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Education

Duke University, 2014-(2019)

5th Year PhD Candidate, Political Science

Primary Field: Political Theory; Secondary Field: Law and Politics

Dissertation: *Hanging Together: A Liberal Democratic Theory of Political Friendship for Troubled Times*

Committee: Michael A. Gillespie, Ruth W. Grant, Ian MacMullen, Thomas A. Spragens Jr. (Chair)

University College London, 2013-2014

M.A., *Honours with Distinction*, Legal and Political Theory

Dissertation: "Trapped in Its Own Commitments: Liberalism and the Tension between Pluralism and Patriotism"

Supervisor: Emily McTernan

Georgetown University, 2009-2013

A.B., *Magana cum laude*, Majors in Government and Philosophy, with a Minor in Music

Member of *Alpha Sigma Nu*

Honours Thesis: "Towards Mutual Respect and a Greater Self-Understanding: Liberalism, Pluralism, and How Philosophical Discourse can Facilitate a More Diverse Politics"

Supervisor: Gerald M. Mara

Research

Publications

"Aristotelean Realism: Political Friendship and the Problem of Stability" (*The Review of Politics*, forthcoming)

Works in Progress

Dissertation (four chapters in near-complete state)

"The Metaphor of Political Friendship, Liberal Democracy, and the Problem of Stability"

"*Un-American*: The Ethics of Partisan Appeals to the Nation State"

Fellowships & Awards

The 2018-2019 Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship

The 2018 Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Fellowship, Duke University

The 2017 Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Fellowship, Duke University

2014-2019 University Graduate Fellowship, Duke University

The 2013 Ryan Medal, Georgetown University

The 2013 Stephen F. McNamee Ethics Award, Georgetown University

Selected Presentations

Conferences

“*Un-American: The Ethics of Partisan Appeals to the Nation State*,” Northeastern Political Science Association, November 2018

“Political Friendship as Conceptual Metaphor: Thin or Thick, Insufficient or Implausible,” Midwest Political Science Association, April 2018

“Political Friendship as Conceptual Metaphor: Thin or Thick, Insufficient or Implausible,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), March 2018

“In Recognition of Uncertainty, Complexity, and Difference: Aristotle on Political Friendship, and What it Means for Liberalism,” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 2017

“In Recognition of Uncertainty, Complexity, and Difference: Aristotle on Political Friendship, and What it Means for Liberalism,” Georgia State University Political Science Research Conference, March 2017

Public Presentations

“Political Friendship by Common Membership or Identity: Constitutional Patriotism, Liberal Nationalism, and the Promise of Bounded *Solidarity*,” Duke University Political Science End of Year Graduate Conference, April 2018

Discussant, “Representation, Bicameralism, and Sortition: Reconstructing the Senate as a Randomly Selected Citizen Assembly,” by Arash Abizadeh, Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, April 2018

Discussant, “Sovereignty and Consociational Democracy,” by Luke Bretherton, Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, January 2016

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor

Left, Right, and Center
Spring, 2019

Teaching Assistant

PPE Capstone Seminar
Spring, 2018

Ethics of War
Fall, 2017

Democracy, Ancient and Modern
Spring, 2017

Left, Right, and Center
Fall, 2016

Certification

Teaching Politics Certificate Program
2016-2017

Non-university Experience

Tutor & Writer for *Excellence in Education* (EIE), London, United Kingdom
Fall, 2013-Summer, 2014

Tutor and Board Member of Georgetown University Math and Science Hands-on Enrichment (GUMSHOE); Meyers Institute for College Preparation (MICP) site coordinator
Fall, 2009-Spring, 2013

Research Experience

RA for Ruth Grant
Fall, 2016-Spring, 2017

RA for Michael Gillespie
Fall, 2014-Spring, 2016; Fall, 2017-Spring, 2018

Professional Service

Co-organizer of the Duke University Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory
2017, 2018

Co-organizer of the Graduate Student Recruitment Event for the Duke University Department of
Political Science
2015, 2016

Media Appearances

Radio Interview – *AM1540 Newsbeat* [Cantonese Language] (10/30/2017)

References

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