

# Brian Wolfel

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## EDUCATION

**Syracuse University**, Maxwell School, Syracuse, NY  
Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science, Expected May 2020  
Master of Arts, Political Science, December 2017  
Major Subfields: Political Theory and American Politics

**University of Arizona**, College of Public Health, Tucson, AZ  
Master of Public Health, Health Behavior and Health Promotion, May 2012

**Cornell University**, College of Arts and Sciences, Ithaca, NY  
Bachelor of Arts, Government, May 2009

## DISSERTATION

“Thomas Carlyle Contra Contemporary Political Philosophy: Applications of Carlylean Philosophy to Ellul, MacIntyre, Rawls, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and the ‘End of History’”

Committee: Margaret Thompson (Chair), Glyn Morgan, Dennis Rasmussen, Elisabeth Lasch-Quinn, Hossein Bashiriyeh

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Contemporary Political Philosophy, Liberalism and its Critics, Post-Liberalism, Technology and its Critics, Islamism, Thomas Carlyle, Alasdair MacIntyre, John Rawls

## PROSPECTIVE COURSES

Liberalism and its Critics, Contemporary Political Philosophy, Classical Social Theory, Radical Political Philosophy, Marx and Nietzsche, The Aristotelian Political Tradition, Politics and Virtue, American Political Thought, Introduction to Political Philosophy, American National Government and Politics, American Presidency, Ideology and American Politics

## PUBLICATIONS

### ***Commentary:***

“Casino Gambling in Massachusetts: the Dice Heard ‘Round the World,” *The Christian Science Monitor*, 5 Aug. 2010.

-Profiled on Stateline.org’s Economy & Business section on August 6, 2010.

### ***Book Proposal:***

*Thomas Carlyle Contra Contemporary Political Philosophy*

-submitted to Fairleigh Dickinson University Press

***Working Papers:***

“Thomas Carlyle’s Cryptic Political Philosophy in *Sartor Resartus* and its Applications to Theorizing Post-Liberalism”

-submitted to *Telos*

“The Antagonism of Thomas Carlyle’s Transcendentalism and John Rawls’s Rationalism”

“Thomas Carlyle’s Transcendentalism as a Cosmopolitan Political Ideology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

“John Stuart Mill and the Dissonance of Romanticism, Utilitarianism, and Liberalism”

“Thomas Carlyle, Alasdair MacIntyre, and the Search for Virtue in Politics”

“Thomas Carlyle’s American Reputation, Louis Hartz’s Liberalism Thesis, and the Limits of American Political Evolution”

“Technological Advance, Demographic Change, and the End of the End of History?”

“The Rationalization of Irrationalism: A Comparison of the Concepts of *Jahiliyya* and Revolution between the Islamism of Sayyid Qutb and the Technological Discontent of Jacques Ellul”

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

***Instructor of Record:***

**Syracuse University:**

PSC 300: Radicalism and Populism from Marx to Trump  
(Summer 2018)

**State University of New York at Oswego:**

POL 205: American Government and Politics  
(Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

***Teaching Assistantships at Syracuse University:***

PSC 121: American National Government and Politics  
-Led 2 discussion sections per semester (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

PSC 329: The Modern American Presidency  
(Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

PSC 125: Political Theory  
-Led 2 discussion sections per semester (Spring 2016, Spring 2018)

HST 102: American History Since 1865  
-Led 3 discussion sections (Spring 2019)

PSC 321: Populism and Conspiracy Culture  
(Spring 2015)

PAF 421: Mediation: Theory and Practice  
(Summer 2017)

HST 303: The Age of the American Revolution  
-Grader (Fall 2017)

HST 302: Early American History  
-Grader (Spring 2017)

***Teaching Assistantships at University of Arizona***

College of Public Health 300: Community Health Sciences and Services  
(Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

**CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION**

Syracuse University Political Science Research Workshop (2019)  
Presentation of "The Antagonism of Thomas Carlyle's Transcendentalism and John Rawls's Rationalism"

New England Political Science Association 2019 (Portland, ME)  
Presentation of "Thomas Carlyle, Alasdair MacIntyre, and the Search for Virtue in Politics"

New England Political Science Association 2018 (Portsmouth, NH)  
Presentation of "John Stuart Mill and the Dissonance of Romanticism, Utilitarianism, and Liberalism"

Northeastern Political Science Association 2018 (Montreal, QC)  
Presentation of "The Antagonism of Thomas Carlyle's Romanticism and John Rawls's Rationalism"

New England Political Science Association 2017 (Providence, RI)  
Presentation of "'Technological Advance, Demographic Change, and the End of the End of History?'"

New England Political Science Association 2016 (Newport, RI)  
Presentation of "H.P. Lovecraft and the Clash (and Reconciliation) of Liberalism and Romanticism"

Northeastern Political Science Association 2016 (Boston, MA)  
Presentation of "Thomas Carlyle's American Reputation and Louis Hartz's Liberalism Thesis"

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistantship with Prof. Chris Faricy (February-July 2015)

Research Assistantship with Prof. Thomas Keck (June-August 2014)

**OTHER  
EXPERIENCE**

- First Things First**, Tucson, AZ May 2011-July 2011  
*Paid Public Health Intern*
- Worked in and evaluated health outreach projects implemented in conjunction with grant-funded Pima County Health Department and Child-Parent Centers, Inc. (Southern Arizona Head Start) to enroll children aged 0-5 in public health insurance coverage
- Project Vote Smart**, Tucson, AZ April 2010-July 2010  
*Key Votes Department Staffer*
- Researched key votes in state legislatures and wrote vote summaries to be on website
- Center of Excellence in Women's Health**, University of Arizona Jan. 2011-May 2011
- Conducted needs assessment and program planning for project within the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Across the U.S. (REACH) program through MPH coursework
- Cornell Political Coalition** Aug. 2006-May 2008  
*Co-President (2007-2008)*
- Planned political dialogue events on campus such as debates between political groups on healthcare and the War in Iraq

**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE/  
DEVELOPMENT**

**At Syracuse University:**

Future Professoriate Program Teaching Associate (2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years)

Senior Thesis reader for Alicia Drummond (Spring 2017)

**AWARDS**

American Political Science Association Travel Grant (2019)

Syracuse University Department of Political Science Summer Fellowship (Summer 2017, Summer 2019)

Syracuse University Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant (Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

Northeastern Political Science Association

## REFERENCES

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Dr. Jeffrey Gonda (Syracuse University)  
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