

# Curriculum Vitae

## Matthew H. Young

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### POSITION

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#### Duke University

Postdoctoral Fellow and lecturer.

August 2022—

The Civil Discourse Project, Kenan Institute for Ethics.

### EDUCATION

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**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Ph.D. Political Science. 2022

Fields: Political Theory and American Politics.

*Dissertation*: “Fear, Hope, and Love: Apocalyptic Faith and the Origins of Toleration.”

**The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, M.A. Political Science. 2019

*Thesis*: “Patiently to Suffer the World: Eschatology and Apocalypse in Early Modern Religious Toleration.” *Prothro Award for Outstanding Research*.

**Berea College**, B.A. Political Science & Economics; minor Philosophy, *summa cum laude*. 2017

### PUBLICATIONS

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“‘To Hope, and To Wait’: Roger Williams and the Eschatological Roots of Toleration.” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. XLIII. No. 1. Spring, 2022.

### FELLOWSHIPS, DISTINCTIONS, AND AWARDS

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Review of Politics Award, *Midwest Political Science Association*. 2022

*Awarded for the best paper in normative political theory*. “The Day of the Lord's Vengeance: Divine Wrath, Judgment, and Toleration in the Works of John Bunyan”

Student Undergraduate Teaching And Staff Award, *UNC-Chapel Hill*. 2021

*Student-nominated teaching award, awarded annually to the top .5% of instructors and faculty at UNC*.

Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, *UNC-Chapel Hill*. 2021

*Competitive award to fund dissertation research*.

Graduate Degree Completion Grant, *UNC-Chapel Hill* 2021

Prothro Award for Outstanding Research, <i>UNC-Chapel Hill</i> . <i>Awarded for best M.A. thesis in Political Science in the previous academic year.</i>	2020
Humane Studies Fellowship, <i>The Institute for Humane Studies</i> . Conference Travel Grant, <i>American Political Science Association</i>	<i>Four-time recipient</i> , 2018-2021 2021
Hayek Fund Travel Grant, <i>Institute for Humane Studies</i> . Graduate Student Affiliate, <i>Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics</i> .	<i>Three-time recipient</i> , 2019-2021 2019-
Conference Travel Grant, <i>Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society</i> . Graduate Fellow, <i>UNC Parr Center for Ethics</i> .	2020 2018-2020
Calihan Travel Grant, <i>Acton Institute</i> . Doctoral Merit Assistantship, <i>UNC – Chapel Hill</i> .	2019 2017-2018
Seabury Award, <i>Berea College</i> . <i>Awarded annually to two top students for outstanding scholarship and community leadership.</i>	2017
C. Louis Smith Award in Political Science, <i>Berea College</i> . <i>Awarded to the outstanding senior student in Political Science.</i>	<i>Two-time recipient</i> , 2016; 2017
Chin-Wang Prize in Economics, <i>Berea College</i> . Award for Excellence as a Teaching Assistant in politics, <i>Berea College</i> . Abdul H. Rifai Research Award, <i>Kentucky Political Science Association</i> .	2017 <i>Two-time recipient</i> , 2016-2017 Spring 2017
<i>Awarded for best undergraduate conference paper.</i> Henry W. and Edna Austin Award, <i>Berea College</i> . <i>Awarded annually in recognition of academic and personal excellence.</i>	2017
Dorothy and Willis Fisher Scholarship in Philosophy, <i>Berea College</i> .	2017

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Toleration and civility, inequality, American political thought and development, constitutional law and civil liberties, historical and contemporary political theory, American government, ethics and theory of international relations, public policy (particularly concerning urban-rural issues), utopian and dystopian political thought, democratic theory.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Duke University

First Year Seminar: “How to Think in an Age of Political Polarization”      Fall 2022

### The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### As Instructor of Record:

Modern Political Thought	Summer 2022
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense	Summer 2022
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense.	Fall 2021
American Political Thought.	Summer 2021
American Political Thought.	Spring 2021

American Political Thought.	Fall 2020
Modern Political Thought.	Summer 2020
Modern Political Thought.	Fall 2019

**As Assistant:**

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense with Prof. Jeff Spinner-Halev	Spring 2022
Modern Political Thought with Prof. Matt Weidenfeld.	Spring 2020
Modern Political Thought with Prof. Jeff Spinner-Halev.	Spring 2019
International Relations with Prof. Navin Bapat.	Fall 2018
Civil Liberties with Prof. Kevin McGuire.	Fall 2018
Modern Political Thought with Prof. Stephen Leonard.	Spring 2018
Modern Political Thought with Prof. Stephen Leonard.	Fall 2017

**OCCASIONAL WRITING**

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Review of R.L. Wilken, *Liberty in the Things of God: The Christian Origins of Religion Freedom. Voegelin View*, November 2019.

Review of Jordan B. Peterson, *12 Rules for Life*. “Self-Help for Moderns,” *Modern Age*, 2018. Volume 60, No. 3.

“OPEC’s Strategies in an Expanding Energy Market.” *Journal of Energy Security*, April 2016. With Lauren McKee

**PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

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“Diversity, Liberty, and the Market Society: Criticisms from Wendell Berry and Stokely Carmichael.” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans, LA. 2022

“The Spirit, the Dragon, and the Treasury of the Earth: Toleration, Equality, and Utopia Among the Diggers.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Il. 2022

“The Invasion of Ukraine: What might we have done differently, and what ought we to do now?” UNC – Chapel Hill, PPE Salon. 2022

“‘To Hope, and to Wait’: Roger Williams and the Eschatological Roots of Toleration.” American Political Science Association. Seattle, WA. 2021

“The Day of the Lord’s Vengeance: Divine Wrath, Judgment, and Toleration in the Works of John Bunyan.” UCLA Graduate Conference in Political Theory. 2021

“The Day of the Lord’s Vengeance: Divine Wrath, Judgment, and Toleration in the Works of John Bunyan.” Midwest Political Science Association. 2021  
*Winner of the 2022 MPSA Review of Politics Award for best paper in normative political theory.*

“Liberalism and the Lake of Fire: Divine Retribution and the Development of Religious Toleration.” Midwest Political Science Association. *Cancelled.* 2020

“Liberalism and the Lake of Fire: Divine Retribution and the Development of Religious Toleration.” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Meeting. *Cancelled.* 2020

- “Patiently to Suffer the World: Eschatology and Apocalypse in Early Modern Religious Toleration.”  
Midwest Political Science Association. 2019
- Response to Shmulik Nili, “Unconditional commitments, integrity, and the polity.”  
Duke-UNC Political Theory Workshop. October 2018
- “Aphorism and Argument: Nietzsche, Gómez Dávila, and the Ethics of Political Communication”  
Parr Center for Ethics, the University of North Carolina. April 2018
- “Marijuana, Martinis, and Morals Legislation: A Virtue-Ethical Approach to Sobriety and the Law.”  
Kentucky Political Science Association. 2017  
*Rifai Award winner for best undergraduate paper*

## SERVICE

- Convener, Civil Discourse Seminar, Duke University 2022—
- Co-Convener, Tobacco Road Political Theory Working Group. 2021-2022
- Political Theory Representative, Political Science Graduate Program Executive Council. 2019-2021
- Convener, UNC Political Theory Working Group. 2019-2021

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association  
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society  
Association for Political Thought  
Midwest Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

Jeff Spinner-Halev  
Distinguished Professor of Political Science;  
Kenan Eminent Professor of Political Ethics,  
UNC – Chapel Hill  
[spinner@email.unc.edu](mailto:spinner@email.unc.edu)

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UNC – Chapel Hill  
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Susan Bickford  
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