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CURRENT POST

Associate Professor, University of California, Davis, Department of
Political Science, July 2018 –

U.C. Davis Chancellor's Fellow 2019–2024

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis, Department of
Political Science, July 2011 – June 2018

Full-time Lecturer, University of California, Davis, Department of
Political Science, July 2010 – June 2011

*Harper-Schmidt Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, and
Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences Collegiate
Division*, University of Chicago September 2007 – August 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, University of
California, Berkeley, December 2007

Dissertation: *The Turn: Plato, Kant, and Heidegger on the Encounter
with the Ground of Obligation*

Committee: Professors Philippe Nonet (Chair), Christopher Kutz,
Samuel Scheffler (Philosophy and J.S.P), and Wendy Brown
(Political Science)

B.A. (Hons. First Class), LL.B. (Hons. First Class equivalent),
University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, May 1999

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books

*EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSIBILITY: POLITICS BEYOND THE MORAL
CALCULUS*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015)

First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, American
Political Science Association, 2015 (co-recipient)

Reviewed in *The Times Literary Supplement* March 25 2016, p. 26;
Choice May 2016; and *Survival* Vol. 28 (3) May 2016

Subject of critical dialogue with Antonio Y. Vázquez-Arroyo in
Perspectives on Politics Vol. 15 (4) November 2017, pp. 1108-113

Articles

- “Drawing Rein: Shame and Reverence in Plato’s Law-bound Polity and Ours” *Political Theory*, Vol. 46(3) June 2018, 331–356
- “Bureaucratic Passions,” *Journal of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Vol. 15(1) February 2019, 14-29
- “Max Weber and the Ethos of Politics Beyond Calculation,” *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 108 (1) February 2014, 169-181
- “Speaking Faith to Modern Law,” *Journal of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Vol. 9 (1) February 2013, 26-38
- “The Extraordinary Categorical Imperative,” *Political Theory*, Vol. 39 (2) April 2011, 234-260
- “The Ethical Value of Red Tape: The Role of Specialized Institutions for Ensuring Accountability in NSW,” *Australian Journal of Public Administration*, Vol. 58 (1) March 1999 (with Carmel Niland)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Book review of Ella Myers, *WORLDLY ETHICS: DEMOCRATIC POLITICS AND CARE FOR THE WORLD*, *Political Theory*, Vol. 44 (4) August 2016, 589-593
- Book review of Patchen Markell, *BOUND BY RECOGNITION*, *Journal of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Vol. 2 (2) June 2006
- With Garth Nettheim, *The Recognition of Aboriginal Customary Law in the Northern Territory: Past Proposals, Current Debates and Future Options*, Indigenous Law Centre, University of New South Wales, April 1999

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- “Living (together) with the Consequences of Value Struggle” (forthcoming)
- With Loren Goldman, “Faith Against Distraction: James and Dewey on Political Action” (article-length manuscript)
- “Task in Nietzsche’s *Askêsis*” (article-length manuscript)
- “Academic Faiths” (article-length manuscript)
- New book project, *PASSING BY*: An investigation of the challenge of cohabitation in conditions of difference via an engagement with Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* (in progress)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

- Chancellor's Fellow, 2019-2024 (\$25,000 grant for Outstanding Early Career Faculty)
- Foundations of Political Theory (Organized Section of the American Political Science Association), First Book Award, co-recipient 2015
- U.C. Davis Publication Assistance Fund Award, Spring 2015
- Hellman Fellow, 2014 – 2015 (\$25,000 grant for second book project)
- Kadish Center for Law, Morality and Public Affairs Fellowship, 2002-2003
- U.C. Berkeley Academic Progress Award, Spring 2003
- U.C. Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2001-2002
- Fulbright Postgraduate Student Award, 1999
- University of New South Wales University Medal for Political Science, 1997
- School of Political Science Honors Year Prize for Best Performance in Political Science Honors, University of New South Wales, 1997

