

## Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism Welcomes Three New Faculty Members

This summer, the Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism (CISC) welcomed three new faculty members to teach in the CISC's nationally-recognized flagship [Lyceum Program](#).

Founded in 2014, the Lyceum Program remains the only university great books program that studies liberty, capitalism, the American founding, and the principles of moral character.

[John Pascarella](#), Ph.D., is a Lyceum Visiting Scholar. Before rejoining the CISC, he was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Utah State University, a Hayek Visiting Scholar at the CISC, the Postdoctoral Fellow in International Politics at Saint Vincent College, and a Visiting Lecturer at Georgia State University. He received his B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy from Mercer University, and his Ph.D. in Political Theory and International Relations from the University of North Texas. He has taught courses in the History of Political Thought and International Relations.



Pascarella is author of the book [Economics and the Public Good: The End of Desire in Aristotle's Politics and Ethics](#). He has published articles on [Thomas Hobbes and the relationship between speech and university education](#), and co-authored a piece on [the effect of misinformation in social media on voting decisions](#); he also wrote a book chapter about Aristotle's teaching on war. Ever a student of the Great Books, his primary research interests stem from the Ancient Greeks' insights into the relationship between friendship, speech, and politics. His next projects aim to explore Plato, Aristotle, and Thucydides' insights into the character of democracy.



[David Ferkaluk](#), Ph.D., is a Lyceum Visiting Scholar. He has a B.A. in Political Science from Cedarville University, an M.A. in Political Science from Boston College, and a PhD in Political Science from University at Albany. He has taught previously at University at Albany, Columbia-Greene Community College's Prisoner education program, and Union College in Schenectady, NY.

His research interests primarily focus on American political thought, the American Founding, and political philosophy.



[Matthew Wells](#), Ph.D., is a Lyceum Visiting Scholar. Before coming to Clemson, he was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Political Science at Emory University and an affiliate instructor in the Department of Politics at the University of Dallas. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Baylor University and his B.A. in philosophy, religious studies, and French from Central College.

His research focuses on classical political philosophy, and he is currently interested in understanding Aristotelian science and logic with an eye toward their relationship to political philosophy and their place in the good life.

### **About the Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism**

The [Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism](#) (CISC) is America's premier university-based teaching and research center dedicated to exploring the moral, political, and economic foundations of capitalism. Founded in 2005 and housed within Clemson University's Wilbur O. and Ann Powers College of Business, the independently financed Institute is educating a new generation of students about the moral requirements of a free society.