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EDUCATION

Cornell University | Doctor of Philosophy | 2022

Department of Government

Dissertation: *The Immanent Apocalypse: Humanity and the Ends of the World*

Committee: Jason Frank (chair), Jill Frank, Alexander Livingston, Patchen Markell

The University of Chicago | Master of Arts | 2014

Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences

Thesis: "The Unhappy Historicism of Carl Schmitt"

Advisor: John P. McCormick

Eugene Lang College / The New School for Social Research | Bachelor of Arts | 2011

Degree in Historical Studies with Honors

Thesis: "Gandhi, Colonial Biopolitics, and the Need to Suffer"*

Advisor: Orit Halpern

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Researcher | Stanford Existential Risk Initiative, Stanford University | 2022-Present

DISSERTATION

The Immanent Apocalypse: Humanity and the Ends of the World

My dissertation bridges debates between Political Theory and the emerging field of Existential Risk Studies to ask: "What implications does the appearance of the human power to end all human life have for the Western political tradition?" It adopts a comparative approach that takes as its chief interlocutors Hannah Arendt (nuclear weapons), Michel Foucault (gene editing technology), Jonathan Schell (ecocide).

PUBLICATION

"*Kainos Anthropos: The Anthropocene and Anthropogenic Existential Risk*" in *New Formations* (Q4 2022)

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

"The Blindspot in Biopolitics: Michel Foucault and the Power to Kill Life Itself"

"The Fate of the Earth System: Jonathan Schell as Ecological Political Theorist"

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

The Hohendahl Graduate Essay Prize in Critical Theory for "The Blindspot in Biopolitics" | 2021

Sage Fellowship | Cornell University | Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

Research Travel Grant | Cornell Gradual School | Fall 2019

The School of Criticism and Theory Tuition Fellowship | Summer 2017

Boren Fellowship for International Study | Istanbul, Turkey | 2014-2015

Unendowed Scholarship of Full Tuition | University of Chicago | 2013 - 2014

Critical Language Scholarship | Ankara, Turkey | Summer 2011

*Award for Most Outstanding Senior Work | Historical Studies Department, The New School | 2011

TEACHING

“Discussions of Justice: Politics in the Trump Era,” Cornell University | Fall 2017

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

“Virtue and Vice in History” with Michael Roth | Wesleyan University | Spring 2020/1

“Philosophy and the Movies: The Past on Film” with Michael Roth | Wesleyan University | Fall 2020/1

“The Cold War” with Matt Evangelista | Cornell University | Spring 2017/18

“Civil Disobedience” with Alexander Livingston | Cornell University | Fall 2017/8

“Prisons, Politics, Policy” with Jamila Michener | Cornell University | Spring 2016/7

“Introduction to American Politics” with Suzanne Mettler | Cornell University | Fall 2016/7

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Kainos Anthropos” at the International Society for Environmental Ethics Conference, Turku, Finland, June 2022.

“The Blind Spot in Biopolitics: Michel Foucault and the Power to Kill Life Itself” at the Association for Global Political Thought Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 2022.

“The Family of Man’s Peril” at The Association for Political Thought Annual Conference, Amherst, MA, November 2021.

“The Existential Anthropocene: Taking Total Risk as a Chronic Condition” at the Harvard Climate Pipeline Project Conference, Online, October 2021.

“The Blind Spot in Biopolitics: Michel Foucault and the Power to Kill Life Itself” at the American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

“The Family of Man’s Peril: Existential Risk and the Limits of Species Unity” at the Harvard Graduate Students in Science and Technology Studies Conference, Online, September 2020.

“The Nomos of the Eearth [sic]: Latour, Schmitt, Climate Change” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

“Humanity Is Not Yet: The Temporality of Existential Threat” at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Political Science Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 2018.

“Niebuhr, Nonviolence, and Another Realism” at the Eastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

“Gandhi, Goldman, and the Subject of Sacrifice” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC, April 2017.

“The Unhappy Historicism of Carl Schmitt” at The London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought, University College London, June 2016.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Cornell Political Theory Workshop Coordinator | AY 2018-2019

Cornell International Relations Minor Administrator | AY 2018-2019

Cornell Political Theory Graduate Writing Colloquium Coordinator | AY 2017-2018

LANGUAGES

Advanced French, Advanced Turkish, Research German