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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Contemporary political theory, democratic theory, modern liberalism, immigration ethics, bioethics, justice and public policy, social movements and the law, concept of sovereignty, American political thought and public law, civil rights and civil liberties, political feminism, freedom and political agency, theories of resistance, international legal theory

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Political Science, Brown University, 2016

Dissertation: *Hospitality and the Horizons of Democracy: Responsibilities to Immigrants*

Committee: Sharon R. Krause (chair); Alex H. Gourevitch; James A. Morone

Field certifications: Political Theory | International Relations

M.A., Political Science, Columbia University, 2009

Culminating paper: *Crisis and Constitution-Making in the European Union: Overcoming Accusations of a Democratic Deficit*

A.B., Dartmouth College, *cum laude*, 2005

Double major: History and Government

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Bucknell University, Department of Political Science, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2018–present

Wesleyan University, Department of Government, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2016–2018

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Democratic Integrity and Immigrant Inclusion* (book manuscript in preparation)

“Freedom of Expression in the Well-ordered Society: Bringing Gandhi’s Pluralist Vision to Bear on Rawlsian Public Reason,” (article under review)

“On Deliberation and Doctoring: The Ethics of Shared Decision Making in American Health Policy” (article in progress)

“New Reproductive Technologies and the Demands of Justice” (article in progress)

**PUBLICATIONS**

Articles

“Tepid Optimism in Sino-American Relations: Pragmatism and Policy Rationales,” *The Heinz Journal* 13, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 21-26.

“An Affront to Anonymity: Criminalizing Silence in *Hiibel*,” *Dartmouth Law Journal* 3, no. 2 (Winter 2005): 35-43.

“The Constitutionality of Interracial Marriage: *Loving* in Thought,” *Dartmouth Law Journal* 2, no. 1 (Spring 2004): 45-56.

Book Reviews

Review of *Immigration and Democracy* by Sarah Song, *Perspectives on Politics* 17, no. 3 (September 2019): 877-879.

Authored Reports

“Burma between Two Elections: A Look at the Democratic Opposition, 1990 – 2010,” internal report prepared for International Republican Institute, Asia Division, Washington, D.C., June 18, 2010.

**PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH**Conference Papers

- “Feminizing the Future: On the Justice of Assisted Reproductive Technologies,” Panel paper accepted for presentation at Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2022.
- “Exceptionalism and the Status of the Refugee? Why Contemporary Theorists Misunderstand the Politics of Resettlement and Asylum,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, April 2021.
- “Exceptionalism and the Status of the Refugee? Why Contemporary Theorists Misunderstand the Politics of Resettlement and Asylum,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, April 2021.
- “Exceptionalism and the Status of the Refugee in Contemporary Political Thought,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference, September 2020.
- “On Deliberation and Doctoring: The Ethics of Shared Decision Making in American Health Policy,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Portland, ME, April 2019.
- “Freedom of Expression in the Well-ordered Society: Bringing Gandhi’s Pluralist Vision to Bear on Rawlsian Public Reason,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Portland, ME, April 2019.
- “Beyond Human Rights: Protecting Refugees in the Twenty-First Century,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2019.
- “Freedom of Expression in the Well-ordered Society: Bringing Gandhi’s Pluralist Vision to Bear on Rawlsian Public Reason,” Southern Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Austin, TX, January 2019.
- “On Deliberation and Doctoring: The Ethics of Shared Decision Making in American Health Policy,” Southern Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Austin, TX, January 2019.
- “Democratic Theory and Gandhi’s Ideal of Resistance,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2018.
- “On Public Sentiment and Immigrant Resistance in the United States,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2018.
- “Radical Hospitality and Immigration Protest,” Humber College of Toronto and International Festival of Authors Conference on Mapping Nations, Locating Citizens, Toronto, ON, October 2015.
- “Democracy and Hospitality,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Conference, Boulder, CO, October 2015.
- “Immigration and Democratic Integrity: Toward a New Ethic of Hospitality,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.
- “The Non-Sovereignty of Action: Knowing Freedom through Performance,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.
- “Immigration and Hospitality,” University of Pennsylvania Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Philadelphia, PA, February 2015.

Invited Talks and Paper Presentations

- Panel discussant, “Freedom and Democratic Politics,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2022 (scheduled).
- Paper presentation, “Exceptionalism and the Status of the Refugee? Why Contemporary Theorists Misunderstand the Politics of Resettlement and Asylum,” Research Workshop, Bucknell University, Political Science Department, April 2021.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Hobbes,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2021.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Political Economy, Utilitarianism, and the Quest for a Legislative Science,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2021.
- Panel discussant, “Citizenship and Naturalization,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2021.
- Panelist, “Post-Election Debrief,” Bucknell University, Political Science Department and Provost’s Office, November 2020.

- Panel discussant, “Symbolic Politics and Democratic Theory,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2019.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Citizenship and Naturalization,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2019.
- Panel chair and discussant, “20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental,” Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, January 2019.
- Broadcast interview, Interviewed by Professor Jennifer Thomson, “Immigrant Detention and the Trump Administration’s Systematic Evisceration of Social Citizenship,” on Bucknell University Campus Radio WVBU, October 2018.
- Invited talk, “Democratic Integrity and Immigrant Inclusion,” Bucknell University, Department of Political Science, Lewisburg, PA, May 2018.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Democracy and Public Space,” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2018.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Immigration Policy in America,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, April 2017.
- Invited talk, “The Syrian Refugee Crisis: Origins, Impact, and Ethics,” Phillips Exeter Academy, Robbins Memorial Symposium, Exeter, NH, February 2016.
- Paper presentation, “On Pedagogy and Value: Deliberative Democrats in the Classroom,” Brown University, Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop, September 2015.
- Paper presentation, “Political Belonging and Immigration: The Problem with Liberal Democratic Closures,” Brown University, Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop, October 2015.
- Panel chair and discussant, “Hannah Arendt,” New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, New Haven, CT, April 2015.
- Paper presentation, “The Non-Sovereignty of Action: Knowing Freedom through Performance,” Brown University, Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop, March 2013.
- Paper presentation, “Toward a Political Theory of the International Criminal Court: Norms of Authority and Legitimacy in International Relations,” Brown University, Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop, February, 2012.
- Invited talk, “Antigone’s Dilemma,” Groton School, May 2008

