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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2020-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics & International Relations, Wheaton College (IL)

EDUCATION

2020	PhD in Political Science, University of Chicago
2015	MA in Political Science, University of Chicago
2013	MA in Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School <i>Concentrations:</i> Religion, Ethics and Politics; East Asian Religions
2011	BA in Government & Legal Studies (Honors) and Asian Studies, Bowdoin College

RESEARCH/TEACHING FIELDS

History of political thought (African, Asian, and European diasporic); Modern political thought; Global and Comparative political theory; Empire and colonialism; International law & legal thought; Religion & politics

PUBLICATIONS & CURRENT PROJECTS

[Book]

An Appeal to the World: Domination in the Political Thought of Montesquieu, Fukuzawa, and Du Bois (Rowman & Littlefield/Bloomsbury, 2024/2025)

[Peer-Reviewed Articles]

Alex Haskins, “Leaders Fit for the Masses”: Du Bois and Japan’s Transnational Democratic Leadership,” *Du Bois Review* 21.1 (Spring 2024): 182-200. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742058X23000127>

Alex Haskins, “Montesquieu’s Paradoxical Spirit of Moderation: On the Making of Asian Despotism in *De l'esprit des lois*,” *Political Theory* 46, no. 6 (December 2018): 915-37. doi.org/10.1177/0090591718780215

[Working Manuscripts]

Blessed are the Peacemakers: The Pan-African Conference & Congresses, 1900-2014

Aligning Interests: An Intellectual History of the Bandung Conference and NAM, 1955-2024

[Working Papers]

‘One Love’ – The Politics of Collective Liberation for Black and Chinese Jamaicans in *Hills of Hebron*

Toward a Buddhist Christianity – The Swamp, Priests, and Political Persecution in Shūsaku Endō’s *Silence*

‘A Cold and Selfish Expediency’ – Frederick Douglass’s Critique of Chinese Exclusion

[Reviews]

Review of *W. E. B. Du Bois, Ethopianism, and Black Internationalism: A New Interpretation of the Global Color Line* by Ras Wayne A. Rose, *H-Diplo* (November 2024). <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=60902>

Review of *Montesquieu: Let There Be Enlightenment* by Catherine Volpilhac-Auger and translated by Philip Stewart, *Perspectives on Politics* 21.4 (December 2023). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592723002074>

Review of *Handbook of Confucianism in Modern Japan* edited by Shaun O'Dwyer, *Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture* 40 (August 2023). <https://doi.org/10.22916/jcpc.2023.40.203>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

2024	Stott Faculty Fellowship [Colombia]
2023	G.W. Aldeen Grant (\$5500)
2022	John Stott Faculty Research Award (\$4700)
2022	G.W. Aldeen Grant (\$5500)
2022	Wheaton Globalization of the Curriculum Grant (\$2500 ; for <i>Caribbean Political Thought</i>)
2020-23	Princeton University Society of Fellows (finalist; interview declined)
2020-22	Brown University Political Theory Project (finalist; interview declined)
2019-20	Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation MMUF Dissertation Grant (\$25,000)
2019	American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant (\$200)
2019	Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2018-19	Mustard Seed Foundation Harvey Fellowship (\$16,000)
2018	Social Science Research Council Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$500)
2018	American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant (\$200)
2018	UChicago Inclusive Pedagogy Award [in collaboration with Joseph Lampert and Ann Heffernan for <i>Classics of Social and Political Thought II</i>] (\$2500)
2018	Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Award [Chinese language study in Taiwan] (\$1600)
2018	US ED Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] 2018 Summer Fellowship [for Chinese, UChicago] (\$7300)
2018	U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Critical Language Scholarship (declined)
2017-18	US ED Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] 2017-2018 Academic Year Fellowship [for Chinese, UChicago] (\$28,000)
2017	Social Science Research Council Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$1500)
2017	Grodzins Prize Lectureship Award [for “Modern East Asian Political Thought”] (declined)
2016	Prestage-Cook Travel Grant (\$300)
2016	Social Science Research Council Pre-doctoral Research Grant (\$3000)
2016	US ED Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] 2016 Summer Fellowship (declined)
2015	Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2013-17	Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago (~\$21,000 annually)

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

(Wheaton College)

2020-Present

African Politics (Autumn 2023)
Black Political Thought (every odd year spring since Spring 2021)
Caribbean Political Thought (Autumn 2022, prepended)
Chinese Political Thought (Spring 2022)
East Meets West (Spring 2025, Spring 2022)
Empire (Autumn 2022, Autumn 2020)
Immigration (Autumn 2024, Autumn 2021)
International Law (Spring 2023, Spring 2021)
Internship (Summer 2024, AY 2022-2023)
Political Philosophy (nearly every term since Autumn 2020)
Senior Seminar (every autumn since Autumn 2022)
Spirit of the Laws (Autumn 2024, Autumn 2022)
W.E.B. Du Bois (Autumn 2023)

