Curriculum Vitae
Dr Max Skjönsberg, FRHistS

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Humanities (tenured), Hamilton School, University of Florida 2025 – Present

Assistant Professor of Humanities (tenure-track), Hamilton School, University of Florida 2023 – 2025

Leverhulme Trust Early-Career Fellow, University of Cambridge 2022 – 2023

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Liverpool 2019 – 2022

Associate Lecturer in Intellectual History (post-1700), University of St Andrews 2018 – 2019

Associate Lecturer in the History of Political Thought and Political Theory, University of York 2017 – 2018

EDUCATION

PhD in History, London School of Economics and Political Science 2014 – 2018
Thesis: *Internecine Discord: Party, History and Religion in Hanoverian Britain, c. 1714–65*
Supervisor: Dr Tim Hochstrasser
Examiners: Professor Richard Whatmore (St Andrews), Professor Brian Young (Oxford).

MA in the History of Political Thought and Intellectual History, University College London (UCL) and Queen Mary University of London 2012 – 2013
Distinction, Skinner Prize for First Place

BA in Contemporary History and Journalism, Queen Mary University of London and City University of London 2009 – 2012
First Class Honours

SELECTED HONOURS & AWARDS

2026 Winner of the British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies' Digital Resources Prize.
2025 Quentin Skinner Fellowship/Lectureship, the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge, 2025.
2022 Elected as an Associate Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge
Shortlisted for the Constance Blackwell Prize, International Society for Intellectual History, for *The Persistence of Party* (CUP, 2021).
Shortlisted for the Istvan Hont Book Prize, for *The Persistence of Party*.
2021 Elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society
Runner-up, David Berry Prize for articles on Scottish History, Royal Historical Society, for 'David Hume and the Jacobites'.

2020 Parliamentary History Essay Prize, the Parliamentary History Yearbook Trust, for 'Edmund Burke, the French Revolution and the Battle for the Soul of the Whig Party'.
2019 Nominee, 'Outstanding Teacher,' the University of St Andrews.
Fellow of the Jack Miller Center.
2018 David Hume Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh; Nominee, Excellence Award in the 'Teacher of the Year' category, University of York.
2017 The Hume Society Young Scholar Award; Martin Abel Gonzalez Prize for Highly Commended Class Teacher, LSE Class Teacher Awards.
2014 LSE four-year fully-funded PhD Studentship.
2013 Skinner Prize for First Place, University of London MA in the History of Political Thought.

BOOKS

1. *The Spirit of the British Constitution: Parliamentary Reform from the Civil War to the Great Reform Act* (Princeton University Press, 2026), 488 pp.

2. *The Persistence of Party: Ideas of Harmonious Discord in Eighteenth-Century Britain* (Cambridge University Press, 2021; paperback edition 2022). [Series: Ideas in Context.] 373 pp.

   Reviewed in the *Journal of Modern History, Journal of British Studies, History of European Ideas, Intellectual History Review, European Journal of Political Theory, Parliamentary History, Parliaments, Estates and Representation, Journal of Scottish Philosophy, British Journal of Eighteenth Century Studies, Eighteenth-Century Studies, the LSE Review of Books, Law & Liberty, the University Bookman, Hume Studies, Choice Magazine*, *History, The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats, イギリス哲学研究 = Studies in British Philosophy: The Journal of the Japanese Society for British Philosophy* (as of 10 October 2025).

EDITED BOOKS

1. *Hume's* Essays: *A Critical Guide,* co-edited with Felix Waldmann (Cambridge University Press, 2025). 305 pp. Reviewed in *Eighteenth-Century Scotland, Scottish Historical Review.*

2. Catharine Macaulay, *Political Writings* (Cambridge University Press, 2023.) [Series: Cambridge Texts in the History of Political Thought series.] 353 pp. Reviewed in the *Times Literary Supplement*, *London Review of Books*, and *History of European Ideas* (as of 15 March 2024).

