

CV of Journal Article Rejections

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Summary (all journal submissions)

Published Articles: 24

Rejections: 72

Revise and Resubmits: 25

Conditional Acceptances: 3

Published Journal Articles Rejected At Least Once

Pursuing Social Progress: The Question of Orientation

(with Keith Hankins and Ryan Muldoon)

Published (after R&R): *Economics and Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Rejected: *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (Sept 2024)

Rejected: *Synthese* (Sept 2024)

Rejected: *Philosophers' Imprint* (July 2024)

Rejected: *Philosophical Studies* (June 2024)

Rejected: *Political Philosophy* (June 2024)

Rejected: *American Journal of Political Science* (June 2024)

Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (May 2024)

Rejected: *Nous* (Mar 2024)

Rejected: *Ethics* (Jan 2024)

Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Jan 2024)

Making Fair Comparisons in Political Theory

(with Sean Ingham)

Published (after R&R): *American Journal of Political Science* (2025)

Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (Aug 2023)

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)

Rejected (after R&R): *Economics and Philosophy* (Dec 2018)

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)

Rejected: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (Oct 2013)

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: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (Apr 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

Published (after R&R): *Journal of Politics* (2015)
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

Defining ‘Democracy’: Are We Staying on Topic?
(with Sean Ingham)

Rejected: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (Oct 2024)
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)
Rejected: *American Political Science Review* (Apr 2020)

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
[substantially revised and folded into *From the Best to the Rest*]

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)
[substantially revised and folded into *From the Best to the Rest*]

Rejected: *European Journal of Political Theory* (Oct 2018)
Rejected: *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (Apr 2018)
Rejected: *Journal of Politics* (Mar 2018)
Rejected: *Philosophy and Public Affairs* (Mar 2017)

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

Number of Rejections by Journal (2+)

- 10 *Philosophy and Public Affairs; American Political Science Review*
- 7 *Journal of Politics*
- 6 *Ethics*
- 5 *Nous*
- 4 *American Journal of Political Science; Economics and Philosophy; Journal of Political Philosophy/Political Philosophy*¹
- 3 *British Journal of Political Science*
- 2 *Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Ethics and Social 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 2011: *American Political Science Review*
- Nov 2011: *American Political Science Review*
- 2011(?): *Ethics*
- 2011(?): *Economics and Philosophy*
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- Apr 2013: *Journal of Comparative Politics*
- Apr 2013: *British Journal of Political Science*
- June 2013: *Ethics*
- June 2013: *American Journal of Political Science*
- June 2013: *Journal of Political Philosophy*

¹ In 2023, Wiley fired the editor of *Journal of Political Philosophy*, which prompted the associate editors and editorial board to resign en masse. A petition garnered more than 1,000 signatures from political theorists and philosophers, committing them to boycotting *JPP* until the incumbent editorial team was restored. This demand was never met, and the former editors of *JPP*, together with the former editorial board, founded a successor journal, *Political Philosophy*. In July 2025, Wiley stopped publishing *JPP* after failing to find replacement editors.

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Aug 2013: *Journal of Politics*
Sept 2013: *American Political Science Review*
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Sept 2024: *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

Oct 2024: *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*