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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 - Assistant Professor of the History of Modern Political Thought
Faculty of History, University of Cambridge

Official Fellow, College Lecturer, and Director of Studies
Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

2017 - 2020 Junior Research Fellow, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

EDUCATION

2011-2017 University of Chicago, Ph.D., Political Science

Dissertation: "Imperial Promises: The Contested Politics of Human Rights in the Twentieth Century"; Committee: Jennifer Pitts (Chair), Mark Bradley, Robert Gooding-Williams, Patchen Markell, and Lisa Wedeen

Richard Saller Prize for Best Dissertation in the Division of the Social Sciences

Certificate in Human Rights Studies; Field Exams in Political Theory and Comparative Politics

2009-2010 University of Chicago, A.M., Social Science

2001-2005 Harvard University, A.B. *cum laude* with High Honors in Social Studies

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Declaration as Disavowal: Race and Empire in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," *Political Theory* 47, no. 1 (February 2019): 57-81. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591718780697>

"Promise-Making and the History of Human Rights: Reading Arendt with Danto," *Humanity* 9, no. 2 (Summer 2018). <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/703634>

PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

"Race, Rights, and the Politics of Petitioning," in *Volume 5: The Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries* (eds. Samuel Moyn and Meredith Terretta) of *The Cambridge World History of Rights* (series eds. Nehal Bhuta, Anthony Pagden, and Mira Siegelberg), Cambridge University Press, forthcoming

"The Right to Rebel: History and Universality in the Political Thought of the Algerian Revolution," in *Time, History, and Political Thought*, ed. John Robertson, Cambridge University Press 2023: 285-307

"Amnesty International and Human Rights," in *Blackwell Companion to Arthur C. Danto*, Blackwell Companions to Philosophy, ed. Jonathan Gilmore and Lydia Goehr, Wiley Blackwell 2022: 301-308

"Contingencies of Context: Legacies of the Algerian Revolution in the 1977 Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions," in *Contingency in International Law*, eds. Kevin Jon Heller and Ingo Venzke, Oxford University Press 2021: 319-337

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REVIEW ESSAYS AND BOOK REVIEWS

“Toward a Democratic Canon,” Review essay on *African American Political Thought: A Collected History*, eds. Melvin Rogers and Jack Turner (University of Chicago Press 2021), *Comparative Political Theory*, December 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1163/26669773-bja10039>

“Difficult Freedom,” Review in Roundtable on Benjamin McKean’s *Disorienting Neoliberalism* (Oxford University Press 2020), *Contemporary Political Theory*, OnlineFirst September 2022

“On Kant’s Problems and Ours,” Review in Symposium on Inés Valdez’s *Transnational Cosmopolitanism* (Cambridge University Press 2019), *Review of Politics*, February 2022

“Duped by Morality,” Review in Roundtable on Samuel Moyn’s *Humane* (FSG 2021), *Tocqueville 21*, September 2021

Review of Alex Zamalin’s *Black Utopia* (Columbia University Press 2019), *Political Theory*, vol. 49 issue 4, August 2021

Review in Roundtable on Eric Weitz’s *A World Divided* (Princeton 2019), *Toynbee Prize Foundation*, November 2020, <https://toynbeeprize.org/posts/a-world-divided-roundtable/>

“American Dreamwork,” Review in Roundtable on Wendy Brown’s *In the Ruins of Neoliberalism* (Columbia University Press 2019), *Tocqueville 21*, March 2020

Review in Roundtable on Adom Getachew’s *World-Making After Empire* (Princeton University Press 2019), *H-Diplo*, November 2019

“On the Language of Just War: A Reply to Whyte,” in Symposium on Jessica Whyte’s article “The ‘Dangerous Concept of the Just War’: Decolonization, Wars of National Liberation, and the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions,” *Humanity* (online), August 2019

“Algeria 1960: Decolonization and the Uses of Human Rights,” entry in Online Atlas on the History of Humanitarianism and Human Rights, eds. Fabian Klose, Marc Palen, Johannes Paulmann, and Andrew Thompson, hhr-atlas.ieg-mainz.de, April 2019

