

# Nam D. Nguyen

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

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- 2011-Present **Doctoral Student, Ph.D., Political Science**  
University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Major Field: Political Theory  
Minor Field: American Political Science  
Dissertation Topic: "The Role of Theology and Human Rule in Plato's *Laws*"
- 2011 **M.A., Politics**  
University of Dallas, Irving, TX  
Master's Thesis: "The Middling American Regime: An Aristotelian Analysis of the American Founding"
- 2006 **B.A., Philosophy**  
**B.S., Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering**  
Tufts University, Medford, MA

### Additional Training

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- Summer 2015 CLEAR Course Design Institute, University of North Texas  
Spring 2014 Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Program, University of North Texas  
2011 Institute of Humane Studies Teaching Workshop  
2010 Institute of Humane Studies Summer Seminar - Scholarship and a Free Society

### Teaching Interests

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- Ancient and Modern Political Theory
- American Political Thought
- Political Institutions
- Political Behavior
- Religion and Politics

### Research Interests

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- Ancient Greek Political Thought
- Political Knowledge
- Social Capital
- U.S. Congress
- Medieval Political Thought

## Publications

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Forthcoming “Rousseau, Jean-Jacques,” *World Democracy*. Edited by James Ciment. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe Inc.

## Teaching Experience

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Summer 2014 *Instructor*, Modern Political Thought – University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Fall 2013 *Instructor*, American Government: Laws and Institutions (125 students) – University of North Texas, Denton, TX

Summer 2013 *Adjunct Instructor*, Federal Government – Richland College, Dallas, TX

Summer 2012 *Adjunct Instructor*, American Government II – Richland College, Dallas, TX

2012-2014 *Teaching Assistant*, American Government: Laws and Institutions, American Government: Processes and Policies, Conflict Management – University of North Texas, Denton, TX

## Guest Lectures

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Spring 2017 Political Theory (Kevin Kearns) – University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX. Topic: Plato’s *Apology*

Fall 2013 American Government: Laws and Institutions (Lynsey Parsons) – University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Topic: The Federal Bureaucracy

Spring 2013 Ancient Philosophy (Martin Yaffe) – University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Topic: Pre-Socratic Thought

Spring 2012 American Political Thought (Steven Forde) – University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Topic: John C. Calhoun

## Research Experience

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2014 **University of North Texas** – Denton, TX  
Research Assistant, appointed by Dr. Kimi King, Victims and Witness Section Survey for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

## Presentations

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- 4/2016      **“The Art of Rhadamanthus: Law and Opinion Change Concerning the Gods in Plato's Laws”** – Chicago, MA  
Junior Scholar Symposium Participant: ‘Political Philosophy: Approaches and Themes’, 74<sup>th</sup> MPSA Conference, annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 3/2015      **“A Faculty Preparation Model Aimed At Promoting Teacher Self-Efficacy”** – Oklahoma City, OK  
Presentation with Nancy Fire and Shana Southard-Dobbs, 5<sup>th</sup> University of Central Oklahoma Transformative Learning Conference.
- 4/2014      **“The Middling American Regime: An Analysis of Equality, Freedom, and Citizenship in Aristotle’s *Politics* and the American Founding”** – Chicago, MA  
Panel Participant: ‘Ancients Meets Moderns’, 72<sup>nd</sup> MPSA Conference, annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association.
- 11/2012     **“John C. Calhoun: Nullification and Minority Rights”** – Boston, MA  
Panel Participant: ‘If Men Were Angels: Reconciling Popular Sovereignty and Responsible Government’, 44<sup>th</sup> NPSA Conference, annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association.

## Invited Talks

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- 8/2014      **“How Do I build Credibility with My Students?”** – Denton, TX  
Panel Participant: Teaching Excellence Seminar, University of North Texas
- 3/2014      **“Teaching Globally: Teaching and Learning Issues Encountered When Globalizing your Teaching”** – Denton, TX  
Panel Participant: Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Program Event, University of North Texas. <https://youtu.be/NRxbT6gJgco>.

## Mentoring Experience

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- 2014-2017    *GSTEP Mentor*, Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Program – University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
Provided peer mentoring and pedagogical development for graduate students preparing for a teaching career. Developed faculty development online learning modules on teaching.

## Service

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2012	<b>University of North Texas – Denton, TX</b> Volunteer Tutor for American Government
2011	<b>Arlington Public Library – Arlington, TX</b> Volunteer Civics Teacher, 2011
2010-2011	<b>Braniff Graduate Student Association</b> Secretary Elect and Webmaster
2009	<b>Catholic Charities of Dallas – Dallas, TX</b> Volunteer ESL Teacher, 2009
2003-2005	<b>Tufts University Men’s Fencing Club</b> President and Sabre Captain, 2003-2004, Co-President, 2004-2005
2004-2005	<b>Tufts University Vietnamese Student Club</b> Treasurer, 2003-2004, Vice-President, 2004-2005

## Awards and Honors

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Spring 17	Toulouse Graduate School Tuition Benefit, University of North Texas (\$3592)
Fall 2016	Toulouse Graduate School Tuition Benefit, University of North Texas (\$3592)
Spring 15	Toulouse Graduate School Tuition Benefit, University of North Texas (\$2500)
Fall 2015	Political Science Travel Grant, University of North Texas (\$541)
Fall 2015	Toulouse Graduate School Tuition Benefit, University of North Texas (\$2500)
2014-2015	Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship, University of North Texas (\$1725.50)
Fall 2013	College of Arts and Science Graduate Student Support Grant, University of North Texas (\$500)
Fall 2013	Political Science Travel Grant, University of North Texas (\$341)
Fall 2012	College of Arts and Science Graduate Student Support Grant, University of North Texas (\$500)
2013	Texas Education Grant, University of North Texas (\$2500)
2012-2014	Tuition Grant, University of North Texas (\$1500)
2011-2013	Academic Achievement Scholarship, University of North Texas (\$1000)
2011	National Summit of Vietnamese-American Leaders
2009-2010	Braniff Graduate School Scholarship
2010	Koch Scholar
2001-2005	Medtronic Foundation Scholarship
2001	Walmart Foundation Scholarship

## Memberships

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American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Northeastern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

## Languages

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English (Fluent)  
Ancient Greek (Intermediate)

Japanese (Intermediate)  
Vietnamese (Basic)

## Software

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R  
STATA  
SPSS  
MATLAB  
MathCad

LabView  
NVivo  
Shell Scripting  
Linux  
HTML, CSS

Adobe Premiere Pro  
Adobe Photoshop  
Microsoft Office  
AutoCAD  
SolidWorks