CV of Journal Article Rejections

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Summary (all journal submissions)

Published Articles: 21
Rejections: 61
Revise and Resubmits: 23
Conditional Acceptances: 2

Published Journal Articles Rejected at Least Once

Making Fair Comparisons in Political Theory
(with Sean Ingham)
  Published (after R&R): *American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming)

The Stability of the Just Society: Why Fixed Point Theorems Are Beside The Point
(with Sean Ingham)
  Published: *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2022)
  Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (July 2021)
  Rejected: *American Journal of Political Science* (July 2021)

Devoting Ourselves to the Manifestly Unattainable
(with Nicholas Southwood)
  Published (after R&R): *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2022)
  Rejected: *Nous* (Nov 2020)
  Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Sept 2020)

Morals From Rationality Alone? Some Doubts
(with J.P. Messina)
  Published (after R&R): *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics* (2020)

The General Theory of Second Best is More General Than You Think
Published: *Philosophers’ Imprint* (2020)
Rejected: Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (Mar 2019)
Rejected: Nous (Jan 2019)

Cosmopolitanism and Competition: Probing the Limits of Egalitarian Justice
Published (after R&R): Economics and Philosophy (2017)
Rejected: British Journal of Political Science (Jan 2015)
Rejected: Philosophy and Public Affairs (Sept 2014)
Rejected: Journal of Political Philosophy (Apr 2014)
Rejected: Ethics (Mar 2014)
Rejected: Journal of Politics (Jan 2014)
Rejected: American Political Science Review (Sept 2013)
Rejected: American Political Science Review (Sept 2011) [substantially different predecessor]

“Actual” Does Not Imply “Feasible”
(with Nicholas Southwood)
Published (after R&R): Philosophical Studies (2016)
Rejected: Ethics (June 2015)
Rejected: Nous (Jan 2015)

Benefiting From Wrongdoing and Sustaining Wrongful Harm
(with Christian Barry)
Published (after R&R): Journal of Moral Philosophy (2016)

Motivational Limitations on the Demands of Justice
Published (after R&R): European Journal of Political Theory (2016)
Rejected: Philosophy and Public Affairs (Dec 2013)

Assessing Ideal Theories: Lessons from the Theory of Second Best
Published (after R&R): Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (2016)
Rejected: Journal of Politics (Aug 2013)
Rejected: Journal of Political Philosophy (June 2013)
Rejected: British Journal of Political Science (Apr 2013)
Rejected: Economics and Philosophy (Jan 2013)

Political Ideals and the Feasibility Frontier
Published (after two R&R): Economics and Philosophy (2015)
Rejected: Ethics (June 2013?)
Rejected: Nous (Jan 2013)
Rejected: Philosophical Review (July 2012)
Rejected: Economics and Philosophy (2011) [substantially different predecessor]
Rejected: Ethics (2011) [substantially different predecessor]
Against Ideal Guidance
Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (July 2013)
Rejected: *American Journal of Political Science* (June 2013)
Rejected: *Analysis* (Feb 2013)

Natural Resources and Government Responsiveness
Published (after R&R): *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics* (2015)
Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Mar 2013?)
Rejected: *Journal of Politics* (Jan 2013)
Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Dec 2010) [substantially different predecessor]

The Political Resource Curse: An Empirical Re-Evaluation
(with Paul Poast and William Roberts Clark)
Published (after R&R): *Political Research Quarterly* (2014)
Rejected: *Studies in Comparative International Development* (Nov 2013)
Rejected: *Journal of Comparative Politics* (Apr 2013)
Rejected: *World Politics* (Dec 2012)
Rejected: *Comparative Political Studies* (Oct 2012)
Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (Nov 2011)

Demands of Justice, Feasible Alternatives, and the Need for Causal Analysis
Published (after R&R): *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2013)
Rejected: *Journal of Political Philosophy* (Mar 2011)
Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (Mar 2011)
Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Feb 2011)

Prescribing Institutions Without Ideal Theory
Published: *Journal of Political Philosophy* (2012)
Rejected: *Ethics* (July 2010)
Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (May 2010)

Retired Unpublished Papers

The Effects of Competence-Based Suffrage Restrictions: Toward a Full Accounting
(with Sean Ingham)
[substantially different predecessor of “Demographic Objections to Epistocracy”]
Rejected: *Journal of Politics* (Dec 2018?)

The Best and the Rest: How Ideals Mislead – and Sharpen – Our Normative Thinking
Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Feb 2019)
Rejected: *Journal of Politics* (Oct 2018)
Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (July 2018)

Saints and Scoundrels: How Motivations Matter for Ideal Justice (A Dialogue)
Rejected: *Journal of Politics* (Mar 2018)

Taking the Higher-Order Road: An Institutionalist Critique of Statism
Rejected: *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics* (Dec 2008)

**Works in Progress**

**Article**

Rejected: *Economics and Philosophy* (Nov 2023)
Rejected: *Political Studies* (May 2023)
Rejected: *Perspectives on Politics* (May 2023)
Rejected: *British Journal of Political Science* (Dec 2020)
Rejected: *American Journal of Political Science* (Sept 2020)
Rejected: *Journal of Politics* (June 2020)

**Number of Rejections by Journal** (2+)

9 *American Political Science Review; Philosophy and Public Affairs*
7 *Journal of Politics*
5 *Ethics*
4 *Nous*
3 *American Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Political Science; Economics and Philosophy; Journal of Political Philosophy*
2 *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

**Rejections by Date**

Dec 2008: *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*
May 2010: *Philosophy and Public Affairs*
June 2010: *Ethics*
Dec 2010: *Philosophy and Public Affairs*
Feb 2011: *Philosophy and Public Affairs*
Mar 2011: *American Political Science Review*
Mar 2011: *Journal of Political Philosophy*
Sept 2020: *Philosophy and Public Affairs*
Sept 2020: *American Journal of Political Science*
Nov 2020: *Nous*
Dec 2020: *British Journal of Political Science*
July 2021: *American Political Science Review*
July 2021: *American Journal of Political Science*
May 2023: *Perspective on Politics*
May 2023: *Political Studies*
Aug 2023: *American Political Science Review*
Nov 2023: *Economics and Philosophy*