

## AMY GAIS

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### APPOINTMENTS

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**Washington University in St. Louis**, St. Louis, MO

Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Comparative Literature and Thought, 2020—  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities, 2018-2020

### EDUCATION

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**Yale University**, New Haven, CT

Ph.D. with Distinction in Political Science, May 2018

Field Certifications: Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Qualitative and Archival Methods

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

M.A. in Political Science, August 2011

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA

B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude* with Departmental Honors, May 2009

### BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

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*Freedom, Dissimulation, and Resistance in African American Political Thought* (in progress)

*The Coerced Conscience* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024)

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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“To Tell the Truth Freely”: Ida B. Wells on Sacrificial Death and Political Resistance (under review at *American Journal of Political Science*)

“‘Want of Zeal for it’: Pierre Bayle on Religious Radicalization,” *Religions* 15 (2024): 674-685.

“Thomas Hobbes and ‘Gently Instilled’ Conscience,” *History of European Ideas* 47 (2021): 1211-1227.

“The Politics of Hypocrisy: Baruch Spinoza and Pierre Bayle on Hypocritical Conformity,” *Political Theory* 48 (2020): 588-614.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

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‘I will not equivocate; I will not excuse’: Frederick Douglass on the Rhetoric of Resistance

Milton, Islam, and Toleration: The Status of Dhimmī in the Ottoman Empire

## **PUBLIC FACING ESSAYS**

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“[Worthy Women](#),” *Inside Higher Ed*, May 2023.

“Crusader for Justice,” forthcoming at *TIME*.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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[Book review, \*Contesting Conformity: Democracy and the Paradox of Political Belonging\* by Jennie Ikuta, \*Contemporary Political Theory\* \(2020\).](#)

“[Religion, Politics, and Claims of Conscientious Integrity](#),” Book review of *Liberalism’s Religion* by Cécile Laborde, *Common Reader*.

Book review, *Milton’s Socratic Rationalism: The Conversations of Adam and Eve in Paradise Lost* by David Oliver Davies, *Review of Politics* 80, no. 3 (2018): 556-558.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Research Fellow, Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University, August 2024

ACLS Fellowship Finalist, March 2023

ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship Finalist, May 2021

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship, July 2018 – July 2020

APSA Leo Strauss Award Finalist, May 2019

Robert C. Wood Prize, New England Political Science Association, October 2016

Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library Research Fellowship, June – July 2016

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education, June – July 2013

Yale University Teaching and Dissertation Fellowship, September 2012 – May 2018

University of Chicago M.A. Scholarship, September 2010 – August 2011

## **TEACHING**

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“Freedom and Resistance in African American Political Thought,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Politics in a Time of Crisis,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Race and Religion in American Politics,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Legitimacy, Equality, and the Social Contract,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Modern Political Thought,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Early Political Thought,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Thesis Prospectus Workshop,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Milton and the Trials of Conscience: Poetry, Poetics, and Polemics,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Freedom and Coercion,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Politics of Conscience,” Washington University in St. Louis

“Introduction to Political Philosophy,” Yale University (teaching fellow)

“Moral Foundations of Politics,” Yale University (teaching fellow)

“Introduction to Western Political Thought,” Tufts University (teaching assistant)

## **LANGUAGE**

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English (native), French (fluent).