WORK IN PROGRESS

American Hypocrisy and *Imperial Promises*, book manuscripts in preparation

“Cosmopolitanism and Anticolonialism,” invited submission *The Oxford Handbook of Cosmopolitanism*, eds. Prathama Banerjee, Dipesh Chakrabarty, Sanjay Seth, and Lisa Wedeen (preparing for submission)

Review essay on Martti Koskenniemi, *To the Uttermost Parts of the Earth* (Cambridge 2022), for roundtable in *Global Intellectual History* (preparing for submission)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2023 Early Career Research Fellowship, CRASSH, University of Cambridge

2017-2020 Junior Research Fellowship, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge

2018 Richard Saller Dissertation Prize, University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences

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- 2018 Fellow, Global Humanitarianism Research Academy, co-run by the University of Exeter, Leibniz Institute of European History, and the Archives of the International Committee of the Red Cross
- 2018 Fellow, Jack Miller Center Summer Institute
- 2016-2017 Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2016-2017 Pozen Family Center for Human Rights Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago (declined)
- 2017 Ignacio Marín-Baró Human Rights Essay Prize, Doctoral Division, for “Universalizing the Promise of Empire: Human Rights ‘Hypocrisy’ and France’s Defense of the War in Algeria,” Pozen Family Center for Human Rights
- 2017 APSA Travel Grant
- 2017 Pozen Family Center for Human Rights Graduate Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago
- 2016 New York Public Library Short-Term Research Fellowship
- 2016 Hydoski Summer Research Award, University of Chicago
- 2016 Grodzins Prize Lectureship in Political Science, University of Chicago
- 2015 François Furet Travel Grant, France Chicago Center, University of Chicago
- 2015 Resident Research Fellow, University of Chicago Paris Center
- 2015 Research Grant, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago
- 2014 University of Chicago Social Sciences Summer Research Fellowship
- 2011-2016 University of Chicago Social Sciences Fellowship
- 2009-2010 University of Chicago MA Program in the Social Sciences, Tuition fellowship

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Nuffield Interdisciplinary Seminar on Empire (Oxford)
“Ralph Bunche and the Ends of Empire”
- 2022 University of York Workshop in Political Theory
“The Promise of Human Rights and the Politics of Hypocrisy”
- 2022 London School of Economics Seminar in Political Philosophy
“The Promise of Human Rights and the Politics of Hypocrisy”
- 2022 King’s College London Faculty of Political Economy Departmental Seminar
“The Promise of Human Rights”

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- 2022 Oxford Political Thought Seminar
"Re-reading An American Dilemma"
- 2022 Sidney Sussex College Confraternitas Historica
"The Promise of Human Rights"
- 2021 Institute for Historical Research, Seminar in Modern French History
"The Right to Rebel in the Political Thought of the Algerian Revolution"
- 2021 Hebrew University, Lecture Series on Political Thought and Intellectual History
"Malcolm X, Human Rights, and a New World Picture"
- 2020 University of York, Political Theory Workshop
"The Promise of Human Rights" – Rescheduled to 2022
- 2019 University of Amsterdam, Global Intellectual History Seminar
"Malcolm X and Human Rights"
- 2019 Institute for Historical Research Seminar in the History of Political Ideas
"Malcolm X and Human Rights"
- 2019 Durham Law School Human Rights Centre
"Human Rights, International Law, and Anticolonial Revolution: Reconsidering the Case of Djamila Bouhired"
- 2018 University College London Institute of Advanced Studies, Lecture Series on Lies
"False Promises: Human Rights and the Politics of Hypocrisy"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
"Ralph Bunche and the Critique of Empire" on panel "Nation and Empire in the History of Political Thought"
- 2023 Conference "Frantz Fanon Today," Project on Middle East Political Science, Tunis
Concluding Comments
- 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (panel withdrawn)
"Humanitarian Concern and Anticolonial Politics" on panel "War and the Death Drive"
- 2023 Oxford Handbook of Cosmopolitanism Contributor Workshop
"Cosmopolitanism and Anticolonialism"
- 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
"The Promise of Human Rights" on panel "What About Rights?"
- 2022 International Studies Association Annual Convention
"The Promise of Human Rights" on panel "Transnational Entanglements"
- 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Comments in "Author Meets Critics: Benjamin McKean's *Disorienting Neoliberalism*"

