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Employment

2019-Present

Assistant Professor of Political Science & International Affairs
The George Washington University

2018-2019

Research Associate in Philosophy
The Smith Institute for Political Economy & Philosophy at Chapman University

Education

2018

Ph.D. – Politics, Princeton University
Major Subfield: Political Theory; Minor Subfields: Public Law, Comparative Politics
Dissertation Committee: Charles Beitz (chair), Anna Stiliz, Stephen Macedo

2015

M.A. – Politics, Princeton University

2013

B.A – Government and Philosophy, Cornell University
Honors: *magna cum laude* in Government, distinction in all subjects

Primary Research Interests

Human rights & global justice; contemporary political theory; the ethics of resistance; collective agency & collective personhood; ethics & artificial intelligence

Publications

Books

- *Promoting Justice Across Borders: The Ethics of Reform Intervention* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021)
 - Honorable Mention, International Studies Association International Ethics Section Book Prize, 2022
 - Author Meets Critics panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022
 - Reviewed in [Ethics & International Affairs](#)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Not Just War by Other Means: Cross-Border Engagement as Political Struggle,” forthcoming, *Constellations*
- “Justice, Injustice, and Artificial Intelligence: Lessons from Political Theory and Philosophy (Commentary),” *Big Data and Society* 9, 1 (2022): 1-5, doi: [10.1177/20539517221080676](https://doi.org/10.1177/20539517221080676)
- “Promoting Justice Across Borders,” *Political Studies* 69, 2 (2021): 237-56, doi: [10.1177/0032321719875402](https://doi.org/10.1177/0032321719875402)
- “A Defense of Individualism in the Age of Corporate Rights,” *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 25, 3 (2017): 281-302, doi: [10.1111/jopp.12112](https://doi.org/10.1111/jopp.12112)

Invited Contributions & Book Reviews

- “Political Craft as Moral Innovation,” forthcoming, *Philosophy and Global Affairs*
 - Contribution to a book forum on Inés Valdez’s *Transnational Cosmopolitanism: Kant, Du Bois, and Justice as a Political Craft* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019)

- “Citizen Responsibility and Group Agency,” *European Journal of Political Theory* (2022), doi: [10.1177/14748851221105946](https://doi.org/10.1177/14748851221105946)
 - Review essay on Holly Lawford-Smith’s *Not in Their Name: Are Citizens Culpable for Their States’ Actions?* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019) and Avia Pasternak’s *Responsible Citizens, Irresponsible States: Should Citizens Pay for Their State’s Wrongdoings?* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021)
- “Toleration and Political Change,” in Mitja Sardoč ed., *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration* (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021): 173-87, doi: [10.1007/978-3-030-03227-2_57-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-03227-2_57-1)
- “Toward an Individualist Postcolonial Cosmopolitanism,” *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 48, 3 (2020): 360-71, doi: [10.1177/0305829820935520](https://doi.org/10.1177/0305829820935520)
 - Contribution to a book forum on Adom Getachew’s *Worldmaking After Empire: The Rise and Fall of Self-Determination* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2019)
- Review of C.A.J. Coady, Ned Dobos, and Sagar Sanyal eds., *Challenges for Humanitarian Intervention: Ethical Demand & Political Reality* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17, 2 (2020): 229-32, doi: [10.1163/17455243-01702005](https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-01702005)

Works in Progress

Working Papers

- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice”
- “The Specter of Statelessness”

Invited Talks & Presentations

- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” Workshop in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, Mercatus Center, **George Mason University**, February 2023
- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” Political Philosophy

Workshop, **New York University**, February 2023

- “Promoting Justice Across Borders: The Ethics of Reform Intervention,” Rights-Protecting Interventionism Beyond the Use of Military Force workshop, **University of Oslo**, October 2022
- “Citizen Responsibility Without Group Agency: Structural Injustice and Natural Duty Approaches,” Corporate Agency and the Responsibilities of Citizens and States Workshop, **MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory**, September 2022
- “Promoting Justice Across Borders,” Political Science Department International Relations Speaker Series, **Northwestern University**, February 2022
- Interview on foreign intervention and development in the Global South with co-panelist Pahlí Lehohla (former Statistician-General of South Africa), **Clio Study Association (University of Groningen) Annual Conference**, pre-recorded for inclusion on the conference website, April 2021
- “Toleration as Engagement,” Political Theory Speaker Series, **Georgetown University**, October 2019
- “Promoting Justice Across Borders,” Political Theory Working Group, **University of California: Irvine**, May 2019