3. *Adam Ferguson's Later Writings: New Letters and an Essay on the French Revolution*, co-edited with Ian Stewart (Edinburgh University Press, 2023). [Series: Edinburgh Studies in Scottish Philosophy]. 259 pp. Reviewed in *History of European Ideas, Eighteenth-Century Scotland*, and *Journal of Scottish Philosophy.*

4. *The Minute Books of the Bristol Library Society, 1772–1801*, co-edited with Mark Towsey (Bristol Record Society, 2022). 429 pp. Reviewed in the *Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society* and *Library & Information History.*

5. *Hume's* History: *A Critical Guide,* co-edited with Felix Waldmann. Under contract with Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming in 2027.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. 'Richard Champion and the Rockingham Whigs: The Aristocratic Politics of a Bristolian Quaker-Merchant in the Age of the American Revolution', *English Historical Review* 138 (2023), pp. 157–84.

2. 'Patriots and the Country Party Tradition in the Eighteenth Century: The Critics of Britain's Fiscal-Military State from Robert Harley to Catharine Macaulay', *Intellectual History Review*, 33 (2023), pp. 83–100.

3. 'A Theory of the Enlightenment in Late Eighteenth-Century Sweden: Nils von Rosenstein and Scotland's Science of Man and Politics', *Scandinavian Journal of History*, , 48 (2023), 427–56.

4. 'The Hume-Burke Connection Examined', *History of European Ideas*, 49 (2023), pp. 243-66.

5. 'Charles Francis Sheridan on the Feudal Origins and Political Science of the 1772 Revolution in Sweden', *Journal of the History of Ideas,* 83 (2022), pp. 407–30.

6. 'Michael Oakeshott on Libertarianism, Conservatism, and the Freedom of the English', *Cosmos + Taxis: Studies in Emergent Order and Organization*, 10 (2022), pp. 7–14.

7. 'David Hume and the Jacobites', *Scottish Historical Review*, 100 (2021), pp. 25-56. *Runner-up for the David Berry Prize for articles on Scottish History, awarded by the Royal Historical Society.*

8. 'Edmund Burke, the French Revolution and the Battle for the Soul of the Whig Party', *Parliamentary History*, 40 (2021), pp. 543–62. *Winner of the 2020 Parliamentary History Essay Prize.*

9. '"This Revolution in the Town": Richard Champion and the Early Years of the Bristol Library Society', *Library & Information History*, 37 (2021), pp. 149–167.

10. 'Ancient Constitutionalism, Fundamental Law, and Eighteenth-Century Toryism in the Septennial Act (1716) Debates', *History of Political Thought*, 40 (2019), pp. 270-301.

11. 'Adam Ferguson on Partisanship, Party Conflict, and Popular Participation', *Modern Intellectual History*, 16 (2019), pp. 1–28.

12. 'Adam Ferguson on the Perils of Popular Factions and Demagogues in a Roman Mirror', *History of European Ideas*, 45 (2019), pp. 842–65.

13. 'On the Character of a "Great Patriot": A Newly Ascribed Bolingbroke Essay', *Journal of British Studies*, 57 (2018), pp. 445–466. (Co-authored with Joseph Hone.)

14. 'Lord Bolingbroke's Theory of Party and Opposition', *Historical Journal*, 59 (2016), pp. 947–973.

15. 'Friedrich von Gentz's Theory of Constitutional Resistance', *The Review of Politics* (accepted, forthcoming).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

1. "'The Hand of God": Joseph Priestley on the End of History', in the *Helsinki Yearbook of Intellectual History: Volume 6. Enlightenment Histories,* edited by Marc Hanvelt, Mark G. Spencer and Mikko Tolonen (De Gruyter, 2025), pp. 299–325.

2. 'William Blackstone's *Commentaries on the Laws of England*', in *Leading Works in the History of the Constitution*, edited by Chris Monaghan (Routledge, 2025), pp. 150–62.

3. 'Edmund Burke's *Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents*', in *Leading Works in the History of the Constitution*, edited by Chris Monaghan (Routledge, 2025), pp. 176–87.

4. 'Bolingbroke's *Remarks on the History of England* and *Dissertation upon Parties*', in *Leading Works in the History of the Constitution*, edited by Chris Monaghan (Routledge, 2025), pp. 218–27.

