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EMPLOYMENT

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Professor of Political Science, Leon Epstein Fellow,
July 2022-present.

University of California, Los Angeles, Shapiro Family Professor of Modern Political
Theory (Inaugural chair holder), Department of Political Science, July 2020-24.
Professor, July 2005-24. Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, July 2007-2009.
School of Law, Professor, July 2010-24.

University of Virginia, Department of Politics, Associate Professor, 1998-2005.
Assistant Professor, 1992-1998. Associate Chair, August 2000-July 2003.

Sciences Po, Aix-en-Provence, Institut d'Études Politiques, Visiting Professor, April
2017.

PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 2019-20.
- Berggruen Institute, Non-Resident Fellow, 2018-19.
- Wilson Carey McWilliams Award for Best Paper in the Politics, Literature and Film Section, 2014 (for *Blade Runner's Humanism*, APSA 2013).
- Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Andrew W. Mellon CASBS Fellowship, 2014-15.
- Book Award for Excellence in Philosophy from the American Association of Publishers, 2006 (for *Pessimism: Philosophy, Ethic, Spirit*).
- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 2003-4.
- University of Virginia, Sesquicentennial Associateship, 2003-04, 1996-97.
- University of Virginia, Summer Research Grant, 1995, 1998, 1999.
- Harvard University, Postdoctoral Fellow in Constitutional Government, 1993-94.
- Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship, 1991-92.
- Princeton Society of Fellows (Woodrow Wilson Fellowship), 1991-92.

- Princeton University, William S. Carpenter Prize, 1987-91.

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Politics, January 1993.

Princeton University, M.A. in Politics, June 1989.

Harvard University, B.A. in Government, magna cum laude with Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, June 1986.

EDITORIAL

Co-Editor, *Political Theory*, SAGE Press, 2020-23.

BOOKS

Cinema Pessimism: A Political Theory of Representation and Reciprocity. (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Cinema, Democracy and Perfectionism: Joshua Foa Dienstag in Dialogue. (Manchester University Press, 2016 in the *Critical Powers* series,). Feature essay and response to five scholars.

Pessimism: Philosophy, Ethic, Spirit (Princeton University Press, 2006; pb. 2009)
*Winner of the 2006 Book Award for Excellence in Philosophy from the American Association of Publishers.

Reviewed in: *Choice* (44-3222); *Dalhousie Review* (87:2 310-11); *European Journal of Political Theory* (9:1 112-28); *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* (30:3 47-8); *International Political Anthropology* (2:2 294-98); *Library Journal* (9/1/06); *Metapsychology* (13:39); *Newsday* (10/22/06); *Perspectives on Politics* (5:3 603-4); *Political Theory* (36:2 321-32); *Review of Politics* (69:3 477-80); *Svenska Dagbladet* (1/20/07); *The European Legacy* (13:3 367); *The Week* (6:278 22 “Book of the Week”); *Times Literary Supplement* (7/28/2006); *Wall Street Journal* (9/15/06 W1); *Weekly Standard* (12/25/06). Also the subject of columns in: *New York Times* (8/28/06) and *WiWo.de* (10/14/06).

Dancing in Chains: Narrative and Memory in Political Theory (Stanford University Press, 1997).

Reviewed in: *American Political Science Review* (92: 199-200); *Choice* (35-1804); *Common Knowledge* (7:2 95-6); *Germanic Notes & Reviews* (30: 89); *History of Political Thought* (20: 707-08); *Human Studies* (23: 439-45); *Journal of Politics* (60: 888-90); *Political Theory* (27: 562-64); *Quarterly Journal of Speech* (86: 242-44).

Current Book Project:

The Human Boundary: Freedom, Citizenship & Democracy in a Post-Human Age

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, BOOK CHAPTERS

Pessimism and the Anthropocene (forthcoming 2024).

Dignity, Difference and the Representation of Nature, **Political Theory**, August 2021.

Citizenship in an Age of Superheroic Representation, **HA: The Journal of the Hannah Arendt Center**, vol. 7, 2019.

The Example of History and the History of Examples in Political Theory, **New Literary History** (48:3) Summer 2017.

On Political Theory, the Humanities and the Social Sciences, **Perspectives on Politics** (14:4), December 2016.

Hans-Georg Gadamer: 'Truth and Method', in **The Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory** (Oxford University Press, Jacob Levy, General Editor), on line, March 2016; print edition forthcoming 2024.