(The University of Chicago)**=teaching assistant*

2015-2020 *Classics of Social and Political Thought II* (Winter 2019)
**Montesquieu's Spirit of the Laws* (Autumn 2018)
Office of the Provost Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program (Summer 2017)
Political Science Department BA Thesis Colloquium (Spring 2017-Spring 2020)
Classics of Social and Political Thought III (Spring 2017)
**Introduction to Political Theory* (Winter 2017)
**Classics of Social and Political Thought I-III* (Autumn 2015-Spring 2016)

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2025 ‘One Love’ – The Politics of Collective Liberation for Black and Chinese Jamaicans in *Hills of Hebron*, Northwestern University

2024 “Beyond Development as Domination,” Freie Universität Race and Multilateralism Workshop (Berlin, Germany)

2023 “A Carrot and a Stick – Montesquieu’s Strategic Uses of China in the *Spirit of the Laws*.” Yale University Montesquieu’s Shadow Conference

2023 First Book Manuscript Workshop, Association for Political Theory

2022 “Leaders Fit for the Masses: Du Bois and Democratically-Accountable Leadership in Japan.”
 • Loyola University Chicago Department of Political Science
 • University of California Los Angeles Department of Political Science

2021 “Of the Meaning of Progress – DuBois on Leadership, Japan, and Global Democracy.”
 • University of Pennsylvania CSERI Seminar Series
 • University of Wisconsin – Madison Political Theory Workshop

2020 “Ends of Empire: Domination and Resistance in Wei Yuan’s Political Thought.” University of Virginia Historical Antecedents of the Belt and Road Initiative Conference

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

2025 “Transforming (Color) Lines: Ancestors, Allies, Antagonists, and Self-Determination”, International Studies Association

2024 “Discerning Spirits (of the Laws): Moderation and the Case of Egypt.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2023 “‘Shifting the Balance of Power’: Wei Yuan’s Pragmatically Inversive Approach to Domination.” Association for Asian Studies-in-Asia Conference (Daegu, South Korea)

2022 “Toward Creolizing Non-Domination.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2020 “‘Taming Savages’: Avarice, Africa, and the Making of the Modern Global Economy.” Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Annual Conference

2019 “Talented Officials: Popular Dimensions of Anti-Colonial Imperialism.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2019 “Wealth, Power, and the Imperial Drive Toward Counter-Domination in Japan.” East Asia Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago

2019 “Heading the Body Politic – China, Virtuous Rulers, and Human Flourishing.” University of Wisconsin – Madison Early Modern Conference

2019 “‘Rule of Law in the Celestial Empire’: Upending the Foundations of Chinese Despotism, 1759-1776.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago

2018	“‘Catalytic China’ – Liberty and the Chinese State in Western Political Thought, 1822-1862.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2018	Discussant. “Naoroji, Liberalism, and the Origins of Representation in Colonial India.” Tejas Parasher. Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
2018	“Sakuma Shōzan on Foreign Learning.” East Asia Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago
2017	Discussant. “To Be Authentic: A Confucian Theory of Rights.” Jingcai Ying. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
2017	“The Spirit of Erasure”—Asian Despotism in Montesquieu’s <i>Spirit of the Laws</i> .” UCLA Medieval and Early Modern Conference

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), Association for Political Theory (APT), Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), Association of Asian Studies (AAS)

SERVICE

(General)

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *H-Diplo*, *Political Theory*

Panel Organizer

2022	“Approaches to Black Political Thought” [in collaboration with Jared Loggins, Bedour Alagraa, and Anuja Bose]
2019	“Popular Politics and the Legacies of Empire” [in collaboration with Tejas Parasher], American Political Science Association
2018	“China in Modern Political Thought – Legacies and Lessons”, American Political Science Association

(Wheaton College)

2024-27	HNGR Advisory Committee
2022-25	Faculty Council, At-Large Member
2021-	Faculty Advisor, William Osbourne Society (African-American student group)

THESIS & INDEPENDENT STUDY ADVISING

Chair or Supervisor

2025	McMahan, Franklin. “Asylum Accessibility for NGOs” Chung, Noah. “Engaging Refugees in Cyprus” Hsu, Karis. “Gender and Justice in Tanzania”
2024	Oyola, Alani. “Multicultural Development”
2023	John, Angel. “South Asian Post-Colonial Conflict” Stapleton, Stephen. “Racialized Community Formation” Wickham, Ella. “International Legal Philosophy” Witte, Daria. “Homegrown Peace in Uganda”

2022	Rex, Cade. “Global Christian Pacifisms” Jiang, Yashi. “China in the Era of Xi Jinping”
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Committee Member

2022	Peng, Charlene. “Sun Yatsen as the ‘Father of Modern China’” (History)
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LANGUAGES

Native: English

Reading: Classical Chinese (*wenyanwen*), French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin

REFERENCES

Provided Upon Request