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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2026 (Expected)

- Fields: Political Theory (major) and Comparative Politics (minor)
- Dissertation: *The Workplace and Democracy*
- Committee: Susan Bickford (co-chair), Jeff Spinner-Halev (co-chair), Alexandra Oprea (Philosophy), Luc Bovens (Philosophy), Maxine Eichner (Law)

M.A. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2021

M.Sc. Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2017

B.A. War Studies, King's College London, 2016

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Icelliler, Begum (2025). "The Necessity of Labor Unions for Curbing Domination". *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 1–23.

Icelliler, Begum (2015). "Book Review: Frames of War: When is Life Grievable?" by Judith Butler. *Strife Journal*

IN PREPARATION

"Constraining Managerial Power Without Workplace Democracy"

- Winner of the 2026 GISME Prize in Markets and Ethics. (Open to "faculty, post-docs and (post)graduate students who have advanced to the ABD stage from anywhere in the world.")

"Flexible but not Equal: The Democratic Costs of Working from Home"

"Do Strikers Dominate?"

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Icelliler, Begum; Wells, Juliet (2015). "Imagining a British Bill of Rights" *The Constitution Unit Blog*

Other publications and commentary in *bianet*, *King's Think Tank*, *Spectrum Journal*, and *Disability Rights UK*.

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics (GISME) Prize in Markets and Ethics | 2026

John Patrick Hagan Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill | May 2025

Richard R. Pouliot Teaching Award, Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill | May 2024

Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill (x4) | 2022-2025 | \$13,715 (total)

Institute of Humane Studies Expense Support (x2) | 2022-2023 | \$900 (total)

PPE Society Travel Award | September 2023 | \$250

UNC PPE Program Travel Award | June 2023 | \$250

GPSG Travel Award, UNC-Chapel Hill | April 2023 | \$800

Graduate Student Transportation Grant Award | December 2021 | \$400

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University | 2022 | \$5,000

N. Darlene Walker Graduate Student Excellence Award, UNC-Chapel Hill | August 2019 | \$1,000

PRESENTATIONS

“Constraining Managerial Power Without Workplace Democracy”

- *(Invited)* TOMATO². Georgetown University, Washington, DC | April 2026

“A Democratic Argument Against Segregation: The Case of Professional Caregiving”

- PPE Society Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana | November 2025
- *(Invited)* IHS Job Market Workshop. New Orleans, Louisiana | November 2025

“Flexible but not Equal: The Democratic Costs of Working from Home”

- Association for Political Theory. Blacksburg, Virginia | November 2024
- American Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois | September 2024
- PPE Society Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana | November 2023

“The Necessity of Labor Unions for Curbing Domination”

- PPE Conference. University of Groningen, Netherlands | May 2023
- Western Political Science Association. Portland, Oregon | March 2022

Response to Avia Pasternak, “Violent Protests and the Proportionality of Harm to Police Officers” | UNC-Duke Political Theory Workshop | March 2022

COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense | Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Modern Political Thought | Fall 2022, Fall 2024

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

PPE Graduate Summer Workshop | Chapman University | June 2023

SERVICE

Robson Award Selection Committee | May 2025

Member of the Department of Political Science and the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Program Hiring Committee | Fall 2023

Political Theory field representative, UNC Political Science Graduate Program Executive
Council | August 2022 – May 2023

REFERENCES

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