5. 'The Communication of Fame', in *A Cultural History of Fame in the Enlightenment: 1650–1770*, edited by Brian Cowan, volume 4 for *A Cultural History of Fame*, 6 vols., general editor, P. David Marshall (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2025), pp. 23–42.

6. Max Skjönsberg, "'One of The Most Difficult Problems, That Can Be Met With": Hume on Political Parties', in *Hume's Essays: A Critical Guide,* edited by Max Skjönsberg and Felix Waldmann (Cambridge University Press, 2024), pp. 162–86.

7. 'Party and Faction in Eighteenth-Century Political Thought from Montesquieu to Madison', in *Political Thought and the Origins of the American Presidency*, edited by Ben Lowe (Florida: University Press of Florida, 2021, paperback edition 2024), pp. 53-73.

8. 'David Hume and "Of the Liberty of the Press" (1741) in its Original Contexts', in *Freedom of Speech, 1550–1850*, edited by Alex Barber, Robert Ingram and Jason Peacey (Manchester University Press, 2020), pp. 171–91.

9. 'Representative institutions and Democracy', in *The Cambridge History of Democracy: Volume 2*, edited by Sophie Smith and Markku Peltonen (Cambridge University Press; forthcoming).

10. 'Henry Fielding and Political Thought', in *The Oxford Handbook of Henry Fielding*, edited by Tom Keymer and Henry Power (Oxford University Press; forthcoming).

11. 'Hume's History of the Seventeenth Century', in *Hume's* History: *A Critical Guide* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

REVIEW ARTICLES & HISTORIOGRAPHICAL REVIEWS

1. 'Lars Magnusson on the Development of Economic Liberalism in Sweden', *Econ Journal Watch*, 22 (2025), pp. 187–98.

2. 'Liberty and Religion: Catharine Macaulay and the History of Republicanism and the Enlightenment', *Intellectual History Review*, 32 (2022), pp. 325–34.

3. 'The History of Political Thought and Parliamentary History in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries', *Historical Journal*, 64 (2021), pp. 501–13.

4. 'State of the Field: The History of Political Thought', *History: The Journal of the Historical Association*, 105 (2020), pp. 470–83. (Co-authored with Danielle Charette, University of Chicago.) Peer-reviewed.

5. 'Hume and Smith Studies after Forbes and Trevor-Roper', *European Journal of Political Theory*, 19 (2020), pp. 623–635.

6. 'The Politics of Faith and the Politics of Scepticism Revisited', *Cosmos + Taxis: Studies in Emergent Order and Organization* (forthcoming in 2026).

BOOK REVIEWS

My 45 book reviews (as of 28 August 2026) have appeared in *Journal of Modern History, Intellectual History Review, Global Intellectual History, English Historical Review, Journal of the History of Economic Thought, Journal of British Studies, Scottish Historical Review, History, Journal of Eighteenth-Century Studies, Parliamentary History, Journal of Scottish Philosophy, Nations and Nationalism, Utilitas, Dublin Review of Books, AdamSmithWorks.org, Law & Liberty,* and *Book of the Old Edinburgh Club, Engelsberg Ideas*, the *National Review, Hume Studies, Eighteenth-Century Scotland Newsletter,* and *Fusion.*

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Three entries in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Romantic-Era Women's Writing*, editor-in-chief Natasha Duquette (forthcoming in 2027).

Co-author of the Eighteenth-Century Libraries Online database. *Winner of the British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies' Digital Resources Prize for 2026*.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Invited to present at the Yale Political Theory Workshop in 2026–2027 (date TBD).

Invited to present at the 'Invisible Hand Seminar' at the Mercatus Center, George Mason University, 30 Aug. 2025. Paper title: "Michael Oakeshott on Teleocracy and Nomocracy."

Invited to present at 'The Future of Intellectual History: A Celebration of Quentin Skinner's London Years', Queen Mary University of London, 10 May 2023. Paper title: 'The History of Political Thought and the Whig Interpretation of History.'