INVITED TALKS

- “Beyond Belief: Passing by Others in Nietzsche’s *Zarathustra*,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania January 2019; Political Theory Workshop, Yale University February 2019; Political Theory Workshop Cornell University May 2019; Political Theory Workshop University of Virginia September 2019; Carleton College Lecture October 2019; and presented as the 2020 Stanley Lecture in the Department of Political Science at U.C. Riverside
- “Drawing Rein: Shame and Reverence in Plato’s Law-Bound Polity and Ours.” University of California, Hastings College of Law, Faculty Colloquium, San Francisco April 2018
- “Revisiting the ‘Sacrifice of the Intellect’: Weber on Late Modern Religiosity and Politics,” Plenary address at the Annual conference of the U.K. Association for Political Theory, Oxford, January 2018
- Comments for book manuscript workshop on Joshua Cherniss’ *Tempered Liberalism*, Department of Government, Georgetown University, June 2018
- “Introductory remarks” for seminar on *EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSIBILITY: POLITICS BEYOND THE MORAL CALCULUS*, as part of the “Compromise Project,” Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, October 2016 (with commentary by Anders Berg-Sørensen, Mika Ojakangas, David Owen, and Christian Rostbøll)

- “Max Weber on Being a Politician,” lecture to undergraduates,
Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, October
2016
- “Neither Religious nor Spiritual: Nietzsche’s Illiberal, Faith-based Self-
Fashioning,” Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political
Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 2016
- “Neither Religious nor Spiritual: Nietzsche’s Illiberal, Faith-based Self-
Fashioning,” Department of Rhetoric Colloquium, University of
California, Berkeley, March 2016
- “Morality’s Debt Perspective,” Harvard Political Theory Colloquium,
November 2014
- “Morality as a Way of Seeing,” General Aspects of Legal Analysis
 (“GALA”) Seminar, Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley,
September 2013
- “The Calls of Conscience and Calculation,” Law and Contemporary
Theory (Townsend Center) Working Group, Department of Rhetoric,
University of California, Berkeley, November 2013
- “Plato on why Philosophers should Rule,” Politics Department
Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, February 2011
- “The *Grundlegung* as Turn,” Political Theory Workshop, Department of
Political Science, University of Chicago, May 2008

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Call to Consistency in Max Weber’s ‘Politics as a Vocation’” for the
roundtable “Leading the People: On the Centennial of Max Weber’s
‘Politics as a Vocation’” at the annual meeting of the American Political
Science Association, Washington D.C. September 2019
- With Sanjay Narayan, “Cost-Benefit Climate” at the annual meeting of
the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, April 2019
- Discussant for panel “Platonic Legacies,” at the annual meeting of the
American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2018
- With Loren Goldman, “Democratic Theorists’ Faith in Faith” at the
annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San
Francisco, March 2018
- “Revisiting Max Weber’s Sacrifice of the Intellect” at the annual meeting
for the Association for Political Theory, Ann Arbor, October 2017
- Chair for workshop panel on “Political Judgment” at the annual meeting
for the Association for Political Theory, Ann Arbor, October 2017
- “Don’t Be a Puppet: The FBI on How to be Reasonably Religious” at the
at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association,

San Francisco, September 2017

Discussant for panel on Alexander Livingston's *DAMN GREAT EMPIRES!:*
WILLIAM JAMES AND THE POLITICS OF PRAGMATISM at the annual
meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver,
Canada, April 2017

Discussant for panel "Judgment and Responsibility" at the annual
meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia,
September 2016

"The Truth about Academic Faiths," presented at the annual meeting of
the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 2016.
Also presented at the annual meeting of the American Political
Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2016

Discussant for panel "Ancient Political Theory" at the annual meeting of
the Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 2016

Discussant for panel on Joel Schlosser's *WHAT WOULD SOCRATES DO?*
SELF-EXAMINATION, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND THE POLITICS OF
PHILOSOPHY at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science
Association, Las Vegas, April 2015.

