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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Washington And Lee University

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2021-Present

Department of Politics

Harvard University

Democracy Visiting Fellow, 2019-2021

The Roy and Lila Ash Center for
Democratic Governance and Innovation

University of California, Santa Barbara

Visiting Lecturer, 2018-19
Teaching Associate, 2016-18

Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara

Doctor of Philosophy, 2018

Department of Political Science
Certif. in College and University Teaching
UC Regents Special Fellowship, 2011-16

Fields: Political Theory and American Politics
Committee: Andrew Norris (chair), P.E. Digeser,
and Joshua Foa Dienstag (UCLA)

Dissertation: "Living Under Post-Democracy:
Political Subjectivity in Fleeting Democratic
Times"

University of Chicago

Master of Arts, 2010

Division of the Social Sciences

Brown University

Bachelor of Arts, 2009

The College
Philosophy and Modern Culture & Media

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization

Modern and Contemporary Political Theory, Democratic Theory, Democratic Realism,
Political Realism, Thomas Hobbes

Areas of Competence

History of Political Thought, Ancient/Classical Political Theory, Conservative Political
Thought, American Political Thought, American Politics, Political Science Pedagogy

WRITING AND RESEARCH

Book

Living under Post-Democracy: Democratic Citizenship in Fleeting Democratic Times
Routledge Advances in Democratic Theory (March 2020)

Papers (Peer-Reviewed)

"'A State of Lesser Hope': The Servant in Hobbes's Natural Commonwealth"
Hobbes Studies 31, no. 2 (Oct 2018): 147-165. doi: [10.1163/18750257-03102002](https://doi.org/10.1163/18750257-03102002)
Winner of the 2017 *Hobbes Studies* Essay Competition

"'What is to be done' when there is nothing to do?: Realism and Political Inequality"
Constellations 25, no. 4 (Dec 2018): 602-613. doi: [10.1111/1467-8675.12320](https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8675.12320)

"'When are we ever going to have to use this?': Discussing Programmatic Learning Outcomes in the Classroom" with Margarita Safronova and Colin Kuehl. *Journal of Political Science Education* Vol. 15, Issue 4 (2019): 421-432. doi: [10.1080/15512169.2018.1493998](https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2018.1493998)

Papers (Invited)

"2016 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference Track Summary: Teaching How to Teach" with Colin Brown, Levente Szentkiralyi, Joshua Dean, and Jake Eschenburg
PS Political Science and Politics 49, no. 3 (July 2016): 583-4.
doi: [10.1017/S1049096516001062](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096516001062)

Papers (Under Review)

"Reading Mosca under Trump: Lessons on Demagoguery from Italian Elite Theory"

In Preparation

Democratic Realism: A Normative Theory of Elite Democracy (book project)

"'A Very Modern and American Type of Ambivalence': Conceptions of Democratic Candor in David Foster Wallace and Jeffrey Green" (paper)

"Varieties of Realism in Contemporary Political Theory" (paper)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Manzer-Wesson Award for Best Peer-Reviewed Paper
University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2018

First Prize in the annual *Hobbes Studies* Essay Competition
Hobbes Studies, 2017

Manzer-Wesson Award for Best Conference Paper
University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2017

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award
University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2016

Dissertation Fellowship
University of California, Santa Barbara Graduate Division, 2016

Travel Grant
APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, 2016

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award
University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2015

Special Fellowship

University of California Regents, 2011-2016

Kenneth Baker '69 Memorial Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis

Brown University, Dept. of Modern Culture and Media, 2009

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

"Reading Mosca under Trump: Lessons on Demagoguery from Italian Elite Theory"

Ash Center Working Paper Series, Cambridge, MA, 2020

"Deliberating with Deplorables: Democratic Discourse in the Age of Trump"

American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2018

"In Defense of Fighting Dirty: Better Call Saul and the Ethics of Democratic Practice"

Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2018

"'A State of Lesser Hope': The Servant in Hobbes's Natural Commonwealth"

Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, 2017

"Democratic Obstacles to Post-Democratic Theory"

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2017

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017

"'When Are We Ever Going to Have to Use This?': Discussing Programmatic Learning Outcomes in the Classroom"

APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Long Beach, CA, 2017

American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, 2017

"What Is to Be Done When There Is Nothing to Do?: Realism and Political Inequality"

Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA, 2016

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2016

"The Pedagogical Apprentice: Self-Perceptions Teaching Efficacy Among Political Science Graduate Students"

APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Portland, OR, 2016

"The Consequences of Modern Liberty: Constant and the Problematic Conditions of Democratic Political Participation"

Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, 2015

"Necessary Imaginations: Spinoza and the Question of Critique"

Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, 2012

TEACHING

Instructor of Record, University of California, Santa Barbara

Introduction to Political Philosophy

Fall 2018; Instructor rating: 1.7 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Summer 2018; Instructor rating: 1.5 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Summer 2017; Instructor rating: 1.4 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Summer 2016; Instructor rating: 1.3 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Ancient/Classical Political Theory

Winter 2019; Instructor rating: 1.3 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Winter 2018; Instructor rating: 1.1 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Spring 2017; Instructor rating: 1.2 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Winter 2016; Instructor rating: 1.5 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Modern Political Theory

Summer 2018; Instructor rating: 1.4 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Contemporary Political Theory

Winter 2019; Instructor rating: 1.2 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Fall 2017; Instructor rating: 1.2 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Summer 2017; Instructor rating: 1.2 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Democratic Theory and Its Critics

Fall 2018; Instructor rating: 1.3 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Spring 2018; Instructor rating: 1.3 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Conservative Political Theory

Spring 2019; Instructor rating: 1.3 (scale: 1-5, 1 is best)

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara

Introduction to Political Theory; Introduction to International Relations; Ancient/Classical Political Theory; Modern Political Theory; Contemporary Political Theory; Philosophies of Capitalism; Freedom; Practicum for Teaching Assistants

Independent Studies Directed, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Logic of Democratic Citizenship; Technology, Politics, and Meaning in the 21st Century; Philosophies of Freedom in the Context of LGBTQ and Reproductive Rights

Teaching Assistant, Brown University

Spinoza and Us: Ethics, Politics, and Religion

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Graduate Teaching Programmatic Learning Outcomes Assessment Coordinator

University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2017

High School Mentor

University of California, Santa Barbara Research Mentorship Program, 2016

Lead Teaching Assistant

University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2015-17

Panelist and Presenter

University of California, Santa Barbara Teaching Assistant Orientation, 2015

Panelist and Volunteer

Du Bois Higher Education Event for First Gen. College Students, 2014-16

Diversity Committee

University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2013-14

Graduate Student Association Secretary

University of California, Santa Barbara Dept. of Political Science, 2012-13

Ad Hoc Referee for *Theory and Event*, *Political Studies*, & *Constellations*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

LANGUAGE

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REFERENCES

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