Nietzsche's Pessimism in the Shadow of Dostoyevsky's, in **Nietzsche and Dostoyevsky: Philosophy, Morality, Tragedy** (ed. Jeff Love and Jeff Metzger, Northwestern University Press), 2016.

Evils of Representation: Werewolves, Pessimism and Realism in 'Europa' and 'Melancholia', in a special issue of **Theory & Event**, ed. Bonnie Honig and Lori Marso, (18:2) April 2015. Reprinted in **Politics, Theory and Film: Critical Encounters with Lars von Trier**, Oxford University Press, 2016.

Blade Runner's Humanism: Cinema and Representation, **Contemporary Political Theory**, (14:2), April 2015.

*Winner of the 2014 Wilson Carey McWilliams Award for Best Paper in the Politics, Literature and Film Section (APSA 2013).

A Storied Shooting: Liberty Valance and the Paradox of Sovereignty, **Political Theory** (40:3), June 2012.

Postmodern Approaches to the History of Political Thought, in **The Oxford Handbook of the History of Political Philosophy** (Oxford University Press, George Klosko, General Editor, 2011).

Connollyism, What, **Theory & Event** (12:4), December 2009. (Review Essay)

Review of PLURALISM and CAPITALISM AND CHRISTIANITY, AMERICAN STYLE by William Connolly (Duke U. P., 2005 & 2008) and THE NEW PLURALISM: WILLIAM CONNOLLY AND THE CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL CONDITION, ed. David Campbell and Morton Schoolman (Duke U. P., 2008).

Man of Peace: Hobbes Between Politics and Science, **Political Theory** (37:5), October 2009. (Review Essay)

Review of HOBBS AND REPUBLICAN LIBERTY, by Quentin Skinner (Cambridge U. P., 2008), and LESSONS FROM A MATERIALIST THINKER: HOBBSIAN REFLECTIONS ON ETHICS AND POLITICS, by Samantha Frost (Stanford U. P., 2008).

Pessimistic Realism and Realistic Pessimism in Political Thought and International Relations: Variations on a Realist Theme, edited by Duncan Bell (Oxford University Press, 2009).

Cervantes as Educator: Don Quixote and the Practice of Pessimism, in **Between Terror and Freedom: Philosophy, Politics and Fiction Speak of Modernity**, edited by Simona Goi and Frederick M. Dolan (Lexington Books, 2006).

Nietzsche, Tragedy, Pessimism in Rethinking Tragedy, a special number of **New Literary History**, ed. by Rita Felski, (35:1), Winter 2004. Republished as **Rethinking Tragedy** (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008). Also reprinted in **Cogito** (Turkey), 54, 2008.

Nietzsche's Dionysian Pessimism, **American Political Science Review** (95:4), Dec. 2001.

What Is Living and What Is Dead in the Interpretation of Hegel?, **Political Theory** (29:2) April 2001. (Review Essay)

Review of HEGEL AND THE STATE, by Eric Weil (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998); HEGEL'S ETHICS OF RECOGNITION, by Robert R. Williams (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997); HEGEL'S IDEA OF A PHENOMENOLOGY OF SPIRIT, by Michael Forster (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1998); IDEALISM AND MODERNISM by Robert B. Pippin (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997).

Nietzsche's Friends and Enemies, **The Review of Politics** (62:2) Spring 2000. (Review Essay)

Review of NIETZSCHE AND THE VICIOUS CIRCLE, by Pierre Klossowski, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997); NIETZSCHE AND WAGNER: A LESSON IN SUBJUGATION, by Joachim Köhler, (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1998); NIETZSCHE CONTRA DEMOCRACY, by Fredrick Appel, (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999).

The Pessimistic Spirit, **Philosophy & Social Criticism** (25:1), January 1999.

Wittgenstein Among the Savages: Language, Action and Political Theory, **Polity** (30:4), Summer 1998.

Between History and Nature: Social Contract Theory in Locke and the Founders, **The Journal of Politics** (58:4), November 1996.

Serving God and Mammon: The Lockean Sympathy in Early American Political Thought, **American Political Science Review** (90:3), September 1996.

'The Pozsgay Affair': *Historical Memory and Political Legitimacy*, **History & Memory** (8:1), Spring/Summer 1996.

Building the Temple of Memory: Hegel's Aesthetic Narrative of History, **The Review of Politics** (56:4), Fall 1994.