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- 2021 Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought
“Malcolm X, Draft Resistance, and the Politics of Conscription” on panel “Race and Politics: US Perspectives”
- 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“‘The Same Boycott Reasoning’: Malcolm X and the Politics of Draft Resistance” on panel “American Political Thought in the Shadow of the US War in Vietnam”
- 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Comments in “Author Meets Critics: Inés Valdez’s *Transnational Cosmopolitanism*”
- 2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Ironizing American Hypocrisy” on panel “Theorizing History, Historicizing Theory”
- 2019 Lincoln Symposium on American Political Thought (invited)
“Human Rights and Liberal Hypocrisy”
- 2018 On the Origins of International Law, Lauterpacht Center, University of Cambridge (invited)
“Humanitarianism, the Laws of War, and Anticolonial Revolution: Reconsidering the Case of Djamila Bouhired”
- 2018 Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting
“Malcolm X, Human Rights, and American Hypocrisy”
- 2018 Menschenrechte Ohne Religion, Universität Jena (invited)
“Narrating a History of Hypocrisy: Frederick Douglass on Irony and Inalienable Rights”
- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Malcolm X, Human Rights, and American Hypocrisy” on panel “Internationalist Strains in Emancipatory Struggles”
- 2018 Summer Session on Histories of Human Rights, University of Palermo (invited)
“Promises and the History of Human Rights”
- 2018 Contingency in the Course of International Law, University of Amsterdam
“Legacies of the Algerian Revolution in Contemporary International Law”
- 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Universalizing the American Creed: Gunnar Myrdal and Ralph Bunche on Rights, Progress, and Midcentury Social Science” on panel “Narratives of American Progress”
- 2017 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Universalizing the American Creed: Gunnar Myrdal and Ralph Bunche on Rights, Progress, and Midcentury Social Science” on panel “Deliberation”
- 2016 Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory
“Declaration as Disavowal: Race and Empire in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”
- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Universalizing the Promise of Empire: The Politics of Human Rights and France’s Defense of the War in Algeria” on panel “Human Rights as Emancipatory Politics?”

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- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Declaration as Disavowal: Race and Empire in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”
on panel “Genres of Acknowledgement”
- 2016 Human Rights and Empire Graduate Conference, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights,
University of Chicago, “Declaration as Disavowal: Race and Empire in the Universal
Declaration of Human Rights”
- 2016 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Declaration as Disavowal: Race, Empire, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”
on panel “Race, Identity, and Empire”
- 2015 Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago
“Promising and the Politics of Human Rights: Arendt with Danto”
- 2015 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Promising and the Uncertainties of Action in Time: Arendt, Danto, and the History of
Human Rights” on panel “Problems of Political Speech”
- 2014 Northwestern University Graduate Student Political Theory Conference
“Promising and the Uncertainties of Action in Time: Reading Hannah Arendt with the
History of Human Rights” on panel “Law, Action, and Politics”
- 2014 Princeton University Graduate Conference in Political Theory
“Beyond Recognition: Habermas’s ‘Constitutional Patriotism’ as a Response to Exclusion
from the Public Sphere”
- 2013 The Arab Uprisings: Politics and Ethics in the Present, 3CT, University of Chicago (invited)
“Human Rights as Political Practice: Reading Beitz Against Himself” on panel
“Humanitarian Intervention”
- 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Human Rights as Political Practice: Reading Beitz Against Himself” on panel
“Contemporary Theories of Human Rights”
- 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
“Habermas Beyond the ‘Struggle for Recognition’: ‘Radical Inwardness’ as a Response to
Domination” on panel “Habermas”
- 2006 Levinas and Film, University of London Institute of Germanic and Romance Studies
“Philosophy and Film as Anti-Fascism: Recurrence, Ethics, and Politics in Levinas and
Deleuze”

