

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

McGill University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Group on Constitutional Studies, from August 2017

Supervisors: Arash Abizadeh, Victor M. Muñoz-Fraticelli
Course: Philosophy, Economics, and Society (Winter 2018)

EDUCATION

Duke University

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2017 (entered 2011)

Fields: Political Theory, Political Institutions
Certificates: Certificate in College Teaching, Teaching Politics Certificate Program

Dissertation Title: **The Dispersion of Power:
Thinking Democratically in the 21st Century**

Challenges the traditional foundations of democracy in ideals such as freedom, equality, and popular sovereignty; proposes an alternative based on the dispersion of power

Named "Best Dissertation" (all fields, AY 16-17) by Department of Political Science

Committee: Jack Knight, Ruth Grant, Michael Gillespie, Geoffrey Brennan, Susan Bickford

Yale University

B.A., Ethics, Politics and Economics, May 2009 (distinction in major)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Forthcoming. "What Makes a Political Theory *Political*? Comment on Waldron" at *Political Studies Review*
- 2017. "When will a Darwinian Approach be Useful for the Study of Society?" *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*. (published online Jan 10, 2017; forthcoming in print) ([link](#))
- 2016. "Between Critical and Normative Theory: Predictive Political Theory as a Deweyan Realism" *Political Research Quarterly*. 69 (2): 233-244 ([link](#))
- 2015. "Can Deliberation Neutralise Power?" *European Journal of Political Theory*. (published online Oct 20, 2015; forthcoming in print) ([link](#))

Other Publications

- 2014. "Legitimacy," with Jack Knight, *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael T. Gibbons. Wiley. (8000-word entry, peer-reviewed) ([link](#))
- 2009. "The Triumph of Indifference: Irreligion in British Society," with David Voas, *Atheism and Secularity, Volume 2: Global Expressions*, ed. Phil Zuckerman. New York: Praeger.
- 2009. "The Fifth Way of Biologizing Ethics," *Yale Philosophy Review* 5: 8–23. (international undergraduate journal with double-blind review) ([link](#))

CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- “Basic Income Against Oligarchic Democracy”
2017 May, Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, The Hague, Netherlands
- “Humility against Precision: Democracy as a Response to Uncertainty”
2017 April, Western Political Science Association, Vancouver
- “Democracy and the Dispersion of Power”
2016 September, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia
2016 March, Western Political Science Association, San Diego
- “What is an Agent? A Scientific, Multidisciplinary, Postmodern View” (w/ various titles)
2016 April, Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory
2015 October, Association for Political Theory, Boulder
2015 September, American Political Science Association, San Francisco
2015 March, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- “Realism as Pragmatism: A Deweyan Approach to Judgment and Political Theory”
2014 October, Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory
- “Sincerity and Reciprocity in Deliberative Democracy”
2014 January, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans
- “The Circumstances of the Political: Jeremy Waldron’s Conception of Politics”
2013 March, University of Toronto, Centre for Ethics Graduate Conference
- “Mandeville’s Mirror: Reflections on Ideal Theory”
2012 September, MANCEPT Political Theory Workshops, Manchester, UK

Invited Presentations

- “Is Democracy the Worst Form of Government?” Duke GradX, April 2016 ([video link](#))
- “Discourse as Freedom, Discourse as Power: The Foucault-Habermas Debate.” University Scholars Symposium, February 2015 ([video link](#))
- Comments on Charles Taylor, *Sources of the Self* (with author), November 2014 ([video link](#))
- Discussant for: Helene Landemore, Eric Beerbohm, Robert Paul Wolf, Jeffrey Green (Duke Political Theory Workshop); Robert Mitchell (Duke Rethinking Modernity Workshop); Paul Dragos Aligica (Southern Political Science Association)