Other Academic Conferences & Presentations

- “Not Just War by Other Means: Cross-Border Engagement as Political Struggle,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 2023
- “The Specter of Statelessness,” Political Science Department International Relations Workshop, The George Washington University, March 2023
- Discussant, “Losing Oneself in the Crowd?: Affect and the Collective” panel, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, October 2022
- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, October 2022
- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community, September 2022
- Discussant, “Politics on a Global Scale: Justice, Democracy, and Conflict” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022
- “The Ethics of Promoting Justice Across Borders,” Virtual Research Sound Byte presentation, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2022
- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” Philosophy Department

- Brown Bag Series, The George Washington University, December 2021
- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” Political Science Department Political Theory Workshop, The George Washington University, October 2021
 - “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2021
 - “Promoting Justice Across Borders: The Ethics of Reform Intervention,” Elliott School of International Affairs Book Launch Series, The George Washington University, September 2021
 - Invited commenter, “Who is the ‘Self’ in Self-Determination?” workshop, hosted by the Institute for Humane Studies, August 2021
 - “Not Just War by Other Means: Cross-Border Engagement as Political Struggle,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2021
 - “Not Just War by Other Means: Foreign Influence as Political Struggle,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2020
 - Discussant, “Will Covid-19 Raise Inequality? Evidence from Past Epidemics and Crises” panel, Facing Inequality Series hosted by the Institute for International Economic Policy, The George Washington University, May 2020
 - “Not Just War by Other Means: Foreign Influence and the Paradigm of Political Struggle,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2020
 - “Intervention without Empire: The Ethics of Foreign Influence in a (Neo-)Colonial World,” Leadership, Ethics, and Practice Initiative Speaker Series, The George Washington University, February 2020
 - Panelist, “The Ethics of Promoting Justice Across Borders,” Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, October 2019
 - Discussant, “Exclusion and Structural Injustice in the US and Globally” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2019
 - “A Qualified Human Right to Democracy,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2019
 - “Climate Activism Across Borders,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2019
 - Discussant, “Justice, Beneficence, and Supererogation” by Jessica Flanigan, Brigham Young University, March 2019
 - Discussant, “Representation” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2018
 - “Foreign Influence, Globalization, and Collective Self-Determination” (poster presentation), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 2018
 - “Reform Intervention: Concepts and Challenges,” University of Pennsylvania Graduate Conference in Political Science, March 2018
 - Discussant, “A Move Towards Global Distributive Justice: The Structures of Coercion

- and Cooperation” by Elizabeth C. Hupfer, Princeton University Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2017
- “Toleration and Intervention,” Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellows’ Seminar, February 2017
 - “Foreign Influence and Democratic Politics,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016
 - “Foreign Influence and Democratic Politics,” LSE-Princeton Political Theory Conference, Princeton University, May 2016
 - Discussant, “Global Legal Pluralism and the Territorial Principle” by Anna Jurkevics, Princeton University Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2016
 - “The Art of Imperfection: Politics and Knowledge in *Statesman*,” Workshop on Plato’s *Statesman*, Princeton University, May 2015
 - “A Defense of Humanism in the Age of Corporate Rights,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2014
 - Discussant, “Existential Risk Reduction: A Rawlsian Duty of Justice to Future Generations?” by David Schroeren, Princeton University Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2014

Honors & Awards

- Working paper “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice” selected for the Association for Political Theory / *Contemporary Political Theory* Collaboration Project, 2023
- Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship from the Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2016-2017
- Princeton University Center for Human Values Political Philosophy Research & Travel Grant, 2014 & 2016
- Princeton University Center for Human Values Merit Grant, 2013
- Phi Beta Kappa - Theta of New York, 2013

Courses Offered

The George Washington University

- Independent reading courses in political theory (graduate level), spring terms 2020-2021
- Global Justice (undergraduate level), fall terms 2020-2022
- Global Justice (graduate level), fall terms 2019-2022

- Obligation, Obedience, and Power (undergraduate level), spring terms 2020-2023
- The Ethics of Foreign Aid (graduate level), spring terms 2021-2023

