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Employment

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Brown University,
Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 2025–

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2025

- Major Field: Political Theory
- Minor Field: American Politics

M.A., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A., Philosophy, Bowling Green State University 2018

B.A., Political Science, Bowling Green State University 2013

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Schmitt, S. (2023). The Problem of Low Expectations and the Principled Politician. *Economics & Philosophy*, 39(2): 177-198. doi:10.1017/S0266267122000037

Schmitt S, Mehlhaff ID, Ommundsen EC. (2023). Integrating Classroom and Community with Undergraduate Civically Engaged Research. *PS: Political Science & Politics*. 56(4): 469-474. doi:10.1017/S1049096523000392

INVITED PUBLICATIONS

Schmitt, S. (2028). “False Profits.” *Social Philosophy & Policy* v. 45. *In Preparation*.

Schmitt, S. (2024). “The Form of the Farm: Wendell Berry and F.A. Hayek” in *Toward a Hayekian Theory of Social Change*. Ed. Boettke, P.J., Dekker, E., and Van Schoelandt, C. Rowman & Littlefield.

PEER REVIEWED PAPERS IN PREPARATION OR UNDER REVIEW

“Religious Community in Market Society.” *Under Review*.

“Open for Business: Market Society as Open Society.” *Under Review*.

“Religious and Punitive Attitudes” with Isabel Laterzo (UT Austin) and Lucas Borba (Vanderbilt)

“A Civic Declaration.” *In Preparation*.

TEACHING

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Graduate Assistants (2022)
- John Patrick Hagan Award for Best Teaching Fellow, UNC-CH Political Science Department (2021)

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of the US Constitution (forthcoming, Spring 2027)
- Everyday Political Theory (Spring 2022 at UNC, Fall 2025 at Brown)
- Modern Political Thought (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, & Summer 2021)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Ethics of Peace, War & Defense (2023 & 25)
- Modern Political Thought (2020 & 22)
- American Government in Changing Times (2019)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Catherine Project Group Leader (2026-)
- Christian Undergraduate and Graduate Reading Group (2026-)
- Lead Organizer, *American Founding Seminar at Brown Center for PPE* (2026)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Alumni Reading Group Leader, *What Should We Do?* by Peter Levine (2022)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Student Reading Group Leader, *Christ and the Common Life* by Luke Bretherton (2020)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Student Reading Group Leader, *Governing the Commons* by Elinor Ostrom, (2020)
- Lead Organizer, “Advanced Topics in Christian Thought” at the North Carolina Study Center (2021)
- “The Problem of Evil” at the North Carolina Study Center (2018-19)

GRANTS AND OTHER HONORS

- Templeton Freedom, Virtue, and Culture at the Crossroads Proposal Workshop (2026)
- Faculty Roots of American Order Seminar, Pepperdine University (2026)
- Conservative Intellectual Tradition for University Faculty, American Enterprise Institute (2026)
- Dissertation Fellowship & Research Grant, Mercatus Center’s Program on Pluralism and Civil Exchange (2023-24). \$38,000.
- Institute for Humane Studies Junior Fellowship (2022 & 23). \$12,000 Total.
- Institute for Civically Engaged Research, Tufts (2022).
- Civic Studies Summer Institute, Tufts (2019).
- History of Political Economy Seminar, Duke (2019).
- Consortium of Christian Study Centers Vocation Project Scholarship (2019).
- Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center (2018-19, & 22) \$12,500 Total.
- Humane Studies Fellowship (2018-22). \$23,500 Total.
- Hayek Fund for Travel, Institute for Humane Studies (2018-23). \$4,125 Total.

INVITED TALKS

- Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, March 2026
- University of San Diego Workshop on New Directions in Classical Liberal Thought, February 2026
- Brown University Department of Religious Studies Workshop, April 2026

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Openness Defined, Pluralized, and Restrained at Junior PPE Workshop at Boulder (2026), Contesting Hayek: The Open Society, Market Society, and AI Disruptions at PPE Society (2025), Religious Motivation and Institutional Stability at PPE Society (2025), Toleration, Property, and the Traditional Farm at PPE Society (2022), Market Society: Open for Business? at PPE Society (2022), Civic Teams and Political Theory Pedagogy: Teaching for Community Engagement at APSA Annual

Meeting (2022), The Church in Market Society IHS Junior Fellow Presentation (2022), Tension Between an Open Society and Market Society at King's College London, Graduate Conference in Politics, Philosophy, and Law (2021), The Problem of Low Expectations and the Principled Politician at Princeton Political Theory Graduate Conference & MPSA (2021), Exogenous Virtues at MPSA (2020), The Movement Tension at MPSA (2020), The Movement Tension at Frontiers of Democracy (2019), The Mad King Problem at Institute for Humane Studies (2018), Deontic Leveling Down, MA Presentation (2018).

SERVICE

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Lead Organizer, *American Founding Seminar at Brown Center for PPE* (2026)
- Referee, *Public Choice*
- Publishing in Grad School Panel (2025)
- Teaching Best Practices Panelist (2023)
- Lead Organizer, Graduate Teaching Workshop, UNC Political Science (2023-24)
- Tanner Award Selection Committee (2022)
- Lead Organizer, Public Guest Lecture by Peter Levine of Tufts, "What Should We Do?" UNC PPE Speaker Series (2022)
- Organizer of UNC Civically Engaged Research Working Group (2021)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Affiliated Graduate Student (2019-22)
- Parr Center for Ethics Graduate Fellow (2019-20)
- Christianity in Conversation Advisory Board, North Carolina Study Center (2019-20)

SERVICE HONORS AND AWARDS

- Ethical Leadership Certificate (2017)
- Leadership Certificate Program (2013)
- Sidney A. Ribeau's President's Leadership Academy Alumni Society Award for Exemplary Leadership and Service (2012)

FURTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ASSOCIATIONS

FURTHER EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Administrative Assistant for Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law, Bowling Green State University (2016-18)
- Staff Administration and Research Position, Brookside Church (2014-17)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Political Science Association
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society
- The Association for Political Theory

REFERENCES

- David Skarbek, Director of the Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Brown University, david_skarbek@brown.edu
- Jeff Spinner-Halev, Kenan Eminent Professor of Political Ethics, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, spinner@email.unc.edu
- Alexandra Oprea, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, SUNY Buffalo, aoprea@buffalo.edu
- Susan Bickford, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, bickford@email.unc.edu