

# Stephon J. Boatwright

M.Phil

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## Professional Profile

Stephon is an experienced political science researcher and educator with a strong teaching background in secondary and collegiate levels. His research focuses on political violence and democratic institutionalism, while his teaching spans Constitutional law, American, world, and art history, as well as international relations.

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## Academic History

Master of Philosophy, ABD | Political Science  
City University of New York - Graduate Center, 2024

PhD Expected, Fall 2024

- Working Dissertation Title: Bullets and Bureaucracy: Populism, Myths, and Political Violence in the Western World

Master of the Arts | Political Science  
City University of New York - Graduate Center, 2022

The chosen course of study emphasized the history of political thought, the outcomes of identity politics and international law and area studies

- Major / Minor Field of Study: Political Theory / International Relations

Master of the Arts | Education; Social Studies  
University of Colorado - Denver, 2019

- Studied the field of social science education as informed by neurological development and culturally responsive pedagogy
- The program was accompanied by a full-time teaching internship that emphasized creating equity minded, community-based educators

Bachelor of the Arts | Political Science  
State University of New York - Oswego, 2011

Concentrations in political theory and comparative politics

- Honors Thesis Title: Antonio Gramsci's Concept of Common Sense
- Magna Cum Laude; Departmental Honors

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## Professional Development

Advance Placement United States  
History Summer Camp - 2022  
The College Board

College Going Identity and  
Student Success - 2021  
Harvard Graduate School of  
Education

Teachers Law School - 2017  
American Board of Trial  
Attorneys

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## Distinctions

Nominated University of Vermont  
Outstanding Educator - 2023

Professional Teaching License; Social  
Studies 7-12; Colorado & Vermont

National Geographic Certified  
Educator - 2019

# Professional Experience

Saint Michael's College, Colchester Vermont

Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations

August 2024 - Present

- Specializing in criminal justice, American politics, and political violence, fostering critical thinking and active citizenship

Lehman College, Bronx, New York

Adjunct Lecturer

August 2019 - Present

- In-person and digital instruction: POL 166 - The American Political System
- Specializing in instructing a comprehensive course that delves into the fundamental structures of the US government, the creation and functioning of the Constitution and the pivotal Supreme Court cases that have shaped the nation's political history

Williamstown Middle High School, Williamstown, Vermont

High School Social Studies Instructor

August 2020 - June 2024

- In-person and digital instruction: Advance Placement US History, International Relations, Art History, Comparative Revolutions, Cultural Anthropology and World History

Mapleton Public Schools (University of Colorado M.A. Program), Denver, Colorado

Intern Social Studies Teacher

September 2018 - May 2019

- Instructed a diverse student population in the fields of government, cultural geography and American history in an International Baccalaureate program
- Designed accommodations for English Language Learners and first-generation students

GOAL High School, Greeley, Colorado

Community Liaison and Social Studies Teacher

February 2017 - August 2018

- Facilitated community engagement, built local partnerships with community based organizations and mentored adjudicated youth and students in truancy court
- Led instruction in the subjects of government, history and economics in a partially-virtual school environment

CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York

Research Fellow

August 2012 – August 2014

- Assistant to Distinguished Professors in political science in the field of political theory. Duties included collection, analysis and annotation of academic documents for faculty and personal publications and conferences. Adeptly employed JSTOR, LexisNexis, Stata, and Excel to collect and present findings

SUNY Oswego, Oswego, New York

Teaching and Research Assistant - Assistant to Dr. Lisa Glidden

May 2010 – May 2011

- Assistant instructor: GLS 200 Introduction to Global Studies
- Research Assistant for the textbook *Understanding Energy and Energy Policy*

## Presentations and Papers

Boatwright, S. J. (2024, April 20) Reading Radicals: The Social and Discursive Techniques of Authoritarian Populists and Armed Extremists. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the *New England Political Science Association*

Boatwright, S. J. (2023, April 21) Terror and Political Myth in the 21st Century: Adorno, Blumenberg and Cassirer on Social Illusions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *New England Political Science Association*. In peer review.

Boatwright, S. J. (2021, April 23) The Far Right Family Tree: Making Ideological Sense of Far Right Terrorism. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *New England Political Science Association*.

Boatwright, S. J. (2020, July 29) Defund the Police? We've Been Doing That to Education for Years. *Education Week*