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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Government, The University of Texas at Austin, 2024

- Political Theory, Comparative Politics
- Dissertation Title: *The Charisma Conundrum*
- Dissertation Committee: Lorraine Pangle (chair), Devin Stauffer, Kurt Weyland, Nate Gilmore, Jeremi Suri

M.A., Government, The University of Texas at Austin, 2022

- Thesis: “The Lure of Leadership: Lessons from Plutarch on the Nature of an Exceptional Statesman”

B.A., Political Science and Classics, Kenyon College, 2019

- Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude* with high honors in Political Science
- Honors thesis: “‘See Plato Soaring Upward’: How Montaigne’s Criticism of Platonic Rhetoric, When Compared to Plato’s Use of Rhetoric in the *Gorgias*, Illuminates Their Political Philosophical Views”

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Louisiana State University, 2024-present

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Davis, Emily A. 2023. “A New Perspective on Machiavellian Leadership.” *Political Research Quarterly* 76(4): 1805–1813. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10659129231180190>.

Under Review:

Davis, Emily A. “Ambition and Its Perils in Plutarch’s *Life of Caesar*.” Revised and resubmitted to *Political Science Reviewer*.

Book Reviews:

Davis, Emily A. 2021. Review of *Birth of the State: The Place of the Body in Crafting Modern Politics*, Charlotte Epstein. For the Genealogies of Modernity Project.

Davis, Emily A. 2020. Review of *The Life of Alcibiades: Dangerous Ambition and the Betrayal of Athens*, Jacqueline de Romilly. *Interpretation* 46(3): 579–585.

Other Publications:

Davis, Emily A. 2023. “The Incalculable Element’: Ancient Innovations for Modern Security Problems.” For the Andrew W. Marshall Paper Prizes. Available at <https://www.andrewmarshallfoundation.org/library/the-incalculable-element-ancient-innovations-for-modern-security-problems/>.

Davis, Emily A. 2020. “Jane Austen and American Democracy.” In *Athwart: Toward a New Theory of Culture and Society*.

WORKING PAPERS

Davis, Emily A. “The Illusions of Anti-Establishment Leadership in Xenophon’s *Education of Cyrus*.” *Working paper*.

Davis, Emily A. “The Persuasive Fox: Thucydidean Lessons in Strategic Decision-Making.” *Working paper*.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Clements Center Predoctoral Fellowship, Clements Center for National Security, 2024–2025 (declined)

Jack Miller Center Summer Institute, Jack Miller Center, 2024 (declined)

America in the World Consortium Predoctoral Fellowship, Clements Center for National Security, 2023–2024

Summer Writing Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2023

Great Leaders Fellowship, Hertog Foundation, 2023

Andrew W. Marshall Paper Prize (Grand Prize Winner, Creative Bursts & Intellectual Outliers), Andrew W. Marshall Foundation, 2022

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2022

Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020

Provost Priority Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2019–2024

John Chesnut Memorial Prize, Kenyon College, 2019

Pi Sigma Alpha, Kenyon College, 2019

Political Studies Fellowship, Hudson Institute, 2018

Eta Sigma Phi, Kenyon College, 2017

Political Studies Fellowship, Hertog Foundation, 2017

Distinguished Academic Scholar Award, Kenyon College, 2015–2019

INVITED TALKS

“The Incalculable Element: Intellectual Outliers and Ancient Innovations.” Virtual lecture delivered at the invitation of the Andrew W. Marshall Foundation. September 2023.

“Max Weber and the Puzzles of Charismatic Leadership.” Lecture delivered at the invitation of UT Austin’s Jefferson Center for the Study of Core Texts and Ideas, Austin. November 2022.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“The Persuasive Fox: Thucydidean Lessons in Strategic Decision-Making.” Paper presented at the America in the World Consortium Young Scholars Conference, Austin. March 2024.

“Grace and Gratitude in Xenophon’s *Cyropaedia*.” Paper presented at the SPSA Annual Meeting, New Orleans. January 2024.

“Max Weber and the Puzzles of Charismatic Leadership.” Paper presented at the MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 2023.

“The Lure of Leadership: Lessons from Plutarch on the Nature of the Exceptional Statesman.” Paper presented at the MPSA annual meeting, Chicago. April 2022.

Discussant on the panel “Moderation and Education: Ancient Perspectives.” MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago. April 2022.

“The Promise of Justice: How Xenophon’s Cyrus Illuminates Weber’s Discussion of the Charismatic Leader.” Paper presented at the virtual Stanford Graduate Conference in Political Theory. June 2021.

“‘The People Become a Monarch’: Aristotle and Alfarabi on the Problems and Possibilities of Democracy.” Paper presented at the virtual WPSA Annual Meeting. April 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Political Science, Louisiana State University

POLI 2060: Introduction to Political Theory (Undergraduate), Fall 2024

Government, The University of Texas at Austin

Instructor, Classics of Social and Political Thought, Spring 2023

Co-Instructor, The Challenge of the Greeks, Fall 2020

Co-Instructor, Politics, Language, and Culture, Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant, The Classical Quest for Justice, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant, Morality and Politics, Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant, Tocqueville and Today, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Government, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, Social Movements, Spring 2020

TEACHING CERTIFICATES AND PREPARATION

Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate, The University of Texas at Austin, 2023

Supervised Teaching in Government, The University of Texas at Austin, 2022

Fundamentals for Teaching Assistants, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Political Science, Louisiana State University

Member, Academic Programs Committee, 2024-present

Government, The University of Texas at Austin

President, Women in Political Science, 2023–2024

Graduate Student Mentor, 2021–2024

Faculty Strategic Planning Committee (selected as the sole graduate student representative),

Spring 2022

Co-president, Graduate Student Organization, 2021–2022

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (proficient)

French (intermediate reading knowledge)

German (intermediate reading knowledge)

Spanish (intermediate)