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**Education**    **Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, Political Science, 2020** (expected)

- Dissertation: *Compassionate Politics in the Age of Individualism*
- Committee: Andrea Radasanu (Chair), Dennis C. Rasmussen, Scot Schraufnagel
- A.B.D. August 2018

**M.A., Northern Illinois University, Political Science, 2016**

**B.S. (*magna cum laude*), Northern Illinois University, Political Science, 2014**

**A.A., Rock Valley College, Liberal Arts, 2012**

## **Research Interests**

- History of Political Philosophy (emphasis on liberalism and modern political thought)
- Scottish and French Enlightenment Thought
- Political Theory and the Moral Emotions
- Political Theory and the Natural Sciences

## **Publications**

### **Reviews:**

- “Doubting Progress,” Review of Matthew W. Slaboch, “A Road to Nowhere: The Idea of Progress and Its Critics,” *Interpretation*, Vol. 45, No.1 (2018): 141-145.

### **Articles in Progress:**

- “Compassionate Politics: The Rise and Fall of Sympathy in Modern Political Thought.”
- “Sympathy Rightly Understood: Tocqueville’s Critique of Democratic Compassion.”
- “Adam Smith and the Politics of Compassion.”

## **Teaching Experience**

Northern Illinois University, Instructor of Record:

- POLS 100: *American Government and Politics*; Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- POLS 251: *Introduction to Political Philosophy*; Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

## **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

- *Dissertation Completion Fellowship*; Northern Illinois University: 2019-2020
- *Adam Smith Research Fellowship*; Mercatus Center, George Mason University: 2019-2020
- *Morton J. Frisch Scholarship*, Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University: 2019
- *Adam Smith Fellowship*; Mercatus Center, George Mason University: 2018-2019
- *Humane Studies Fellowship*; Institute for Humane Studies: 2018-2019
- *Tocqueville Forum Graduate Assistant Award*; Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University: 2018-2019
- *Gerald S. Maryanov Award* for intellectual capacity, commitment, and character; Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University: 2018
- *Tocqueville Forum Graduate Assistant Award*; Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University: 2017 – 2018
- *Institute for Humane Studies Ph.D. Scholarship*: 2017
- *Graduate Assistantship and Tuition Waiver*; Northern Illinois University: 2014 - 2019
- *Illinois State Society Scholarship*: Summer 2014
- *Congressional Internship Scholarship*; Northern Illinois University: 2014
- *Madison Fellowship in Justice and Democracy*; Northern Illinois University: 2014

## **Conferences & Colloquia**

### **Presentations of research:**

- “Adam Smith’s Sympathetic Critique of the Politics of Compassion.” Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*; Chicago, IL, April 6, 2019.
- “Smith and Rousseau on the Nature of Pity.” Presented at *Northern Illinois University Political Science Research Colloquium*; DeKalb, IL, March 25, 2019.
- “Sympathy Rightly Understood: Tocqueville on Democratic Compassion.” Presented at *Southern Political Science Association Conference*; Austin, TX, January 19, 2019.
- “Sentimental Politics in the Age of Reason.” Presented at *Northern Illinois University Political Science Research Colloquium*; DeKalb, IL, March 26, 2018.

- “A Tale of Two Enlightenments: Smith and Rousseau on Science and Religion in Liberal Modernity.” Presented at *Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Colloquium*; Towson, MD., July 6-9, 2017.

### **Colloquium Participation:**

- “Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*.” Co-Sponsored by Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies, Invited Participant; February 22-25, 2018; Arlington, VA.
- “Moral Philosophy in Smith, Hume, and Austen.” Co-Sponsored by Liberty Fund and Institute for Humane Studies, Invited Participant; November 10-12, 2017; Arlington, VA.
- “The Challenges and Future of Liberty.” Institute for Humane Studies, Advanced Studies Seminar; June 10-16, 2017; Bryn Mawr, PA.
- “Commerce and Character.” Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Invited Participant; August 2016; Philadelphia, PA.

### **T.A. Experience**

Northern Illinois University:

- *Alexander Hamilton’s Political Thought*, Spring 2018 (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)
- *War, Empire, and Ethics*, Spring 2016, Spring 2018 (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)
- *Race in the Age of Revolutions*, Spring 2016, (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)
- *Introduction to Political Philosophy*, Fall 2015, Spring 2018 (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)
- *African American Political Thought*, Spring 2015, (Dr. S. Adam Seagrave)
- *Constitutional Law I*, Spring 2015, (Dr. J. Mitchell Pickerill)
- *Liberty and Empire*, Spring 2015, (Dr. Andrea Radasanu)
- *Democracy in America*, Fall 2014, (Dr. S. Adam Seagrave)

### **R.A. Experience**

- Research assistant to Professor S. Adam Seagrave, Fall 2014 - Spring 2015  
Assisted with indexing, editing, and publication of Professor Seagrave’s *Liberty and Equality: The American Conversation* (University of Kansas Press, 2015).

### **Service**

- Graduate Assistant, *The Tocqueville Forum at Northern Illinois University*, 2017-2019  
Duties included: Coordinating forum events; planning curricula for forum-sponsored seminars; assisting with the review of fellowship applications.

### **Other Professional Experience**

- AP Reader in U.S. Government and Politics, *Educational Testing Services*, March 2019-Present
- Intern, *U.S. House of Representatives*, Office of Congressman John Shimkus; May 2014-August 2014

## **Languages**

- French (Reading Proficiency)

## **References**

- Andrea Radasanu, Associate Professor of Political Science  
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- S. Adam Seagrave, Associate Professor, School of Civic and Economic Thought  
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