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EDUCATION

Brown University

PhD in Political Science, Spring 2021

Dissertation: *Producing the Society of Equals: Land, Freedom, and the Right to Work in the Age of Revolutions*

Committee: Alex Gourevitch (chair), James Morone, Corey Brettschneider

Exam Fields: Political Theory, International Relations

Temple University

MA in Political Science, Spring 2013

College of Wooster

BA in International Relations, Spring 2009

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Brown University

Dean's Faculty Fellow, 2021–present

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Political Thought (Modern); Political Theory of Work; Political Economy; Human Rights; Democratic Theory; Histories of Capitalism, Colonialism, and Slavery; Republicanism; Liberalism; Socialism; Theories of Freedom

PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“The American Workingmen’s Parties, Universal Suffrage, and Marx’s Democratic Communism,” *Modern Intellectual History* 18 (2021), 379-402

Works in Progress

The Making of the Right to Work (book manuscript)

“The Duty and Right to Work in Antebellum Agrarian Socialist Thought” (draft available)

“Domination by Things? Commodity Fetishism as Marx’s Contribution to Republican Political Theory” (draft available)

Non-Disciplinary Publications

“Remembering the Chartists” *Jacobin Magazine*, 2016 ([link](#))

“Reading Paine from the Left” *Jacobin Magazine*, 2015 ([link](#))

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Henry F. May Award, Society for U.S. Intellectual History, 2019

Elmer E. Cornwell Jr. Fellowship, Brown University, 2017–2018

Department of Political Science Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, Spring & Fall 2017

TEACHING

Brown University

Instructor

Spring 2021 Topics in U.S. Constitutional Law: Individual Rights (lecture)

Fall 2021 Work, Exploitation, and Freedom (seminar)

Spring 2019 Introduction to Political Thought (lecture, co-taught)

Instructor (Pre-College Program)

Summer 2021 The Idea of Socialism: Radical Political Theory from Paine to Marx
(virtual, asynchronous)

Summer 2019 The Idea of Socialism: Radical Political Theory from Paine to Marx
(in person)

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018 Politics of the Illicit Global Economy with Peter Andreas

Spring 2018 Introduction to Political Thought with Alex Gourevitch (head TA)

Fall 2016 Topics in American Constitutional Law with Corey Brettschneider

Spring 2016 Classics of Political Economy with Mark Blyth & Alex Gourevitch

Fall 2015 Introduction to the American Political Process with Katherine Tate

Spring 2015 Gender Politics with Katherine Tate

Fall 2014 Classics of Political Economy with Mark Blyth & Alex Gourevitch

Senior Honors Thesis Advisor

Jeanine Mojum (2017–2018) “Believing Belief: A Neutral Evaluation of Sincerity for Constitutional Claims of Conscience.”

Temple University

Instructor

Spring 2013 State and Local Politics

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2012 World Affairs with Dr. Orfeo Fioretos

Spring 2012 Introduction to International Politics with Dr. John Masker

Fall 2011 World Affairs with Dr. John Masker

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The Duty and Right to Work in Antebellum Agrarian Socialist Thought

Presented at the Association of Political Theory, Oct. 24-26, 2019

Fourier's "Right to Labor" and Antebellum US Radicalism

Presented at the Western Political Science Association, Apr. 19 2019

Earlier draft presented at the Society of US Intellectual History, Nov. 11, 2018

The Rise of the "Right to Employment" in Gilded Age American Political Thought

Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association, Apr. 7, 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Brown University, James Morone, Fall 2020

Research Assistant, Brown University, Alex Gourevitch, Fall 2019–Summer 2020

CERTIFICATIONS

German language proficiency

DID Deutsch-Institut Berlin, July 2016

Level C1 (effective operational proficiency)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Temple University

Political Science Graduate Student Association 2012-2013

- Treasurer Fall 2012-Spring 2013

- Organized Political Science Department picnic, September 2012

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Association for Political Theory

Society for US Intellectual History

REFERENCES

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