SHORTER ESSAYS & OTHER WRITING

Hart and Cohle: The Hopeful Pessimism of True Detective in ***True Detective and Philosophy*** (ed. Tom Sparrow), Wiley Press, 2017.

Encyclopedia of Political Thought (Wiley-Blackwell, Michael Gibbons, Editor in Chief, 2014), entries for “*George Kateb*” and “*Pessimism*”.

Encyclopedia of Political Theory (Sage Publications, Mark Bevir, General Editor, 2010), entries for “*Arthur Schopenhauer*”, “*Pessimism*”, and “*Nihilism*”.

Reflections on Sheilaism: A Response to Robert Bellah, **The Hedgehog Review** (4:1), Spring 2002.

BOOK REVIEWS

Perspectives on Politics (September 2018), review of NIETZSCHE’S FINAL TEACHING, by Michael Allen Gillespie (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017).

European Journal of Philosophy (March 2017), review of WELTSCHMERZ: PESSIMISM IN GERMAN PHILOSOPHY, 1860-1900, by Frederick C. Beiser (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).

Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (May 2016), review of NIETZSCHE’S CULTURE OF HUMANITY: BEYOND ARISTOCRACY AND DEMOCRACY IN THE EARLY PERIOD, by Jeffrey Church (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015).

Political Theory (February 2006), review of THE OPEN: MAN AND ANIMAL, by Giorgio Agamben, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2004).

The Journal of Politics (May 2000), review of MYTHS AND NATIONHOOD, ed. by Geoffrey Hosking and George Schöpflin, (Routledge: New York, 1997).

The European Legacy (June 1999), review of REASON AND RHETORIC IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF HOBBS, by Quentin Skinner, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996).

German Politics & Society (Winter 1996), review of THE HEGEL MYTHS AND LEGENDS, ed. by Jon Stewart, (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1996).

National Political Science Review (1996), review of POLITICS, SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL THEORY, by Anthony Giddens, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1995).

American Political Science Review (June 1996), review of THEORIES AND NARRATIVES: REFLECTIONS ON THE PHILOSOPHY OF HISTORY, by Alex Callinicos, (Durham: Duke University Press, 1995).

The Review of Politics (Fall 1995), review of ALEXANDRE KOJÈVE: THE ROOTS OF POSTMODERN POLITICS, by Shadia Drury, (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994).

German Politics & Society (Fall 1993), review of POSTHISTOIRE: HAS HISTORY COME TO AN END?, by Lutz Niethammer, (London: Verso Press, 1992).

OP-EDS, BLOGS & INTERVIEWS

“Schopenhauer v. Hegel: Progress or Pessimism?” *IAI News: An Online Magazine of Big Ideas*, March 15th, 2023. <https://iai.tv/articles/schopenhauer-vs-hegel-progress-or-pessimism-joshua-dienstag-aid-2416>

“Schopenhauer v. Nietzsche: The Meaning of Suffering.” *IAI News: An Online Magazine of Big Ideas*, April 30th, 2021. <https://iai.tv/articles/schopenhauer-vs-nietzsche-the-meaning-of-suffering-aid-1801>

“The Uncertain Future of Human Equality.” NOEMA, Berggruen Institute, August 11th 2020.

“Cinema Pessimism.” Interview on *New Books Network*, a podcast, March 23rd, 2020, <https://newbooksnetwork.com/joshua-foa-dienstag-cinema-pessimism-a-political-theory-of-representation-and-reciprocity-oxford-up-2019/>

“Cinema Pessimism.” Interview on *The Political Theory Review*, a podcast, February 18th, 2020, https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/thepoliticaltheoryreview/episodes/2020-02-18T12_34_51-08_00

“Cioran and the Tradition of Pessimism,” [Cioran și tradiția pesimismului], *Cultura*, interview, December 18, 2014, <http://revistacultura.ro/nou/2014/12/cioran-si-traditia-pesimismului/> .

“Why Be a Pessimist Like Rust?”, blog post re *True Detective*, <http://www.thecritique.com/articles/why-be-a-pessimist-like-rusty/> August 24th, 2014. Expanded and reprinted as “Hart and Cohle: The Hopeful Pessimism of *True Detective*” in *True Detective and Philosophy*, Wiley Press, 2017.

“On Pessimism,” interview, *This is Life*, KFNX (Phoenix), July 17, 2009.

