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POSITIONS

Brown University, Associate Professor of Political Science (with tenure), 2018-present
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2013-2018
Faculty Fellow *Watson Institute for International Studies* 2015-17
Faculty Associate *Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice* 2016
Post-Doctoral Research Associate, *Political Theory Project*, 2011-12

Edmund & Lily Safra Center for Ethics, Fellow-in-Residence, 2023-24

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, William Bentinck-Smith Fellow, 2016-17

Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard College
Visiting Lecturer 2019-2020, College Fellow 2010-11, Teaching Fellow 2008-10

McMaster University, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2012-13

EDUCATION

Columbia University, Ph.D with distinction, M. Phil. 2006, Ph.D 2010
Supervisors: Jean Cohen, Nadia Urbinati, Ira Katznelson

Oxford University, Frank Knox Fellow, Completed first year of M. Phil. in Politics,
2001- 2002, Two distinctions in Political Theory exams.

Harvard University B.A. in Social Studies, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2001

PUBLICATIONS

Books

From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth: Labor and Republican Liberty in the Nineteenth Century, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
Translated into Spanish and Korean.

Politics Without Sovereignty: A Critique of Contemporary International Relations, eds. Philip Cunliffe, Chris Bickerton, Alex Gourevitch, London: Routledge, 2007.

Articles in Peer-Review Journals

“Schumpeter’s Political Theory of the Entrepreneur” *forthcoming* in special issue of *European Legacy* on ‘Elite Theory’

“Strikes, Civil Rights and Radical Disobedience: From King to Debs and Back,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, May 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-022-00564-7>

“Post-Work Socialism?,” *Catalyst*, 2022, 6:2, 9-48.

“Themselves Must Strike the Blow: The Socialist Argument for Strikes and Self-Emancipation,” *Philosophical Topics*, 48:2, Fall 2020 (published 2022), 105-130.

“Freedom Now,” with Corey Robin, *Polity*, 2020, 52:3, 384-398.

“Reply to Critics,” from “Labor Republicanism: Symposium on *From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth*,” in *Political Theory*, 2020, 48:4, 496-527.

“The Right to Strike: A Radical View” *American Political Science Review*, 2018, 112:4, 905-917.

“The Basic Income Illusion” co-authored with Lucas Stanczyk, *Catalyst*, Winter, 2018, 1:4, 151-177.

“The Limits of Basic Income: The Means and Ends of Workplace Democracy,” *Basic Income Studies*, 2016, 11:1, 17-28.

“Quitting Work But Not the Job: Liberty and the Right to Strike,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 2016, 14:2, 307-323. Winner of Best Paper Award from the Foundations of Political Thought section of the American Political Science Association (2015).

“Liberty and Its Economies,” *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*, 2015, 14:4, 365-390.

“Welcome to the Dark Side: A Classical Liberal Argument for Economic Democracy,” *Critical Review*, 2014, 26:3-4, 1-16.

“Labor Republicanism and the Transformation of Work,” *Political Theory*, 2013, 41:4, 591-617.

“Debt, Freedom, and Inequality” *Philosophical Topics*, 2012, 40:1, 135-151.

“William Manning and the Political Theory of the Dependent Classes,” *Modern Intellectual History*, 2012, 9:2, 331-360.

“Labor and Republican Liberty,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, 2011, 18:3, 431-454.

“Environmentalism—Long Live the Politics of Fear,” *Public Culture*, 2010, 22:3, 411-24.

“Are Human Rights Liberal?” *Journal of Human Rights*, 2009, 8:4, 301-322.

Other Journal Publications

“The Contradictions of Progressive Constitutionalism,” *Ohio State Law Review*, 2011, 72:6, 1159-1182.

Book Chapters (selected)

“The Mismeasure of Freedom: A Critical Review of *This Life*,” in [untitled – critical responses to Martin Hagglund’s *This Life*] ed. Michael Lazarus (forthcoming).

“Domination, Free Labor and Emancipation,” (forthcoming) *Republicanism and Labor Justice*, ed Jose Luis Martí and Iñigo Gonzalez-Ricoy. London: Taylor and Francis.

“Structural Domination and Social Reproduction,” *Oxford Handbook of Republicanism* eds. Frank Lovett and Mortimer Sellers, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024).

“Marxist Critiques,” in *The Routledge Companion to Libertarianism* eds Matt Zwolinski and Benjamin Ferguson, (New York: Routledge, 2022), 593-607.

“Solidarity and Civic Virtue: Republicanism and the Politics of Emancipation in the Nineteenth Century,” in *Radical Republicanism: Recovering the Tradition’s Popular Heritage* eds. Bruno Leipold, Karma Nabulsi, and Stuart White (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).

“What is Politics Without the State? A Reply to Hadfield and Weingast,” in *NOMOS: Privatization* eds. Melissa Schwartzberg and Jack Knight (New York: New York University Press, 2019), 276-298.