GRANTS and AWARDS

- Best Dissertation Award, Department of Political Science, Duke University (2017)
- Graduate Fellow, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University (2013—2017)
- Research Fellow, Council for European Studies, Duke University (2014—2017)
- Vienna International Summer University Fellowship, Duke University (2016)
- Graduate Consul, University Scholars Program, Duke University (2012—2013, 2015—2016)
- Robert K. Steel Family Fellowship for Summer Research, Duke University (2015)
- Fred and Barbara Sutherland Fellowship for Summer Research, Duke University (2014)
- H.B. Earhart Graduate Research Fellowship (2012—2013)
- Summer Language Study Grant, German Academic Exchange Service (2012)
- James B. Duke Scholarship (prize fellowship), Duke University (2011—2015)
- University Scholarship (prize fellowship), Duke University (2011—2012)
- University Graduate Fellowship (standard PhD fellowship), Duke University (2011—2016)
- Distinction in Ethics, Politics and Economics Program, Yale University (2009)
- Kilborne Fellowship for Summer Research, Yale University (2007)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE and INTERESTS

As Lead Instructor, Duke University

- Honors Thesis Seminar, Political Science (2015 Fall–2016 Spring: lectures, advising)

As Teaching Assistant, Duke University

- Introduction to Political Science (2017 Spring: assistance with course design, lectures)
- Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2015 Spring: grading only)
- Ethics of Violence and War (2014 Fall: discussion sections)
- Challenges of Living an Ethical Life (2014 Spring: discussion sections, guest lectures)
- Introduction to Political Philosophy (2013 Fall: discussion sections, guest lectures)

As High School Teacher, Ecole d'Humanite in Hasliberg-Goldern, Switzerland (2009-2011)

- AP World History, AP Psychology, Algebra II, Economics, Literature of Utopia and Dystopia
- Interdisciplinary electives on themes of "Love" and "Persuasion"
- Basketball coach, hike leader, theater co-director, resident head

General Teaching Interests

- History of Moral and Political Thought (especially 17th–20th century)
- Contemporary Liberal and Democratic Theory
- American Pragmatism and Philosophy of Social Science
- Interdisciplinary courses on: Power and Freedom, Human Nature and Social Construction, Theories and Practices of Modernity, Political Theory and Social Science

SERVICE to the DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, and PROFESSION

Seminar and Workshop Organization

- Coordinator (2015–2017), Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellows Seminar (monthly)
- Coordinator (2013–2017), Duke-UNC Graduate Political Theory Working Group (bi-monthly)
- Co-coordinator (2012–2013, 2015–2016), University Scholars Program Seminar (monthly)
- Co-coordinator (2014–2015), Duke Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium (weekly)
- Coordinator (2012), Pragmatism Working Group, Duke University (weekly)

Panel and Conference Organization

- *Conference*: Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory
co-founder; co-coordinator (2015, 2016); reviewer (2017)
- *Panel*: "Concentrated Power and Democratic Institutions"
with Jeffrey Green, Turkuler Isiksel, Lucas Swaine, Melissa Schwartzberg (APSA 2016)
- *Panel*: "Rethinking Agency and Democracy: Race, Gender, Sexuality, Autonomy"
with Jack Turner, Neil Roberts, Annie Menzel, Jennifer Einspahr (APSA 2015)
- *Symposium*: "Scholarship and Practice," for Kenan Institute for Ethics (2016)
- *Symposium*: "Progress" (2016) and "Futures" (2013) for University Scholars Program

Professional Service

- Editorial Assistant (2013–2017), NOMOS: Journal of the American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (incl. conference attendance and volume preparation for: LVII: "Immigration, Emigration, and Migration"; LVIII: "Wealth"; LIX: "Compromise"; LX: "Privatization"; LXI: "Legitimacy")
- Member (2012–2015), Graduate and Professional Student Advisory Board, Duke Libraries
- Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *American Journal of Political Science*

OTHER SKILLS and INTERESTS

- Languages: German (proficient), Spanish (intermediate), Latin (reading w/ dictionary)
- Music: I am a classically trained pianist and in recent years, I have continued to perform as part of a piano trio, as well as singing with the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham.

REFERENCES

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