

# J. Joseph Porter

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## Education

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D., Philosophy

Dissertation: “Democracy and the Problem of Fundamental Security”

Committee: Luc Bovens (chair), Gerald J. Postema, Tom Dougherty

M.A., Philosophy

Thesis: “The Inclusivist Anomaly Is Not an Anomaly:

A Reply to Buchanan and Powell”

Committee: Gerald J. Postema (chair), Luc Bovens, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord

*Chapel Hill, NC*  
Expected May 2022

May 2018

### Harvard University

M.T.S., New Testament and Early Christianity

A.B., Philosophy (High Honors), *magna cum laude*

Minor in the Comparative Study of Religion

Thesis: “Free Will and Experience”

Adviser: T.M. Scanlon

*Cambridge, MA*

May 2016

May 2012

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## Research Interests

### Areas of Specialization

- PPE (philosophy, politics, and economics)
- Political philosophy
- Ethics (especially animal ethics)

### Areas of Competence

- Ancient philosophy
- History of philosophy
- Philosophy of religion

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## Honors and Awards

- Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) January 2022
- Adam Smith Fellowship (Mercatus Center) August 2021
- Don Lavoie Fellowship (Mercatus Center) January 2021
- Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) June 2020
- Hayek Fund for Scholars (Institute for Humane Studies) March 2020
- Adam Smith Fellowship (Mercatus Center) September 2019
- Humane Studies Fellowship (Institute for Humane Studies) September 2019
- Adams Fellowship (UNC-Chapel Hill) September 2018
- Initiative for Minority Excellence Scholarship (UNC-Chapel Hill) March 2016
- Prize for Work in Moral and Political Philosophy (awarded for my undergraduate thesis by Harvard University) July 2012
- Phi Beta Kappa (Harvard University) May 2012

## Languages

### Reading Proficiency

- Greek, Latin, Hebrew, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese
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## Selected Presentations

- “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”  
(PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) February 2022
  - “Health and the Ethics of Eating Meat”  
(Society for Christian Bioethicists) November 2021
  - “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”  
(After Rawls: John Rawls’ Legacy in the 21st Century, Bucharest, Romania) November 2021
  - “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”  
(Rust Belt PPE Workshop, Bowling Green, OH) October 2021
  - “Existential Risk and Equal Political Liberty”  
(International Symposium on Rawls, Girona, Spain) October 2021
  - “Health and the Ethics of Eating Meat”  
(SCSP Annual Meeting) April 2021
  - “Meat Me Halfway? Ethics and the Health of Animal-based Diets”  
(PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) March 2020
  - “Explaining Normative Drift”  
(PPE Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA) March 2019
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## Teaching

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

*Chapel Hill, NC*

#### *Instructor of Record*

- PHIL 384. Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Summer 2022
- PHIL 170. Social Ethics and Political Thought Spring 2022
- PHIL 165. Bioethics Summer 2021
- GRAD 721. Research Ethics Spring 2020
- PHIL 384. Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Fall 2019
- PHIL 110. Introduction to Philosophy Through Great Works Summer 2019
- PHIL 165. Bioethics Spring 2019
- PHIL 155. Introduction to Mathematical Logic Summer 2018

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- PHIL 163H. Practical Ethics (departmental representative for the Robertson Fellowship’s honors colloquium) Spring 2020
- PHIL 155. Introduction to Mathematical Logic Fall 2018
- PHIL 105. Critical Thinking Spring 2018
- PHIL 160. Introduction to Ethics Fall 2017

### University of Pennsylvania

*Philadelphia, PA*

#### *Teaching Assistant*

- PPE 101. Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation Summer 2020

## Service to the University

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Member, PPE Graduate Advising Committee Chapel Hill, NC  
Fall 2020-present
  - Affiliated graduate student, PPE Program Fall 2019-present
  - Member, PPE Hiring Committee Fall 2021
  - Organizer and co-host, PPE Salon: “Afghanistan and American Foreign Policy: What Does the Future Hold?” October 2021
  - Organizer and co-host, PPE Salon: “Bitcoin: What Does the Future Hold?” March 2021
  - Organizer and co-host, PPE Salon: “What Can We Learn from ‘GameStopGate’?” February 2021
  - Organizer and host, “Beyond Policy: Human Perspectives on the Opioid Crisis” (a PPE Program/Carolina Public Humanities collaborative workshop) February 2020
  - Member, PPE Hiring Committee Fall 2019
  - Leader, PPE Reading Group: *Love Your Enemies* Fall 2019
  - Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl April 2019
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## Service to the Profession

- Co-organizer and referee, PPE Society Annual Meeting February 2022
  - Co-organizer and referee, PPE Society Annual Meeting March 2020
  - Chair, “Corrective Justice, Distributive Justice, and Compensation,” PPE Society Annual Meeting March 2019
  - Chair, “Proxies and Politics: Making Social Choices in the Age of Big Data,” PPE Society Annual Meeting March 2019
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## Graduate Coursework

- Research Seminar in Value Theory, Simon Blackburn and Sarah Stroud Spring 2019
- Modern Political Philosophy, Gerald Postema Spring 2019
- Advanced Studies in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Luc Bovens Fall 2018
- Empiricism, Alan Nelson Fall 2018
- Advanced Studies in Value Theory, Mariska Leunissen and Rebecca Walker Spring 2018
- Metaphysics, Peter van Inwagen (Duke University) Spring 2018
- Plato, CDC Reeve Fall 2017
- Rationalism, Alan Nelson Fall 2017
- Research Seminar in Political Philosophy, Gerald Postema Fall 2017
- Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Logic, Gillian Russell Spring 2017
- Aristotle, Mariska Leunissen and CDC Reeve Spring 2017
- Proto-Seminar in Philosophy, Alan Nelson and John Roberts Spring 2017
- The Beginnings of Analytic Philosophy, Gillian Russell Spring 2017
- Metaphysics, Thomas Hofweber Fall 2016
- Research Seminar in Moral Theory, Douglas MacLean and Susan Wolf Fall 2016
- Philosophy of Mind, Carla Merino-Rajme Fall 2016
- Symbolic Logic, Thomas Hofweber Fall 2016

## References

### **Luc Bovens**

Professor, UNC Department of Philosophy

Core Faculty Member, UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program

[lbovens@unc.edu](mailto:lbovens@unc.edu)

### **Geoffrey Sayre-McCord**

Morehead-Cain Alumni Distinguished Professor, UNC Department of Philosophy

Director, UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program

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### **Gerald J. Postema**

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