“Insurgency and Liberty: The Republican Case for the Right to Strike,” in *Republicanism and The Future of Democracy* eds. Genevieve Rousseliere and Yiftah Elazar (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019).

“National Insecurities: The New Politics of the American National Interest,” in *Politics Without Sovereignty: A Critique of Contemporary International Relations*, eds. Philip Cunliffe, Chris Bickerton, Alex Gourevitch, (London: University College London, Routledge, 2007), p. 58-76

“Introduction” and “Chapter 1: Politics Without Sovereignty,” (co-author) in *Politics Without Sovereignty: A Critique of Contemporary International Relations*, eds. Philip Cunliffe, Chris Bickerton, Alex Gourevitch, (London: University College London, Routledge, 2007), p. 1-19, 20-38

Book reviews and encyclopedia entries (selected)

“Review of Geuss on Work,” *Catalyst*, 2023.

“Review Essay: Police Work: The Centrality of Labor Repression in American Political History,” *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2015, 13:3, 762-773.

In progress

Book Project 1: *Strikes: A Political Theory*. A book on what a strike is, why workers have a right to strike, and why strikes are good as such. Chapter drafts and Table of Contents available on request.

Chapter 1: Strikes, here and now

Chapter 2: The Concept of Striking: Claiming Authority to Control Production

Chapter 3: The Right to Strike

Chapter 4: What Kind of Right: Political, Moral or Legal?

Chapter 5: Good as Such: Strikes and Self-emancipation

Chapter 6: Strikes and the Ideological Bind of the Fair Contract

Book Project 2: *Blind Forces: Freedom and Submission in Political Economy*. A book on how political economists have understood the economy as a set of relations of freedom and submission.

Chapter 1: “From Smith to Hayek: The Dis-enchantment and Re-enchantment of Capitalism” draft available

Chapter 2: “Capital Personified: A Political Theory of the Entrepreneur” draft available, winner of APSA Class and Inequality 2019 Kauffman Foundation Award for Best Paper on Inclusion and Entrepreneurship *forthcoming* in special issue of *European Legacy* on ‘Elite Theory’

Chapter 3: The Profit Motive as Problem.

Chapter 4: Max Weber and the Primitive Accumulation of the Self

Chapter 5: “Paine, Property and the Contradictions of Social Democracy,” draft available

Chapter 6: “What Did Socialists Want to Socialize? From Ownership to Production,” draft available

Book Project 3: *Life’s Prime Want*. A projected book on the moral and institutional structure of shared labor socialism. First chapter, a critique of ‘post-work’ socialism and defense of necessary labor, published in *Catalyst*.

SELECTED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks and Lectures

2025

Northeastern University, *Civil Disobedience Workshop*

University of Connecticut, *Political Theory Workshop*

Wayne State University, *“The Right to Resist and Protest”* conference
CUNY, *Center for Global Ethics and Politics, Political Theory workshop*
Freie Universitat, *Legal and Political Philosophy Colloquium*

2024

Universidad de Barcelona, *Political Theory Research Group*
Sin Permiso, Posgrado
University of Leuven, *Republicanism and the Market*
New York University, *Universal Basic Income, Freedom and the Future of Work*
MIT, *Civil Discourse Project, “Is Capitalism Defensible?”*
Harvard, *Symposium on Orlando Patterson’s The Paradox of Freedom*

2023

Yale Law School, *Legal Theory Workshop*
Harvard University
 Keynote, *Graduate Political Theory Conference*
 conference on *Reclaiming Freedom*
 Social Studies 10, guest lectures on Max Weber, Karl Marx
keynote, Georgian University, conference on *Education and the Future of Work*
University of Barcelona, *Sin Permiso “Análisis del capitalismo”*
ITAM, *Political Theory Workshop*
American Historical Association Annual Conference

2022

Princeton University
 keynote *Graduate Student Political Theory Conference*
 Center for Human Values, conference on *Democracy and Socialism at*
 the turn of 20th century
 History Department, conference *The Anti-slavery Moment: Capitalism,*
 Democracy, and Abolition in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic
McGill University, *Power and Domination Workshop*
Northeastern University, *“Post-Work Socialism”*
Freiburg Institute for Basic Income Studies, *Public Seminar*
University of Barcelona, *Sin Permiso “Análisis del capitalismo”*
University of Chicago, guest lecture, *Committee on Social Thought*
Harvard University, guest lecture, *Committee for Degrees in Social Studies*

2021

University of Berlin, keynote *“Past Futures of Work,”*
University of Baltimore, conference *“Republicanism Revived”*
Texan Christian University, debate *“Capitalism v. Socialism,”*
Brandeis University, *Political Theory Workshop*

2020

Columbia University, *“Symposium on Plebeian Politics & Philosophy,”*

University Pompeu-Fabra, *PPE Group*

2014-2019

Dartmouth University

*Current Research in Social and Political Philosophy
Workshop on Economic Justice
Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Workshop*

