

# Alec Crisman

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Alec Crisman is a **political theorist** with **research/teaching interests in:**  
Contemporary Liberal and Postliberal Political Thought // Civic Education and Pluralism  
Federalism and Constitutionalism

## EDUCATION:

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**McGill University, 2017-2025**

Ph.D., Political Science

Second Exam Field – Comparative Politics, specialization in Latin America

Committee – Jacob Levy (Advisor), William Clare Roberts, Victor Muñoz-Fraticelli

External Examiner: Robert P. George

**Dissertation Title:** Liberalism for Nonliberals – Toward a MacIntyrean Modus Vivendi

**University of Oregon, 2009-2016**

Bachelor of Science, Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

Major: Political Science, Minor: Economics

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS:

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**Research Group on Constitutional Studies Excellence Fellowship (2017-2020)**

**Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique Fellowship (2017-2020)**

**Adam Smith Fellowship – Mercatus Center (2021-2022 and 2022-2023)**

**Visiting PhD/Dissertation Fellowship – Mercatus Center (2023-2024)**

**Don Lavoie Fellowship – Mercatus Center (2021)**

**Summer Writing Fellowship – Institute for Humane Studies (2020)**

**Academic Mentorship Grant – Institute for Humane Studies (2025)**

**Expense Support Grant – Institute for Humane Studies (2025)**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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**Primary Instructor:**

Introduction to Political Theory – Summer 2024, McGill University

Instructor rating 4.5/5 (dept 4.2); Lectures 4.4/5; Availability 4.9/5

Core Texts: Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Hayek, King

**Teaching Assistant:**

Introduction to Political Theory – Fall 2019, McGill University  
Introduction to Political Theory – Fall 2020, McGill University  
Introduction to Political Theory – Winter 2021, McGill University

TA effectiveness: 4.4/5 avg.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP:**

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**“Right-Nonliberalism: Beyond the Benedict Option.”** Southern Political Science Association, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**“The Political-Comprehensive Collapse.”** Conference on Voluntary Governance, Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh, September 6, 2025

**“Should Liberalism Fight, or Retreat and Retrench? with Alec Crisman.”** The Political Philosophy Podcast, August 29, 2025

**“Weber's Politics as a Vocation.”** YouTube lecture, April 16, 2021

**“A Pastor and An Atheist Talk Politics and Polarization featuring Alec Crisman.”** Podcast, November 2, 2020

**“Instrumentalism and the Space of Non-Democracy.”** Conference: Political Theory in/and/as Political Science, McGill University, May 11, 2018

**REFERENCES:**

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