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POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University: 2018-

Research Fellow, Jesus College, University of Cambridge: 2016-18

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D., Government, 2016; A.M., Government, 2012
Dissertation: “The Politics of Diversity in Nineteenth-Century Britain”

The University of Chicago, B.A., English Literature, 2009.

BOOKS

Parliament the Mirror of the Nation: Representation, Deliberation, and Democracy in Victorian Britain,
Cambridge University Press, Ideas in Context series, 2019.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Ostrogorski Before and After: Three Critical Views of Parties and Elites,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, forthcoming.

“L’âme générale d’une assemblée’: A Neglected Parliamentarian and the Restoration Theory of Representation,” *Global Intellectual History*, forthcoming.

“Democracy Confronts Diversity: Descriptive Representation in Victorian Britain,” *Political Theory*, vol. 47, no. 2 (2019): 230-57.

“Representative Institutions and the Question of Lefortian Democracy,” *The Tocqueville Review/La revue Tocqueville*, vol. 39, no. 2 (2018): 135-63.

“The Other Side of Representation: The History and Theory of Representative Government in Pierre Rosanvallon,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, vol. 23, no. 4 (2016): 548-62. Co-authored with Will Selinger.

“Jean Barbeyrac, Supererogation, and the Search for a Safe Religion,” *Modern Intellectual History*, vol. 13, no. 1 (2016): 1-31.

“James Fitzjames Stephen, John Stuart Mill, and the Victorian Theory of Toleration,” *History of European Ideas*, vol. 42, no. 3 (2016): 364-98.

“What’s Not in *On Liberty*: The Pacific Theory of Free Discussion in the Early Nineteenth Century,” *Journal of British Studies*, vol. 55, no. 1 (2016): 57-75.

“The Receptions of Élie Halévy’s *Formation du Radicalisme Philosophique* in England and France,” *Modern Intellectual History*, vol. 12, no. 1 (2015): 197-218. Co-authored with Cheryl Welch

“Reappraising Walter Bagehot’s Liberalism: Discussion, Public Opinion, and the Meaning of Parliamentary Government,” *History of European Ideas*, vol. 41, no. 2 (2015): 264-91. Co-authored with Will Selinger.

“Lockean Toleration and the Victim’s Perspective,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, vol. 14, no. 1 (2015): 76-97.

“Hume’s Low Road to Toleration,” *History of Political Thought*, vol. 36, no. 1 (2015): 165-91.

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

“Before – and Beyond – *On Liberty*: Samuel Bailey and the Nineteenth-Century Theory of Free Speech,” in *The History of the Freedom of Speech, 1550-1850*, eds. Alex Barber, Robert Ingram, Jason Peacey (Manchester University Press, forthcoming).

“Democracy and the Press in Rosanvallon’s Historiography,” in *Pierre Rosanvallon’s Political Thought: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, eds. Oliver Flügel-Martinsen, Franziska Martinsen, Stephen Sawyer, Daniel Schulz (Bielefeld University Press and Columbia University Press, 2018), 133-57.

REVIEW ESSAYS

“James Fitzjames Stephen and the Landscape of Victorian Political Thought,” *Modern Intellectual History*, forthcoming.

SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Honest Democracy: The Political Theory of Albert Venn Dicey

“‘Frequency’: The Debate between John Stuart Mill and James Fitzjames Stephen in Context”

“The Lost History of Political Liberalism.” Co-authored with Will Selinger

“Inclusive Inegalitarianism: John Stuart Mill on Representation, 1859-1868”

ACADEMIC TRANSLATIONS

Of Claude Lefort, “Democracy and Representation” (“Démocratie et représentation”), in *The Constructivist Turn in Political Representation*, eds. Lisa Disch, Mathijs van de Sande, Nadia

Urbinati (Edinburgh Univ Press, 2019).

Of Bernard Manin, “Political Deliberation and the Adversarial Principle” (“Délégation politique et principe du contradictoire”), *Daedalus*, vol. 146, no. 3 (2017): 39-50.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Symposia on *Parliament the Mirror of the Nation*

- UCHV & Politics Dept., Princeton University, Oct. 4, 2019 (discussants: Richard Bourke, Bryan Garsten, Bernard Manin, Helena Rosenblatt)
- APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Aug 2019 (as “Author Meets Critics” Panel; discussants: Giulia Oskian, Jennifer Pitts, Lucia Rubinelli, Shannon Stimson)

“Is There a Crisis of Democracy?”

