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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Brown University

Ph.D, Political Science, Brown University, October 2020

Dissertation: “Human Enhancement, the Life Sciences, and Biotechnology: A Political Theory with Applications”

Abstract: I develop a theory of scientific and technological inquiry in liberal democracy in the context of recent developments in genomics, assisted reproduction technologies, and synthetic biology. I demonstrate the value of this approach through applications to debates over biomedical enhancement, germ-line genetic engineering, intellectual property rights, and sustainable development.

Committee: Corey Brettschneider (chair), Sharon Krause, Charles Larmore
Field exams: Political Theory (distinction), Comparative Politics

M.A, Political Science, Brown University, 2016

Yale University

B.A. Philosophy, 2013, distinction in major

Senior Thesis: “Imagination and Reason in the Political Philosophy of Thomas Hobbes,”

Director: Steven B. Smith

Areas of Specialization: Social/Political Philosophy, Bioethics, Philosophy of Technology

Areas of Competence: Practical Ethics; Philosophy, Politics, & Economics; Philosophy of Biology

Working Papers

“Reciprocity as an Environmental Virtue” (forthcoming in *Environmental Ethics*)

“Ecological and Evolutionary Concepts in Recent Theories of Animal Rights” (under review)

“Free Riding, Collective Action, and the Value of Agency” (under review)

“What is Risky about Germ-line Genetic Intervention? A Critique and Reformulation” (under review)

“What Could Naturalism in Social Science Be?”

Other Publications

“Review | Radical Markets: Uprooting Capitalism and Democracy for a Just Society” *The Independent Review* 23, no. 4 (Spring 2019)

Conferences and Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association, April 2021, “What is Risky About Germ-Line Genetic Enhancement? A Critique and Reformulation”

Tenth International Conference on Health, Wellness, & Society, September 2020, “A Public Health Approach to Human Biomedical Enhancement” (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

PPE Society Annual Meeting, Spring 2020, “Author Meets Critics on *Creating Future People: The Ethics of Genetic Enhancement*” (session chair) (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

PPE Society Annual Meeting, Spring 2019, “Aspects of Structural Injustice” (session chair)

Brown University Graduate Political Theory Colloquium, Spring 2018 “A Political Theory of Biotechnology”

Midwest Political Science Association, Spring 2018, “Intergenerational Justice, Procreation, and Well-Ordered Biotechnology”

PPE Society Annual Meeting, Spring 2018, “A Political Theory of Biotechnology”

Institute for Humane Studies, Fall 2017 Research Colloquium, “Intergenerational Justice, Procreation, and Well-Ordered Biotechnology”

New England Political Science Association, May 2017, “Reciprocity as Environmental Virtue”

Institute for Humane Studies, Fall 2015 Research Colloquium, “The Rationality of Team Reasoning”

Teaching Experience

Brown University

POLS 0010: Introduction to Political Thought (TA)

POLS 0200: Introduction to Comparative Politics (TA)

POLS 0400: Introduction to International Politics (TA)

POLS 1150: Prosperity: The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation (TA)

POLS 1290: Rise of China (TA)

POLS 1470: Money and Power in the International Political Economy (TA)

Summer @ Brown

STEM II Program, “Biotechnology, Genetics, and the Human Future” (Instructor)

Johns Hopkins’ Center for Talented Youth

Introduction to Philosophy (TA)

Honors and Awards

Department of Political Science, Department Fellowship, Fall 2014-Spring 2015, Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Institute for Humane Studies, Humane Studies Fellowship, Spring 2018

Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning Certificate I, “Reflective Pedagogy,” Fall 2015

Institute for Humane Studies, Hayek Fund for Future Scholars, Oct. 2013

Clarence W. Mendel Prize, for contribution to intellectual life of Branford College at Yale University, May 2013

Activities and Service

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Political Science, Spring 2016-Fall 2017

Coordinator for Brown Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop, Spring 2016

Research Assistant for John Tomasi, Summer 2015

Professional Memberships

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Professional References

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