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Research Interests

Democratic Theory; History of Political Thought (Early Modern Europe and North America); Political Economy; Popular Sovereignty; Republicanism

Education

The Ohio State University, PhD, expected May 2027

Political Science (concentration: political theory, comparative politics; minor: philosophy)

Dissertation Title: Worthy of Freedom: Popular Government in the Early-Modern Dutch Republic

Committee: Benjamin McKean (chair), Eric MacGilvray, Emma Saunders-Hastings

Abstract: My dissertation recovers a neglected tradition of Dutch democratic republicanism through the work of Johan and Pieter de la Court, Franciscus van den Enden, and Baruch Spinoza. It demonstrates that these thinkers developed an egalitarian conception of popular sovereignty that sought to enhance both the political and economic freedom of ordinary people, while also showing how their democratic thought emerged through and alongside material and colonial domination.

University of Chicago, Master of Arts, 2021

Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences

Advisor: John P. McCormick

West Virginia University, Bachelor of Arts, 2020

Dual degree in Sociology and Philosophy

Minors: Psychology and Public Relations

Columbia University in the City of New York, Visiting Student, 2019

Publications and Working Papers

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Trommelen, Pim. 2026. "Tired of Politics? On Political Experience and Oligarchic Fatigue." *Perspectives on Politics*: 1-15. DOI:[10.1017/S1537592726104794](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1537592726104794).

- *The Ohio State University Political Science Department Award for Best Published Paper in Political Science by a Graduate Student, 2026*

Book Reviews

Trommelen, Pim. *forthcoming*. “Review of *Freedom For All: What a Liberal Society Could Be* by Alex Zakaras.” *American Political Thought*.

Working Papers

“The Fourth Republic”: Settler Colonialism and Democracy in the Seventeenth Century.

“Popular Government is the Oldest and Most Legitimate”: Johan and Pieter De la Court on Self-Love and Democracy.

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2026	Award for Best Published Paper in Political Science by a Graduate Student, The Ohio State University
2026	Centennial Center Research Grant (\$2,482), American Political Science Association
2026	Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability grant (\$3,500), The Ohio State University
2026	Department Grant Competition (\$900), The Ohio State University
2025	Humane Studies Fellowship (\$3,000), Institute for Humane Studies
2025	Department Grant Competition (\$1,000), The Ohio State University
2024	Participedia Summer School Scholarship (CAD\$2,000), Participedia
2024	Department Grant Competition (\$1,500), The Ohio State University
2024	Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability grant (\$1,500), The Ohio State University
2023	Department Grant Competition (\$300), The Ohio State University
2023	Research Small Grants Program (\$600), The Ohio State University
2023	Institute for Democratic Engagement and Accountability grant (\$2,000), The Ohio State University
2022-2023	University Fellowship, The Ohio State University
2020-2021	1/3 Tuition Scholarship, University of Chicago
2020	Most Outstanding Senior Award, West Virginia University

Invited Talks

2023	“The Struggle for Democracy: A Community Conversation on Hope, Disruption and Care” as part of the CERi-Participedia Summer School in Vancouver, CA.
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Professional Papers and Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (upcoming 2026)
Annual London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought (2026)
MANCEPT Workshops (2024)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2024)
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Annual Meeting (upcoming 2026)
Stanford University Graduate Political Theory Workshop (2025)

The Ohio State University Political Theory Workshop (2023, 2025)
University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference (2021)
Venice Multidisciplinary World Conference on Republics and Republicanism (2026)
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2024-2026)

Research Experience

2024-Present FIDE – North America Learning Series Research Coordinator
2023-Present The Ohio State Institute of Democratic Engagement and Accountability (IDEA)

Additional Training

2024 Participedia Summer School on Transnational Democratic Innovations, St. Johns CA.
2023 CERi-Participedia Summer School on Radical Democracy, Vancouver CA.

Department and Professional Service

Discipline

Reviewer: *New Political Science*; *Political Communication*
Discussant: The Ohio State University Political Theory Workshop

Department

Political Science Graduate Student Organization, Secretary, 2025-2026
Graduate Student Peer Mentor, 2026-Current

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (reading), French (reading)

References

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