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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, United States — 2022 – 2027 (Expected)
Ph.D. in Politics
Dissertation: Immigration and the Limits of the Right to Self-Determination
Committee: Paulina Ochoa Espejo (chair), Jennifer Rubenstein, George Klosko, Alexander Motchoulski (Philosophy)
Fields: Political Theory (major), International Relations (minor)

M.A. in Government
Thesis: Irregular Migrants and the Demands of Relational Equality — May 2024
Readers: George Klosko and Jennifer Rubenstein

Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile — 2017-2021
B.A. in Political Science

AREAS OF INTEREST

Normative Political Theory, Political Theory of Migration, Liberal Political Thought, Relational Equality, Modern Political Thought.

PUBLICATION

2024. Irregular Migrants and the Demands of Relational Equality. *Moral Philosophy and Politics, 12*(2), 379-405. https://doi.org/10.1515/mopp-2023-0121

WORK IN PROGRESS

Under Review

- Paper on Tocqueville and Relational Equality.
- Paper on Brain Drain and Controls on Emigration.

In Preparation

- Paper on Immigration and the Right to Self-Determination.
- Paper on the Governance of International Migration.
- Paper on Disobedience to Migration Law.
- Paper on the Political Thought of José Victorino Lastarria.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Virginia

Spring 2025 – Present	Research Assistant to Paulina Ochoa Espejo.
Spring 2023	Research Assistant to Sonal Pandya.

Universidad Católica de Chile

November 2021 – April 2022	Research Assistant to Ross Mittiga. Project title: Towards a Political Theory of Climate Catastrophe.
January 2020 – February 2020	Research Assistant to Nicole Jenne. Project title: Not the usual kind of combat task? Military organizations in a changing world.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Virginia

PLPT 3500: Building a Just World: Global Justice, Migration, Climate Change	Summer 2025, 2026

Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia

PLPT 3200: African-American Political Thought Professor: Lawrie Balfour	Fall 2026
PLPT 3020: Modern Political Theory Professor: Colin Bird	Spring 2025, 2026
PLPT 1010: Introduction to Political Theory Professor: Colin Bird	Fall 2024, 2025
PLPT 3030: Contemporary Political Thought Professor: Jennifer Rubenstein	Spring 2024
PLPT 3020: Modern Political Thought Professor: Vijay Phulwani	Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant, Universidad Católica de Chile

Introduction to Political Theory Professor: Ross Mittiga	Spring 2021
Introduction to International Relations Professor: Francisca Reyes	Fall 2020

Introduction to International Relations Professor: Umut Aydin	Spring 2020
Democratic Theory Professor: Susana Gazmuri	Fall 2019
Currents of Contemporary Political Thought Professor: Cristian Pérez-Muñoz	Spring 2019
Introduction to Political Theory Professor: Luis Oro	Fall 2020, 2019, 2018 Spring 2019, 2018

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2026	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies ($1500)
2026	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies ($1400).
2025	Graduate Global Research Grant, University of Virginia ($1500).
2025	PPE Society Travel Support Grant ($250).
2025	Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($1100).
2024	Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies ($650).
2017 – 2021	President of the Republic Grant, awarded on the basis of academic excellence and economic need. Requires maintaining a B- or above grade-point average. The Government of Chile.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Unprincipled Disobedience: The Case of Unauthorized Migration"
  Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society, November 2026, panel organizer. [Scheduled]
  American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2027. [Invited, scheduled]
- "International Governance of Migration, Self-determination, and Legitimacy"
  Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society, November 2026. [Scheduled]
  University of Virginia, Political Theory Colloquium, October 2026. [Scheduled]
  American Political Science Association, September 2026.
  Midwest Political Science Association, April 2026.
  Western Political Science Association, April 2026.
  Institute for Humane Studies, Local Governance and Political Order: A Graduate Papers Workshop, March 2026.
- "Immigration and the Limits of the Right to Self-Determination"
  Climate Change and Global Justice Graduate Conference, University of Washington, April 2026.

Berkeley Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2026.
Institute for Humane Studies, Giving an Effective Job Talk, November 2025. [Invited]
Institute for Humane Studies, Migration and Citizenship: A Graduate Papers Workshop, October 2025. [Invited]
American Political Science Association, Migration and Citizenship Dissertation Workshop, September 2025.

- "Brain Drain and Emigration Restrictions: An Egalitarian Account"
  Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society, November 2025, panel organizer.
  Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2025 [declined].
  American Political Science Association, September 2025.
  Western Political Science Association, April 19, 2025.
- "Migration Control, Authority, and Disobedience"
  Political Science Graduate Symposium, University of South Carolina, March 2025.
  American Political Science Association, September 2024.
  Western Political Science Association, March 28, 2024.
- "Tocqueville and Relational Equality"
  Association for Political Theory, November 22, 2024.

SERVICE

- Discussant for Mike Gadomski (SUNY Oswego, Department of Philosophy), "Climate Change and Political Alienation." Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, November 2026.
- Assistant Organizer, Pre-Simposio Pensamiento Político en Español, University of Virginia, December 2025.
- Political Theory Representative, Department of Politics' Graduate Student Council, 2025-2026.
- Graduate Student Coordinator for the University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium, 2024-2025.
- Discussant for Lucia Rafanelli (George Washington University, Department of Political Science), "The Specter of Statelessness." Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, September 2024.
- Course Selection Advisor, Program in Political Philosophy, Policy and Law, University of Virginia, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Fall 2026.
- Editorial Assistant for the American Journal of Political Science, 2023-2024.
- Discussant for Elizabeth Cohen (Boston University, Department of Political Science), "Temporal Autonomy as Structural and Distributive Justice." Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, October 2023.
- Discussant for James Lindley Wilson (University of Chicago, Department of Political Science), "The Democratic Grounds of Justice." Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, March 2023.

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- PPE Graduate Summer Workshop, University of Colorado, Boulder campus, June 2026.
- Graduate Instructor Seminar on the Teaching of Writing, University of Virginia, August 2025.
- Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Advanced Proficiency).

- Division of Ethics and Safety in Research - Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile: Workshop on Good Scientific Practices: Introduction to ethics in research with human beings (equivalent to IRB training), January 2021.

REFERENCES

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