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APPOINTMENT	Dickinson College , Carlisle, PA Assistant Professor of Political Science (tenure track)	
EDUCATION	University of California San Diego , La Jolla, CA Ph.D., Political Science <i>Committee: Sean Ingham (chair), Fonna Forman, Stephan Haggard, Harvey Goldman</i> M.A. Political Science <i>Examination Fields: Political Theory, International Relations</i> <i>Examination Committee: Sean Ingham, Branislav Slantchev, David Wiens</i>	2026 2020
	William and Mary Law School , Williamsburg, VA J.D. Law <i>Concentrations: Constitutional Law, Civil Rights Law, Intellectual Property</i> Visiting Student at Instituto de Empresa & IE Colegio Mayor (Madrid)	2009
	The College of William and Mary , Williamsburg, VA B.A. Government, Economics	2006
ARTICLES	Draper, Matthew. "Political Advertising as a Challenge to Democratic Theory," in <i>Rethinking Political Finance: Political, Philosophical and Economic Perspectives</i> (Bonotti, Nwokora and Dwyre, eds.). University of Michigan Press.	2026
	Draper, Matthew and Stephan Haggard. "The Authoritarian Challenge: Liberal Thinking on Autocracy and International Relations, 1930-1941." <i>International Theory</i> , 15(2), 208-233.	2023
	N. Martin, M. Draper, A. Lamey. "Justice: A Role-Immersion Game for Teaching Political Philosophy." <i>Teaching Philosophy</i> 43 (3), pp. 303-330.	2020
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	Blog series <i>Novels of Authoritarian Rule</i> (with Stephan Haggard) University of California, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.	2026
	<i>Book Review: Protecting Democracy in Europe</i> , by Tom Theuns. <i>Political Theory</i> , December 2025.	2025
	APSA Civic Engagement Blog Post: "Democracy is More than Just Voting." Appeared in Political Science Now and Raise the Vote.	2019
HONORS AND AWARDS	The Gerald Gaus Memorial PPE Essay Prize (PPE Society)	2022
	Teaching Excellence Award, UCSD Department of Political Science	2019, 2020
CONFERENCES	American Political Science Association, Boston, MA "A Democratic Justification of Democracy"	September 2026
	Transatlantic Studies Association, Williamsburg, VA "George Orwell's Liberal Realism"	July 2026
	Rethinking Political Finance: PPE Perspectives, Prato, Italy "Political Advertising as a Challenge to Democratic Theory"	June 2025
	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL "Measuring Early Democracy"	April 2025
	American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA "A Democratic Justification of Democracy"	September 2024

	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL <i>"Realism and Idealism in Democratic Theory"</i>	April 2024
	Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Oxford, UK <i>"On the Possibility of Right Answers in Politics"</i>	April 2023
	Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA <i>The Gerald Gaus Memorial PPE Essay Prize Session</i> <i>"On the Possibility of Right Answers in Politics"</i> <i>Chair: Chad Van Schoelandt; Discussants: Helen McCabe, Luc Bovens</i>	November 2022
	Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, Houston, TX <i>"Populism and Elites"</i>	October 2022
	Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton, NJ <i>"On the Possibility of Right Answers in Politics"</i>	May 2022
	Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL <i>"Democratic Anxiety and Democratic Justification"</i>	April 2022
	Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA <i>"Topic Continuity in Democratic Theory"</i>	April 2020
TEACHING	Instructor of Record (Dickinson College)	
	Political Philosophy	Fall 2026
	Constitutional Law	Fall 2026
	Instructor of Record (University of California San Diego)	
	The Supreme Court and the Constitution	2026
	Civil Liberties and Fundamental Rights	2026, 2025, 2023
	Populism and Democratic Backsliding	2025
	Populist Parties and Democracy	2025
	Marxist Political Thought	2025
	Political Thought from Plato to Augustine	2024
	Constitutional Law	2024
	Power and Justice	2024
	Democracy and Autocracy	2024
	Ethics and Society	2025, 2024, 2022, 2021
	Law and Politics	2022
	Teaching Assistant With Discussion Sections (University of California San Diego)	
	Ethics and Society	2020, 2019
	Power and Justice	2019
	Teaching Assistant (University of California San Diego)	
	Politics of European Integration (Fisk)	2023
	Judicial Politics (Smith)	2023
	Marxist Political Thought (Hoston)	2023, 2022
	Chinese and Japanese Political Thought I (Hoston)	2025, 2022, 2020
	Political Thought from Plato to Augustine (Wiens)	2021
	Game Theory (Ingham)	2020
	The Supreme Court and the Constitution (Smith)	2020
	Chinese and Japanese Political Thought II (Hoston)	2020
	Political Thought from Machiavelli to Rousseau (Wiens)	2019
	Political Thought from Kant to Nietzsche (Ingham)	2019
	Law and Politics (Smith)	2019
	The United States Congress (Spangler)	2019
	United States Foreign Policy (Gartzke)	2019

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT	The Center on Global Justice , University of California, San Diego, CA <i>Graduate Researcher</i> (Fonna Forman)	2023 - 2026
	School of Global Policy and Strategy , University of California, San Diego, CA <i>Research Assistant</i> (Stephan Haggard)	2021 - 2023
	The Adam Smith Review , University of California, San Diego, CA <i>Editorial Assistant</i> (Fonna Forman)	2019 - 2023
	Minerva Research Initiative , University of California, San Diego, CA <i>Consultant</i> (Eli Berman, Stephen Biddle)	2021 - 2022
SERVICE	UCSD Pre-Law Board, San Diego, CA <i>Board Member</i>	2020 - 2026
	UCSD Graduate and Professional Student Association, San Diego, CA <i>Graduate Student Assembly Representative</i>	2019 - 2020
LANGUAGES AND SKILLS	English, French, Spanish (fluent) Italian, Latin, Greek (proficient) R, Stata, Markdown, Knitr, Beamer, L ^A T _E X CITI Human Subjects Certification: Social and Behavioral Research	
REFERENCES	Prof. Stephan Haggard Lawrence and Sallye Krause Distinguished Professor School of Global Policy and Strategy, University of California San Diego shaggard@ucsd.edu Prof. Fonna Forman Professor, Director, UCSD Center on Global Justice Department of Political Science, University of California San Diego fforman@ucsd.edu Prof. Sean Ingham Associate Professor Department of Political Science, University of California San Diego singham@ucsd.edu Prof. Harvey Goldman Professor Department of Sociology, University of California San Diego hsgoldman@ucsd.edu	