WORKSHOP AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Cambridge American History Seminar
“An American Dilemma Reconsidered”
- 2019 Contemporary Political Theory Seminar, Cambridge
“Hypocrisy and Anti-Hypocrisy”

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- 2019 International Relations and History Working Group, Cambridge
“Malcolm X on Human Rights and American Hypocrisy”
- 2019 Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, Cambridge
“1789 in 1954: Human Rights and the Algerian Revolution”
- 2018 Seminar on Legal Histories Beyond the State, Cambridge
“Universalizing the Promise of Empire”
- 2018 Political Philosophy Seminar, Cambridge
“Promise-Making and the History of Human Rights”
- 2017 Human Rights Workshop, University of Chicago
“Universalizing the Promise of Empire: Human Rights ‘Hypocrisy’ and France’s Defense of the War in Algeria”
- 2017 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
“Universalizing the American Creed: Gunnar Myrdal and Ralph Bunche on Rights, Progress, and Midcentury Social Science”
- 2016 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
“Declaration as Disavowal: Race and Empire in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”
- 2016 Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago
“Declaration as Disavowal: Race and Empire in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights”
- 2015 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
“Promise-Making and the Politics of Human Rights: Arendt with Danto”
- 2015 Human Rights Workshop, University of Chicago
“The Politics of Promise Making: Recovering a Midcentury Practice of Human Rights”
- 2014 Human Rights Workshop, University of Chicago
“Some Tensions Within Contemporary Political Philosophy of Human Rights: Reading Charles Beitz Against Himself”
- 2013 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
“Beyond Recognition: Habermas’s ‘Constitutional Patriotism’ as a Response to Exclusion from the Public Sphere”

TEACHING, ADVISING, AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- 2020 - Convener, Lecturer, and Supervisor, *History Part II Paper 5: Political Philosophy and the History of Political Thought Since c. 1890*, Cambridge
- 2020 - MPhil Text Seminar on Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Cambridge
- 2022 - 2023 Convener, *Evidence & Argument*, Course for first-year students in History & Politics Joint Tripos, Cambridge
- 2020 - 2023 PhD Seminar on “The History of the History of Political Thought” (co-taught)

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- 2020 - Supervisor, *Politics 8/10 / History Part I Paper 20 and Part II Paper 4: History of Political Thought c.1700-c.1890*
- 2017 - Supervisor, *Politics 1: The Modern State and Its Alternatives*, Emmanuel College
- 2020 - Supervisor and Examiner, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History
- 2020 - Director of Studies, History & Politics and History & Modern Languages, Emmanuel College
- 2020 - 2021 Supervisor, MPhil in Modern European History, Cambridge
- 2017 - 2020 Examiner, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Cambridge
- 2018 - 2019 Director of Studies, Human, Social, and Political Sciences, Emmanuel College
- 2014 - 2017 Research Assistant, Prof. Patchen Markell
- Spring 2017 Lecturer, *Imagining the International* (Self-designed course), University of Chicago
- Winter 2016 Lecturer, *Race, Empire, and the Politics of Human Rights* (Self-designed course), University of Chicago
- Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Political Theory*, Prof. Sankar Muthu, University of Chicago
- Winter 2015 Lecturer, *Classics of Social and Political Thought II* (Two Sections), University of Chicago
- Winter 2014 Lecturer, *Classics of Social and Political Thought II* (Two Sections) , University of Chicago
- 2012- 2013 Intern, *Classics of Social and Political Thought I, II, and III* , University of Chicago

BOOK PANEL AND DISCUSSANT ROLES

- 2024 Southern Political Science Association
Panel on Samuel Bagg's *The Dispersion of Power* (Oxford 2023)
- 2023 Modern European History Seminar, University of Cambridge
Panel on Stefan-Ludwig Hoffman's *Der Riss in der Zeit* (Suhrkamp Verlag 2023)
- 2023 Centre of Governance and Human Rights, Cambridge
Panel on Jack Snyder's *Human Rights for Pragmatists* (Princeton 2022)
- 2023 Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, Cambridge
Discussant for Stefan Eich, "Space of Expedience, Horizon of Experimentation: John Maynard Keynes and the Politics of Time"
- 2022 Ashby Lecture, Clare Hall, Cambridge
Commentator for Susan Neiman, "Why the Left is Not Woke"
- 2021 World History Seminar, Cambridge
Panel on Mahmood Mamdani's *Neither Settler nor Native* (Harvard 2020)

