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EMPLOYMENT	Lecturer, Political Science, Eastern Michigan University	September 2015 – present
	Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Complex Systems, The University of Michigan	September 2015 – present
EDUCATION	Ph.D., Political Science, The University of Michigan Thesis Title: <i>Affective Trust and the Role of Social Norms in Constructing Faith in Others</i> . Committee: Don Herzog (chair), Arlene Saxonhouse, Jenna Bednar, and Elizabeth Anderson (outside).	August 2015
	A.B., Religious Studies, The University of Chicago Thesis Title: <i>The Role of God in the Covenant Tradition of 17th Century England</i> Advisor: Jean B. Elshtain	June 2005
FIELDS OF STUDY	Political Theory (major), Comparative Politics (minor), Islamic Studies (minor), Quantitative Methods (cognate).	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Democratic theory, epistemic democracy, religion and politics, Enlightenment political thought, political institutions, formal modeling, analytic moral philosophy, epistemology.	
AWARDS	William Zimmerman Summer Award, Rackham Research Grant, Hayek Fund Travel Award, Meyer Award, Humane Studies Fellowship, Rackham Travel Grant, NSF IDEAS/IGERT Fellowship, John and Bobbe Bridge Fellowship, Summer Collaborative Grant,	2015 2014 2014 2014 2013 2009-15 2011 2009, 2010 2010

PUBLISHED
PAPERS

Grim, Patrick, Aaron Bramson, Daniel J. Singer, William J. Berger, Steven Fisher, Graham Sack, and Carissa Flocken. "Understanding Polarization: Meanings, Measures, and Model Evaluation" (forthcoming at *Philosophy of Science*).

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Berger, William J. Review of *Meeting at Grand Central Station: Understanding the Social and Evolutionary Roots of Cooperation*, by Lee Cronk and Beth Leech. *Journal of Politics*, 76.03 (2014).

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IN PROGRESS

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Grim, Patrick, Daniel J. Singer, Aaron Bramson, Bennett Holman, Sean McGeehan and William J. Berger. "Wisdom of Crowds, Wisdom of the Few: Expertise versus Diversity across Epistemic Landscapes." (under review).

Grim, Patrick, Aaron Bramson, Daniel J. Singer, William J. Berger, Jiin Jung, and Scott Page. "Epistemic Sorrows and Triumphs of Representative Democracy: Condorcet and Hong-Page" (R&R at *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*).

Berger, William J., and Adam Sales. "The Plausibility of Epistemic Democracy's Majority Rule Results." (under review).

Berger, William J. "A Sympathetic Reading of Emerson: An Agent Based Approach to Politics." (under review).

Berger, William J. "How I Learned to Stop Worrying about the Fact/Value Distinction and Love the Epistemic Virtues of Majority Rule: Two Responses." (in preparation).

NON-ACADEMIC

Steinberg, Gerald, and William Berger. "Evaluating International Approaches to Security and Aid Following Disengagement in Gaza." *JCPA Viewpoints*, December, 2004.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

- Berger, William J. "Validating Democratic Theory." PPE Society Meeting, March, 2017 (planned).
- Berger, William J. "Faith and the Hobbesian Covenant." APT, October, 2016 (planned).
- Berger, William J. "Federalism and the Epistemic Virtues of Democracy Through Experimentation." APSA, September, 2016.
- Singer, Daniel J., Patrick Grim, Aaron Bramson, Bennett Holman, Karen Kovaka, Jiin Jung, Anika Ranginani, and William J. Berger, "Group Polarization as a Limitedly Rational Response to Evidence," *Decision Games & Logic*, University of Michigan July 2016.
- Grim, Patrick, Daniel J. Singer, Aaron Bramson, William J. Berger, Jiin Jung, and Scott Page, "Votes and Talk: Sorrows and Success of Representative Democracy," poster presentation, *Decision Games & Logic*, University of Michigan July 2016.
- Berger, William J. "How I Learned to Stop Worrying about the Fact/Value Distinction and Love the Epistemic Virtues of Majority Rule: Two Responses." MPSA, April 2016.
- Berger, William J. "The Politically Constitutive Role of Affective Trust." MPSA, April 2016.
- Grim, Patrick, Aaron Bramson, Daniel J. Singer, William J. Berger, Jiin Jung, and Scott Page. "Epistemic Sorrows and Triumphs of Representative Democracy: Condorcet and Hong-Page" *Political Networks*. Portland, OR, June 2015.
- Berger, William J. "Responsiveness as an Answer to the Paucity of Multi-Issue Consent." MPSA. Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- Berger, William J. "Voting as Betting: An Endorsement of Landemore's Arguments for Majority Rule." MPSA. Chicago, IL, April 2014.
- Berger, William J. "Context and the Development of Affective Trust." APT. Nashville, TN, October 2013.
- Berger, William J. "Making Sense of the Trust of Institutions: Dewey, Habit, and Trust." *Modeling the Dynamics of Norms and Culture*. Ann Arbor, MI, May 2013.
- Grim, Patrick, Daniel Singer, Aaron Bramson, William J. Berger, Christopher Reade, Carissa Flocken, Steven Fischer, and Adam Sales. "Scientific Networks on Data Landscapes: Question Difficulty, Epistemic Success and Convergence." *Choosing the Future of Science: The Social Organization of Scientific Inquiry*. Pittsburgh, PA, April 2013
- Berger, William J. "In Lieu of Information: Towards a Structure of Affective Trust." MPSA, April 2013.
- Berger, William J. "A Sympathetic Reading of Emerson's Politics: An Agent Based Approach." APSA. September 2011.
- Berger, William J. "Yeah? Try and Make Me: The Decalogue as Self-Enforcing Constitution." NEPSA. April 2011.
- Berger, William J. "Emerson, Skepticism, and Politics." MPSA. April 2010.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	Lecturer, Eastern Michigan University , POLSCI 213: Introduction to Political Theory, 2015-6 POLSCI 307: Democracy and Power, 2015-6 Lecturer, Oakland University , POLSCI 306: Cooperation, Consent, and Dissent, Winter 2014 Lecturer, The University of Michigan , POLSCI 101: Introduction to Political Theory, Summer 2013 Graduate Student Instructor, The University of Michigan , POLSCI 391: Modeling in the Social Sciences, Fall 2013, 2014 PHIL 366/PPE 300: Intro. to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Winter 2013 GTBOOKS 191: Honors Ancient Great Books, Fall 2012 ICPSR: Introduction to Game Theory, Summer 2012 POLSCI 353: Arab Israeli Conflict, Winter 2012 POLSCI 101: Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2008, 2009; Winter 2009 Course overviews are at www.umich.edu/~zberger
WORKING GROUP AFFILIATION	Complex Systems Advanced Academic Workshop, Political Theory Workshop, Ethics Discussion Group, Group for Logic & Social Epistemology.
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Early English Books Online-TCP , Ann Arbor, MI <i>Proofreader</i> July 2008 to present American Israel Public Affairs Committee , Philadelphia, PA <i>Research Administrative Assistant</i> 2006 - 2007 U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer , Buffalo, NY <i>Intern</i> 2005
SKILLS	R, STATA, Netlogo, Mathematica, Excel, Hebrew (<i>proficient</i>), Arabic (<i>intermediate</i>).
REFERENCES	Available upon request