

# PHILIP D. BUNN

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Covenant College Fall 2024 - Present  
Lyceum Visiting Scholar, Clemson University, Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism 2022-24  
Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Fall 2020 – Spring 2022

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2023  
*Fields:* Political Theory, American Politics, Philosophy (Minor)  
M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2019  
B.A. Government & Political Philosophy, Patrick Henry College 2017

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2024. "The Politics of Suicide: *Miasma* and *Katharmos* in Plato's Political Thought," with Richard Avramenko, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 53(2), 94-105.

2023. "Freedom and the Machine: Technological Criticism in Adam Smith's Thought," *Political Research Quarterly*, 76(1), 404-417.

2022. "Silicon Valley Stoics: Life-Hacking, Transhumanism, and Stoic Therapy," *Political Science Reviewer*, 46(1).

2021. "Transcendent Rebellion: The Influence of Simone Weil on Albert Camus' Aesthetics," *Perspectives on Political Science*, 51(1), 35-43.

2019. "Communities Are All That's Substantial: Kurt Vonnegut's Post-liberal Political Thought," *American Political Thought* 8(4), 504-527.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### Academic Journals

2024. *Religion & Republic* by Miles Smith IV, *Religious Studies Review*, 50:3 (Forthcoming).

2024. *Body and Machine in Classical Antiquity*, Maria Gerolemou and George Kazantzidis, eds., *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2024.04.15.

2023. Author-Meets-Critics Symposium: *Plutocratic Socialism: The Future of Private Property and the Fate of the Middle Class* by Mark T. Mitchell, *Political Science Reviewer*, 47:1, October 2023.

2023. *Adam Smith Reconsidered: History, Liberty, and the Foundation of Modern Politics* by Paul Sagar, *The Review of Politics*, 85:3, Summer 2023.

2023. *Small Farm Republic* by John Klar. *The Independent Review*, Fall 2023.

## Popular Journals

2024. *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt, *Comment Magazine*, August 2024.

2024. *Reading George Grant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Tyler Chamberlain, ed., *The European Conservative* (forthcoming)

2024. *Freedom From Fear* by Alan Kahan and *Liberalism in Dark Times* by Joshua Cherniss, *The University Bookman*.

2024. *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson, *Plough Quarterly*, March 2024.

2023. *The Passenger* and *Stella Maris* by Cormac McCarthy, *The University Bookman*.

2023. *Science and Literature in Cormac McCarthy's Expanding Worlds* (Bloomsbury Academic) by Bryan Giemza, *The University Bookman*.

2023. *Tyranny, Inc.* by Sohrab Ahmari, *Front Porch Republic*.

2023. *Why Not Moderation?* By Aurelian Craiutu, *Front Porch Republic*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS (MANUSCRIPTS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST)

“The Heart of a Machine: Technological Threats to Liberty” (Book Manuscript)

“The Author is a Teacher: Kurt Vonnegut’s Political Literature” (Book Manuscript)

“Educating the Good or the Depraved: Rousseau and Calvin on Catechism and the Chief End of Human Life” (In Progress).

“Cormac McCarthy’s Platonic Dialogues” (In Progress)

“The Folk Society and the Good Life: Robert Redfield’s Humane Anthropology” (In Progress).

“Normative Assumptions in the Study of the American Presidency” (In Progress).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Covenant College:

Spring 2025

POL 355, “Federalism and Separation of Powers”

POL 300, “Public Policy”

POL 390, “Special Topics: Technology and Politics”

POL 492, “Senior Capstone”

Fall 2024

POL 202, “American Government”

POL 312, “Executive and Legislative Branches”

POL 365, “Civil Rights and Liberties”

### Clemson University:

Summer 2024

POSC 4500, “Political Theory and Literature”

Spring 2024

POSC 4550, “Political Thought of the American Founding.”

POSC 1030, “Introduction to Political Theory.”

Fall 2023

POSC 1030, “Introduction to Political Theory” (Two Sections)

Spring 2023

POSC 4550, “Political Thought of the American Founding.”