Harvard University

*Workshop on History, Culture and Society
Political Theory Colloquium*

Yale University

*Committee for the Study of Political Thought
Commercial Republicanism Conference
Center for the Study of Representative Institutions*

University of Chicago

*Justice in Production Workshop
Human Rights Workshop
Articulating Politics book conference
Law School Workshop*

Cornell University

*Rethinking Civil Disobedience Colloquium
Political Theory Workshop*

McGill University

*Roundtable on 'Marx's Inferno,'
Left Political Theory Workshop*

Princeton University *Program in Ethics and Public Affairs*

University of Michigan Law School

University of Alabama

Northeastern University

Framingham State University

Tufts University, *Political Theory Workshop*

University of Cambridge, *Elites and Democracy Conference*

Washington University, *Political Theory Workshop*

September Group, Columbia University

University of Pennsylvania *Political Theory Workshop*

Amherst College *Political Theory Workshop*

Stanford University *Political Theory Workshop*,

University of Wisconsin, Madison *Benjamin Franklin Initiative Colloquium*

New School *Politics Department Speaker Series*,

University of Virginia *Political Theory Colloquium*,

Oxford University

*Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR)
Republicanism Reconsidered conference, (DPIR)
Reconciling Politics and Society conference (DPIR) (2008)
Sovereignty in the 21st Century conference (DPIR) (2005)
United States and Global Human Rights, Rothermere Institute (2004)*

Hamilton College (Skype talk)
Columbia University *Political Theory Colloquium*
City University of New York *Political Theory Workshop*
Ohio State University (Moritz) Law School, (2011)
University of Amsterdam, *guest speaker* (2011)

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association 2024, 2022, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2011, 2010
American Historical Association, 2023
MANCEPT 2020
Committee for the Study of Political Thought 2019, 2015
Association for Political Theory, 2010, 2008
NOMOS conference, 2016
Law and Society, 2018
Political Concepts, Brown University, 2015
Society for Historians of the Early Republic, 2014
Western Political Science Association Conference, 2008
International Studies Association 2007, 2006, 2005

TEACHING

Brown University

Undergrad lectures: *Intro to Political Thought; Classics of Political Economy; Injustice*
Undergrad seminars: *Work, Leisure and Freedom; The Political Theory of the Economy; The Politics of Socialism*
Grad seminars: *Necessity, Labor, Freedom; Disobedience and Resistance; Theory and Methods of Political Theory; Idea of Socialism; Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx; Economic Theory and Political Philosophy; Proseminar in Political Theory*

McMaster University

Introduction to Political Philosophy Fall 2012 (undergrad lecture)
Karl Marx Spring 2013 (grad seminar)

Harvard University

Social Studies 10a 2019 (Visiting Lecturer)
Social Studies 10a and 10b 2008-2012 (undergrad seminar)
Social Studies 98: Freedom Spring 2012 (junior seminar)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Addressing Racism Seed Grant, Office of the Provost, Brown University, (2020)
Winner of APSA Class and Inequality 2019 Kauffman Foundation Award for Best Paper on Inclusion and Entrepreneurship (2019)
Radcliffe Institute Fellowship, William Bentinck-Smith Fellow (2016-17)
Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice Faculty Associate Grant (2016)

Best Paper Award from the Foundations of Political Thought section of the American Political Science Association (2015)
Population Studies and Training Center Inequality Award (2014)
Salomon Research Award (2013)
Montreal Political Theory Manuscript Workshop Award (2013)
Brown Political Theory Project post-Doctorate (2011-12)
Harvard College Fellowship (2010-11)
Derek Bok Distinction in Teaching Award (Harvard University) six-time recipient (2008-2011)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Profession

APSA Foundations of Political Thought Board Member 2015-2018
Reviewer: multiple journals, including *APSR*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; and presses, including *Harvard*, *Princeton*, and *Columbia University Press*
Assistant Editor, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 2006-2008
Co-Convenor of Sovereignty and Its Discontents, an international relations working group, January 2005-2012

Brown University

Director of Undergraduate Studies 2024-
Current Dissertation committees: Isaac Effner, Siraj Sindhu, Max Foley-Keene, Wenyang Gao, Yunhyae Kim (Harvard), Ione Barrows (Harvard), Philipp Stehr (Utrecht), Gerrard Serralobos (Barcelona)
Co-Organizer, *Political Economy and Labor Seminar*, Watson Institute, 2015-17
Co-Organizer, *Labor Seminar Series*, Watson Institute, Fall 2014

JOURNALISM (see website: www.alexgourevitch.org)

Jacobin, *N+1*, *Salon*, *Dissent*, *The American Prospect*, *New York Magazine*, *Al-Jazeera America*, *Crooked Timber*, *The Chronicle Review*, *Washington Monthly*

RECOMMENDERS

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