“Just Asking: You See a Doughnut, He Sees a Hole”, interview, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 1, 2007.

“A Dose of Pessimism”, on-line commentary, *UK Guardian*, December 7, 2006.

“Using the Power of Negative Thinking”, interview, *Dallas Morning News*, November 5, 2006.

“A Philosophy of Pessimism,” interview, *On Point, WBUR* (Boston), September 14, 2006.

“The Importance of Being Pessimistic,” Op-Ed page, *The Los Angeles Times*, September 3, 2006. Reprinted, *Bergen County Record*, September 7, 2006; *San Jose Mercury-News*, September 8, 2006; *Delaware News Journal*, September 10, 2006.

“Thinking Allowed”, interview, *BBC Radio 4*, July 12, 2006.

INVITED TALKS

UCLA, Livescu Initiative in Neuro, Narrative & AI, keynote lecture, “Why Turing Was Wrong”, December 2024.

Carroll University, “The Two Constitutions”, A Constitution Day Address at Carroll University, September 2024.

University of Chicago, Nef Lecture, Committee on Social Thought, “The Human Boundary: Its Collapse and Reconstruction.” April 2023.

Duke University, Political Theory Workshop, “The Human Boundary: Its Collapse and Reconstruction”, March 2023.

UW-Milwaukee/Marquette (MAPSS): “The Collapsing Human Boundary”, January 2023.

University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop, Title: “Knowing Good Representation When We See It”, April 2022.

LSE Ideas Ratiu Forum (keynote), “Pessimism and the Anthropocene”, Conference: Rethinking Pessimism and Melancholy, Cluj, Romania, September 2021.

Conference for the Study of Political Thought, “Knowing Good Representation When We See It: What Film Hides and Shows”, Cornell University, May 2021.

UCLA PULSE (Program for the Understanding of Law, Science & Evidence), “The Collapsing Human Boundary,” February 2020.

OP Jindal Global University and NLU Bangalore, “Federalism in the Age of Trump,” November 2019.

Oxford University, "Orwell's Pessimism", Symposium: Nineteen Eighty-Four Now, October 2019.

Bard College (Hannah Arendt Center), "Citizenship in an Age of Heroic Representation," Heroic Politics on Screen, keynote address, April 2019.

UC Santa Barbara, Democratic Affections Conference, "What Is the Democratic Mood?" February 2019.

UC San Diego, Political Theory Workshop, "Some Notes on Speciesism," May 2016.

Association for Political Theory, Plenary Speaker, "Politics and the Humanities," October 2015.

UC Santa Cruz, Institute for Humanities Research, "The Human Boundary," May 2015.

Princeton University, "Film, Democracy and Liberal Education," colloquium participant, Center for Human Values, May 2015.

Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, "The Human Boundary," April 2015.

Loyola Marymount University, Political Science Department Colloquium, November 2012.

UC San Diego, Political Theory Workshop, November 2010.

Princeton University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "A Storied Shooting," October 2010.

Canterbury Christchurch University, Changing Notions of the Human Subject Conference (ESRC Seminar), "Pessimism About Well-being," April 2009.

Oxford Brookes University, "Why Democratic Theory Must be Pessimistic", April 2009.

Fondazione Cini, Democracy & The Passions Conference, "Passion, Contingency & Democratic Foundings," Venice, Italy, June 2008.

University of Washington, Political Science Colloquium, "Democracy and Pessimism," May 2008.

UCLA Law School Faculty Colloquium, "The Promise of Pessimism," April 2008.

University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop, "Letter to Cavell," April 2008.

UC Riverside, Political Theory Seminar, "Pessimism," May 2007.

UCLA, US History Colloquium, on "Tragedy, Pessimism, Nietzsche," November 2006.

Texas A&M, *Why Political Theory Must Be Pessimistic if it is to be Democratic*, Political Theory Conference, featured invited paper, February 2006.

UCLA, Political Theory Workshop, "The Anatomy of Pessimism," May 2004.

Harvard University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "The Anatomy of Pessimism," February 2004.

Wake Forest University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "Cultural Pessimism," October 2002.

Johns Hopkins University, Political Science Department Colloquium, "Cervantes as Educator," October 2002.

Bucknell University Humanities Institute, "Memory in Political Theory and Politics," February 1999.

Princeton University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "What Is Dionysian Pessimism?" October 1998.

Northwestern University, Political Theory Workshop, "The Plotters of Political Theory," November 1996.