POSC 1030, “Introduction to Political Theory”

Fall 2022

POSC 1030, “Introduction to Political Theory”

### University of Wisconsin-Madison:

Spring 2022

PS 363, “Politics and Literature”

Fall 2021

PS 363, “Politics and Literature”

Summer 2021

PS 460, “Conservative Political Thought”

Spring 2021

ILS 206, “Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought II.”

Fall 2020

ILS 205, “Western Culture, Political, Social, and Economic Thought I.”

Spring 2020

TA for PS 160, “Introduction to Political Theory”

Fall 2019

TA for ILS 205, “Western Culture, Political, Social, and Economic Thought I.”

Spring 2019

TA for PS 160, “Introduction to Political Theory.”

Fall 2018

TA for ILS 372, “Guns and Society.”

Spring 2018

TA for ILS 206, “Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought II.”

Fall 2017

TA for ILS 205, “Western Culture: Political, Social, and Economic Thought I.”

### FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Best Dissertation in Political Theory, <i>UW-Madison Political Science Department</i>	2022-2023
Graduate Fellow, <i>Intercollegiate Studies Institute</i>	<i>Three-time recipient</i> 2019, 2020, 2022
Adam Smith Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2021-2022
Teaching Fellow Award, <i>UW-Madison College of Letters &amp; Science</i>	2020-2021
Teaching Assistant Award, <i>Integrated Liberal Studies</i>	2020-2021
Don Lavoie Fellowship, <i>Mercatus Center</i>	2020-2021
Summer Research Grant, <i>UW-Madison</i>	Summer 2019, 2020

### INVITED LECTURES

“What the Constitution is Not”	2024
<i>Constitution Day lecture, Covenant College</i>	

“Adam Smith and Alexis de Tocqueville on Contemporary Threats to Liberty” 2022  
*Intercollegiate Studies Institute Seminar, Dallas TX*

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Tocqueville on Technology and Liberty” 2025  
*SPSA (Scheduled)*

“Cormac McCarthy’s Platonic Dialogues” 2024  
*APSA*

“Robert Redfield’s Humane Anthropology” 2023  
*APSA*

“Educating the Good or the Depraved: Rousseau and Calvin on Catechism” 2023  
*Association for Political Theory*

“Freedom and Automata: John Stuart Mill and the Capacity for Choice,” 2022  
*APSA, Association for Political Theory*

“Silicon Valley Stoics: Ancient Philosophy, Modern Technology.” 2020  
*APSA*

“Freedom and Machines: Technological Criticism in Adam Smith’s Thought” 2019-2020  
*APSA 2019, MPSA 2020 (Cancelled/COVID), PPE 2020 (Cancelled/COVID)*

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & EXPERIENCE

**Junior Faculty**, Intercollegiate Studies Institute Honors Conference 2024

**Editorial Board Member**, Hanover Press 2024 - Present

**Discussant**

Panel: In Search of Judith Shklar’s Liberalism, APSA (Chair) Scheduled October 2024

Panel: Educating for Liberty, APSA (Chair) October 2023

Panel: Political Theory as a Resource for Political Challenges, APSA October 2021

Thomas Bunting (Shawnee State University), APSA September 2020

Richard Boyd (Georgetown). Political Theory Workshop (UW-Madison) September 2019

Rita Koganzon (UVA). First Book Manuscript Workshop (CSLD) February 2019

Susan Collins (Notre Dame). Political Theory Workshop (UW-Madison) October 2018

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism 2022-23  
 - Duties included fellowship application review and undergraduate mentorship

**Graduate Fellow**, Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy 2017-2023

**Graduate Coordinator**, UW-Madison Political Theory Workshop 2019-2020

**Advisor**

Tom Sawyer Society (UW- Madison Intercollegiate Studies Institute Chapter) 2017-2019

**Event Coordinator**

Conference: The Missouri Compromise at 200 November 2019

**Peer Reviewer**

*American Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Reviewer, Bloomsbury Academic, University of Missouri Press*

## REFERENCES

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