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING

### At Bucknell University

- Democratic Theory (undergraduate seminar)
- Justice and Public Policy (undergraduate seminar)
- American Political Thought (undergraduate seminar)
- Issues in Bioethics (undergraduate lecture)
- Citizenship and Immigration (undergraduate lecture)
- Political Theory (undergraduate lecture)

### At Wesleyan University

- Politics, Freedom and Biology (undergraduate seminar)
- The Moral Basis of Politics (undergraduate lecture)
- Resistance and Revolution (undergraduate lecture)
- Citizenship and Immigration (undergraduate lecture)
- Modern Political Theory (undergraduate lecture)
- Faculty Adviser in the Department of Government  
Undergraduate Honors Thesis for Steven Chen (2018) and Amélie Clemot (2018)
- Faculty Adviser in the College of Social Studies  
Undergraduate Senior Project for Erica Arensman (2017)

### At Brown University, Division of Pre-College Programs

- The United States Supreme Court: The 2021-22 Term in Review (scheduled, summer 2022)
- Leadership in Law: Social Change and the Supreme Court (online, summer 2021)

At Brown University, Political Science Department (as Graduate Teaching Assistant)

- Introduction to Political Theory: From Plato to Marx (with Prof. Alex Gourevitch)
- Ethics and Public Policy (with Prof. Mary McThomas)
- International Relations (with Prof. Rose McDermott)
- International Relations (with Prof. Jordan Branch)
- City Politics (with Prof. James Morone)
- War and Politics (with Prof. Rose McDermott)

## **HONORS**

### Awards and Fellowships

Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, Pre-doctoral Interdisciplinary Opportunity Fellowship, 2015–2016

Graduate Dissertation Fellowship, Political Science Department, Brown University, 2014–2015

Awarded a Mark of Distinction (highest grade) for comprehensive exam in political theory, 2012

[Examining Committee: Corey Brettschneider and John Tomasi]

Awarded George and Leslie Hume Teaching Fellowship in the Humanities, Phillips Exeter Academy, 2005–2006

Awarded Academic Citation for Excellence in Jurisprudence, Dartmouth College, Government Department, 2003

Awarded Reynolds E. Moulton Achievement Scholarship, covered partial tuition at Dartmouth College, 2001–2002

First-year Graduate Fellowship, Brown University, 2010–2011

### Grants

Teaching Preparation Stipend for Hybrid Learning, Bucknell University, 2020

Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2019

Travel Conference Grant, The Graduate School, Brown University, February 2015

Travel Conference Grant, The Graduate School, Brown University, September 2015

## **SERVICE**

### To Discipline

Political Theory Section Chair, New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2021–2022

### To University

Volunteer, Brown International Advanced Research Institutes, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, 2016

### To Department

Founder and Co-chair, Graduate Women in Political Science, Brown University, 2015–2016

Graduate Student Liaison from the Brown Political Science Department to the Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, 2011–2013

## **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

Faculty Participant, Learning Community on Intersectional Feminism in the Academy, Teaching & Learning Center, Bucknell University, 2021–2022

Faculty Participant, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workshop, Office of the Provost, Bucknell University, 2020

Faculty Participant, World Café, Office of the Provost and Teaching & Learning Center, Bucknell University, 2020

Faculty Participant, Digital Pedagogy Summer Institute, Digital Pedagogy & Scholarship Initiative, Bucknell University, 2019

Participant, New Faculty Pedagogy Series, Teaching & Learning Center, Bucknell University, 2018–2019

Participant and Discussant, Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop, Brown University, 2010–2016

Training Course, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University, Certificate I, 2013

Research and Editorial Experience

Assisted Prof. James A. Morone in editing his book manuscript, *The Devils We Know: Us and Them in America's Raucous Political Culture*, Brown University, 2014.

Senior Editor, *Dartmouth Law Journal*, Dartmouth College, 2004–2005.

Teaching at the Secondary Level

History Instructor, Groton School, 2007–2008

History Instructor, Phillips Exeter Academy, Spring 2007

Teaching Fellow and Summer Intern, Phillips Exeter Academy, 2005 – 2006

History and Social Sciences Instructor, Exeter Summer School, 2006–2011, 2013, 2015–2018

Related Professional Experience

Independent Consultant, International Center of Photography, Education Office, New York, NY, 2012

Special Projects Assistant, International Republican Institute, Asia Division, Washington, D.C., 2010

Legal Assistant, White & Case LLP, Antitrust Practice, Washington, D.C., 2006–2007

Legislative Intern in Health Policy, Office of U.S. Congressman Tom Allen, Portland, ME, 2004

Legal Intern, Shearman & Sterling LLP, Mergers & Acquisitions Practice, New York, NY, 2004

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association; American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy; Association for Political Theory; Midwest Political Science Association; New England Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association

**LANGUAGES**

Latin study; Spanish (reading knowledge, conversational abilities); Data analysis (fluent: STATA, SPSS)

**ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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