall 2023)
Philosophy 220: Political Philosophy (fall 2016, fall 2017, fall 2018, fall 2020, fall 2021, fall 2022, fall 2023, spring 2025, spring 2026)
Philosophy 451: Senior Colloquium (spring 2017, spring 2019)
Philosophy 215: Ethics (spring 2016, spring 2017, spring 2018, spring 2019, spring 2021)
Philosophy 110: Problems of Philosophy (spring 2016, fall 2016, fall 2018, fall 2023)
Philosophy 350: Seminar: Political Liberty (fall 2015)
Philosophy 350: Seminar: Liberalism and its Critics: 1689-2017 (fall 2017)
Philosophy 350: Seminar: Classics of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (fall 2020)
Philosophy 350: Seminar: Locke: Philosophy, Politics, and Theology (fall 2024)
Philosophy 120: Applied Ethics (fall 2015, fall 2016, fall 2017, fall 2018, fall 2020, fall 2021, spring 2023, spring 2024, spring 2025)
Political Science 283: Ethics and Policymaking (fall 2021)
Writing 101: Does Democracy Matter? (spring 2021)

Brown University

Political Science 0820D (First Year Seminar): Freedom (spring 2015)

UNC-Chapel Hill

Philosophy 275: Feminism (summer 2014)
Philosophy 220: Early Modern Philosophy (summer 2013)
Philosophy 270: Morality and Law (summer 2010, summer 2012)
Philosophy 110: Introduction to Philosophy: Great Works, (spring 2012)
Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy: Main Problems (summer 2011, fall 2011)
Philosophy 170: Social Ethics and Political Thought (spring 2011)

Scholarly Refereeing

Presses: Oxford, Routledge, Palgrave, Broadview, Bloomsbury, Springer, Peter Lang

Journals: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Review of Politics*, *European Journal of Political Theory, Canadian Journal of Political Science, History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *American Political Science Review*, *Ethics and Politics*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Res Publica*, *Topicos*, *Business Ethics Journal Review*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *The Internet*

Encyclopedia of Philosophy, *Business Ethics Quarterly*, *Critical Review*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *Diametros*, *Journal of Politics, PPE, Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy, Journal of Modern Philosophy, Philosophia*, *The Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Political Power, Independent Review*, *Economics and Philosophy, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Passion: Journal of the European Philosophical Society for the Study of Emotions*, *Journal of Church and State*

Languages

English (native)
German (intermediate reading, writing, and speaking)
Latin (intermediate reading)

Grants

1) Progress of Ideas Grant. Source: Progress and Poverty Foundation (with Paul Forrester, University of Pennsylvania and Otto Lehto, NYU) University of Pennsylvania)—2025-2027, $10,000
2) Conference Grant for Workshop on Locke at Chapman University Source: Stephenson Center for Classical Liberalism (with Bas van der Vossen, Chapman University)—2025, $24,000
3) DeeP Collaborative. Source: American Colleges of the South (with Graham Bullock, Davidson College)—2021-2022, $18,635

Awards

James Madison Program Visiting Fellowship, Princeton University, 2026-2027 (full salary, benefits, and research stipend)—declined
Public Good Faculty Fellowship, Davidson College, 2026-2027 (full salary, benefits, and research stipend)—declined
Nomination for National Endowment for the Humanities summer stipend 2020
National Humanities Center Summer Fellow: 2019
Nomination for Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy: 2014
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UNC Graduate School: 2013-2014
Karleton Fyfe Fellowship for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics: 2009-2011

Academic Administration, Service, and Leadership

Board Member, Equal Freedom Institute (from April 2026)
Member, Heterodox Academy (from May 2025)
Member, Academic Freedom Alliance (from January 2025)
External Reviewer, Department of Philosophy, Dickinson College (April 2024)
Member, Scientific Committee, *Lockiani* Book Series, Edizioni ETS (from January 2023)
Advisor, POSSE Foundation, Davidson College Chapter (appointed for 2021-2023 term)
Co-Convener, Deliberative Citizenship Initiative, Davidson College (from January 2021)
Job Market Mentor, The Philosopher's Cocoon Mentorship Project (2020)
Co-Founder (with Bas van der Vossen of Chapman University), Lockean Political Philosophy Working Group (international scholarly working group) (2019-2026)

Member, Academic Strategic Planning Committee, Davidson College (2018)
Organizer (in conjunction with Davidson Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative), *Show Me the Money: Applied Ethics Panel* (November 2016)
Activities Tax Council, Davidson College (2016-2018)
Holistic First-Year Student Advisor, Davidson College (2016-2018; 2023-2025)
Davidson Research Initiative Advisor, Davidson College (2017)
Donchian Research Fellowship Advisor, Davidson College (2016)

References: Available upon request