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History of Political Thought, Democratic Theory and Practice, Law and Punishment, Theatrical Politics, Politics and Literature, Liberalism and Empire

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

The University of Toronto 2024

Visiting Research Associate, The Centre for Ethics

Cornell University

Visiting Instructor, The Department of Government 2024

Cornell University

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, The Department of Government January 2021- December 2023

*Parental Leave*  2021-2022

The Colorado College

Visiting Instructor, The Department of Philosophy 2021

EDUCATION

The University of Toronto 2021

Ph.D. in Political Science, Department of Political Science

Second Field: Comparative Politics

*Parental Leave* 2017-2018

The Greek Institute, CUNY Graduate Center 2013

Intensive Language Study, Ancient Greek

Georgetown University 2012

M.A. in Government, Department of Government

Secondary Fields: Philosophy and Comparative Politics

The Colorado College (*Distinction, Magna Cum Laude)* 2009

B.A. in Political Science, Department of Political Science

**PUBLICATIONS**

***Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles***

“Judgment in the 4th Century Athenian Courts as Anti-Tragedy: Demosthenes’ ‘On the Crown’,” *The Review of Politics* 84, no. 4 (2022): 497-519.

“Tocqueville’s Savages,” *The Tocqueville Review/La Revue Tocqueville* 40, no. 1(2019): 131-161.

“‘To Listen to Both Sides Equally’: Just Judgment in the Athenian Courts” (forthcoming in *History of Political Thought*)

***Articles Under Review***

“Reflexive Accountability in Democratic Regimes” (under review at *Political Theory* since April 2024)

“‘With a Trembling Hand, Lest I Destroy the Body’: Britain’s 1737 Licensing Act and the Political Stage” (under review at *Theory and Event*)

***Book Projects***

*When Citizens Judge: Democratic Judgment in the Courts and Theater of Athens* (final revisions; book proposal accepted to the APT 2024 book proposal workshop with Harvard University Press; completed manuscript to be submitted for review at Harvard University Press in spring 2025)

*Actors on the Political Stage: A Genealogy of Theater Metaphor in Political Thought and Practice* (research stage; one chapter finished and under review)

***Critical Exchanges, Reviews, and Other Writing***

“Confidence in Purpose: The Challenge of Defending the University Today,” *The Online Library of Liberty,* Liberty Matters Essay Series*.* July 2024. <https://oll.libertyfund.org/publications/liberty-matters>.

Invited participant to critical exchange, “Staging the Political” for *Contemporary Political Theory* (in progress, 2024)

***Article Manuscripts In Progress***

“To See, Understand, Twist Things Around: Cultivating Judgment in the Theatre of Dionysus” (final revisions, to be submitted to *Polity* October 2024)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Instructor 2024

*Freedom*, Cornell University

Visiting Instructor 2021

*Modern Social and Political Philosophy,* Colorado College

Instructor

*Modern Political Thought,* University of Toronto 2017

Lecturer

Guest Lecturer, University of Toronto

“Rousseau’s Second Discourse,” *Modern Political Thought* 2016

Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

*Modern Political Thought* 2016-2017, 2018-2019

*History of Political Thought* 2013-2016

*War, Peace, Democracy and Dictatorship* 2012-2013

Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University

*Faith, Ethics and America’s Role in the World* 2010

*The American Regime* 2011

*Introduction to International Relations* 2011

*Elements of Political Theory* 2012

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellowship 2021-2023

($45,000, two-year renewable, Cornell University)

The American Political Science Association Travel Grant 2019

The Ontario Graduate Scholarship ($15,000) 2018-2019

The Connaught International Scholarship for Doctoral Students 2012-2017

($35,000, five-year renewable)

The Allan Bloom Memorial Fellowship for Study of an Ancient Language (ancient Greek) 2013

Southern Political Science Association Prestage Cook Travel Award 2011

Graduate Fellowship ($20,000, five-year renewable). Georgetown University 2010-2012

Phi Beta Kappa; Edith Bramhall Award for the Outstanding Scholar in Political

Science; Robert Selig International Scholar; Political Science Book Award; *Humanity in*

*Action* Research Fellow (Warsaw, Poland); Colorado College Alumni Association Scholar;

The Crown-Goodman Scholarship Award For AcademicExcellence 2008-2009

## INVITED TALKS

“Taming the Tyrant.” Ethics at Noon Speakers Series. The Centre for Ethics. The University of Toronto. March 4, 2024.

