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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor with tenure  
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University (July 2025 – present)

Associate Professor with tenure  
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (July 2023- June 2025)

Visiting Associate Professor  
Department of Government, Harvard University (January 2024-June 2024)

Assistant Professor<sup>[SEP]</sup>  
Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (2015-2023)

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow  
University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (2018-2019)

Lecturer  
Department of Political Science, Stanford University (2015)

College Fellow (postdoctoral fellowship)  
Department of Government, Harvard University (2013-2014)  
Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University (2012-2013)

### EDUCATION

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
PhD, Department of Government (May 2012)  
General Examination Fields: Political Theory (major), Comparative Politics (minor)  
Dissertation: “Accountability and Advice in Greek Political Thought”  
Committee: Professors Richard Tuck (chair), Harvey Mansfield, and Eric Nelson

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
AB (2004), with General Honors and Honors in Political Science  
Phi Beta Kappa

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Book:*

*Dangerous Counsel: Accountability and Advice in Ancient Greece.* University of Chicago Press, 2019.

### *Journal Articles:*

“Demos (a)kurios? Agenda Power and Democratic Control in Ancient Greece.” *European Journal of Political Theory*. Vol. 22(3) 375–398, 2023. Winner of the Carlo Argenton Memorial Prize for best article published in *EJPT* in 2023.

“Drinking Parties Correctly Ordered: Plato on Mass Participation and the Necessity of Rule.” *Journal of Politics*. Vol. 84, No. 4, October 2022.

“Democratic Theory and the Athenian Public Sphere.” *Polis*, Vol. 33, No. 1, 2016.

“The *Idiotes* and the Tyrant: Two Faces of Unaccountability in Democratic Athens.” *Political Theory*, Vol. 42, No. 2, April 2014.

“*Parrhesia* and the *Demos Tyrannos*: Frank Speech, Flattery and Accountability in Democratic Athens.” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. XXXIII, No. 2, Summer 2012.

### *Other journal contributions:*

“What is constitutional in Platonic ‘constitutional rule’?”. *History of European Ideas* vol. 50 no. 6, 2024.

“The Conditions of Eloquence.” *Review of Politics*, Vol. 86, No. 1, Winter 2024.

“Conspiracism and Delegitimation” (with Russell Muirhead, Nancy Rosenblum, Stephen Macedo, Jeffrey Tulis, and Nadia Urbinati). *Contemporary Political Theory* 19, March 2020.

“Democracy, Voter Ignorance, and the Limits of Foot Voting.” *Critical Review*, Vol. 27, Nos. 3-4, 2015.

### *Edited Volumes:*

“*Parrhesia* and the critique of rhetoric in the classical *polis*.” *Oxford Handbook on Ancient Greek Political Thought*. Forthcoming 2026, Oxford University Press.

*Book Reviews:*

Ober, Josiah. *Demopolis. Perspectives on Politics* 17, 2019.

Carey, Christopher. *Democracy in Classical Athens. The Classical Review* 69, 2018.

Balot, Ryan. *Courage in the Democratic Polis. Perspectives on Politics* 13, 2015.

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Oligarchic Dirty Tricks and Constitutional Sophistry in Aristotle’s Politics.”

“Polybius, *cheirotektonia*, and the fate of democracy.”

“The city and the city: Plato on holding together and coming apart”

*Both and Neither: Mixed constitutions in ancient political thought.* Book manuscript in progress, under advance contract with University of Chicago Press.

**AWARDS and HONORS**

2024: Carlo Argenton Memorial Prize for “Demos Akurios,” selected as best article published in *EJPT* in 2023.

2023-2026: Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago: three-year grant for a research project on “Economic Planning and Democratic Politics: History, Theory, and Practice” with Aaron Benanav, Gary Herrigel, and Joel Isaac

2018-2019: Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Princeton UCHV

2016-2017: SIFK Seed Grant for a project on democracy and expertise

2012-2014: College Fellowship (postdoctoral fellowship), Harvard University

2007-2013: Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University  
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, awarded six times

2005: Harvard Program on Constitutional Government, Summer Research Grant

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**University of Chicago**

“Knowledge and Politics,” Spring 2016, Winter 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023

“Power, Identity, Resistance,” Winter 2023

“Aristotle’s *Politics*,” Spring 2022

“Plato’s *Laws*,” Winter 2022

“Democracy: Equality, Liberty, and the Dilemmas of Self Government,” Winter 2022

“Introduction to Political Theory,” Winter 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022

“Models of Ancient Politics II: Modern Receptions,” Winter 2018, Spring 2021

“Models of Ancient Politics I: Athens, Sparta, Rome,” Fall 2017, Winter 2021

“Herodotus and Thucydides: History and Politics,” Spring 2017

“Democratic Accountability and Transparency,” Spring 2017

“Athenian Democracy and its Critics,” Spring 2016

“Greek Political Thought,” Autumn 2016 (with Demetra Kasimis)

“Classics of Social and Political Thought,” Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

BA, MA, and PhD advising, 2015-2022

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

“Constitutional Deception.” PPE Conference, November 2023

“Six Parts on Political Wholes: Aristotle on Political Community and Well-Mixed Constitutions.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, October 2021

Author Meets Critics panel on *Dangerous Counsel*, with Eric Beerbohm, Tae-Yeoun Keum, Arlene Saxonhouse, Joel Schlosser, and Melissa Schwartzberg. American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2020.

“Both and Neither: Constitutional Ambiguity in Aristotle’s *Politics*.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2020.

“Achieving Agreement in Plato’s *Republic*.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2019

“How to do things with Plato.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2018

“Platonic Institutionalism and Collective Judgment: *The Laws*, Books I-III.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2017

“Two Ancient Critiques of Demagoguery.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2016

“The Accountable Advisor in Herodotus’ *Histories*.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, August 2014

“The Empowered Audience in Democratic Athens.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2013

“Advice and Athenian Audience Democracy.” Presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, University of South Carolina, October 2012

“Wagging the Demos? Demagoguery and Popular Decision-Making in Democratic Athens.” Presented at the “Democracy and its Critics: Ancient and Modern” Conference, St. Hugh’s College, Oxford, UK, October 2011

“Accountability and Deliberation: Problematizing the Secret Ballot.” Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April, 2011

“The People Judging: Anti-deliberative Rhetoric and the Politics of Accountability.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September, 2010

“*Parrhesia* and the *Demos Tyrannos*: Rhetoric, Accountability, and Authority in Ancient Athens.” Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2009

“*De Republica Defendenda*: Emergency Powers at Rome and their Contemporary Relevance.” Presented at the *Critical Sense* Graduate Student Theory Conference, Berkeley, CA, April 2006

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Manuscript reviewer for *Polis*, *Review of Politics*, *PT*, *JOP*, *APSR*, *Synthese*; Chair and Discussant, APSA, NPSA, APT conferences

## **LANGUAGES**

German (proficient), Ancient Greek (reading knowledge)

## **REFERENCES**

Melissa Lane  
Class of 1943 Professor of Politics  
Princeton University  
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John McCormick  
Professor of Political Science  
University of Chicago  
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Markos & Eleni Kounalakis Chair in Honor of Constantine Mitsotakis

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Stanford University  
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