

Constantine Vassiliou

Curriculum Vitae

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, COLORADO SPRINGS Tenure-Track Professor of American Politics/Political Thought	2024-Present
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GOVERNMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL CSGI-Fellow	2024-Present
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN Civitas Research Fellow	2023-2024
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science	2021 – 2023
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Thought and Constitutionalism The Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy	2019 –2021
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES W.A. CLARK LIBRARY Visiting Research Fellow	2022
FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY Visiting Research Fellow	2019 –2020

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Ph.D., Political Science 2019
Dissertation: *Montesquieu's Moderation: Commercial Innovation and Public Responsibility in Eighteenth-Century Britain and France*

Supervisor: Rebecca Kingston (readers: Edward Andrew, Ronald Beiner, Emily Nacol, Robert Sparling)

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, M.A., Political Science

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, Independent Studies, History

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY, B.A., Political Science

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE COURSES

- University of Houston
The French Moralists (Independent Reading Course) Fall 2022
- Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona
Challenges to Liberal Democracy in the Twenty-First Century (Guest Lecturer for Aurelian Craiutu) May 2022

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES: INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Introduction to American Political Thought Spring 2025
Might and Right (International Relations) Spring 2025
American Political System Fall 2024
U.S. Political Parties Fall 2024
- University of Texas at Austin (The Jefferson Center) Fall 2023/Spring 2024
Core Texts & Ideas: Constitutional Principles: Core Texts
- University of Houston
The Human Situation (Honors College) Fall 2022
Introduction to Political Theory Fall 2021/22 & Spring 2022/23
US and Texas Constitution and Politics (Honors College) Fall 2021&Spring 2022
Foundations of Modern Political Thought Spring 2023
- University of Missouri
Intellectual World of the Founding Fathers (Honors College) Fall 2020&2021
Ancient/Classic Political Thought Winter 2020
U.S. Constitutional Debates (Honors College) Fall 2019&2020&Winter 2021
- University of Toronto
Political Theory: Visions of a Just/Good Society: Introduction to the Great Works in Political Theory from Plato to Locke 2017, 2019

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

SOLO-AUTHORED BOOKS

- Moderate Liberalism and the Scottish Enlightenment: Montesquieu, Hume, Smith and Ferguson*
Complete Monograph, **Edinburgh University Press**, “Studies in Comparative Political Theory and Intellectual History Book Series” (July 2023) *Peer Reviewed*.
Reviewed by: Iain McDaniel, *Eighteenth-Century Scotland*. Vol. 38 (Spring 2024)
Review of Politics (forthcoming)

Back to the Future of Financial Crisis: Public Trust and the Birth of Liberal Democracy (In Progress)

EDITED BOOKS

The Spirit of Montesquieu's Persian Letters eds. Jeffrey Church, Alin Fumurescu, Constantine Christos Vassiliou. Rowman & Littlefield-Lexington Press. (April 2023) *Peer Reviewed*.

Liberal Education and Citizenship in a Free Society eds. Justin B. Dyer, Constantine Christos Vassiliou. University of Missouri Press Studies in Constitutional Democracy Book Series. (June 2023) *Peer Reviewed*.

Reviewed by: Lee Trepanier, *Law & Liberty*. Oct. 27th, 2023
***American Political Thought* (forthcoming)**

Emotions, Community, Citizenship: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives, eds., Rebecca Kingston, James McKee, Yi-Chun Chien, Constantine Christos Vassiliou. University of Toronto Press (April 2017). Published Reviews: Barbara Koziak, *Contemporary Political Theory*. Vol. 18, 2019. 179-182.; Jean Michel Montsion, *Emotions, Space and Society*. Vol. 24, 2017. 42-43.; Crystal Cordell Paris, *Revue française de science politique*. Vol. 67, 2017. 969-971.