Chapman University

- Political and Legal Philosophy (undergraduate level), spring term 2019

Service & Administration

Service to the Profession

- Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Episteme*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *International Affairs*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Politics, Law and Philosophy*, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Political Theory*, and *Social Philosophy and Policy*
- External Member, dissertation committee for a Georgetown University Ph.D. student, 2023-present
- Co-chair, Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community, 2021-present
- External Member, dissertation committee for a Georgetown University Ph.D. student, 2020-2022
- Chair, “What About Rights?” panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2022
- Panelist, Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community panel on academic publishing, January 2022

The George Washington University

- Co-organizer, Political Science Department Political Theory Workshop, 2021-present
- Mentor, Political Science Department mentorship program for 1st-year PhD students, 2021-present
- Member, Faculty Advisory Council, Peace Studies Program, 2020-present
- Political Theory Field Chair, Political Science Department, 2020-present
- Chair, Political Theory Comprehensive Examination Committee, Political Science Department, 2020-present
- Member, Student Graduation Prizes Committee, Elliott School of International Affairs, Spring 2023
- Organizer, “The Ethics of Resistance in Global Context” speaker series, The

Elliott School of International Affairs, Spring 2023

- Faculty advisor, undergraduate honors thesis, Fall 2022
- Faculty advisor, undergraduate research paper attached to for-credit internship, Spring 2022
- Advisor, MA Thesis in Philosophy, Spring 2021-Spring 2022
- Member, Chair Nomination Committee, Political Science Department, Spring 2021
- Panelist, workshop on dealing with uncertainty for Political Science graduate students, January 2021
- Second reader, Enosinian thesis (undergraduate senior thesis), Fall 2020 (student withdrew)
- Faculty advisor, undergraduate research paper attached to for-credit internship, Fall 2020
- Panelist, “Diversity in Political Science Research” workshop for Political Science graduate students and faculty, October 2020
- Moderator, “What I Have—and Haven’t—Learned about Ethical Leadership from Studying Humanitarian INGOs” with Jennifer Rubenstein, Leadership, Ethics, and Practice Initiative Speaker Series, Elliott School of International Affairs, February 2020
- Organizer and host, “Is There a Right to Exclude Economic Migrants?” with Anna Stilz, Political Science Department Speaker Series, January 2020
- Political Science Department scribe, 2019-2020
- Panelist, professionalization workshop for Political Science graduate students, September 2019
- Member, Political Theory Comprehensive Examination Grading Committee, Political Science Department, August-September 2019

Chapman University

- Chair, session on Greg Wolcott’s “Justice in the *Theory of Moral Sentiments*: A new take on an old problem,” 2019 Meeting of the International Adam Smith Society, January 2019

Princeton University

- Co-founder and co-organizer, Social Criticism & Political Thought speaker series, 2017-2018
- Chair, “Applications” panel with Lea Ypi and Michael Blake, Workshop on Anna Stilz’s *Territorial Sovereignty: A Philosophical Exploration*, May 2017
- Chair, “The Politics of the Undocumented: Mobilization and Resistance” panel with Kathryn Abrams, Michael Jones-Correa, and Christopher Zepeda-Millan, Conference on the Undocumented, Belonging, and Exclusion in the Age of Transnationalism, May

2017

- Panelist, workshop on publishing in academic journals for political theory graduate students
- Mentor to an undergraduate in the University Center for Human Values “Values and Public Life” Certificate Program, 2016-2017
- Member, Student Committee on the Graduate Program, Department of Politics, 2015-2017
- Member, Submission Review Committee, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2014-2018
- Panelist, “Practical Advice on Preparing a Dissertation Prospectus,” Politics Department Professional Development Workshop, September 2016
- Judge, final round of the undergraduate 1876 Prize Debate in Politics, February 2016
- Co-organizer, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2015 & 2016
- Chair, “Practicing Feminism(s) within Academia” panel with Linda Martín Alcoff, Elizabeth Harman, and Sukaina Hirji, Workshop in Feminist Theory and Practice in Academia, March 2015

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy

Association for Political Theory

International Studies Association

Western Political Science Association

Humanitarian Action Initiative, The George Washington University

Institute for International Economic Policy, The George Washington University