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Contact Information

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Education

Brown University / Ph.D., Political Science

September 2019 - May 2024 (intended), Providence, RI, United States

Dissertation: Reality Checking Democracy: World Alienation, Quixotism, and Common Sense.

Committee: Sharon Krause (Chair), Bonnie Honig, Ainsley LeSure

First field: Political Theory, Second field: American Politics

The University of British Columbia (UBC) / Master of Arts., Political Science

September 2018 - August 2019, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Master Thesis: Los Hijos de Cuauhtémoc: Mexican National Identity in Primary School History Textbooks

Committee: Bruce Baum (Chair) & Mark Warren

The University of British Columbia (UBC) / Bachelor of Arts, Honours, Political Science

August 2014 - May 2018, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Honours Thesis: "Realest Negus Alive:" Hip-Hop and its Interrelated and (Potentially) Emancipatory Politics of Language and Identity

Advisors: Bruce Baum & Antje Ellermann

Research Interests

democratic theory, affect theory, ordinary language philosophy, early modern Spanish political thought, phenomenology

Working Papers

"Don Quijote and the Scandal of Telling" (under review)

"Reality Checking and Democracy: Reflections on Contemporary World Alienation"

Public Writing

["The Racial Imaginaries of H.P. Lovecraft"](#)

Online exhibition for the John Hayes Library, Brown University

Teaching

The University of British Columbia

Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Political Theory*, Anna Jurkevics, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Political Theory*, Chris Erickson, Spring 2019

Brown University

Teaching Assistant, *American Constitutional Law*, Corey Brettschneider, Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant, *International Political Economy*, Mark Blyth, Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, *Intro to American Politics*, Wendy Schiller, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant, *Intro to Political Theory*, Melvin Rogers,, Spring 2023

Invited Lectures, Talks & Colloquia

“Democracy and the Dignity of Work” / Democracy a Humanities Perspective Series

2021, COGUT Institute for the Humanities, Brown University

Discussant alongside Professor Noga Rotem to Professor Bonnie Honig’s talk.

Moderated by Professor Amanda Anderson.

“Reality Checking and Democracy: Reflections in Contemporary World Alienation” / Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory

2024, Department of Political Science, Princeton University

Conference Presentations

“Don Quijote and the Scandal of Telling”

American Political Science Association Conference (APSA). Philadelphia, 2024 (forthcoming).

Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA). Vancouver, 2024.

“Reality Checking and Democracy: Reflections on Contemporary World Alienation”

American Political Science Association Conference (APSA). Online, 2023.

Canadian Political Science Association Conference (CPSA). York, 2023.

Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA). San Francisco, 2023.

“Notes on Arendt’s Sensorium: Appearance, Metaphor, and Common Sense”

COGUT Collaborative Humanities Conference. Providence, 2022

New England Political Science Association Conference (NEPSA). Bretton Woods, 2022.

Professional & Administrative Service

Stone Inequality Initiative / Executive Support Coordinator

2022-present, Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs, Brown University

Political Theory Colloquium / Coordinator

2021-2023, Department of Political Science, Brown University

Graduate Political Theory Symposium / Coordinator

2020-2022, Department of Political Science, Brown University

Selected Awards & Fellowships

COGUT Collaborative Humanities Fellow

2021-2022, COGUT Institute for the Humanities, Brown University

Faculty of Arts Graduate Award, 2019

2019, Faculty of Arts, The University of British Columbia

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Canadian Political Science Association

Certificates & Languages

Sheridan Teaching Seminar Program

2020, Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Brown University

Doctoral Certificate in Collaborative Humanities

2024, COGUT Institute for the Humanities, Brown University

Fluent in Spanish and English. Conversant in French.