Indiana University, Political Theory Colloquium, "Serving God and Mammon," November 1996.

Harvard University, Political Philosophy Colloquium, "A Reassessment of John Locke's Relation to the Founders," April 1994.

Princeton Society of Fellows, "John Locke's Narrative of Government for America," February 1992.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Dignity, Difference and the Representation of Nature, American Political Science Association, September 2017.

Pessimism and the Anthropocene, American Philosophical Association (Eastern), January 2017.

Citizenship in an Age of Representation: Spike Jones' HER, American Political Science Association, September 2016; Western Political Science Association, March 2016; "Media Immersion and Forms of Life", UCLA, February 2018.

The Human Boundary, American Political Science Association, September 2015.

Representing Evil: Von Trier's Werewolves, American Political Science Association, September 2014.

The UP Series and the Limits of Representation, Western Political Science Association, April 2014.

When a Man Loves a Robot: Blade Runner's Humanism, American Political Science Association, September 2013; Western Political Science Association, April 2013.
*Winner of the 2014 Wilson Carey McWilliams Award for Best Paper in the Politics, Literature and Film Section (APSA 2013).

Against Happiness, The Renaissance of the Passions, UCLA, November 2011.

Interpretation, Language and Authority, The Politics of Interpretation and the Interpretation of Politics, Oxford, September 2011.

A Storied Shooting: Liberty Valance and the Paradox of Sovereignty, American Political Science Association, September 2010; Western Political Science Association, March 2010.

The Tragedy of Remarriage, Western Political Science Association, March 2008.

Letter to M. Cavell About Film, from a Citizen of Los Angeles, American Political Science Association, September 2006.

'Consciousness Is a Disease': Existential Pessimism in Camus, Unamuno and Cioran, Association for Political Theory, October 2004; Western Political Science Association, March 2005.

The Anatomy of Pessimism: Outline of a Neglected Tradition, American Political Science Association, September 2004.

'The Evils of the World Honestly Admitted': Metaphysical Pessimism in Schopenhauer and Freud, Northeast Political Science Association, November 2002.

'A Philosophy That Is Grievous But True': Cultural Pessimism in Rousseau and Leopardi, American Political Science Association, September 2002.

Cervantes as Educator: Don Quixote and the Practice of Pessimism, American Political Science Association, September 2000.

What Is Dionysian Pessimism?, American Political Science Association, September 1998
and Western Political Science Association, March 1998.

The Pessimistic Spirit: Pessimism and Time, American Political Science Association,
September 1996.

*Wittgenstein Among the Savages: Skepticism, Belief and Action in Wittgenstein's
Philosophy*, American Political Science Association, September 1995.

Memories of Pain: Nietzsche's Will to Living Dangerously, American Political Science
Association, September 1993.

Building the Temple of Memory, Southern Political Science Association, November 1992.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Commentator, "Climate Pessimisms and the Dystopian Turn," WPSA 2023.

Commentator, "Narrative and Political Theory," APSA 2021.

Commentator, "Imagining Catastrophe," APT 2019.

Commentator, "Critical Histories and Emancipatory Futures," WPSA 2019.

Roundtable, "Becoming Who We Are: Politics and Practical Philosophy in the Work of
Cavell," APSA 2018.

Commentator, "Politics and Political Theory in the Space of Appearances, APSA 2018.

Commentator, "Dis/respect for Nature: Humans, the Nonhuman, and the Subhuman,"
APSA 2018.

Commentator, "Word & Image in the Organization of Politics", Conference for the Study
of Political Thought, Yale University, May 2018.

Chair, "Narratives of American Progress," APSA 2017.

Chair, "Houellebecq's Submission," APSA 2016.

Roundtable Participant, "Samantha Frost's *Biocultural Creatures*," MPSA 2016.

Commentator, "Reprising the Early Modern," APSA 2015.

Commentator, "Ecologies of the Good Life," WPSA 2012.

Chair, "Theorizing in Brave New Worlds," APSA 2010.

Chair/Commentator, "Secularism & the Future of the Religious Past," WPSA 2010.

Chair/Commentator, "Time, Decline and Memory," APT 2009.

Roundtable, "Continental Political Thought: Past, Present and Future," APSA 2008.

Roundtable, "Author meets the Critics: Joshua Foa Dienstag's *Pessimism: Philosophy, Ethic, Spirit*," APSA 2007.

