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Education

University of Oxford (2023-), PhD in Political Theory, ongoing

Thesis: 'Postliberalism and its Discontents -- Liberalism's New Critics'

Supervisor's expected completion date: February 2026

Publications

"After Liberalism, After Fascism? A Look at the Postliberal Movement." 2025. *St Antony's International Review* 20 (1): 99-120.

<<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/stair/stair/2025/00000020/00000001/art00009;jsessionid=ecdr5ejpmmtme.x-ic-live-03#>>

Forthcoming, 2026: "Religion and the 'Postliberal Order'", in *Handbook of the Religious, Moral and Spiritual Dimensions in Education* (2nd edition), Springer, ed. Liam Gearon.

"The Rise of 'Woke': Is Kaufmann's Account the Best?" 2024. *Academic Questions* 37 (4): 82-89.

<<https://www.nas.org/academic-questions/37/4/the-rise-of-woke-is-kaufmanns-account-the-best>>

"Islamic Traditionalists: 'Against the Modern World'?" 2023. *Muslim World* 113 (3): 333-54.

<<https://doi.org/10.1111/muwo.12475>>

Journalism and media

See my personal website for [commentary](#) and media [appearances](#).

Activities:

Convened a reading group on conservative political thought

Official respondent to 2025 Carlyle Lectures on "In Search of a Defensible Conservatism"

Organised and secured c. \$6,000 funding for "[Islam and Justice in Plural Societies](#)"

Conferences/speaking engagements

'American fusionism as solution to Middle East religious conflict' -- Chapman University, California.

Scheduled for 6 September 2025. Funded (c. \$2,000) by Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

Heterodox Academy -- New York, June 2025 -- Presented on 'From Mill to Marcuse? The Postliberal Challenge to Academic Freedom'

'Religion, Freedom, Equality' -- Oxford, June 2024 and June 2025. Paid research assistant (responsible for logistics and circulating papers)

King's College London (2020-2022), MA Religion, Distinction

Overall score: 76

Dissertation: 'Scruton and George on religion and liberalism: religious conservatism and political liberalism' (75)

Awards

Hanson Prize for final year MA student with the highest average mark in Philosophy of Religion

Ulrich Simon Prize for the highest average MA mark in the Department of Religious Studies

University of Oxford (2012-16), BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics, 2.1

Employment

2020-25: Director, JPW Academy (<https://jpwtutors.com/>)

- >Grew an online tutoring business from 0 to 600 enrolled students, focusing on high school exams.
- >Expanded into providing business coaching and consulting services for other private tutors.
- >Developed an innovative group instruction method combining individualisation with scalability
- >Led a team of five full- and part-time contractors and delegated day-to-day running of the business, limiting my involvement to around five hours per week.
- >Grew revenues to over \$100,000 per month at 50% profit margins

2018-19: Teacher of A-Level Politics, North Bridge House School, Canonbury, London.

- >Taught an introductory course on Political Ideologies to 17-to-18-year-old students

2017-20: Independent private tutor teaching humanities and social science subjects up to undergraduate level.