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## Employment

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### 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

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### 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

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Human rights & global justice; contemporary political theory; the ethics of resistance; ideas of collective agency & collective personhood; philosophy of law

## Publications

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### 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 Award, 2022

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “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)

### Commentaries & Research Notes

- “Justice, Injustice, and Artificial Intelligence: Lessons from Political Theory and Philosophy,” *Big Data and Society* 9, 1 (2022): 1-5, doi: [10.1177/20539517221080676](https://doi.org/10.1177/20539517221080676)

### Invited Contributions & Book Reviews

- “Toleration and Political Change,” in Mitja Sardoč ed., *The Palgrave Handbook of Toleration* (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), 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

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### Working Papers

- “Not Just War by Other Means: Cross-Border Engagement as Political Struggle”
- “Resistance Culture as a Remedy for Epistemic Injustice”

### Academic Conferences & Presentations

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- “Promoting Justice Across Borders,” Political Science Department International Relations Speaker Series, Northwestern University, February 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
- Invited speaker, interview on foreign intervention and development in the global South with co-panelist Pahli 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
- “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
- “Toleration as Engagement,” Georgetown University Political Theory Speaker Series, 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
- “Promoting Justice Across Borders,” University of California: Irvine Political Theory Working Group, May 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

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- Laurance 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

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### The George Washington University

- Independent Reading courses in political theory (graduate level), Spring 2020 & 2021
- Global Justice (undergraduate level), Fall 2020 & 2021
- Global Justice (graduate level), Fall 2019, 2020, & 2021
- Obligation, Obedience, and Power (undergraduate level), Spring 2020, 2021, & 2022
- The Ethics of Foreign Aid (graduate level), Spring 2021 & 2022

### Chapman University

- Political and Legal Philosophy (undergraduate level), Spring 2019

## Service & Administration

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### Service to the Profession

- Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Journal of Politics*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, *Nationalities Papers*, and *Social Philosophy and Policy*
- Co-chair, Western Political Science Association Political Theory Virtual Community, 2021-present
- External Member, dissertation committee for a Georgetown University Ph.D. student, 2020-present
- 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
- 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
- Advisor, MA Thesis in Philosophy, Spring 2021-Spring 2022
- Mentor, Political Science Department mentorship program for 1<sup>st</sup>-year PhD students, 2021
- 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 Stiliz, 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

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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