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Education	Department of Political Science, University of California, Riverside	
	Ph.D. in Political Science (ABD)	<i>Since 2020</i>
	Dissertation: <i>Metaphors of 'Rootedness': The Politics of Reorientation in an Era of Climate Crisis</i>	
	M.A. in Political Science	<i>2023</i>
	Department of Political Science and Philosophy, John Carroll University	
	B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy	<i>2020</i>
Research Interests	• Political Theory (Environmental, Normative) • Environmental Justice • International Relations • Human Rights	
Research Experience	• Graduate Student Researcher (Sloan Foundation Grant)	<i>June 2026- Dec 2026</i>
Publications	• Kegler, Thomas (2020). "When is a Person Ready to Have Sex." In S.M. Kaye. <i>Take a Stand!: Classroom Activities That Explore Philosophical Arguments That Matter to Teens</i> (1st ed.). Routledge.	
Creative Writing and Public Scholarship	• Kegler, Tommy (Producer) (2026). <i>Lived Realities (Audio Podcast)</i>. Department of Society, Environment, and Health Equity. Link. • Kegler, Thomas (2018). "Atheist." <i>The John Carroll Review</i>, 71(2): 21. • Kegler, Thomas (2018). "Party Games." <i>The John Carroll Review</i>, 71(2): 26.	
Conference Presentations and Working Papers	• "Reshaping After Disaster: The Flooding of the Santa Ana River" • <i>Presented at Western Political Science Association 2025</i> • "A Rising Tide Floats All Boats: Nature's Rights and their Human Use" • <i>Presented at Western Political Science Association 2024</i>	
Teaching Experience	Courses as Instructor of Record:	
	<i>In Political Science:</i> Human Rights in Law, Theory, and Politics Capitalism, Socialism, and Political Theory Modern Political Theory Environmental Political Thought Global Environmental Politics <i>In Society, Environment, and Health Equity:</i> Environment, Society, and Culture Transforming Toxic Jobs: Health and Work in America	
	Courses as Teaching Assistant:	
	<i>In Political Science:</i> International Political Economy of Finance, Trade, & Development	

Political Ideologies
 Comparative Electoral Behavior
 Introduction to World Politics
 Modern Political Theory (POSC 112)
 Environmental Political Thought (POSC 106)
 Introduction to Political Theory (POSC 007)
 Comparative Politics (POSC 015)

In Society, Environment, and Health Equity:
 Health Equity and Health Justice (SEHE 002)
 Environment, Society, and Culture (SEHE 001)

In Sociology:
 Sociology of Law (SOC 159)

Grants, Awards and Honors	John L. Stanley Award for Political Theory (\$1000)	2026
	<i>University of California- Riverside</i>	
	Humanities Graduate Student Research Award (\$200)	2025
	<i>Center for Ideas and Society</i>	
	Grant Funding for Academic Book Clubs (\$300)	2025, 2026
	<i>Center for Ideas and Society</i>	
	William J. Selhorst Scholarship	2019
	<i>John Carroll University</i>	
Certifications and Trainings	International School of Climate Mobilities	2026
	The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2024
	CITI Program: Social and Behavioral Research IRB Training	<i>Last updated 2026</i>
Academic Service	University of California, Riverside	
	Undergraduate Pedagogy and AI Working Group (SEHE)	2025
	Annual Undergraduate Assessment Member (Political Science)	2024, 2025
	Political Science Graduate Student Association President	2023–2024
	Graduate Student Association Representative	2022–2023
	Departmental Graduate Student Researcher	Spring 2023
	UCR Political Theory Workshop — Chair	2023–2024
	International Studies Association: West	
	Conference Volunteer	2023
	John Carroll University	
	LGBTQ+ Inclusivity Working Group	2020
	Student Senator	2019–2020
Conference Service	Discussant, Western Political Science Association	2026
	<i>Panel: Environmental Justice and Articulating Power</i>	
	Chair, Western Political Science Association	2026
	<i>Panel: Modernization and Moral Economies</i>	

Discussant, Emerging Scholars Symposium (UCR) 2026
Panel: International Relations and International Political Economy

Discussant, American Political Science Association 2025
Panel: New Models of Citizenship: Civic Duty, Liberalism, Democracy

**Professional
Associations**

American Political Science Association (APSA) *Since 2023*
Western Political Science Association (WPSA) *Since 2024*
International Studies Association (ISA) *Since 2023*
Association for Political Theory *Since 2023*

References

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