

**ALEX HASKINS, PH.D**501 College Avenue • Wheaton, IL 60187 • <https://alex-haskins.com/>**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

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2020-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Politics &amp; International Relations, Wheaton College (IL)

**EDUCATION**

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2020 PhD in Political Science, University of Chicago  
 2015 MA in Political Science, University of Chicago  
 2013 MA in Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School  
*Concentrations:* Religion, Ethics and Politics; East Asian Religions  
 2011 BA in Government & Legal Studies (Honors) and Asian Studies, Bowdoin College

**RESEARCH/TEACHING FIELDS**

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History of political thought (African, Asian, and European diasporic); Modern political thought; Global and Comparative political theory; Empire and colonialism; International law & legal thought; Religion & politics

**PUBLICATION & CURRENT PROJECTS**

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**Peer-Reviewed Article**

Alex Haskins, “Montesquieu’s Paradoxical Spirit of Moderation: On the Making of Asian Despotism in *De l’esprit des lois*,” *Political Theory* 46, no. 6 (December 2018): 915-37. [doi.org/10.1177/0090591718780215](https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591718780215)

**Book Manuscript**

*An Appeal to the World: Universalism, Particularism, and Domination in the Political Thought of Montesquieu, Wei Yuan, and Du Bois* (in preparation)

**Working Papers**

“Leaders Fit for the Masses” – Du Bois and Democratically-Accountable Leadership in Japan (under review)

Separating Power (from/beyond) the West – Montesquieu on China’s Checks and Balances (under review)

“The Burden/Blessing of Civilization” – Creolizing Rousseau & Fukuzawa on Progress (in preparation)

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS**

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2020-23 Princeton University Society of Fellows (finalist; interview declined)  
 2020-22 Brown University Political Theory Project (finalist; interview declined)  
 2019-20 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation MMUF Dissertation Grant **(\$25,000)**  
 2019 American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant **(\$200)**  
 2019 Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention  
 2018-19 Mustard Seed Foundation Harvey Fellowship **(\$16,000)**  
 2018 Social Science Research Council Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant **(\$500)**  
 2018 American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant **(\$200)**  
 2018 UChicago Inclusive Pedagogy Award [in collaboration with Joseph Lampert and Ann Heffernan for *Classics of Social and Political Thought II*] **(\$2500)**  
 2018 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship Award [Chinese language study in Taiwan] **(\$1600)**

2018	US ED Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] 2018 Summer Fellowship [for Chinese, UChicago] <b>(\$7300)</b>
2018	U.S. Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Critical Language Scholarship (declined)
2017-18	US ED Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] 2017-2018 Academic Year Fellowship [for Chinese, UChicago] <b>(\$28,000)</b>
2017	Social Science Research Council Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant <b>(\$1500)</b>
2017	Grodzins Prize Lectureship Award [for “Modern East Asian Political Thought”] (declined)
2016	Prestage-Cook Travel Grant <b>(\$300)</b>
2016	Social Science Research Council Pre-doctoral Research Grant <b>(\$3000)</b>
2016	US ED Foreign Language and Area Studies [FLAS] 2016 Summer Fellowship (declined)
2015	Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2013-17	Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago (~ <b>\$21,000 annually</b> )

## TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

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### (Wheaton College)

2020-Present

*Caribbean Political Thought* (Autumn 2022)  
*Spirit of the Laws* (Autumn 2022)  
*East Meets West* (Spring 2022)  
*Chinese Political Thought* (Spring 2022)  
*Immigration* (Fall 2021)  
*International Law* (Spring 2021)  
*Black Political Thought* (Spring 2021)  
*Empire* (Autumn 2020)  
*Political Philosophy* (every term since Autumn 2020)

### (The University of Chicago)

\*=*teaching assistant*

2015-2020 *Classics of Social and Political Thought II* (Winter 2019)  
 \**Montesquien’s Spirit of the Laws* (Autumn 2018)  
*Office of the Provost Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program* (Summer 2017)  
*Political Science Department BA Thesis Colloquium* (Spring 2017-Spring 2020)  
*Classics of Social and Political Thought III* (Spring 2017)  
 \**Introduction to Political Theory* (Winter 2017)  
 \**Classics of Social and Political Thought I-III* (Autumn 2015-Spring 2016)

## INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

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2021 “Of the Meaning of Progress – DuBois on Leadership, Japan, and Global Democracy.”  
 • University of Pennsylvania CSERI Seminar Series  
 • University of Wisconsin – Madison Political Theory Workshop

2020 “Ends of Empire: Domination and Resistance in Wei Yuan’s Political Thought.” University of Virginia Historical Antecedents of the Belt and Road Initiative Conference

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

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2020 “‘Taming Savages’: Avarice, Africa, and the Making of the Modern Global Economy.”  
 Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Annual Conference

- 2019 “Talented Officials: Popular Dimensions of Anti-Colonial Imperialism.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 “Wealth, Power, and the Imperial Drive Toward Counter-Domination in Japan.” East Asia Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2019 “Heading the Body Politic – China, Virtuous Rulers, and Human Flourishing.” University of Wisconsin – Madison Early Modern Conference
- 2019 “‘Rule of Law in the Celestial Empire’: Upending the Foundations of Chinese Despotism, 1759-1776.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2018 “‘Catalytic China’ – Liberty and the Chinese State in Western Political Thought, 1822-1862.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 Discussant. “Naoroji, Liberalism, and the Origins of Representation in Colonial India.” Tejas Parasher. Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2018 “Sakuma Shōzan on Foreign Learning.” East Asia Transregional Histories Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2017 Discussant. “To Be Authentic: A Confucian Theory of Rights.” Jingcai Ying. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 “The Spirit of Erasure’—Asian Despotism in Montesquieu’s *Spirit of the Laws*.” UCLA Medieval and Early Modern Conference

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### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Association for Political Theory

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### SERVICE

#### (General)

**Manuscript Reviewer:** *American Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of Political Theory*

#### Panel Organizer

- 2019 “Popular Politics and the Legacies of Empire” [in collaboration with Tejas Parasher], American Political Science Association
- 2018 “China in Modern Political Thought – Legacies and Lessons”, American Political Science Association

#### (Wheaton College)

2021-22 Faculty Advisor, William Osbourne Society (African-American student group)

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### LANGUAGES

Native: English

Reading: Classical Chinese (*wenyanwen*), French, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin

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### REFERENCES

Provided Upon Request