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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**Assistant Professor**, University of Houston, 2025 - Present

**Jerome Levy Postdoctoral Fellow**, Moynihan Center, City College of New York, 2023 - 2025

## **EDUCATION**

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**Ph.D., Political Science**, Duke University, Durham NC, 2017-2023

Primary Field: Political Theory

Teaching Certificates: College Teaching, Teaching Political Science

**Dissertation:** “The Good Old Days: The Concept of the Golden Age in Greek Political Thought”

Committee: Michael Gillespie (chair), Jed Atkins, Alex Kirshner, Geneviève Rousselière

**Bachelor of Arts**, Carleton College, Northfield MN, 2010-2014

Distinction, Department of Political Science

## **BOOK MANUSCRIPT**

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Nathan, Charles. *The Golden Age: The Uses and Abuses of Nostalgia in Politics*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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“[The Urban/Rural Divide in Athenian Political Thought](#),” *American Political Science Review*, 2022.

“[La Loi Primitive: Recovering Benjamin Constant’s Transcendent Liberalism](#),” *History of Political Thought*, 2022.

“[Anthropoligarchy: Politics and the Non-Human in the Anthropocene](#),” *Theory & Event*, 2023.

“[The Donor Went Down to Georgia: Out-of-District Donations and Rivalrous Representation](#),” with Curtis Bram, Arvind Krishnamurthy, and Jason Todd, *Political Behavior*, 2024.

“[The Punitive Public? Testing the Opinion-Election Connection in Criminal Justice Policy](#)” with Curtis Bram and Arvind Krishnamurthy, *American Politics Research*, 2025.

“[Untangling the Paradox of the Antipolitical Politician: Populism, Antipolitics, and the Family](#)” with Utku Cansu, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2025.

“From Reel to Reality: Zelenskyy, Populism, and the Fantasy of the Plebeian President,”  
Accepted at *Political Theory*.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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“Hesiod, the Golden Age, and the Invention of Politics,” Working Paper

## **AWARDS**

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Outstanding Preliminary Exam Paper Award, Duke 2020  
Distinction, Political Theory Comprehensive Examination, Duke 2019  
Facing the Anthropocene Graduate Research Fellowship, 2019  
Democracy, Institutions and Political Economy Research Grant, 2018  
*Phi Beta Kappa*, 2014  
Lee Siegelman Prize for Best Political Science Paper, Carleton College, 2013

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor of Record, Crisis of Democracy, Spring 2024  
Co-Instructor, Introduction to Political Theory Lecture, Fall 2023  
Instructor of Record, Classical Political Thought, Fall 2023  
Teaching Assistant, Left, Right, and Center, Fall 2022  
Teaching Assistant, Democracy: Ancient and Modern, Fall 2020  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

## **CONFERENCES**

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“Just Your Average President: Zelenskyy, Populism, and the Fantasy of the Plebeian President” (MPSA Annual Meeting, 2024)  
“Untangling the Paradox of the Unpolitical Politician: Populism, Politics, and the Family” (APSA Annual Meeting, 2023)  
“Plato and the Golden Age” (APSA Annual Meeting, 2022)  
“The Urban/Rural Divide in Athenian Political Thought” (APSA Annual Meeting, 2021)  
“Democratic Failure and Rural Discontent: Revisiting the Sicilian Expedition” (APSA Annual Meeting, 2020)  
“Rule of the Unqualified: Democracy as Sortition and An-Arkhe” (NEPSA Annual Meeting, 2018)  
“The *Loi Primitive*: Recovering Benjamin Constant’s Transcendent Liberalism” (APSA Annual Meeting, 2018)

## **SERVICE**

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Organizer, Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2020, 2021

## **LANGUAGES**

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Ancient Greek, reading knowledge  
Latin, reading knowledge

French, reading knowledge

## REFERENCES

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