

# Dr. Anthony Louis Ocepek

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## Current Employment:

**University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA – 2024 to Present**

### *Teaching Assistant Professor and Advisor*

- Teaching Assistant Professor and Advisor, Department of Political Science, 2024-2026
- Courses academic term 2025-2026: Politics of the European Union (PS 1317), Fall 2025; Capstone – European Social Movements (PS 1381), Spring 2026; EU Simulations (PS 1384), Spring 2026; International Organization (PS 1503), Fall 2025

## Education:

**University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

***Ph.D. in Political Science*** **2022**

Thesis: “Erroneous European Jitters: A Pathway for Moderating the Extremes”  
Committee: Jae-Jae Spoon (Chair), Jude Hays, B. Guy Peters, Nils Ringe

***M.A. in Political Science*** **2016**

Thesis: “Where Have Voters Gone? Dualization & the Rise of Europe's Nationalist Parties”  
Committee: Despina Alexiadou (Chair), Jude Hays

**Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI**

***M.A. in International Affairs*** **2011**

**Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN**

***B.A. in International Economics and Cultural Affairs; French*** **2009**

## **Professional Experience:**

### **University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA – 2014 to 2025**

#### ***Instructor of Record***

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 0300), Fall 2019, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025
- Politics of the European Union (PS 1317), Fall 2018, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024
- Social Movements (PS 1365), Spring 2024
- EU Simulations (PS 1398), Fall 2023, Spring 2025
- International Organizations (PS 1503), Summer 2018, Fall 2024
- Globalization and International Politics (PS 1543), Spring 2018

#### ***Visiting Lecturer in Comparative Politics***

- Visiting Lecturer in Comparative Politics with the Department of Political Science, academic year 2023-2024

#### ***Post-doctoral Research Associate***

- Post-doctoral research associate under the supervision of Dr. Ariel Armony, Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs & Director of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS), academic year 2022-2023

#### ***Graduate Student Assistant***

- Graduate Student Assistant under the supervision of Dr. Ariel Armony, Vice Chancellor for Global Affairs & Director of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS), academic years 2020-22

#### ***Teaching Assistant***

- Political Theory (PS 0600), Fall 2017, Spring 2020; Instructor of Record – Dr. Andrew Lotz
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (PS 0300), Spring 2016; Instructor of Record – Dr. B. Guy Peters
- Introduction to World Politics (PS 0500), Fall 2015; Instructor of Record – Dr. Daniela Donno

#### ***Research Assistant***

- Project: “The European Union and Beyond: Multilevel Governance, Institutions, and Policy-Making”, Summer 2019 – Dr. Jae-Jae Spoon, Department Chair & Professor of Political Science
- Project: “Party Divisions and Presidential Endorsements: Explaining Voter Defection in the 2017 French Presidential Elections”, Summer 2017 – Dr. Jae-Jae Spoon, Department Chair & Professor of Political Science

#### ***Model European Union Coach***

- Undergraduate Model EU Coach with the University of Pittsburgh’s European Studies Center, 2021-22

## **University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas – 2012 to 2014**

### ***Research Assistant***

- Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014; Instructor: Dr. Robert Rohrschneider

### ***Teaching Assistant***

- Introduction to International Politics (PS 170), Spring 2013; Instructor of Record – Dr. Alan T. Arwine
- Introduction to International Politics (PS 170), Fall 2012; Instructor of Record – Dr. F. Michael Wuthrich

## **L'Université de Cergy-Pontoise, Cergy-Pontoise, France – 2011 to 2012**

### ***Lecteur de langue étrangère***

## **Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI – 2010 to 2011**

### ***Research Assistant***

- Graduate Research Assistant, Spring 2011; Instructor – Dr. Susan Gaiamo
- Graduate Research Assistant, Fall 2010; Instructor – Dr. Jeffrey Drope
- Graduate Research Assistant, Spring 2010; Instructor – Dr. Darrell Dobbs

## **Service Activities:**

### **University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

#### *Department of Political Science*

Undergraduate Programming Committee, 2024 – present

Graduate Teaching Assistant Mentor, 2018-2019

Political Science Graduate Student Elected Council (GSEC), Social Chair 2015-2016, 2018-2020

#### *Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences*

Academic Integrity Review Board, 2025 – present (2-year term)

#### *University Center for International Studies*

European Studies Center, Model EU Club Faculty Advisor, 2023 – present

European Studies Center, High School Model EU Competition, 2018 – 2021

European and Eurasian Undergraduate Research Symposium, Panel Discussant, 2019, 2021

#### *Honor & Professional Organizations*

Phi Beta Kappa Society's Xi Chapter of Pennsylvania, Executive Committee, 2025 – present

## Conference Presentations:

“Migration and urban development in São Paulo,” article presented at the International Conference: Urbanization and Migration in Three Continents, University of Miami Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, 2023.

“A Path to Moderate the Extremes? The Impact of Euroskeptical Party Moderation on Voters,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, 2022.

“A Path to Moderate the Extremes? The Impact of Euroskeptical Party Moderation on Voters,” paper presented at the European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference, 2021.

“Moderating the Extremes: How Participating in Governing Coalitions Can Lead to Policy Moderation,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, 2021.

“Moderation Through Participation: The Effects of Governing Coalition Membership,” poster presented at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. 2019.

“Where Have Voters Gone? Dualization and the Rise of Europe's Nationalist Parties,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Conference, Chicago, 2018.

“Identities and (In)Securities of the EU: Ontological Security, Agency, and Democratic Values in a Period of Uncertainty,” paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, Toronto, 2014.

## Publications:

Hassan De Ferrari, Rosa, Anthony Ocepek, Anthony, Rachel Travis, and Ariel C. Armony. 2023. “Migration and urban development in São Paulo,” *Ethnic and racial studies*, Vol.46 (11), p.2446-2466.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2023.2174809>

## Fellowships & Honors:

IHS Humane Studies Fellowship	2020/21
Alberta Sbragia Fund for Graduate European Studies	2019
Klinzing Grant for Dissertation Research	2019
Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	2019
European Studies Center Teaching Fellowship	2018
Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowship	2015
Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship	2014/15
Foreign Language Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Summer 2013	2013
Undergraduate Research, “Economic Security and the European Dream,” published in the St. Anselm College Global Topics E-Journal, Vol. 8, 2010	2010

**Memberships & Affiliations:**

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2013 - Present

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2013 - Present

Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Pittsburgh, 2014- 2022

Political Science Graduate Student Association, University of Kansas, 2012 - 2014

Political Science Graduate Student Association, Marquette University, 2009 – 2011

Phi Beta Kappa Society, Academic Honor Society, Inducted Spring 2009

Pi Delta Phi, National French Honor Society, Inducted Spring 2009

Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Sciences, Inducted Spring 2008

Alpha Lambda Delta, National Honor Society for Students, Inducted Spring 2007

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, National Social Fraternity, Inducted Fall 2006

Eta Sigma Phi, National Honorary Classical Fraternity, Inducted Spring 2006

**Skills & Experiences:**

Knowledge of both R and Stata statistical computing and graphics software programs

Knowledge of Microsoft Office, LaTeX, Jupyter, Python, Acrobat, Blackboard

Skills in conducting and presenting proper research, qualitative and quantitative methodologies

**Languages:**

English – native language

French – speak, read, and write with a high proficiency

Turkish & Polish - beginning level of proficiency