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Education:

Ph.D., Northern Illinois University, Political Science, Expected August 2017 (A.B.D. 12/2015)

- *Dissertation*: “The Foundations of Modern Democracy: Machiavelli and the Demise of Greatness.”
- *Committee*: Andrea Radasanu (Chair), Larry Arnhart, John P. McCormick
- *Abstract*: Though Machiavelli ties the greatness of ancient Rome to its republican institutions, his prescription for modern Italy is not republicanism. The corruption of modernity and increased political strength of the multitude lead Machiavelli towards conclusions that are liberal at their core.

M.A., Northern Illinois University, Political Science, December 2013

B.A., Bridgewater State University, Political Science, May 2011

- *Honors Thesis*: “Machiavelli At Wits End: Virtue, Fortune and the Purpose of Comedy.”

Honors/Awards:

Research:

- Charles Koch Foundation Travel Grant, January 2017, \$1,000
- Hayek Fund for Scholars (for conference travel), Institute for Humane Studies, September 2016, \$500.
- Charles Koch Foundation Dissertation Grant, December 2015, \$5,000.
- Ph.D. Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2015-2106, \$1,500.

Teaching:

- Tocqueville Forum Graduate Assistant, Political Science Department, Northern Illinois University, 2016-2017, \$1,500.
- Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, Political Science Department, Northern Illinois University, 2015.
- Graduate Assistantship and Full Tuition Waiver, Northern Illinois University, Fall 2011-Present.

Conferences:

Presentations of research:

- Katherine Paton. “What We Have Here is Failure to Perpetuate: Greatness, the Common Good and Empire in Machiavelli’s *Discourses*.” To be presented at *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 6-9, 2017.

- Katherine Paton. “Rome’s Mistaken Foundations: Virtue, Corruption and Machiavellian Democracy.” Presented at *Northwestern Political Science Association*, Boston, MA, November 10-12, 2016.
- Katherine Paton. “Plato’s Philosopher King: Philosopher or just King?” Presented at *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago IL, April 11-14 2013.

Participant:

- Women’s Caucus Roundtable. Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, MA. November 10-12, 2016. *Invited to participate.*
- “Commerce and Character,” Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA. August 2-12, 2016. *Invited to attend, co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania.*
- “Public Policy and Liberty II,” Arlington, VA, March 4-6, 2016. *Invited to attend, co-sponsored by the Charles Koch Foundation and the Liberty Fund.*
- “Liberty and Responsibility in the American Anti-Slavery Movement,” Arlington, VA, September 18-20, 2015. *Invited to attend, co-sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies and the Liberty Fund.*

Teaching Experience:

Instructor:

- POLS 373: *Women and Politics*, Northern Illinois University, Spring 2017
- POLS 321: *Origin of Politics*, Northern Illinois University, Fall 2016
- PSC 100: *Introduction to American Government*, Waubensee Community College, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
- UNIV 101: *University Experience*, Northern Illinois University, Fall 2014, Fall 2015
- POLS 150: *Democracy in America*, Northern Illinois University, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant:

- POLS 150: *Democracy in America*; Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Professor S. Adam Seagrave
- POLS 322: *Politics and the Life Sciences*; Spring 2012, Professor Larry Arnhart
- POLS 354: *Natural Right & Law*; Fall 2011, Professor Larry Arnhart
- POLS 395: *War, Sex, and Evolution*; Spring 2012, Professor Rebecca J. Hannagan
- POLS 301: *Political Psychology*; Fall 2011, Professor Rebecca J. Hannagan

Languages:

- Proficiency in Italian

References:

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