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Bio

BIO

Alison McQueen is the the Nehal and Jenny Fan Raj Civics Faculty Fellow in Undergraduate Teaching and an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. Her research focuses on early modern political theory and the history of International Relations thought.

McQueen's book, Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times (Cambridge University Press, 2018), traces the responses of three canonical political realists —Niccolò Machiavelli, Thomas Hobbes, and Hans Morgenthau—to hopes and fears about the end of the world. A second book project, Absolving God: Hobbes's Scriptural Politics, tracks and explains changes in Thomas Hobbes's strategies of Scriptural argument over time. She is also working on treason and betrayal in the history of political thought.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Political Science
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), History

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor (Subject to PhD), Department of Political Science, Stanford University, (2011-2012)
- Brown Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University, (2013-2013)
- Laurance S. Rockeffeler Visting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, (2014-2015)
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University, (2013- present)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, (2012- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Dean's Award for Achievement in the First Years of Teaching, Stanford University (2013)
- Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Graduate Dissertation Prize, Department of Government, Cornell University (2012)
- Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation in Political Philosophy, American Political Science Association (2012)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Faculty committee, Program in Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University (2012 - present)
- Political Theory Field Convenor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University (2011 - 2012)
- Member, American Political Science Association (2010 - present)

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Modern Thought and Literature

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Cornell University , Government (2012)
- M.A., Cornell University , Government (2009)
- M.A., University of Toronto , Political Science and International Relations (2005)
- B.A., University of Guelph , International Development/Political Economy (2003)

LINKS

- My Website: http://www.alisonmcqueen.info/

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Modern Political Thought: Machiavelli to Marx and Mill: ETHICSOC 131S, POLISCI 131L (Spr)
- Selections in Modern Political Thought: ETHICSOC 432X, POLISCI 432R (Spr)

2024-25

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Modern Political Thought: Machiavelli to Marx and Mill: ETHICSOC 131S, POLISCI 131L (Spr)
- Selections in Modern Political Thought: ETHICSOC 432X, POLISCI 432R (Spr)

2023-24

- Ethics in Society Honors Seminar: ETHICSOC 190, PHIL 178 (Win)
- Ethics in Society Workshop: ETHICSOC 195 (Win)
- Modern Political Thought: Machiavelli to Marx and Mill: ETHICSOC 131S, POLISCI 131L (Spr)
- Research and Methods in Political Theory: POLISCI 333M (Win)
- Selections in Modern Political Thought: ETHICSOC 432X, POLISCI 432R (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Orals Chair

Jon Cooper

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Malloy Owen, Aaron Spikol, Michael Thomas

Doctoral (Program)

Marcus Ellinas, Malloy Owen, Aaron Spikol, Michael Thomas

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Murder in the Archive** *PS-POLITICAL SCIENCE & POLITICS*

McQueen, A.
2024; 57 (1): 96-97

- **Absolving God's Laws: Thomas Hobbes's Scriptural Strategies** *POLITICAL THEORY*
  McQueen, A.
  2022
- **What (If Anything) is Wrong with Positive Liberty?** *CRITICAL REVIEW*
  McQueen, A.
  2021
- **Hobbes's Strategy of Convergence** *HOBBES STUDIES*
  McQueen, A.
  2020; 33 (2): 135–52
- **"A Rhapsody of Heresies": The Scriptural Politics of On the Citizen**
  McQueen, A.
  edited by Douglass, R., Olsthoorn, J.
  CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS.2020: 180-198
- **Mirrors for Princes and Sultans: Advice on the Art of Governance in the Medieval Christian and Islamic Worlds** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
  Blaydes, L., Grimmer, J., McQueen, A.
  2018; 80 (4): 1150–67
- **The Case for Kingship: Classical Realism and Political Realism** *Politics Recovered*
  McQueen, A.
  Columbia University Press.2018
- **Entire on "Carr, E.H."; "Classical Realism"; "Morgenthau, Hans J."**
  McQueen, A.
  The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics and International Relations, 4th edition.
  2018
- **Mirrors for Princes and Sultans: Advice on the Art of Governance in the Medieval Christian and Islamic Worlds** *Journal of Politics*
  Lisa, B., Justin, G., Alison, M.
  2018
- **Mosaic Leviathan: Religion and Rhetoric in Hobbes's Political Thought** *Hobbes on Politics and Religion*
  McQueen, A.
  Oxford University Press.2018
- **Political realism and moral corruption** *European Journal of Political Theory*
  McQueen, A.
  2017
- **Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times**
  McQueen, A.
  Cambridge University Press.2017
- **Salutary Fear? Hans Morgenthau and the Politics of Existential Crisis** *American Political Thought*
  McQueen, A.
  2017; 6 (1)
- **Tocqueville in Jacksonian Context: American Expansionism and Discourses of American Indian Nomadism in Democracy in America** *Perspectives on Politics*
  McQueen, A., Hendrix, B. A.
  2017; 15 (3)
- **Political Realism and the Realist Tradition** *Critical Review of Social and Political Philosophy*
  McQueen, A.

2017; 20 (3): 296-313

- **Politics in Apocalyptic Times: Machiavelli's Savonarolan Moment** *JOURNAL OF POLITICS*
  McQueen, A.
  2016; 78 (3): 909-924
- **The Apocalypse in U.S. Political Thought**
  McQueen, A.
  Foreign Affairs.
  2016
- **Apocalyptic Thought in the Age of Trump**
  McQueen, A.
  Foreign Affairs.
  2016
- **On Hans J. Morgenthau's "The Twilight of International Morality"** *ETHICS*
  McQueen, A.
  2015; 125 (3): 840-842
- **Compassion and Tragedy in the Aspiring Society (Book Review)** *PHENOMENOLOGY AND THE COGNITIVE SCIENCES*
  Book Review Authored by: McQueen, A.
  2014; 13 (4): 651-657
- **Imperial Sceptics: British Critics of Empire, 1850-1920 (Book Review)** *POLITICAL THEORY*
  Book Review Authored by: Mcqueen, A.
  2012; 40 (6): 839-846
- **Responsible Cosmopolitanism** *Political Theory*
  McQueen, A. E.
  2012; 40 (6): 839 - 846
- **Review of John Gray's Black Mass: Apocalyptic Religion and the Death of Utopia, Millennium** *Journal of International Studies*
  McQueen, A. E.
  2008; 37 (2): 522 - 524
- **A Groupthink Perspective on the Invasion of Iraq** *International Affairs Review*
  McQueen, A. E.
  2005; 14 (2): 53 - 79