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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Stanford University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Ethics in Society
Two-year appointment (2015-2017)

Christ's College, University of Cambridge

Junior Research Fellow (Elected, 2014)
Four-year appointment (2014-2015; 2017-2020)

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Government, May 2015

Dissertation: "When the State Meets the Street: Moral Agency and Discretionary Power at the Frontlines of Public Service"; Committee: Nancy Rosenblum (Chair), Michael Rosen, Peter Hall, Michael Frazer

Awarded the Robert Noxon Toppan Prize for "the best dissertation upon a subject of political science" at Harvard University in 2015

M.A., Department of Government, 2010

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, 2005

GPA: 5.0/5.0; Minors in philosophy and mathematics

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

When the State Meets the Street. Harvard University Press, Forthcoming.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

"Fieldwork in Political Theory: Five Arguments for an Ethnographic Sensibility," *British Journal of Political Science*, Accepted with minor revisions. (co-authored with Lisa Herzog)

"Adhocracy, Security, and Responsibility: Revisiting Abu Ghraib a Decade Later," *Contemporary Political Theory*, 15:1 (2016).

"Travel as Ethos: Spatial Exercises in the Work of Tony Chakar," *Grey Room*, 50 (2013).

"Abu Ghraib, the Security Apparatus, and the Performativity of Power," *American Ethnologist*, 37:2 (2010). (co-authored with Steven Caton)

ENCYCLOPAEDIA ENTRIES AND BOOK REVIEWS

"Security," *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, ed. Hilary Callan, Forthcoming.

"Going out in Dahiya," review of *Leisurely Islam: Negotiating Geography and Morality in Shi'ite South Beirut*, by Lara Deeb and Mona Harb, *The Legal Agenda* (2015, March 17).

Review of *Every Twelve Seconds: Industrialized Slaughter and the Politics of Sight*, by Timothy Pachirat. *Contemporary Political Theory*, 13:2 (2014).

"The Two Bodies of the Bureaucrat," review of *The Bureaucrat and the Poor*, by Vincent Dubois. *Public Administration Review*, 72:2 (2012).

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDITED BOOK

Architecture and Political Theory, co-edited with Duncan Bell. In preparation.

Including essays by Josiah Ober and Barry Weingast, Jan-Werner Mueller, Nancy Rosenblum, Margaret Kohn, Ronald Beiner, Fred Rush, Jeff Malpas, Felicity Scott, and Antoine Picon.

ARTICLES

"Moral Dispositions and Discretionary Power," under review.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

"Democracy and City Life: In Praise of the Balcony," draft completed for *Architecture and Political Theory*, edited by Bernardo Zacka and Duncan Bell.

"Ethics of Public Space," in preparation for the *Routledge Handbook of Ethics & Public Policy*, edited by Annabelle Lever and Andrei Poama. For submission in March 2017.

"Street-Level Bureaucracy and Democratic Theory: Empirical Findings, Normative Quandaries," in preparation for the *Handbook of American Public Administration*, edited by George Frederickson and Edmund Stazyk. For submission in March 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Robert Noxon Toppan prize for the best dissertation on a subject of political science, Harvard University, 2015.

Junior Research Fellowship, Christ's College, University of Cambridge, 2014-2015 and 2017-2020.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University, 2015-2017.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Values and Public Policy, Center for Human Values and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 2014-2016. (Declined)

Pre-doctoral Visiting Scholarship, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2013-2014.

Mellon Interdisciplinary Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, 2013-2014.

Dissertation Research Fellowship, Program on the Study of the American Republic, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2012-2013.

Graduate Fellowship in Ethics, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2011-2012.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Spring 2013.

Harold Laski Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2007-2009.

Comparative Literature and Society Fellowship, Columbia University, 2007. (Declined)

Letter of Recognition for outstanding academic achievement, Software Engineering, 2004; Solid-State Chemistry, 2001, MIT.

Tau Beta Pi (National Engineering Honor Society), inducted, 2003.

Association Philippe Jabre Scholarship (Covering full undergraduate tuition for four years), 2001-2005.

Regents' and Chancellors' Scholarship, UC Berkeley, 2001. (Declined)

Full Merit Scholarship, American University of Beirut, 2001. (Declined)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKER (selected)

"When the Rules Run Out: Everyday Casuistry and Informal Accountability at the Frontlines of the State"

Conference on "Street-Level Research in the Employment and Social Policy Area," Aalborg University, November 2015.

"Impossible Situations: On the Breakdown of Moral Integrity at the Frontlines of Public Service"

Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, October 2015

International Conference on Public Policy, Milan, July 2015

Political Theory Research Seminar, University of Oxford, May 2015.