Commentator, "Syco-analysis," West Coast Law & Literature Conf. (USC), April 2007.

Chair, "Arendt in Vegas: Where The Action Is", WPSA 2007.

Commentator, "Political Foundings across Time and Space," APT 2006.

Chair/Commentator, "Time, Place and Politics," WPSA 2006.

Chair, "Theory, Movie, Text: Political Theory with and Through Film," APSA 2005.

Chair, "Sovereignty and Time," WPSA 2005.

Commentator, "Reason and Judgment," NEngPSA 2004.

Roundtable participant, "The Politics of Literature," APSA 2003.

Commentator, "Democracy, Reconciliation and Restorative Justice," APSA 2002.

Commentator, "The Literary Imagination in Political Life," APSA 2001.

Chair, "Reason, Judgment, Interpretation," APSA 2000.

Commentator, Virginia PSA, "James Caesar's *Reconstructing America*," Dec. 1997.

Chair/Commentator, "The Politics of Memory," APSA 1997.

Commentator, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Virginia chapter, "Remarks on Tracy Strong's *Jean-Jacques Rousseau*," April 1996.

Chair/Commentator, "The German Idealist Roots of the Liberal/Communitarian Debate," APSA 1995.

Commentator, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Virginia chapter, "Remarks on George Kateb's *The Inner Ocean*," April 1993.

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Introduction to Political Theory, Contemporary Political Thought, Continental Political Thought, Modern Thought (UCLA Interdisciplinary Cluster), Political Theory & Film, Democracy & Its Critics.

Graduate: Political Theory of the Founders (Law), Proseminar in Political Theory, Narrative in Political Theory, Pessimism, Existential Origins, Animals & Humans.

PhDs Supervised: Seth DeLong (UVA 2004); Matthew Goldfeder (UVA 2008); Helen McManus (UCLA 2010); Jeffrey Jackson (UCLA 2014); Elizabeth Barringer (UCLA 2016); Roni Hirsch (UCLA 2017); Will Stahl (UCLA 2018); Lucy Williams (UCLA 2018); Kye Barker (UCLA 2019); Althea Sircar (UCLA 2022); Roey Reichert (UCLA 2022); Rebekah Sterling (UCLA 2022); Stephen Cucharo (UCLA 2024); Naomi Ellis (UCLA current).

PhD Committees: Alexander Schulman (UCLA 2009); John Baltes (UVA 2010); Frederick Lee (UCLA 2010); Robert Hughes (UCLA Philosophy 2011); Emily Hallock (UCLA 2013); Megan Gallagher (UCLA 2014); Liza Taylor (UCLA 2015); Justin Jennings (UCLA Philosophy 2015); Arash Davari (UCLA 2016); Beltran Undurraga (UCLA 2016); John Branstetter (2017); Susan Wiksten (UCLA Education 2018); Caleb Miller (UCSB 2018); Ziyaad Bhorat (UCLA 2022); Alex Diones (UCLA 2022); David Soper (UCLA current); Hamni Park (UW Madison current); Phillip Pinnell (UW Madison current); Garrett Jones (UW Madison current); Rebecca Anderson (UW current).

Awards: Honored Instructor (UW Madison), Fall 2023.

EXTRA-UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-Editor, *Political Theory*, SAGE Press, 2020-23.

Articles reviewed for: **Political Theory; American Political Science Review; American Political Thought; The Review of Politics; Political Research Quarterly; History of Political Thought; Constellations; Journal of Religion; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; Law, Culture & the Humanities; Philosophical Papers; Political Studies; Polity; Theory & Event; New Political Science; Stanford Law Review; European Journal of Political Theory; Mosaic; Journal of Philosophical Research.**

Tenure/promotion referee for: **Bucknell University (1999); Boston University (2001); University of Michigan (2006, 2012); UC Santa Barbara (2007, 2017); UC**

Santa Cruz (2009); Johns Hopkins University (2008); Clarkson University (2009), University of Massachusetts, Boston (2010); Princeton University (2011); Indiana University (2011); University of Memphis (2011, 2016); University of Colorado (2012); Georgia State University (2012); University of Utah (2015); Columbia University (2017); Cornell University (2018); University of Pennsylvania (2023); University of Oregon (2024).

