

MATTHEW H. YOUNG, PH.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Political Theory, Elon University. 2023—
Democracy Dialogue Coordinator, Elon University. 2024—

Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer, The Civil Discourse Project; The Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University. 2022-2023.

EDUCATION

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).

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

TEACHING

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).

TEACHING INTERESTS

History of political thought; American political thought; the ethics of peace and war; liberalism and its critics; inequality; theory and design; polarization and civil discourse.

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

American Political Thought | Elon University | Fall 2024
The Ethics of War and Peace | Elon University | Spring 2024
Introduction to Political Thought (x3) | Elon University | Fall 2023; Spring 2024; Fall 2024
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

RESEARCH

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Multiculturalism and Toleration,” with Jeff Spinner-Halev in *Research Handbook on Multiculturalism*, ed. Geoffrey Brahm Levey (Andrew Elgar Publishing, forthcoming).
“‘To Hope, and To Wait’: Roger Williams and the Eschatological Roots of Toleration.” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. XLIII. No. 1. Spring 2022.

INVITED SUBMISSIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Roger Williams,” with Teresa Bejan, in *The Princeton Anthology of American Political Thought*, eds. Nicholas Buccola, Susan McWilliams Barndt, and Roosevelt Montás (Princeton University Press, forthcoming).

IN PREPARATION

BOOK MANUSCRIPT: *Toleration and the Apocalypse: Moral Disagreement in Apocalyptic Times*.

Articles:

“Difficult Disagreement and the Obligations of Toleration”
“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)
“What we owe to our elders: a political theory of age and obligation.”

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, “Rhetoric and Democratic Persuasion in American Political Thought,” Philadelphia, PA. | July 2024
Veritas Fellow, The Veritas Forum | 2023 – 2024
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

Review of Michael Lamb, *A Commonwealth of Hope: Augustine's Political Thought*. *Religious Studies Review* 49 (3), fall 2023.
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* 60 (3), 2018.
“OPEC’s Strategies in an Expanding Energy Market.” *Journal of Energy Security*, April 2016. With Lauren McKee

INVITED TALKS, SEMINARS, AND PRESENTATIONS

On Civil Discourse

Faculty Instructor, “Civil Discourse in American Political Thought” unit of the Summer Civics Institute for Teachers, Jack Miller Center Civics Initiative. Philadelphia, PA, July 2024.
Faculty Instructor, Summer Civics Institute for South Carolina Teachers, Jack Miller Center Civics Initiative and North Greenville University, June 2024.
“Civil Discourse in the Classroom” and “American Exceptionalism” for “Investigating Foundational Questions in American Civics: A Primary Source Discussion” Summer Civics Institute for South Carolina Teachers, Jack Miller Center Civics Initiative and North Greenville University, July 2023.

Conference Presentations and invited talks

“No Local Culture Without Local Economics: the case for protectionist policies as a means of cultural self-preservation.” PPE Society 2024 (accepted).
“Provocation and the Obligations of Toleration.” PPE Society 2024 (accepted).
“Black Nationalism and the Tradition of American Populism.” APSA 2024 (accepted).

- “To Free A Captive Community: Malcolm X, Kwame Ture, and Wendell Berry on diversity, liberty, and the market society.” MPSA, 2023.
- “The Obligations of Toleration,” Foothills Workshop on Social and Political Thought, Clemson SC. March 2024.
- “Diversity, Liberty, and the Market Society: Criticisms from Wendell Berry and Stokely Carmichael.” Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 2022
- “The Spirit, the Dragon, and the Treasury of the Earth: Toleration, Equality, and Utopia Among the Diggers.” MPSA, 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.” APSA, 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.” MPSA, 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.” MPSA, 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

Democracy Dialogue Coordinator, Elon University.
 Referee for *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society*; *Pietas*; *Pi Sigma Alpha Journal of Politics*.
 Faculty supervisor, *Pi Sigma Alpha* (political science honor society), Elon University chapter.
 Advisory working group for “Responsible Technologies” interdisciplinary minor, Elon University *Data Nexus*. 2023 -
 Board member for interdisciplinary minor Peace and Conflict Studies, Elon University | 2023 -
 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

Jeff Spinner-Halev
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