Workshop in Political Philosophy, University of Cambridge, March 2015.

"Bureaucracy and Moral Agency: Practices of the Self at the Frontlines of Public Service"

Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of Cambridge, December 2014.

"Three Pathologies of Street-Level Work"

Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory (APT), University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2014.

"When the State Meets the Street: Moral Agency and Discretionary Power at the Frontlines of Public Service"

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington D.C., August 2014.

Research Workshop for Visiting Scholars, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, April 2014.

"Moral Psychology and Practices of the Self"

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Chicago, August 2013.

“The Indifferent, the Enforcer, and the Care-Giver”

Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, November 2012.

“Street-Level Discretion”

Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA), Boston, November 2012.

“Self-Recognition, Self-Transformation, and Self-Fashioning in the Later Work of Michel Foucault”

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April 2012.

Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, April 2012.

Annual Workshop in European Philosophy, Harvard University, December 2011.

“Improvisation and Practical Judgment in the Security Apparatus: A Case Study in the Bureaucratization of Arbitrariness”

Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory (APT), University of Notre Dame, October 2011.

Conference on “Conscripted Subjects: Disciplined Society, Critique, and the Humanities,” UCLA, February 2011.

Conference on “Biopolitics Across Borders: Ideas and Practices,” Columbia University, April 2010.

“The Case of an Adhocracy Gone Wrong”

Conference on “Soldiering: The Afterlife of a Modern Experience,” Harvard University, April 2011.

“Travel as Ethos: Reconstituting Beirut through Movement”

Political Ecology Workshop, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, April 2011.

Conference on “Travel, Boundaries, and Sojourns Through the Unfamiliar,” Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University, April 2009.

“The Death Rattle of the Historical Insignificants: Revisiting the History of the Situationist International”

Duke Conversations, Duke University, October 2008.

RESPONDENT (selected)

Lisa Disch, “Radical Democracy: The Silent Partner in Political Representation’s Constructivist Turn”

Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, October 2016

Nancy Rosenblum, “Good Neighbors”

Symposium in honor of Nancy Rosenblum, Harvard University, May 2016

James Fishkin, “Deliberative Pathways in Democratic Design”

Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, February 2016

Hélène Landemore, “Beyond the Fact of Disagreement? The Epistemic Turn in Deliberative Democracy”

Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University, April 2014.

David Estlund, “Human Nature and the Limits (if any) of Political Philosophy”

Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University, February 2011.

Michael Rosen, “History and Freedom in German Idealism”

2010 Isaiah Berlin Lectures, Political Theory Colloquium, Harvard University, May 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The Ethics and Politics of Collective Action, Primary Instructor, Spring 2016

Designed syllabus; formulated assignments; led seminar discussion; graded all written work.

Architecture, Space, and Politics, Primary Instructor, Spring 2017 (Upcoming)

Designed syllabus.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Power, Primary Instructor, Seminar for advanced undergraduates, Spring 2013

Designed syllabus; formulated assignments; led seminar discussion; graded all written work.

Average student rating for course: 4.8/5; for teaching: 4.8/5.

Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.

History and Freedom in German Idealism, Teaching Fellow, Prof. Michael Rosen, Fall 2010 and 2012

Led seminar discussion; contributed to the formulation of assignments; graded all written work.

Average student rating for teaching: 4.8/5 in 2010; 5/5 in 2012

Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching twice in 2010 and 2012.

Foundations of Political Theory, Teaching Fellow, Prof. Eric Beerbohm, Spring 2011

Led seminar discussion; contributed to the formulation of assignments; graded all written work.

Average student rating for teaching: 4.2/5.

The Past and Future of the Left, Teaching Fellow, Prof. Roberto Unger (Harvard Law School), Spring 2010

Led seminar discussion; contributed to the formulation of assignments; graded all written work.

Average student rating for teaching: 4.7/5.

Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.

SENIOR THESES ADVISED AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Maggie Teets, 2015-2016, "Bigger Bodies: Institutional and Individual Responsibilities for Healthy Lifestyles"

Jacob Waggoner, 2015-2016, "On the Ethics of Compromise in Social Movements"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Ethical Perspectives*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, Harvard University Press (x 2).

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

French (Native); Arabic (Native); English (Fluent); Spanish (Intermediate)

JAVA, C, Lisp, SQL, R, SPSS, Matlab, Html, Excel

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
American Society for Public Administration
American Anthropological Association

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

McKinsey & Company

Business Analyst, New York, 2005-2007

Advised corporate clients on a range of business issues (including growth strategy, reorganization, customer management, and new market entry) across economic sectors (consumer finance, investment banking, insurance, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals) and geographical locations (USA, UK, France, Greece, Dubai, Saudi Arabia)

REFERENCES

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