Books reviewed for: **Princeton UP, Oxford UP, UChicago UP, Routledge, Bloomsbury, Penn State P, Columbia UP, Palgrave Macmillan.**

Politics, Literature & the Arts, APSA, Executive Council, 2020-23

APT Standing Committee on Mentoring and Professional Development, 2019-20.
Book Proposal Workshop Subcommittee.

MPSA Normative PT – Review of Politics Best Paper Award Committee, 2020.

Foundations of Political Theory First Book Award, Committee Chair, APSA 2017.

Division Chair, Politics, Literature & Film, APSA 2017.

Division Chair, Politics, Literature & Film, WPSA 2016.

ACLS Faculty Fellowship Referee, 2012.

Division Co-Chair (with Lori Marso), Foundations of Political Theory, APSA 2011.

External Thesis Assessor, University of Queensland, 2010.

College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs, 2009.

David Easton Award Committee, Foundations Division of APSA, 2007-8.

Spitz Book Prize Committee, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, 2007-10.

Fellowship Referee, ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Completion Grant, January 2007.

Swarthmore College, Department Review Committee, Spring 2014; External Honors Examiner in Modern Political Theory, May 2002 and May 2005.

Presenter, American Council of Learned Societies Conference, Panel on Recently-Tenured Faculty, Fall 2000.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UW-Madison:

Graduate Admissions, 2023-24.
Chair's Advisory, 2023-24.
PT Workshop Coordinator, 2023-24.
PEPP Steering Committee, 2023-4.
Graduate Committee, 2022-4.

UCLA:

Political Theory Field Chair/Workshop Coordinator, 2005-7, 2009-13, 2020-1.
Undergraduate Task Force (Law), 2020-21.
Law and Philosophy Committee (Law), 2020-21, Spring Chair.
Ad hoc Tenure Committee (Law), 2020.
Faculty Grants Program Committee, 2020.
CAP Ad Hoc Committee Chair, 2019.
Executive Committee Chair (Political Science), 2016-19.
Graduate Admissions Committee (Political Science), 2018-19.
Modern Thought Cluster Coordinator, 2017-18.
Chair-Designate of Political Science (three cases).
Law and Philosophy Committee (Law), 2016-18.
Graduate Studies Committee (Law), 2016-18.
Political Theory Workshop Co-Chair, 2017-18.
Ad hoc Full Professor Committee Chair (Political Science), 2017.
GRM Review Committee (Grad Division), 2017.
College Faculty Executive Committee, 2015-16.
Graduate Admissions Committee Chair, 2015-16.
Distinguished Professor Review Committee Chair, 2015-16.
Ad hoc Tenure Committee (Law), 2014-15, 2015-16.
Graduate Council, 2013-2014.
Ad hoc Tenure Committee (Political Science), 2013-14.
Political Theory Search Committee, 2013-14
Director of the Law and Philosophy Program, Fall 2012.
Ad hoc Tenure Committee (Law), 2012-13.
Department Executive Committee Chair, 2011-3.
Department Graduate Admissions Committee, 2009-11, 16-17.
Department Executive Committee, 2007-9.
Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, 2007-9.
Department Development Committee, 2006-8.
Department Merit Review Committee, 2006-8.
Department Graduate Recruitment Committee, 2006-7.
UCLA Legislative Assembly, Department Representative, 2006-9.
UCLA Academic Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, 2006-8.
Graduate Studies Committee, 2005-13.
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2005-7.
Ad hoc Step Promotion Committee, Fall 2005.

University of Virginia:

CP/IR Search Committee, 2004-5.
Tenure Review Committee, 2004-5
Associate Chair, Politics, 2000-3.
Political Theory Search Committees (chair and member of different searches), 2000-01.
Interdepartmental Chair Search Committee (PPL program), 2000-01.
GFA Department Chair Search Committee, 1999-00.
Tenure Review Committee, 1999-00.
Political & Social Thought Program, Board Member, 1998-.
Forum for Contemporary Thought, Director, 1999-2000; Board Member, 1998-.
Admissions & Financial Aid Committee, 1998-9.
Acting Undergraduate Director, 1998.
Graduate Placement Director, 1997-8.
First/Second Year Advisor, 1997-8, 2002-03.
Political Theory Search Committee, 1997.
Graduate Committee, 1997-.
Associate Undergraduate Advisor, 1995-96.
Undergraduate Assessment Committee, 1994-95.
Self-Study Group in Political Theory, 1994-.
Library Liaison Officer, 1994-96.
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