

# Matthew Chick

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## CURRENT POSITION

### Assistant Professor

Co-Director: Hartwick Institute of Public Service; Coordinator of Legal Studies; Director of Pre-Law  
Hartwick College August 2019-present

## PREVIOUS POSITION

### Visiting Lecturer

SUNY Potsdam August 2018-May 2019

## EDUCATION

### Washington University, St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Ph.D., Political Science December 2018  
Fields - Political Theory and American Politics (qualifying exams passed May, 2014)  
Dissertation: *Tuning in and Tuning Out: Deliberative Citizenship and Democracys Epistemic Potential*  
Committee: Clarissa Hayward (chair), Ian MacMullen, Frank Lovett, Michael Neblo (Ohio State University),  
Kit Wellmon, Randy Calvert  
Certificate: American Culture Studies  
Graduate Affiliation: Danforth Center on Religion and Politics

### University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, MD

M.A., Government and Politics May 2012  
Fields - Political Theory (passed comprehensive exam January, 2012) and American Politics

### SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, NY

B.A, Majors: Politics and Philosophy May 2009  
*Magna cum laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

“The Problems Democracy Can Solve” *May 2022: CRISPP*

“The Epistemic Value of Testimony” *May 2021: Contemporary Political Theory*

“The Relevance of Analytic Philosophy to Personal, Public, and Democratic Life” (with Matthew LaVine)  
*Essays in Philosophy* 15:1 (2014).

(Invited) “Deliberation and Civic Studies,” *The Good Society* 22:2 (2013): 187-200.

## IN PROGRESS

“Leadership for Flailing Democracies” *Under Review*

“The Rawlsian Myth, Public Reason, and the Publicly Verifiable” (with Matthew LaVine) *preparing for submission*

“Status Quo Bias in the Supreme Court” (with Joshua Boston and Nick Waterbury) *Preparing for Submission*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### PROFESSOR

*Hartwick College*

- POSC 101: Introduction to US Government Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023
- POSC 107: Introduction to Political Theory Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022
- POSC 357: Democratic Theory Fall 2019, Fall 2022
- POSC 350: Global Justice Spring 2020, Spring 2022
- POSC 347: Philosophy of Law Fall 2020, January 2022, Fall 2023
- POSC 227: Justice and Virtue: Ancient Political Thought Spring 2020, Spring 2023
- POSC 247: Rights, Liberty, and Revolution: Modern Political Thought Fall 2020
- POSC 270: Constitutional Law and Gov’t Power Fall 2023
- FYS/POSC 150: A Theory of A\*\*holes Fall 2020-2023
- FLP 104: GEO 5; Decisions, Big Data, and Analytics Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

### LECTURER

*SUNY Potsdam*

- POLS 100: Power and Influence Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- POLS 110: Introduction to American Politics Fall 2018, Spring 2019
- POLS 200: Political Ideas Fall 2018
- POLS 316: Power and Democracy Spring 2019

### INSTRUCTOR

*Washington University, St. Louis -Prison Education Program*

- Writing Through Political Theory Summer 2018

*Washington University, St. Louis -University College*

- American Constitutionalism and the Law Summer 2015, Summer 2017

*SUNY Potsdam*

- POLS 354: Western Political Thought Summer 2014

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar:  
College in Prison** Summer 2019  
Admitted Competitively  
*under Prof. Daniel Karpowitz, Prison Education Program, Bard College*
- Mellon Interdisciplinary Summer Seminar:  
What is a Problem in Early Modern Studies?** Summer 2017  
Admitted Competitively  
*under Prof. Steven Zwicker, English, Washington University in St. Louis*
- Mellon Interdisciplinary Summer Seminar:  
The Theory and Practice of American Politics 1776-1861** Summer 2016  
Admitted Competitively  
*under Prof. Peter Kastor, History, Washington University in St. Louis*
- Civic Reflection Workshop** March 2013  
Invited Participant  
*Center for Civic Reflection, Valparaiso University*
- The Summer Institute of Civic Studies** July 2011  
Invited Participant-Admitted Competitively  
*The Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University*

### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- “Testimony and Narrative in SCOTUS Confirmation Hearings” *NPSA, November 2022; WPSA April 2023, APSA August 2023; APT Oct. 2023*
- “Leadership for Flailing Democracies” *Invited Talk: Tashkent State University; Zoom; December 2021; NPSA, November 2021; WPSA April 2022, WashU Political Theory Workshop Feb 2023*
- “Epistemic Sorting of Problems for Deliberative Democracy” *WPSA, April 2020*
- “Nosedive and the Social Credit System” *Phi Sigma Tau Meeting: Hartwick College Chapter, October 2019*
- “The Dangers of Testimony” *Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Conference, March 2019*
- “When Should You Vote?” *SUNY Potsdam Philosophy Forum, October 2018*
- “When Two Heads are Better Than One” *SUNY Potsdam Faculty Scholarship and Creativity Celebration, August 2018*

“Polls and Polling” *Talk Prepared for the National Leadership Council of St. Louis, April 2018*

“The Dangers of Testimony and Why We Should Listen Anyway” *MPSA, April 2018*

“Epistemic Properties of Testimony” *APSA, August 2017*

“What Types of Political Problems have Solutions that can be Epistemically Improved?” *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, April 2017*

“Epistemic Properties of Testimony” *MPSA and WPSA, April 2017*

“Public Philosophy, Public Reason, and the Publicly Verifiable” *Society for Examining Philosophy; UMI-ami, Miami, May 2016*

“Taking in Testimony: A Deliberative Virtue” *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, the Law, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, April 2016*

“Public Philosophy, Public Reason, and the Publicly Verifiable” *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, the Law, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, October 2015*

“Voting and Participation” *SUNY Oneonta Annual Undergraduate Political Science Conference, March 2009* and *SUNY Potsdam Philosophy Forum, February 2009* \*Won best overall paper at conference in Oneonta

#### **OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Panelist, “Hanging Together” by Eric Cheng *APSA New Book Panel, Los Angeles, CA August 2023*

Discussant/Chair, “Aristotle’s Ethics” *NPSA Panel, Boston, MA, November 2022*

Discussant/Chair, “Pop Culture and Politics” *NPSA Panel, virtual, November 2021*

Discussant/Chair, “New Problems and Approaches in Political Theory” *MPSA Lightning Talk*

Discussant, “Rethinking the ‘General Will’: Rousseau’s Political Theology” Charles Lesch *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, Jan 2018*

Discussant, “The Caliphate of Man: The Problem of Sovereignty in Modern Islamic Thought” Andrew March *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, Sept 2016*

Discussant, “The Inadequacy of the New Corruption” Ryan Pevnick *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, the Law, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, Feb 2016*

Discussant, “Civil Juries and Epistemic Democracy” Melissa Schwartzberg *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, the Law, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, March 2015*

Discussant, “Equal Subjects: Why Rulers Should Throw in Their Lot with the Ruled” Claudio Lopez-Guerra *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, the Law, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, October 2014*

Discussant, “Beyond the Fact of Disagreement: The Epistemic Turn in Deliberative Democracy” Helene Landemore *Workshop on Politics, Ethics, the Law, and Society; Washington University in St. Louis, February 2014*

Invited Participant “A Global Constitutional Canon” Mark Graber Law Schmooze, Baltimore, MD, February 2012

## SERVICE

To Hartwick:

**Steering Committee Member** September 2021 - present  
*Women and Gender Studies; Global Studies; Public Health; Interdisciplinary Studies*

**Faculty Representative** Spring 2022 - present  
*BOT Image and Reputation Committee*

**Academic Advisor** September 2019- present  
*Hartwick Men’s Basketball Team*

**Academic Co-Advisor** January 2022- present  
*Hartwick Mock Trial Club*

**Search Committee** Spring 2021; Spring 2022  
*Sociology/Criminal Justice: Career Development, POP Accounting, Finance*

To discipline:

**Graduate Director** September 2013 - August 2018  
*Workshop on Politics, Ethics, and Society* WashU, St. Louis

**Managing Editor** December 2012-2017  
*The Political Economy of the Good Society* <http://goodsocietyjournal.org/>

**Assistant Managing Editor** March 2011 - November 2012  
*The Political Economy of the Good Society*

**Reviewer for:**  
*PEGS, PRQ, Human Rights Review, APSR, American Phil. Quarterly, JOP, Res Publica, Rowan and Littlefield Press*

## SOFTWARE AND LANGUAGES

R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
English (native), Latin (reading)

## **References**

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Frank Lovett: *flovett@wustl.edu*  
Michael Neblo: *neblo.1@osu.edu*  
Robert Hinckley: *hicklra@potdam.edu*