“Taming the Tyrant: Accountability in Classical Athens and Today.” The William Jovanovich Lecture. Colorado College. December 5, 2023.

“‘With a trembling hand, lest I destroy the Body’: Britain’s 1737 Licensing Act and the Political Stage.” The Political Theory Workshop. Cornell University. April 20, 2023.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“‘With a Trembling Hand Lest I Destroy the Body’: Britain’s 1737 Licensing Act and the Political Stage.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. September 5-8.

“To Listen to Both Sides Equally: Just Judgment in the Athenian Courts.” Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting. Union College, October 12-14, 2023.

“Reflexive Accountability in Democratic Regimes.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual Program. August 30-September 2, 2023.

“To Listen to Both Sides Equally: Just Judgment in the Athenian Courts.” *Judgment, Pluralism, and Democracy: On the Desirability of Speaking to Others* Conference*.* Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities. Bard College, March 2-3, 2023.

“Beyond Impartiality.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec. September 15-18, 2022.

“The Risk and Promise of Democratic Judgment.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. August 29-31, 2019.

“Against Tragedy: Democratic Judgment in the Athenian Courts.” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. June 4-6, 2019.

“The Risk and Promise of Democratic Judgment: Constituting Civic Identity in the Athenian Courts.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. April 18-22, 2019.

“Who is the “We” that Judges?: Citizens in the Courts and Theatre of Athens.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, BC. April 14-16, 2017.

“Tragic Responsibility: Democratic Judgment at the Theatre and in the Courts of Athens.” Association for Political Theory Conference. Boulder, CO. October 20-24, 2015.

“Tragic Responsibility.” Saint Andrews Graduate Conference in International Political Theory. St Andrews, Scotland. May 26-27, 2015.

“Responsibility and Blame in Sophocles’ *Women of Trachis.*” The Political Theory

Workshop. University of Toronto. March 6, 2015.

“Weber’s Critical Genealogy: The Idea of Objectivity and the Problem of Meaning.”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.

“Rousseau and Kant on Political Freedom and Happiness.” Western Political Science

Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. April 17-19, 2014.

“The Concept of Process in Arendt’s Thought.” Hannah Arendt and the Space of

Appearances Aesthetics and Politics Lecture Series. Californian Institute of the Arts. April 30, 2013.

“Political Uses of Utopia.” Conference. Invited discussant and moderator for roundtable

discussion. York University, April 18-19, 2013.

“Tocqueville’s Savages.” *Institutions, Narratives, and Identities* Graduate Conference. University of

Florida. February 18-19, 2012.

“A Place That is No Place: The Ideal of Individual Autonomy in Rousseau.” Annual Meeting

of the Northeastern Political Science Association. Boston, MA. November 12-14, 2012.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Peer Reviewer**

*Review of Politics* (2024)

*The Journal of the British Society of Phenomenology* (2023)

*The Canadian Journal of Political Science* (2024)

**Organizer (2014-2017)***, The Women’s Caucus in Political Science*, University of Toronto

Professional organization devoted to discussing the challenges and privileges of being a

woman in Political Science. Caucus events include a visiting speakers’ series and roundtable

discussions about issues facing women in the field. Created and maintained a network within

the department of students and faculty for supporting those with caregiving responsibilities.

**Organizer (2015-2016)**, *The Political Theory Workshop*, University of Toronto

Weekly workshop for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty to present their

work and receive feedback from colleagues.

**Hiring Committee(2015)** *Graduate Representative for TT Comparative Political Theory Position*, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

**Graduate Associate (2013-2015)**, *Centre for Ethics*, University of Toronto

Interdisciplinary community of graduate students which met regularly to discuss each other’s work, selected readings and presentations in the study of ethics. Responsible for an annual graduate student conference.

**Organizer (2011-2012)**, *Georgetown Political Theory Colloquia*, Georgetown University

Weekly workshop for graduate students to present and receive feedback on their work.

**Creator/Organizer (2011)**, *The Georgetown Politics Symposia*

Monthly roundtable which brought together faculty from each subfield to discuss a contentious issue in the study of politics. The Symposia’s aim was to encourage inter-subfield exchange within the Political Science community.

## LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (Intermediate Reading), French (Intermediate Spoken/Reading), Basic Spanish

**REFERENCES**

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