Invited to present at the 'ISIH Women in Intellectual History (Early Modern)' seminar, 19 January 2023. Paper title: 'Editing Catharine Macaulay's *Political Writings*.'

Invited to present at the 'Experiencing Political Texts' workshop, at the University of Newcastle, 7–8 September 2022. Paper title: 'Reading Politics in Eighteenth-Century Subscription Libraries.'

'Intellectual History at the LSE: Michael Oakeshott's History of Political Thought', at *From Cambridge to Bielefeld–and back? British and Continental Approaches to Intellectual History*, conference held at the Centre for British Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin 2–4 June 2022.

Invited to a discussion on my monograph at the Research Institute for Politics and Government at the University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary, 2 March 2022.

TEACHING

Recognition

2019 Nominee, 'Outstanding Teacher', University of St Andrews.
2018 Nominee, Excellence Award in the 'Teacher of the Year' category, University of York.
2017 Martin Abel Gonzalez Prize for Highly Commended Class Teacher, LSE Class Teacher Awards.

Qualification

2015 – 2016 LSE Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education, UK Higher Education Academy (HEA) Associate Level.

Courses

2023 – Present, *University of Florida*

1. History of Political Economy
2. Capitalism and Its Critics
3. Life, Liberty and Happiness
4. Civil Discourse and the American Political Order
5. Uncommon Read: *The Federalist Papers* (Honors)

2022 – 2023, *University of Cambridge*

6. History of Political Thought, c. 1700–c. 1890 (supervisions).
7. Evidence and Argument (seminars).
8. Historical Argument and Practice (lectures).

2020 – 2022, *University of Liverpool*

9. Enlightenment Ideas, Politics and Society in Eighteenth-Century Europe (second-year), convened.
10. Living the Global Eighteenth Century (second-year).
11. Revolution and Social Change: Politics, Cultures and Societies in the 18th–Century World (MA).

2018 – 2019, *University of St Andrews*

12. Political Thought from Machiavelli to Tocqueville (third-year), convened.
13. Revolutions and Empires, 1776–1848 (fourth-year special subject), convened.
14. MLitt in Intellectual History.
15. MLitt in Scottish Historical Studies.
16. MLitt in Early Modern History.
17. MLitt in Modern History.
18. Scotland, Britain and Empire, c. 1500–2000 (second-year).
19. History as a Discipline: Development & Key Concepts (second-year).

2017 – 2018, *University of York*

20. History of Political Thought (BA second year), convened.
21. We the People: Ideas of Democratic Representation from Rousseau to Occupy (BA, third-year), convened.
22. Approaches to Political Theory (MA-level), convened.
23. Introduction to Political Theory (BA first-year).

2015 – 2017, *London School of Economics and Political Science*

24. Faith, Power and Revolution: Europe and the Wider World, 1500–1800.

2015 – 2017, *Queen Mary University of London*

25. The Foundations of Modern Thought: Introduction to Intellectual History.

2016 – 2017, *King's College London (Department of Political Economy)*

26. History of Political Thought: Machiavelli to Bentham.
27. Contemporary Issues in Political Theory.

PhD Examinations

1. Dennis Gibson, 'The Constitutional Thought of David Hume: History, Human Nature and Institutions', University of Queensland, Australia (2025).
2. Simon King, 'The Idea of Nature in Viscount Bolingbroke's Philosophy and Landscapes', University of Bristol, UK (2024).

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Committee memberships and curriculum development

1. American Government, History, Literature, and Law Hiring Committee
2. Undergraduate Studies Committee
3. Graduate Studies Committee
4. Lectureship Hiring Committee
5. Great Books and Ideas Major Committee
6. American Studies Major Committee

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Conferences, workshops and events organisation (selections)

2019 'David Hume as a Reader: The Authors who Provoked Hume', Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Edinburgh, 3 May 2019. Sponsored by the Susan Manning Fund.

2018 Convened an international early-career workshop in the History of Political Thought, University of York, 14–15 June 2018 (with Tim Stuart-Buttle, York).

