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## EMPLOYMENT

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Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Texas at Dallas (Political Science)	2017-present
Lecturer, Southern Methodist University	2018

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. University of North Texas (Political Science Department) <i>Political Theory (major), American Politics (minor), Philosophy (minor)</i>	<i>in progress</i>
M.A. Boston College (Political Science Department)	2010
B.A. Michigan State University (James Madison College)	2008

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Classical Political Philosophy	American Political Thought
Modern Political Philosophy	American Institutions & Behavior
Politics of Modern Science	Jewish Thought and Politics
Politics and Literature	Statesmanship and Leadership

## DISSERTATION

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### Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis*: Science, Religion, and Politics

Committee: Richard Ruderman (chair), Steven Forde, Martin D. Yaffe, Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha, Elizabeth Oldmixon

My dissertation focuses on Francis Bacon as the founder of the modern scientific project and his *New Atlantis* as the source of his teaching on politics. I begin by describing Bacon's manner of writing and show how *New Atlantis* is structured as a pedagogical work that intends to introduce potential statesmen to the political problems which must be managed. I argue that despite Bacon's extensive rhetorical use of "charity," Christian doctrine offers no useful guidance in the exercise of political judgment and, indeed, that the scientific project decisively weakens the role of religion in guiding human life. The material benefits of the power over nature exercised by the scientific enterprise is at least in part an attempt to prevent conflict by suppressing popular concern with justice and right. Finally, a reflection on civic virtue and statesmanship in Baconian politics helps reveal the possibilities and limitations of contemporary politics while also highlighting the troubling moral situation in which we are left precisely because of the success of Bacon's project.

## CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

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American Government (GOVT 2305 • UTDallas)	F2017, F2018 (2x)
State and Local Government (GOVT 2306 • UTDallas)	F2017 (2x), S2018 (2x), F2018 (2x)
Introduction to Political Theory (PSCI 3301 • UTDallas)	S2018
Introduction to Political Theory (PLSC 1360 • Southern Methodist University)	S2018
American Politics: Laws and Institutions (PSCI 1040 • UNT)	Summer 5w2 2017
Political Theory: Eighteenth Century to the Present (PSCI 3320 • UNT)	S2015
Political Theory: Socrates to the Eighteenth Century (PSCI 3310 • UNT)	F2013
American Government: Process and Policies (PSCI 1050 • UNT)	Summer 5w2 2013, S2012

*Guest Lectures*

- The Texas Constitution: Origins and Outcomes (American Government: Laws and Institutions, Spring 2017)
- Civil Rights: An American History of Separation and Integration (American Government: Laws and Institutions, Fall 2015)
- Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis*: Introduction and Critical Analysis (Modern Philosophy Graduate Seminar, Spring 2015)
- Civil Rights: An American History of Separation and Integration (American Government: Laws and Institutions, Fall 2014)
- Liberalism and American Foundations (American Government: Laws and Institutions, Summer 2014)
- Political Participation: Why We Do It. Or Don't. (American Government: Process and Policies, Spring 2014)
- Making a Case for Political Parties: American Experience and Electoral Influence (American Government: Process and Policies, Spring 2013)
- Public Opinion: What Americans Think and Why (American Government: Process and Policies, Spring 2013)
- Aristotle's *Politics*: The City and the Natural Standard (Political Theory: Eighteenth Century to the Present, Summer 2012)
- The American Presidency: Roles and Powers (POLS 1150 American Government, Summer 2012 (Northeastern University))
- Theory and Practice in Political Science (POLS 1150 American Government, Summer 2012 (Northeastern University))
- Domestic Policy: The Policy Cycle and the Politics of Public Policy (American Government: Process and Policies, Spring 2011)

*Teaching Assistant*

- American Government: Laws and Institutions (University of North Texas)
  - Spring 2017 (Wendy Watson [[online course](#)], Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha)
  - Spring 2015 (Wendy Watson)
  - Fall 2014 (Bethany Blackstone) [[leader of two discussion sections](#)]
  - Summer 2014 (Eddie Meaders)
  - Summer 2012 (Nick Higgins)
  - Fall 2010 (Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha)
- American Government: Process and Policies (University of North Texas)
  - Fall 2016 (King, Oldmixon)
  - Spring 2014 (James Meernik)
  - Spring 2013 (Tony Carey, Eddie Meaders)
  - Fall 2011 (Wendy Watson, Wendy Watson)
  - Summer 2011 (Wendy Watson)
  - Spring 2011 (Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha, Ryan Salzman)
  - Fall 2010 (Rosa Aloisi)
- The U.S. Supreme Court (University of North Texas)
  - Fall 2012 (Bethany Blackstone)
- Introduction to Peace Studies (University of North Texas)
  - Fall 2014 (David Mason)
- International Relations
  - Spring 2014 (Michael Greig) [[online course](#)]

**SCHOLARLY OUTPUT**

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*Conferences*

- "Excessive Charity: Virtuous Living in Francis Bacon's Modernity." Paper presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- "De-emphasizing Justice: Hope and Change in Francis Bacon." Paper presented at the 2016 annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- "Bacon and Religion: Constraint, Boon, and Change." Paper presented at the 2015 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- "Francis Bacon: The Problem of Justice and Statesmanship." Paper presented the 2015 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- "Rule in Francis Bacon's New Atlantis." Paper presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA.
- "The Literary and Pedagogical Character of Francis Bacon's *New Atlantis*." Paper presented at the 2014 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- "Aristophanes' Comic Conservatism: Science, Politics, and Public Morals." Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- "The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: Presidential Leadership in the Age of New Media," (with Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha). Paper presented at the 2013 annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

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Michael Greig

- Spring 2014

Matthew Eshbaugh-Soha

- Fall 2012, Summer 2012

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE**

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2016-17 Vice President of Professionalization (UNT Political Science Graduate Student Association)  
 2015-16 Editorial Assistant for the *American Political Science Review*  
 2015-16 Mentor to first-year doctoral student  
 2015 Panel Chair & Discussant at Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting  
 2013-14 Department Website Committee  
 2009 (Reviewer) Boston College Graduate Student Conference on Human Rights

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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2016 Charles G. Koch Foundation travel grant (\$750, competitive)  
 2015 Raupe Travel Grant -- UNT Division of Student Affairs (\$750, competitive)  
 2014 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of North Texas  
 2014 Raupe Travel Grant -- UNT Division of Student Affairs (\$750, competitive)  
 2012-13 USC Scholarship for Continuing Students, University of North Texas (\$1,000)  
 2012 Nominated for University Writing Award by department committee  
 2011-12 Toulouse Graduate School Academic Achievement Scholarship (\$1,000)  
 2010-11 Toulouse Graduate School Academic Achievement Scholarship (\$1,000)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Association for Political Theory

**LANGUAGES**

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German (intermediate), Latin (basic)

**REFERENCES**

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