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## Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Texas A&M University (In progress, expected dissertation defense April 2021)

*Fields:* Political Theory, Public Policy and Public Administration

*Committee:* Cary J. Nederman (Chair), James R. Rogers, Benjamin G. Ogden, Erin A. Snider, Hassan Bashir

Master of Public Policy, Pepperdine School of Public Policy, Malibu, CA, April 2016

*Fields:* International Relations, Economics

B.S. History Pre-Law, *summa cum laude*, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, OK, April 2011

## Peer Reviewed Publications

“Republican Institutionalism for a ‘Government of Laws’: John Adams’s Polybian Political Science.”  
2019. *American Political Thought* 8(3), 323-346.

“Tocqueville and Qutb: Religion, Democracy, and the Needs of the Soul.” 2016. *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 14(1), 89-101.

## Working Papers

A “Mirage” or a Must-Have? ‘Social Justice’ as a Standard for Institutions and Policy.

Divine Sovereignty and the Essence of Democracy: Maritain and Maududi.

## Conference Participation

*Panel Organizer*

Liberal Constitutionalism in Muslim-Majority Countries: Theory and Practice. American Political Science Association, September 2020. (Virtual)

*Presenter*

“Islamic Modernist Theory in Debates on Family Law Reform.” American Political Science Association, September 2020. (Virtual)

“A ‘Mirage’ or a Must-Have? ‘Social Justice’ as a Standard for Institutions and Policy.” Liberal Arts International Conference at Texas A&M University in Qatar, March 2019.

“Divine Sovereignty and the Essence of Democracy: Maritain and Maududi.” Lone Star Conference for the Study of Political Thought, March 2018.

“‘The World is a Garden’: Legitimacy and Political Wisdom in *The Muqaddimah*.” American Political Science Association, August 2017.

## Invited Talks

“Just and Unjust Punishment: What Can the Christian Tradition Contribute to Justice Reform?” Christian Legal Society, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law, October 2020. (Virtual)

## Selected Public Writing

*Ethika Politika*. <https://ethikapolitika.org/author/ben-peterson/>.

*Law and Liberty*. <https://lawliberty.org/author/ben-peterson/>.

*Public Discourse*. <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/author/ben-peterson/>.

*National Affairs*. <https://www.nationalaffairs.com/authors/detail/ben-peterson>.

*The Imaginative Conservative*. <https://www.nationalaffairs.com/authors/detail/ben-peterson>.

*The New Atlantis*. <https://www.thenewatlantis.com/authors/ben-peterson>.

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, Fall 2020. Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 364: Global Political Thought. (Online)

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019. Benjamin G. Ogden, Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 308: Game Theoretic Methods.

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2019. Quan Li, Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 309: Polimetrics.

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017. Carlisle Rainey, Texas A&M Department of Political Science. POLS 209: Introduction to Political Science Research.

Teaching and Research Assistant, Summer-Fall 2016. Ted McAllister, Pepperdine School of Public Policy. Inequality and Alienation.

## Relevant Professional Experience

Organized Panel Discussion: “Engaging American Muslims,” Spring 2016. Pepperdine School of Public Policy. Speakers: Jennifer S. Bryson, Ahmed Taha, and Dany Doueiri.

Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 2013-Spring 2016. Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership.

Behavioral Compliance Analyst, Summer 2012-Summer 2013. Cenpatico, managed behavioral healthcare organization.

Program Assistant, Fall 2011-Spring 2012. Middle East Studies Program, Israel-based study abroad program.

## Additional Experience

Civitas Dei Fellow, Summer 2019. Thomistic Institute and Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America.

Seminar Participant, “Natural Law and the American Political Tradition,” Summer 2019. American Public Philosophy Institute, University of Dallas.

Seminar Participant, "Church and State," Summer 2018. Witherspoon Institute.

### Current Memberships

Association for Political Theory  
American Political Science Association  
Society of Christian Scholars

### References

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