REFEREED JOURNALS

“A Lived Experience Well Understood: What Montesquieu can teach us about civic learning in higher education,” *Laws*, (June 2024)

Symposium on Lee Ward’s *Recovering Classical Liberal Political Economy: Natural Rights and the Harmony of Interests*. *Political Science Reviewer* (Oct. 2023)

Guest Editor: Constantine Christos Vassiliou

Contributors: Peter McNamara, Brandon Turner, Constantine Christos Vassiliou, Lee Ward, Brianne Wolfe, Michael Zuckert

“Classical Liberal Political Economy and Modern Republican Thought” Commentary for Symposium on Lee Ward’s *Recovering Classical Liberal Political Economy: Natural Rights and the Harmony of Interests*. *Political Science Reviewer* (Forthcoming Oct. 2023)

“‘Le système de John Law’ and the Spectre of Modern Despotism in the Political Thought of Montesquieu,” *Lumen* 38 (Winter 2019)

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Garden of Citizenship: Liberal Arts as the Cultivation of Just Sentiments,” *Liberal Education and Citizenship in a Free Society*. eds. Justin B. Dyer, Constantine Christos Vassiliou. University of Missouri, Press Studies in Constitutional Democracy Book Series (June 2023).

Co-Authored Chapter (w/Emily Nacol) “The Plague of High Finance in Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters*,” *The Spirit of Montesquieu's Persian Letters Anniversary*. Co-eds. Jeffrey Church, Alin Fumurescu, and Constantine Christos Vassiliou (April 2023)

“Montesquieu’s Political Education”, *Research Handbook in the History of Political Thought*. Eds. Guillaume Bogiaris & Cary Nederman. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. (2024)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Mark Hulliung “*Enlightenment in Scotland and France: Studies in Political Thought,*”
Eighteenth-Century Scotland. June 2019.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ESSAYS

“Essay Correspondence with Donald Drakeman (University of Notre Dame) Concerning the Role of the Humanities in Business School.” Conversation Series entitled Liberal Education in a Self-Governing Republic. *Starting Points Journal.* (October 1st 2021)

“In Search of a New Balance,” for *The Niskanen Center*, Co-authored with Dr. Aurelian Craiutu. (February 2021)

*Romanian Translations for *Contributors.ro & Revista 22*, Bucharest, Romania

“Socrates Doubts Zoom: The Temptation and Risk of Online Learning in the Liberal Arts.” *Starting Points Journal* (May 2020)

“Not Every Heel was in Germany and Japan”: Liberal Education and Citizenship in the Film, ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’ (Working Paper)

WORKING PAPERS

“Montesquieu’s Moderate Legislator: A Theoretical Response to James Harrington’s Modern Republican Project”

“Montesquieu’s Educated Citizen: Commerce, Honor, and Religion in Free, Moderate Government”

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED LECTURES

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| “Montesquieu’s Educated Citizen: Honor and Religion in a Free Society”
Indiana University Blooming | Feb. 2025 |
| “Montesquieu’s Moderation: A Liberal Art for the Commercial World,”
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario | Feb. 2022 |
| “In Search of a New Balance During an Age of Polarization,” <i>The Niskanen Center.</i> | Dec. 2020 |
| “Montesquieu’s Moderation in the Context of John Law’s Economic System in France,”
Ostrom Workshop/Tocqueville Program, University of Indiana, Bloomington. | Oct. 2020 |
| “Montesquieu’s Moderation for a Liberal World in Transition,”
University of Missouri, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy | Jan. 2020 |

