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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Columbia University , New York, NY Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Political Economy	2025–present
	Georgetown University , Washington, DC Adjunct Professor, Department of Government	2023–2025
	Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Government	2023–2024
PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	United States Commission on Civil Rights , Washington, DC Social Scientist & Civil Rights Analyst	2024–2025
EDUCATION	Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Ph.D., Government M.A., Government <i>Examination Fields</i> : Political Theory (major), American Politics (minor) <i>Committee</i> : Jill Frank (chair), Patchen Markell, Aziz Rana, Jason Frank	December 2022 May 2017
	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA Exchange Scholar, Department of Government	2020–2022
	University of Chicago , Chicago, IL M.A., Social Sciences	2013
	Asbury University , Wilmore, KY B.A., English Literature and History	2009
BOOK PROJECT	<i>Made by Money: Politics, Economics, and the Self in Capitalist Modernity</i>	
PUBLICATIONS	Swanson, Jacob, and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein. “From the Battlefield to Behind Bars: Rethinking the Relationship Between the Military and Prison Industrial Complexes.” <i>Daedalus</i> (forthcoming 2025).	
	Swanson, Jacob. (2023). “ Beyond Governance and Prevention: On the Use(s) of Aristotle for Theorizing Money’s Politics. ” <i>Political Theory</i> 52(4): 605–630.	
	Swanson, Jacob, and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein. (2021). “ Turning Over the Keys: Public Prisons, Private Equity, and the Normalization of Markets Behind Bars. ” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 19(4): 1247–1257.	
	Swanson, Jacob. (2021). “ The Use of Money in Society: Friedrich Hayek’s Social Work. ” <i>Political Theory</i> 49(5): 801–827.	

	Katzenstein, Mary Fainsod, Nolan Bennett, and Jacob Swanson. (2020). “Alabama is US: Concealed Fines in Jails and Prisons.” <i>UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review</i> , Volume 4.	
WORKING PAPERS	Katzenstein, Peter J., and Jacob Swanson. “Para-humanism and Uncertainty: Anthropocene and Artificial Intelligence.” <i>Diacritics</i> (under review). “Hamilton’s Debt: On the Ideological Origins of Public Credit and Private Credit Markets” “‘We Are Part of the Nature We Seek to Understand’: Karen Barad and the Politics of Self-Observation”	
GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<i>Carpenter Fellowship</i>	2021–2022
	Department of Government, Cornell University	
	<i>Sage Fellowship</i>	2020–2022
	College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University	
	<i>Michele Sicca Research Grant</i>	2017
	Cornell Institute for European Studies	
	<i>Supplemental Departmental Funding for Summer Research</i>	2017
	Department of Government, Cornell University	
	<i>International Research Travel Grant</i>	2017
	Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies	
	<i>Adam Smith Fellowship</i>	2016–2017
	The Mercatus Center at George Mason University	
	<i>Best Paper Award for Second-Year Graduate Students: “Reporting and Rendering: Constituting Monetary and Political Orders in Alexander Hamilton’s ‘Report on Public Credit’”</i>	2016
	Department of Government, Cornell University	
	<i>Graduate Reading Group Grant</i>	2015–2017
	Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University	
	<i>Brett de Bary Interdisciplinary Mellon Writing Group Grant</i>	2015–2016
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Society for the Humanities, Cornell University	
	<i>Sage Fellowship</i>	2014–2015
	College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University	
	Department of Government, Georgetown University , Washington, DC	
	<i>Adjunct Professor</i>	2023–2025
	GOVT 4816 The Politics of Race and Capitalism	
	GOVT 3828 Can’t Pay, Won’t Pay: The Politics of Debt	
	Department of Government, Cornell University , Ithaca, NY	
	<i>Instructor</i>	2017, 2018

	GOVT 1101 Power and Politics: Just Words? Writings About Justice and Inequality (First-Year Writing Seminar)	
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2015–2022
	GOVT 1111 Introduction to American Politics	
	GOVT 3012 The Politics of Poverty in the U.S	
	GOVT 3032 The Politics of Public Policy in the U.S	
	GOVT 3082 American Political Campaigns	
	GOVT 3112 The U.S. Congress and the Legislative Process	
	GOVT 3141 Prisons	
	Belmont Abbey College , Charlotte, NC	
	<i>Adjunct Instructor</i>	2014
	PO211 Classic Texts I: Ancient and Medieval	
	PO212 Classic Texts II: Renaissance and Modern	
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	<i>Politics, Sandwiches, and Comments Workshop</i> , Cornell University	2020
	<i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2019, 2020
	<i>Association for Political Theory Annual Conference</i>	2018, 2020
	<i>The Political Theory Workshop</i> , Cornell University	2019
	<i>Histories of Capitalism 2.0</i> , Cornell University	2017
ACADEMIC SERVICE	<i>Diacritics</i>	
	<i>Graduate Editorial Board Member</i>	2021–2022
	Department of Government, Cornell University	
	<i>Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop</i>	2017–2018
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Department of Government, Cornell University	
	<i>Research Assistant</i>	2019–2021
	Prof. Alexander Livingston, for edited volume of James Tully’s essays (Routledge 2022)	
SKILLS	Languages: French (reading), Spanish (intermediate)	
	Technical: Applied AI tools for research and writing; prompt design; workflow optimization	
	Pedagogical: Teaching on AI, human–AI ethics, and AI in educational practice	