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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**Yale University**

Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer in the Humanities Program (2020-)  
Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center

**Deep Springs College**

Visiting Professor (interim summer term 2020; reappointed for summer 2021)

**University of Richmond**

John Marshall Visiting Research Fellow, Jepson School (2018-20)

**Ashland University**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science (2017-18)

**EDUCATION**

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**University of Toronto**

Ph.D. in Political Science (2018)

Dissertation: "The Politics of Luck"

Committee: Ryan Balot (supervisor), Clifford Orwin, Ronald Beiner, Arlene  
Saxonhouse (University of Michigan)

Fields of Study: Political Theory (primary), International Relations

Awarded Connaught International Doctoral Scholarship (\$35,000 CAD annually)

**Carleton College**

B.A., *summa cum laude* (2010)

Awarded Distinction in Political Philosophy (special major), Distinction in  
Comprehensive Project, *Phi Beta Kappa*, National Merit Scholar

**REFEREED ARTICLES**

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"The Political Significance of Luck: A Thucydidean Perspective," *Political  
Research Quarterly* (Online First August 28, 2020).

"*Political Theory* and Political Platonisms," coauthored with Liam Klein,  
*Political Theory* (forthcoming). *N.B.* This is a refereed, 6,000 word "Guide

through the *Political Theory* Archive,” which will introduce a special online issue. See <http://journals.sagepub.com/page/ptx/collections/index>.

“Aristotle’s Psychological Approach to the Idea of Luck,” *The Review of Metaphysics* 73, No. 1 (September 2019): 31–54.

“Aristotle, Equity, and Democracy,” *Polis* 35, No. 2 (September 2018): 333–355.

“With Steel or Poison: Machiavelli on Conspiracy,” coauthored with David Polansky, *Interpretation* 45, No. 1 (September 2018): 67–86.

“Luck and Character in Machiavelli’s Political Thought,” *History of Political Thought* 37, No. 4 (December 2016): 606–29.

## **BOOK PROJECTS**

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*Luck: The Politics of an Illusion* (in preparation for Oxford University Press)

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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“‘Every Form of Death’: Thucydides on the Precarity of Political Life,” in *Political Philosophies of Aging, Dying, and Death*, edited by Erin Dolgoy, Kimberly Hurd Hale, and Bruce Peabody (under contract with Routledge).

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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Review of *Thucydides and the Pursuit of Freedom*, by Mary P. Nichols, *Journal of Hellenic Studies*, Vol. 137, No. 1 (November 2017): 249–50.

## **OCCASIONAL PIECES**

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[“What Thucydides Can Teach Us: Ancient Reflections on a Time of Plague,”](#) *Public Seminar* (April 20, 2020).

[“Expendable Bodies: What Sophocles Can Teach Us,”](#) *Public Seminar* (June 25, 2020).

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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“Euripides’ Critique of Courage in *Trojan Women*”

“Fate, Freedom, and Politics in Emerson’s *The Conduct of Life*”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Yale University**

DRST 005: Directed Studies: Historical and Political Thought (AY 2020-21)

POLSC/HUMS 371: Women in Greek Political Thought (Spring 2021)

### **University of Richmond**

LDST 390/POLS 310: Greek Tragedy and Political Theory (Spring 2020)

LDST 378/POLS 310: Statesmanship (Spring 2019)

### **Ashland University (4/4 teaching load)**

POLSC 345: Early Modern Political Thought (Spring 2018)

POLSC 101: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Spring 2018)

POLSC 102: Democracy in America (Fall 2017)

POLSC 370: American Statesmanship (Fall 2017)

HIST 113: Western Civilizations (AY 2017-18, two sections)

### **University of Toronto**

POL 200: Introduction to Political Theory—Ancients Semester (Summer 2017)

T.A. for POL200 (AY 2010-2017)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Paper presenter, “Thucydides’ Hermocrates,” MPSA, Chicago, 2012

Paper presenter, “Machiavelli on Nature, Fortune, and Order,” Toronto Political Theory Workshop, 2014

Paper presenter, “Aristotelian Equity: Responsibility for Character as a Political Problem,” Toronto Political Theory Workshop, 2015

Paper presenter, “Aristotelian Equity: Responsibility for Character as a Political Problem,” NPSA, Philadelphia, 2015

Paper presenter, “Political Luck: Aristotle on the Vulnerability of the Regime,” MPSA, Chicago, 2016

Paper presenter, “Aristotle, Equity, and Democracy,” Toronto Political Theory Workshop, 2016

Paper presenter, “Aristotle, Equity, and Democracy,” APT, Columbus, OH, 2016

Paper presenter, “Steel or Poison: Machiavelli on Conspiracy,” WPSA, San Francisco, 2018

Panel co-organizer (with Seth Jaffe), “Democracy and Discontent: Lessons from Classical Athens,” APSA, Boston, 2018

Paper presenter, “‘If It Wasn’t for Bad Luck’: Thucydides on the Political Significance of *Tuchē*,” APSA, Boston, 2018

Paper presenter, “Bad Luck and Resilience in Euripides’ *Trojan Women*,” APT, Philadelphia, 2018

Invited lecturer, “Thucydidean Reflections on Luck and Leadership,” John Marshall Center Lecture Series, University of Richmond, 2019

Invited seminar participant, “James Madison: Father of the Constitution?,” John Marshall Center Seminar, University of Richmond, 2019  
Panel organizer, “Poetry and Athenian Democracy,” APSA, DC, 2019  
Paper presenter, “‘If It Wasn’t for Bad Luck’: Thucydides on the Political Significance of *Tuchē*,” NPSA, Philadelphia, 2019  
Invited seminar participant, “Tolerance and Civility,” John Marshall Center Seminar, University of Richmond, 2020  
Panel chair and organizer, “The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass,” John Marshall Center Conference on Frederick Douglass, University of Richmond, scheduled  
Invited paper presenter, “Euripides Critique of Courage in *Trojan Women*,” Yale Political Theory Workshop, scheduled

## **SERVICE**

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Panelist, “Applying for Postdocs” with Yale Graduate Writing Laboratory (2020)  
Conference co-organizer, John Marshall Center Conference on Frederick Douglass, keynote speaker David Blight, University of Richmond (2019-20)  
Frederick Douglass reading group faculty co-leader (with Kevin Cherry and Dan Palazzolo), University of Richmond (2019-20)  
Reviewer for *Journal of Politics*, *Political Theory*, *Polis*, and Brill (2018-19)  
Departmental self-assessment, Ashland University (2018)  
Senior thesis reader, Ashland University (2018)

## **REFERENCES**

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Caroline Robbins Collegiate Professor of Political Science and Women’s Studies  
University of Michigan  
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