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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, Political Science, 2021** (expected)

Dissertation: *Liberalism and the Problem of Compassion in Rousseau, Smith, and Tocqueville*

Committee: Andrea Radasanu (Chair), Dennis C. Rasmussen, Scot Schraufnagel  
A.B.D. August 2018

**M.A., Northern Illinois University, Political Science, 2016**

**B.S. (*magna cum laude*), Northern Illinois University, Political Science, 2014**

**A.A., Rock Valley College, Liberal Arts, 2012**

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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History of Political Philosophy; Liberalism; Modern Political Thought; Political Theory and the Moral Emotions; Political Theory and the Life Sciences; Political Economy.

## PUBCLICATIONS

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“Freedom as an Artifact: The Cultural Foundations of Ordered Liberty,” in *Culture, Sociality, and Morality: New Applications of Mainline Political Economy*, Virgil Storr and Paul Dragos Aligica ed. (Forthcoming).

“Doubting Progress,” Review of Matthew W. Slaboch, “A Road to Nowhere: The Idea of Progress and Its Critics,” *Interpretation*, Vol. 45, No.1 (2018): 141-145.

### Articles in Progress:

“Tocqueville’s Charitable Critique of Democratic Compassion” (under review at *The Review of Politics*).

“In Search of Noble Compassion: Adam Smith on the Virtue of Beneficence” (under review at *History of Political Thought*).

“The Discipline of Freedom: Education for the Rule of Law in Rousseau’s *Emile*” (in progress).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Northern Illinois University, Instructor of Record:**

POLS 100: *American Government and Politics*; Fall 2018, Spring 2019

POLS 251: *Introduction to Political Philosophy*; Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

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*Dissertation Completion Fellowship*; Northern Illinois University: 2019-2020

*Adam Smith Research Fellowship*; Mercatus Center, George Mason University: 2019-2020

*Morton J. Frisch Scholarship*, Northern Illinois University: 2019

*Adam Smith Fellowship*; Mercatus Center, George Mason University: 2018-2019

*Humane Studies Fellowship*; Institute for Humane Studies: 2018-2019

*Tocqueville Forum Graduate Assistant Award*; Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University: 2017-2018; 2018-2019

*Gerald S. Maryanov Award* for intellectual capacity, commitment, and character; Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University: 2018

*Institute for Humane Studies Ph.D. Scholarship*: 2017

*Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Waiver*; Northern Illinois University: 2014 - 2019

*Illinois State Society Scholarship*: Summer 2014

*Congressional Internship Scholarship*; Northern Illinois University: 2014

*Madison Fellowship in Justice and Democracy*; Northern Illinois University: 2014

## CONFERENCES & COLLOQUIA

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### **Presentations of Research:**

“Adam Smith’s Sympathetic Critique of the Politics of Compassion.” Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*; Chicago, IL, April 6, 2019.

“Smith and Rousseau on the Nature of Pity.” Presented at *Northern Illinois University Political Science Research Colloquium*; DeKalb, IL, March 25, 2019.

“Sympathy Rightly Understood: Tocqueville on Democratic Compassion.” Presented at *Southern Political Science Association Conference*; Austin, TX, January 19, 2019.

“Sentimental Politics in the Age of Reason.” Presented at *Northern Illinois University Political Science Research Colloquium*; DeKalb, IL, March 26, 2018.

“A Tale of Two Enlightenments: Smith and Rousseau on Science and Religion in Liberal Modernity.” Presented at *Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Colloquium*; Towson, MD., July 6-9, 2017.

### **Colloquium Participation:**

“Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*.” Co-Sponsored by Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies, Invited Participant; February 22-25, 2018; Arlington, VA.

“Moral Philosophy in Smith, Hume, and Austen.” Co-Sponsored by Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies, Invited Participant; November 10-12, 2017; Arlington, VA.

“The Challenges and Future of Liberty.” Institute for Humane Studies, Advanced Studies Seminar; June 10-16, 2017; Bryn Mawr, PA.

“Commerce and Character.” Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Invited Participant; August 2016; Philadelphia, PA.

### **T.A. EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Northern Illinois University:**

*Alexander Hamilton’s Political Thought*, Spring 2018 (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)

*War, Empire, and Ethics*, Spring 2016, Spring 2018 (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)

*Race in the Age of Revolutions*, Spring 2016, (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)

*Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Fall 2015, Spring 2018 (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)

*African American Political Thought*, Spring 2015, (Dr. S. Adam Seagrave)

*Constitutional Law I*, Spring 2015, (Dr. J. Mitchell Pickerill)

*Liberty and Empire*, Spring 2015, (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)

*Democracy in America*, Fall 2014, (Dr. S. Adam Seagrave)

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Research assistant to Professor S. Adam Seagrave, Fall 2014 - Spring 2015,

*Liberty and Equality: The American Conversation* (Lawrence, KS: University of Kansas Press, 2015).

### **SERVICE**

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Junior Editor, *Compass: An Undergraduate Journal of American Political Ideas*, a project of The School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University and The Tocqueville Forum at Northern Illinois University, 2019-present.

Graduate Assistant, *The Tocqueville Forum at Northern Illinois University*, 2017-2019

Duties included: Coordinating forum events; planning curricula for forum-sponsored seminars; assisting with the review of fellowship applications.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Poll Inspector, *City of Cambridge Election Commission*, March 2020—Present.

AP Reader in U.S. Government & Politics, *Educational Testing Services*, March 2019—Present.

Intern, *U.S. Congress, House of Representatives*, Office of Congressman John Shimkus; May 2014—August 2014.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

## **LANGUAGES**

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English (native); French (Reading Proficiency)

## **REFERENCES**

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S. Adam Seagrave, Associate Professor, School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership  
Arizona State University  
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