

# MATTHEW H. YOUNG

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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer**, the Civil Discourse Project. The Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University. 2022—

## EDUCATION

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

Fields: Political Theory, American Politics

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

Committee: Jeff Spinner-Halev (chair), Michael Lienesch, Susan Bickford, Alexandra Oprea, Andrew Murphy (University of Michigan).

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

Thesis: “‘Patiently to Suffer the World’: Eschatology and Apocalypse in Early Modern Religious Toleration.” (Prothro Award for Outstanding Research recipient).

Committee: Jeff Spinner-Halev (advisor), Michael Lienesch, Susan Bickford

**B.A. Political Science and Economics**, minor Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, Berea College

Thesis: “Free to be Good: An Inquiry Into the Metaphysics of Morals Legislation”

Advisor: Michael Berheide

## TEACHING

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### AWARDS AND HONORS

Student Undergraduate Teaching and Staff Award, The University of North Carolina, 2021

*Student-nominated teaching award recognizing the top 0.5% of instructors and faculty at UNC.*

Labor Award for Best Political Science Teaching Assistant, Berea College (x2).

### INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Constitutional Law in the American Political Tradition | Duke University | Spring 2023

First Year Seminar: How to Think in an Age of Political Polarization | Duke University | Fall 2022

American Political Thought (x3) | UNC – CH | Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021

Modern Political Thought (x3) | UNC – CH | Fall 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2022

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense (x2) | UNC-CH | Fall 2021, Summer 2022

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Civil Liberties | UNC – CH | Fall 2018

Modern Political Thought | UNC – CH (x4)

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense | UNC – CH

International Relations | UNC – CH (x1); Berea College (x2)

Comparative Political Systems | Berea College (x2)

## RESEARCH

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### PUBLICATIONS

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

### UNDER REVIEW

“Multiculturalism and Toleration,” with Jeff Spinner-Halev. Invited submission to *Research Handbook on Multiculturalism* (Edward Elgar Publishing), ed. Geoffrey Brahm Levey.

“Roger Williams,” with Teresa Bejan. Invited submission to *A New History of American Political Thought* (Princeton University Press), eds. Susan McWilliams Barndt, Nicholas Buccola, and Roosevelt Montás.

### IN PREPARATION

“To Free A Captive Community: Malcolm X, Kwame Ture, and Wendell Berry on diversity, liberty, and the market society”

“The Day of the Lord's Vengeance: Divine Wrath, Judgment, and Toleration in the Works of John Bunyan” (MPSA Review of Politics Award Recipient)

### AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Review of Politics Award, Midwest Political Science Association | *Award for best paper in normative political theory* | 2022 | \$250

Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, UNC – CH | 2021 | \$1500

Prothro Award for Outstanding Research, UNC – CH | 2020 | \$250

Graduate Degree Completion Grant, UNC – CH | \$7850

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (x4) | 2018-2021 | \$17,000 (total)

Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association

Travel Grant, Philosophy Politics and Economics Society (x4) | 2020, 2021, 2022

Calihan Travel Grant, Acton Institute | 2019

Hayek Fund Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (x4) | 2019-2022 | \$2090 (total)

Doctoral Merit Assistantship, UNC – CH | 2017-2018 | \$20,000

Graduate Affiliate, UNC Program in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics | 2019-2022

Graduate Fellow, UNC Parr Center for Ethics | 2018-2020

Seabury Award, Berea College | *Awarded annually to two top students for outstanding scholarship and community leadership* | 2017 | \$5,000

C. Louis Smith Award in Political Science, Berea College (x2) | *Awarded to the outstanding senior student in political science* | 2016; 2017 | \$3600 (total)

Chin-Wang Prize in Economics, Berea College | 2017 | \$800

Abdul H. Rifai Research Award, Kentucky Political Science Association | 2017

Henry W. and Edna Austin Award, Berea College | *Awarded annually in recognition of academic and personal excellence* | 2016

Dorothy and Willis Fisher Scholarship in Philosophy, Berea College | 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

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“To Free A Captive Community: Malcolm X, Kwame Ture, and Wendell Berry on diversity, liberty, and the market society.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Il, 2023 (accepted)

“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.*

“Patiently to Suffer the World: Eschatology and Apocalypse in Early Modern Religious Toleration.” Midwest Political Science Association, 2019

“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

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Convener, Civil Discourse Seminar, Duke University | 2022-2023

Co-Convener, Tobacco Road Political Theory Working Group | 2021-2022

Political Theory field representative, UNC Political Science Graduate Program Executive Council | 2019-2021

Convener, UNC Political Theory Graduate Working Group | 2019-2022

## REFERENCES

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