CONFERENCES

- “Montesquieu’s Educated Citizen: Commerce, Honor, and Religion in Free, Moderate Government”
To be presented at Southern Political Science Association Mini-Conference, *Religion, Civic Virtue, and Constitutional Democracy*, New Orleans, LA Jan. 2024
- Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable, *Moderate Liberalism and the Scottish Enlightenment: Montesquieu, Hume, Smith, and Ferguson*. Civitas Institute, Austin, TX
Author: Constantine Vassiliou
Chair: Lee Ward
Critics: Jeffrey Church, Luke Foster, Nathaniel Gilmore, Thomas Pangle, Andrea Radasanu, Dana Stauffer, Lee Ward Dec. 2023
- Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable, *Adam Smith’s America: How a Scottish Philosopher became an Icon of American Capitalism*, American Political Science Association. Los Angeles
Author: Glory M. Liu
Chair: Danielle S. Charette
Critics: Jacob Levy, Daniel Luban, Shannon Stimson, Constantine Vassiliou Sept. 2023
- Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable, *Recovering Classical Political Economy: Natural Rights and the Harmony of Interests*, Southern Political Science Association, St. Petersburg, Florida
Author: Lee Ward
Chair: Constantine Vassiliou
Critics: Peter McNamara, Constantine Vassiliou, Brianne Wolf Jan. 2023
- “From the Separation of Powers to the Federative Republic: The *Federalist’s* Interpretation of *The Spirit of the Laws*”, EHESS, Paris, France
Presenter: Hugo Toudic
Discussant: Constantine Vassiliou May 2022
- “Montesquieu’s Honor”, Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario
Presenter May 2022
- “Colloquia on the Political Thought of Mme de Stael and Jacques Necker,” Liberty Fund. Miami, Florida. Oct. 2021
- “Montesquieu’s Moderation: Honor and Public Virtue in an Age of Modern Commerce,”
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle Washington
Chair: Alexandra Oprea
Discussant: Michael Frazer
Panelists: Antong Liu, Lorraine Pangle, Michelle Schwarze, John Scott, Constantine Vassiliou Sept. 2021
- “The Early Modern Argument for Commerce,” Southern Political Science Association 2021
Chair: David Clinton
Discussant: James Stoner
Panelists: Stefan Koppert, Constantine Vassiliou, Lee Ward, Matthew Wells
- “Claremont Roundtable Discussion entitled ‘Montesquieu and Modernity’,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

Chair: Khalil Habib Panelists: Paul Carrese, Nathan Gilmore, Vickie Sullivan, Constantine Vassiliou	2020
“Montesquieu’s Moderation for a World in Transition,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico	2020
“A Liberal Art for the Commercial World: Moderation in the Political Thought of Montesquieu and Adam Ferguson” 15 th International Congress for 18 th Century Studies, Edinburgh, SCT	2019
“Montesquieu and Hume’s English Affinities” Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society ‘Networks of Enlightenment,’ University of Glasgow, Glasgow, SCT	2018
“Le système de John Law and the Spectre of Modern Despotism in the Political Thought of Montesquieu” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC	2017
"Reckless Roundheads and Shortsighted Speculators: The Importance of Moderation in the Republicanism of Harrington and Montesquieu" 14 th International Congress for 18th Century Studies, Rotterdam, NL	2015
"Commonwealth Merchants and Bourbon Aristocrats: The Balance between Commerce and Virtue in Harrington and Montesquieu’s Political Thought" David Nichol Smith Seminar in Eighteenth-Century Studies, University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW	2014

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPATION

Session Title: “‘Author Meets Critics’ Roundtable, <i>Recovering Classical Liberal Political Economy: Natural Rights and the Harmony of Interests</i> ” Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, Florida	Jan. 2023
Author: Dr. Lee Ward Discussants: Peter McNamara; Vincent Philip Muñoz; Constantine Vassiliou; Brianne Wolf	
Session Title: “Revisiting Moderation in Polarized Times,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington	Fall 2021
Chair/Discussant: Constantine Vassiliou Panelists: Geertje Bol, Noah Eber-Schmid, Andrew Murphy, Laura Rabinowitz	
“Manuscript Review for Constantine Vassiliou’s <i>Montesquieu’s Moderation</i> ” The Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Columbia, MO Chair: Justin Dyer Keynote Discussants: Henry C. Clark, Aurelian Craiutu, Alan Gibson	2020
Paper Presentation at the University of Toronto “Narrowing the Scope of Resentment in Smith’s <i>Theory of Moral Sentiments</i> Authors: John T. Scott & Michelle Schwarze; Discussant: Constantine Vassiliou	2020