- Manuscript Workshop on Jacob Eisler’s *Election Law and the Crisis of Mass Democracy*, Southampton University Law School, July 11, 2019

“L’âme générale d’une assemblée’: Pierre-François Flaugergues’s Political Theory”

- Visitors’ Seminar, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), Rome, June 27, 2019
- Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, University of Chicago, May 13, 2019
- Workshop on Liberalism in the History of Political Thought, University of Cambridge, Jan. 23, 2019

“Fichte’s Dilemmas and Politics in the Suspension Period”

- Manuscript Workshop on Stefan Eich’s *Currency of Politics*, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, Princeton University, April. 5, 2019

“Lessons on Publishing in Political Theory”

- Half-Baked Workshop Series, Politics Department, Princeton University, Mar. 28, 2019

“Plural Voting and Popular Sovereignty in Victorian Britain”

- Conference on Popular Sovereignty and Populism, Ohio University, Mar. 15-16, 2019

“Fake News in Nineteenth-Century France”

- Conference on Free Speech in Troubled Times, Princeton-Humboldt Universität, Berlin, June 14-15, 2019
- Mercer House Speakers Series, Princeton University, Nov. 30, 2018
- Human Values Form, Princeton University, Oct. 15, 2018

“Ostrogorski Before and After: Three Moments in Anti-Partyism and ‘Elite Theory’”

- Political Theory Research Seminar, Princeton University, Sept. 25, 2018
- APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, Aug. 30, 2018
- Conference on Elites and Democracy in Modern Political Thought, CRASSH, University of Cambridge, Dec. 7, 2017 (as “Three Moments in Thinking about Parties and Elites”)

“James Fitzjames Stephen and the ‘-Isms’ of Victorian Political Thought”

- Conference on the History of Political Thought in the Age of Ideologies, Queen Mary University of London, May31-June 1, 2018

“Before *On Liberty*: Samuel Bailey and the Nineteenth-Century Theory of Free Speech”

- Political Thought Seminar, Oxford University, Oct. 13, 2017
- Princeton-Universitat Pompeu Fabra Political Theory Conference, Barcelona, Nov. 2-3, 2017
- Conference on the Freedom of Speech, c. 1550-c.1850, Ohio University, April 7-8, 2017

“What Is Democracy? A Few Different Ideas”

- POLIS Sutton Trust Summer School, University of Cambridge, Aug. 16, 2017

“Did the Nineteenth Century Believe that Parliaments Had Minds and Wills of Their Own?”

- Conference on the History of Thinking about Artificial Intelligence and Agency, Center for the Future of Intelligence, University of Cambridge, Mar. 20, 2017

“Interpreting Trump’s Victory”

- Panel on the 2016 Election, Jesus College, University of Cambridge, Jan. 20, 2017

“Democracy Confronts Diversity: Deliberation and Representation in Victorian Britain”

- Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, University of Cambridge, Oct. 17, 2016
- Princeton University Politics Department, Nov. 12, 2015

“Representative Institutions and the Character of Lefortian Theory”

- APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Sept. 1, 2016

“Victorian Democratic Theory and the Problem of Representation”

- Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, Sept. 16, 2015
- Fellows Workshop, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, Jan. 29, 2015 (as “Democracy, Diversity, and Contestability: Democracy against the Variety of Suffrages”)

“John Stuart Mill and the Pacific Theory of Toleration”

- APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Sept. 3, 2015
- Sciences Po Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Paris, June 19, 2014 (as “What’s Not in *On Liberty*: A Forgotten Nineteenth-Century Argument for Freedom of Discussion”)

“Diversity without Democracy: The Theory of the Variety of Suffrages”

- Fellows Workshop, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, Apr. 2, 2015

“James Fitzjames Stephen and the Victorian Theory of Toleration”

- Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, Feb. 11, 2015

“Reappraising Walter Bagehot’s Liberalism: Discussion, Public Opinion, and the Meaning of Parliamentary Government”

- Center for European Studies Workshop, Harvard University, Nov. 14, 2014. Presentation with Will Selinger

“Jean Barbeyrac, Supererogation, and the Search for a Safe Religion”

- Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, Sept. 10, 2014

“Lockean Toleration and the Victim’s Perspective”

- Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, Feb. 26, 2014

“Hume’s Low Road to Toleration”

- Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, Jan. 15, 2014
- MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 12, 2013
- Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, April 5, 2013

“What Exactly Mill and Tocqueville Thought about Diversity of Opinion”

- NEPSA Annual Meeting, Portland, ME, May 3, 2013

“Diversity of Opinion: A History”

- Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, Nov. 14, 2012

TEACHING

Department of Politics, Princeton University

Representation and Representative Institutions in Political Theory. Fall 2019. Seminar for junior concentrators in politics, in preparation for their required research projects.

Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill: Liberalism, Democracy, Empire, Revolution. Spring 2019. Seminar for graduate students and advanced undergraduates.

Progress and Civilization in Victorian Political Theory. Spring 2019. Reading course for graduate students.

Modern Political Theory, Fall 2018. Survey lecture course for undergraduates. Also led one discussion precept.

University of Cambridge

B.A. Tutorial in Politics, Supervisor, Easter 2017.

MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Supervisor for MPhil Paper, Lent 2017;
Examiner for MPhil Papers, Micheltmas 2017-Lent 2018

SELECTED AFFILIATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Research Grant, University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences,
Princeton University (two awards), 2019

Charles Sumner Dissertation Prize, Harvard University 2016

Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2015-16

Graduate Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University

Graduate Fellow, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2014-15

Recipient of the Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Spring 2013 and Spring
2014

Graduate Student Affiliate, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University,
2013-6

GSAS Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (grant for travel and language acquisition), Harvard
University, 2012

Jens Aubry Westengard Scholarship (grant for travel and language acquisition), Harvard University,
2012

GSAS Summer School Tuition Fellowship, Harvard University, 2011

Judith Nisse Shklar Fellow in the Government Department, Harvard University, 2010-2011

Napier Wilt Prize for Outstanding Thesis in English Literature, University of Chicago, 2009

Honors from the College, University of Chicago, 2009

Honors from the Department of English Literature, 2009

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago, 2008 (inducted as a junior)

National Merit Scholarship, 2005

Robert Byrd Scholarship, 2005

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION

Organizer: “Thomas Paine on the French Revolution: History and Theory,” Conference for the Project in the History of Political Thought, Princeton University, Feb. 28, 2020

Organizer: “Caesarism: Historical and Normative Perspectives,” Conference for the Project in the History of Political Thought, Princeton University, Nov. 15-16, 2019

Organizer and Chair: “Thomas Paine and the Terror: Exploring a Discovery,” Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, Sept. 1, 2018

Co-Organizer: “Elites and Democracy in Modern Political Thought” Conference for CRASSH, University of Cambridge, Dec. 7, 2017

Organizer and Chair: “Modern French Liberalism,” Panel for the APSA Annual Meeting, Sept. 1, 2016

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer:

Journals: European Journal of Political Theory, Eighteenth-Century Studies, Global Intellectual History, History of European Ideas, Journal of Politics, Modern Intellectual History, Perspectives on Politics, Political Studies, Review of Politics

Manuscripts: Harvard University Press

Political Theory Subfield Coordinator, Politics Department, Princeton University, 2019-20

Graduate Admissions Committee, Member for Political Theory, Politics Department, Princeton University, 2019-20

Member, Executive Committee of the James Madison Program, Princeton University, 2019-

Senior Thesis Poster Session Committee, Politics Department, Princeton University, Spring 2019

Faculty Fellow of Wilson College, Princeton University, Spring 2019-

Member of the Jesus College Council and College Trustee, 2017-18

Departmental Writing Assistant, Harvard Government Dept., Spring 2013

LANGUAGES

French (fluent), *Italian* (advanced), *Spanish* (conversational), *Latin* (basic reading knowledge), *German* (two years)