"Was Nietzsche the Religion-Founding Type?," presented at the annual
meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas,
March 2015. Also presented at the annual meeting of the Association
for Political Theory, University of Colorado, Boulder, October 2015

"Plato, Law, Awe," presented at the annual meeting of the American
Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015. Also
presented at the annual meeting of Association for Political Theory,
University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2014; at the University of
California, Davis Political Theory Workshop, May 2014; and at the
annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and
the Humanities, University of Virginia, School of Law, March 2014

Discussant for panel "Political Theory and the Persuasive Power of
Style," at the annual meeting of the American Political Science
Association, Chicago, August 2013

"Faith without a Sacrifice of the Intellect," presented at the annual
meeting of the Western Political Science Association Hollywood,
California, March 2013

"Max Weber and the Ethos of Politics Beyond Calculation," presented at
the annual conference of the Association for Political Theory,
Columbia, South Carolina, October 2012; and at the University of
California, Davis Political Theory Workshop, June 2012

"Seeing Like a Christian," presented at the annual meeting of the
Western Political Science Association San Antonio, Texas, April 2011

- “What Kierkegaard would have said about Joel Handler’s ‘Post-Modernism, Protest, and the New Social Movements,’” presented at roundtable on Joel Handler's 1992 Law and Society Association Presidential Address, "Post-modernism, Protest and New Social Movements," at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 2010
- “Speaking Faith to Modern Law” presented at the University of Chicago’s Society of Fellows Weissbourd Conference, April 2010
- “Here I stand, I can do no other”: Reading *Darkness at Noon* with *Politics as a Vocation*,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 2008
- Discussant for panel “Plato and the Platonic Tradition” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2008
- “What is a Call? The Problem of the Will in Heidegger’s Account of a Conversion,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006
- “Saving the Sacred from Technique: A Reading of Immanuel Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005
- “Plato on *Paideia* under the Rule of Law,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Austin, Texas, March 2005
- “Plato on Law and Conversion,” presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Oakland, California, March 2005
- “Post-Cold War Constitutional Preambles and Approaches to Political Foundation,” presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Budapest, July 2001

COURSES TAUGHT

- U.C. Davis Graduate*: Nietzsche on Responsibility Beyond Good and Evil; Plato on Law; Rational Religions Old and New; Nietzsche and Religion; Max Weber on Religion and Politics; Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*; Political Theory Core Seminar; Max Weber: Pluralism in a Disenchanted World
- U.C. Davis Undergraduate*: Ancient Political Thought; Late Modern Political Thought; Plato’s *Republic*; Nietzsche’s Critique of Modernity; Politics of God; Nietzsche’s *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

University of Chicago Undergraduate: Classics of Social and Political Thought Part One (Ancient); Classics of Social and Political Thought, Part Two (Early Modern/Modern); Classics of Social and Political Thought, Part Three (Modern/Late Modern)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Executive Editorial Committee *Political Theory*, 2020—

Member, Spitz Prize Committee (for best book in democratic and/or liberal theory), International Conference for the Study of Political Thought August 2019—

Board member Foundations of Political Theory, Organized Section of the American Political Science Association September 2019—

Foundations of Political Theory Program Co-Chair for 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association

Member, Association for Political Theory 2016 Program Committee

Manuscript reviewer, University of Chicago Press

Article reviewer: *American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Contemporary Political Theory; Journal of International Political Theory; Journal of Politics; Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities; Political Theory; Polity; South African Journal of Philosophy*

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Undergraduate Advisor (2015-2016)

Graduate Council – Graduate Student Support Subcommittee (2015-2016)

Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2016-2017, 2018-2019)

Chair's Ad Hoc Committee (2018-2019)

Political Theory Exam Committee (2011-19; 2013-14, and 2018-2019 Chair)

Speakers and Visitors Committee (2011-2013; 2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017)

Graduate Affairs Committee (2012-2013; 2015-2016)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS: History of political thought; Contemporary political theory; Cohabitation in religious difference; Secularism; Legal theory and late modern law; Political responsibility and ethics; Critiques of late modernity