



The Snow Institute for the Study of Capitalism is pleased to welcome two new faculty members this fall and introduce Nicholas Allmaier, who came to the SISC in Fall 2025.



[Nicholas Allmaier](#), Ph.D, joined the SISC and the Lyceum Program as a Lyceum Visiting Scholar in the fall of 2025. Prior to joining the SISC, he was a visiting assistant professor at Tulane University.

Allmaier holds a bachelor's degree in political science from American University, a master's degree in political science from Boston College and a doctorate in philosophy from Tulane University.

His research interests primarily focus on the connection between Ancient Greek, Biblical, and Enlightenment thought, especially as found in figures including Johann Georg Hamann and Rousseau.



[Travis Cook](#), Ph.D., is a Lyceum Faculty Scholar in the Lyceum Program. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Maine, a master's degree from Boston College and a doctorate from Loyola University of Chicago. He has taught at St. John's College, Santa Fe and Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina, where he was formerly chair of the Department of Politics.

His research interests include both classical and modern political thought.

[Daniel Fram](#), Ph.D., is a Lyceum Faculty Scholar in the Lyceum Program. Previously, he served as a visiting assistant professor at Middlebury and as a postdoctoral fellow in the



Program on Constitutional Government at Harvard University. He earned a bachelor's degree in the Great Books program at St. John's College in Santa Fe, a master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of Mississippi, a master's in political science from Boston College and a doctorate in political science from Michigan State University.

Fram's research interests include contemporary political theory and the history of ancient and modern political thought. His anticipated book, "The Lost Country of Liberalism" (pending approval from the board of syndics at Cambridge University Press), explains how changes in social contract theory from Locke to Rawls have contributed to the recent outbreak of nationalist challenges to liberalism. His articles have appeared in *History of Political Thought* and *American Political Thought*. Fram has also presented work at numerous regional and national conferences, and his latest papers explore the relationship between rhetoric and politics in the works of Aristotle and Plato.