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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-2024 Emory University
 Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science

2022-2023 University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
 Associate Professor of Political Science
 Pre-Law Advisor

2016-2022 University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
 Assistant Professor of Political Science
 Pre-Law Advisor

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

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

2025-2026 Law School Preparatory Program
 Director

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

PEER-REVIEWED 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.
- “The Differend of Justice: Violence and Redemption in Dworkin’s Justice For Hedgehogs,” *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, vol. 5, issue 2, Summer 2019, pp. 158-173.
- “Reasonable Exclusions: The Problem of Political Identity in Liberal Democracy,” *New Political Science*, vol. 41, issue 3, Summer 2019, p. 381-399.
- “A New Metaphysics: Eternal Recurrence and the Univocity of Difference,” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, vol. 34, no. 2, Spring 2020, pp. 179-200.
- “Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Redemption,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, vol. 48, issue 7, September 2022, pp. 956-976.
- “Crypto-Punditry and the Crisis of Political Media,” *Atlantic Journal of Communication*, vol 30, issue 4, 2022, pp. 379-396.
- “Our Bodies, Our Choices: Reproductive Justice and Social Embodiment,” *Feminist Review*, vol 137, issue 1, 2024, pp. 27-43.

REVIEWS

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

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- “The Politics of Preservation: Openness to Inclusion from Neighborhoods to Nation States” - *Perspectives on Political Science*
- “The Law of (Reasonable) Peoples: Reconsidering Rawlsian International Law” - *Polity*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Robert Meister Fellowship, Robert Meister Scholars Fund, \$50,000

Ross K Smith Award: Best Individual Speaker at the National Debate Tournament

Robert Y. Fluno Award in Politics, Whitman College: “Breaking the Chains of Debt: A Search for Liberal Justice,” \$500

Louis B. Perry Research Award for research on health care and international security, \$2000

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor at Emory

Constitutional Law
Classical Political Thought
Theories of Justice
Modern Democratic Thought
Reproductive Politics
The Supreme Court

Assistant/Associate Professor of Political Science, UT – Rio Grande Valley

Intro to Political Theory
Reproductive Politics
Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties
Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers
Legal Research and Writing
US Government and Politics
US Judicial Process

Lecturer in Legal Studies, UC – Santa Cruz

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

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-2023 Director, UTRGV Law School Preparation Institute
2018-2023 Pre-Law Advisor, UTRGV
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

SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

2012-present American Political Science Association
2012-present Western Political Science Association
2012-present Association for Political Theory

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)
Swedish (Common European Framework of Reference level B2)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “The Politics of Preservation: Openness to Inclusion Across Associational Frames,” Good Integration Workshop on Exclusion, Integration, and Democracy, UiT – The Arctic University of Norway (2023)
- “The Law of (Reasonable) Peoples: Reconsidering Rawlsian International Law,” Center for American Studies Conference on American Legal, Political, Philosophical, and Economic Thought (2022)
- “‘This Is Not Who We Are’ and the Redemption of History,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference (2021)
- “Political Theology and the Modern Exception,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference (2020)
- “Redemption Without Forgiveness: Severus Snape and the Conflicted Politics of Restoration,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2019)
- “The Politics of Preservation: Openness to Inclusion from Neighborhoods to Nation States,” Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Conference (2019)
- “The Validity of Validity in Debra P.: Judicial and Psychometric Perspectives on Test Consequences,” American Educational Research Association Annual Conference (2018)
- “Abortion Without Bodies: Encumbered Subjects and the Politics of Reproduction,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference (2018)
- “Black Lives Matter and the Politics of Redemption,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (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)
- “Justice and Legitimacy: Rawls and Schmitt on the Fact/Value Distinction,” Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory (2010)

OTHER WRITING

- “A History of the National Debate Tournament: 1947-2019” – prepared for the American Forensic Association,
<https://nationaldebatetournament.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/NDT-Book-2020.pdf>
- “The USWNT legal defeat shows the limits of progressive litigation,” *Backline Soccer*, May 5, 2020,
<https://www.backlinesoccer.com/post/the-uswnt-legal-defeat-shows-the-limits-of-progressive-litigation>
- “To defend rule of law, Dems must filibuster Gorsuch hearing,” *Austin American-Statesman*, March 24, 2017.