CONFERENCES/PANELS ORGANIZED

- “Political Economy-themed, 2-Day Colloquium” Civitas Institute and Salvatori Center
Co-organizers: George Thomas and Constantine Christos Vassiliou April 2024
- “Democracy and its Pathologies,” *The Association for the History of Political Thought*.
Inaugural Conference. Civitas Institute, Austin, Texas
Co-organizer w/Jeffrey Church and Alexander Duff
Participants: Richard Bourke, Aurelian Craiutu, Ryan Hanley, Harvey Mansfield,
Steven Smith, et al. Mar. 2024
- Liberal Education, Commercial Innovation, and Citizenship: Towards A Philosophically Informed
School of Industry, Ethics, and Leadership*. The Tocqueville Forum & The Honors College,
University of Houston
Organizers: Jeffrey Church/Alin Fumurescu/Dustin Gish/Constantine Vassiliou Feb. 2023
- The Great Challenges Forum Discussion Series, The Honors College, University of Houston
Honors College.
Organizer: Constantine Vassiliou
Speakers: Donald Drakeman (April '22); Steven Smith (Sept. '22); Justin Dyer (Oct. '22);
Melinda Zook (Feb. '23); Paul Carrese (March '23); Clifford Orwin (March '23) 2022 & 2023
- Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters: 300th Anniversary*. University of Houston, Department of Political
Science. Houston, Texas
Organizers: Jeffrey Church/Alin Fumurescu/Constantine Vassiliou 2021
- “Back to the Future of Financial Crises: The Political Thought of Montesquieu and his
Contemporaries in the Context of the ‘John Law System’ and the ‘South Sea Scheme,’”
Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Meeting,
Vancouver, B.C. 2017

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Elizabeth D. Rockwell Conference Funding Program, “Liberal Education, Commercial Innovation and
the Public Good: Towards a Philosophically Informed School of Industry, Ethics
and Leadership” 2022
- Jack Miller Center Academic Event Award ‘Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters at 300*’ 2021
- William Andrews Clark Library UCLA Research Stipend 2021
- American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Research Stipend 2021
- Lecture Honorarium: Ostrom Workshop/Tocqueville Program 2020
Indiana University, Bloomington
- Essay Honorarium: *Starting Points Journal* 2020
- Mark Madoff Award, Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies 2017
For Best Graduate Student Paper
- University of Toronto’s Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2016 – 2017
- Michael Donnelly, Dissertation Research Scholarship 2016
University of Toronto
- Research Travel Award 2018
From the SGS, University of Toronto

Research Travel Award	2015
From the Noah Blackstein Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy	
SSHRC Stipend	2013 – 2015
Supervisor: Rebecca Kingston	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Jack Miller Center Fellow	2024-Present
American Political Science Association	2018-Present
Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society [Board Member]	2020-2022
Graduate Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto	2017 –2018

MENTORSHIP AND EXTRA-CURRICULARS

University of Missouri, Series Event Organizer, Kinder Institute Colloquium Series	2019 – 2020
University of Toronto, Member, Responsible Investing Committee	Winter 2017

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Junior Visiting Fellow, Centre for the History of Political Thought, Queen Mary University of London, UK	2019
Visiting Scholar, Bibliothèque nationale de France/Bibliothèque de l’Arsenal, Paris, FR, Dissertation Fieldwork/Archival Research	2016

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE AND CREDENTIALS

Scotia Capital Inc. Trader/Investment Representative	2006 – 2010
Canadian Securities Institute Global Education Derivatives Fundamentals Course	2007
Canadian Securities Course	2005

LANGUAGES

Native English Speaking, Proficient in French & Modern Greek. Basic understanding of Spanish.

REFEREES

Ronald Beiner, University of Toronto
Aurelian Craiutu, University of Indiana, Bloomington
Jeffrey Church, University of Houston
Donald Drakeman, University of Notre Dame

Justin B. Dyer, University of Missouri
Dustin Gish, University of Houston
Rebecca Kingston, University of Toronto
Avi Lifschitz, University of Oxford
Michael Mosher, University of California, Berkeley
Emily Nacol, University of Toronto
Clifford Orwin, University of Toronto
Robert Sparling, University of Ottawa
Lee Ward, Baylor University
Stuart Warner, Roosevelt University