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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-present University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
Assistant Professor of Political Science

2015-2016 University of California, Santa Cruz
Lecturer in Politics and Legal Studies

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz
Ph.D., Politics, 2014
Dissertation: “Justice and Legitimacy: Legal Faith in a Time of Political Exception”
Committee: Robert Meister (Chair), Gopal Balakrishnan, Mark Fathi Massoud
M.A., Politics, 2010

Whitman College
B.A., Politics (honors), 2003

PUBLICATIONS

“Justice and Legitimacy: Rawls, Schmitt, and the Normativity of Law,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, vol. 12, no. 1, February 2016, pp. 49-69.

REVIEWS

“*Humanity's Law* by Ruti Teitel,” *Human Rights Review*, Volume 14, Issue 4, December 2013.

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

“Reconsidering Rawls and the Politics of the Unreasonable”
“What Can Black Lives Matter Tell Us About Political Theory?”
“The validity of validity: A comparative perspective on legal and test theories behind *Debra P. v. Turlington* and *Larry P. v. Riles*”
“Theorizing the Legitimacy Crisis in Liberal Democracy”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Robert Meister Fellowship, Robert Meister Scholars Fund, \$50,000 (2012, 2008)
Ross K Smith Award: Best Individual Speaker at the National Debate Tournament (2003)
Robert Y. Fluno Award in Politics, Whitman College: “Breaking the Chains of Debt: A Search for Liberal Justice,” \$500 (2003)
Louis B. Perry Research Award for research on health care and international security, \$2000 (2002)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Redemption,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2016)
- “The validity of validity: A comparative perspective on legal and test theories behind Debra P.,” International Objective Measurement Conference (2016)
- “Black Lives Matter and the Radicalization of Law,” Annual Conference of the Association for Political Theory (2015)
- “The Concept of the Political in Rawlsian Liberalism,” Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference, (2013)
- “International Law in the Breach: Beyond Sovereignty and the Exception,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference (2013)
- “The Differend of Justice: Reflective Equilibrium and the Violence of Law,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference (2012)
- “Justice and Legitimacy: Rawls and Schmitt on the Fact/Value Distinction,” Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory (2010)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern and contemporary political theory, legal philosophy, justice, politics of identity, constitutional law, international law, feminist and gender studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Political Science, UT – Rio Grande Valley

US Government and Politics
US Judicial Process
Constitutional Law

Lecturer in Legal Studies, UC – Santa Cruz:

Constitutional Law
Sexuality and the Law
Intro to Legal Studies
Politics and the Law
International Law

Teaching Assistant, UC – Santa Cruz:

Modern Political Theory
Early Modern Political Theory
International Law
Constitutional Law
Congress, President, and the Court in American Politics
Society and Democracy in American Political Development
International Politics
Eurasian Politics
Introduction to Politics

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2005-2008 Assistant Director, Dartmouth College Forensic Union. 3-time national finalists
2004-2005 Debate Coach, Harvard Debate Council. Ranked #2 ranked in the nation
2003-2004 Assistant Debate Coach, Michigan State University. National champions
2001-2004 Independent Research Associate, West Coast Publishing. Policy analysis, and educational assistance

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

2012-present American Political Science Association
2012-present Western Political Science Association
2012-present Association for Political Theory
2015-present Reviewer: *Political Research Quarterly*
2015-present Reviewer: *Pensamiento Educativo*
2016-present Reviewer: *Law, Culture and the Humanities*

REFERENCES

Robert Meister

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