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- 2020 Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, Cambridge
Discussant for Brandon Terry, "Irony and the Politics of Pessimism in African American History and Theory"
- 2019 Book Manuscript Workshop, John Ikenberry's *A World Safe for Democracy?*, LSE
Commentator, Chapter 5
- 2019 Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, Cambridge
Commentator on Katrina Forrester, *In the Shadow of Justice* (Princeton UP 2019)
- 2018 Women's Lunches in History, Cambridge
Annabel Brett (Cambridge), "The Space of Politics and the Space of War in Hugo Grotius's *De iure belli ac pacis*"
- 2017 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
Cécile Laborde (Oxford), "Liberal Egalitarianism and the Critique of Religion"
- 2016 3CT and Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
David Scott (Columbia), "Michael Manley's Styles of Radical Will"
- 2015 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
George Shulman (NYU), "Post-Mortem Effects: Genres of Crisis and the Crisis of Genre in Politics and Theory"
- 2014 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
Jeanne Morefield (Whitman), "Political Theory and the Practice of Counter-memory"
- 2014 Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago
Elizabeth Povinelli (Columbia), "Can Rocks Die?: Life and Finitude Outside Biontology"
- 2013 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
Nicholas Smith (CCNY), "The Paradox of Vigilance: Contesting Citizenship in Post-Apartheid South Africa"
- 2012 Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
Ashleigh Campi (University of Chicago), "Inheriting the Universalist Project: The Aporias of Internationalism and Derrida's Democracy to Come"

CONFERENCE PANEL ORGANIZER AND DISCUSSANT ROLES

- 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (panels withdrawn)
Discussant on Panels "Crisis and Rule" and "The 'Global' in Political Theory"
- 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Discussant on Panel "Political Identities and Representation"
- 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Discussant on Panels "Colonialism, Totalitarianism, and Democratic Thought" and "Colonialism and Transnationalism"

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- 2019 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Discussant on panel "Of Race and Rights"
- 2019 Political Science and Political Thought, CRASSH, Cambridge
Respondent to Hugo Drochon, "Polyarchy or Power Elite?"
- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Chair and organizer of book roundtable "The Place of Empire: On Jennifer Pitts's *Boundaries of the International*"
- 2010 Midwest Political Science Association Conference
Discussant on panel "Butler and Rancière"

SERVICE AND ORGANIZING

- Peer Reviewer *Political Theory, European Journal of Political Thought, Modern Intellectual History, Historical Journal, Journal of Global History, Contemporary European History, International Security*
- History Faculty Committee Memberships: Part II Examination Board (2020-); Tripos Reform and Implementation (2021-2022); Teaching, Learning, and Quality (2020-2021); Postgraduate (2021-); Ranking (2022 -); History & Politics Part I Examination Board (2022 -)
- Emmanuel College Committee Memberships: Master & Tutors (Michaelmas 2020 - Lent 2021; Michaelmas 2021-present); Research Fellowships (2022-); Fellowships to Harvard (2021-); College Research Associates (2022-); Emma Experience (2021-); Wine (2019-)
- 2020 - 2022 Co-Convener, Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, University of Cambridge (with Richard Bourke)
- 2021 - Tutor, Emmanuel College
- 2020 - 2021 Acting Tutor, Emmanuel College (Michaelmas and Lent Terms)
- April 2017 Graduate Student Coordinator, "Civil War: Discord Within," University of Chicago (organized by John P. McCormick and Michèle Lowrie)
- May 2016 Organizer, Graduate Student Conference on "Human Rights and Empire," University of Chicago Pozen Family Center for Human Rights
- 2014 - 2017 Co-Coordinator, Human Rights Workshop, University of Chicago

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2011 External Affairs Analyst, MDRC
2005-2009 Senior Account Executive, Fenton Communications

LANGUAGES

Native speaker of English; intermediate reading knowledge of French, German, and Spanish