2014 – 2017 Member of the convening committee for the Institute of Historical Research (IHR) Early-Career Seminar in the History of Political Ideas.

2014 – 2016 Member of the committee for the London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought.

Board Membership

2026–Present Member of the Editorial Board of *Intellectual History Review*

2026–Present Member of the International Board of the Institute of Intellectual History (University of St Andrews)

2026–Present Member of Eighteenth-Century Scottish Studies Society

2026–Present Member of the Advisory Board of CL Press

2026–Present Contributing editor of *Law & Liberty*, part of the Liberty Fund Network

2023–Present Member of the International Advisory Board of *History of European Ideas*

2022–Present Member of the International Advisory Board of the Global Intellectual History Unit (GIHI) at Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea.

2019 – 2022 Member of the Early-Career Board of *History*, the journal of the Historical Association.

2016 – 2019 Member of the British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (BSECS)

Public Engagement (selections):

1. 'Acton's Case for Federalism', *Law & Liberty* (2026).
2. 'The Perils and Promise of Democracy', *Law & Liberty* (2026).
3. 'A Very Liberal Conservative', *Law & Liberty* (2026).
4. 'Maitland, Smith and Laissez-Faire', *Law & Liberty* (2026).
5. 'Joseph Priestley's Two Concepts of Liberty', *Libertarianism.org* (2025).
6. 'Pocock's Conservative Liberalism', *Law & Liberty* (2025).
7. 'A Prophet of Modern Politics', *Law & Liberty* (2024).
8. 'Hume's History of Liberty', *Law & Liberty* (2024).
9. 'Burke Among and Beyond the Whigs,' *Law & Liberty* (2023).
10. 'Adam Smith's Reader's in Bristol, 1773-1795', *AdamSmithWorks* (2023).
11. 'The Philosopher as Essayist', *Law & Liberty* (2022).
12. 'The Two Adams of the Scottish Enlightenment and Political Economy. Part 1', *AdamSmithWorks* (2022).
13. 'The Two Adams of the Scottish Enlightenment and Political Economy. Part 2', *AdamSmithWorks* (2022).
14. 'Parliamentary Culture and Library History in Britain', *Oxford Centre for Intellectual History Blog* (2022). (Co-authored with Mark Towsey.)
15. 'From Factions to Parties: The Eighteenth-Century Debate', *Journal of the History of Ideas Blog* (2021).
16. 'Adam Smith on Political Parties', *AdamSmithWorks* (2021).

17. 'Party in Eighteenth-Century Politics', *History of Parliament* (2021).

18. Contributed sections to the History of Parliament Publication *300 Years of Leadership and Innovation* (2 vols., St James's House, 2021).

19. 'Adam Smith's Readers in Eighteenth-Century Libraries', *AdamSmithWorks* (2020).

20. 'Edmund Burke and the Rockingham Whigs', *History of Parliament* (2020).

21. 'Problems and Promises of Party in History and Politics', *Starting Points: A Journal of American Principles & American Practices* (2019).

22. 'Bolingbroke's Reflections upon Exile', *History of Parliament* (2019).

Peer-Review

Reviewed book manuscripts and book proposals for:
Princeton University Press, Oxford University Press, Manchester University Press, Routledge, Boydell and Brewer, Polity Press.

Reviewed research articles for:
Journal of Modern History, Historical Journal, Journal of the History of Ideas, Modern Intellectual History, Journal of British Studies, History of Political Thought, The Review of Politics, Constellations, European Journal of Political Theory, History of European Ideas, Intellectual History Review, Global Intellectual History, Parliamentary History, American Political Thought, Helsinki Centre for Intellectual History Yearbook, Scottish Historical Review, Philosophical Quarterly, British Journal for the History of Philosophy, History, Northern Studies, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Scottish Philosophy, Women's History Review, Hume Studies, Law & Liberty, AdamSmithWorks.org, and EconLib.org.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent); Swedish (native); French (higher intermediate, C1); German (intermediate, B2); Latin (basic); Spanish (basic); Danish and Norwegian (communicative).