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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Stanford University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science (2020-present) and (by courtesy)  
Department of History (2022-present)  
Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Professor for Distinguished Teaching, University Center for  
Human Values, Princeton University (2022-2023)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (2012-present)  
Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics in Society (2013-present)  
Assistant Professor (Subject to PhD), Department of Political Science (2011-2012)

## EDUCATION

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### Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

PhD in Government, 2012

MA in Government, 2009

### University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

MA in Political Science and International Relations, 2005

### University of Guelph, Guelph, ON

BA in International Development/Political Economy (with distinction), 2003

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Modern Political Theory  
History of Political Thought  
Political Realism  
History of International Relations Thought  
Religion and Politics

## BOOKS

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*Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

Reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Theory*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *American Political Thought*, *Hobbes Studies*, *Reading Religion* (American Academy of Religion), *H-Diplo*, *Real Clear Defense*.

Selected interviews and coverage: *The Show* (NPR Phoenix), *New Books in Political Science*, *Entitled Opinions*, *Philosophy Talk*, *New Work in Intellectual History Podcast*.

*Absolving God: Religion and Rhetoric in Hobbes's Political Thought* (in progress)

*Treason in the History of Political Thought* (one chapter drafted)

## **PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS**

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“Contextual Analysis in the Computer Age: The Case of Hobbes,” (with Jacqueline Basu). Forthcoming in *Meaning and Understanding in History of Ideas and Beyond*, ed. Adrian Blau (Oxford University Press).

“Machiavelli on Popular Rule.” Forthcoming in the *Cambridge History of Democracy*, vol. 2, edited by Markku Peltonen and Sophie Smith (Cambridge University Press).

“Absolving God’s Laws: Thomas Hobbes’s Scriptural Strategies,” *Political Theory* 50, no. 5 (2022): 754-79.

“The Wages of Fear?: Toward Fearing Well About Climate Change,” in *Philosophy and Climate Change*, eds. Mark Budolfson, Tristram McPherson, and David Plunkett, Oxford University Press, 2021.

“What (if Anything) is Wrong with Positive Liberty?” *Critical Review* 32 (2020).

“Hobbes’s Convergent Strategy,” *Hobbes Studies* 33, no. 2 (2020).

“Political realism and moral corruption,” *European Journal of Political Theory* 19, no. 2 (2020): 141-61.

“‘A Rhapsody of Heresies’: The Scriptural Politics of On the Citizen,” in *On the Citizen: A Critical Guide*, eds. Robin Douglass and Johann Olsthoorn, Cambridge University Press, 2019.

“Mirrors for Princes and Sultans” (with Lisa Blaydes and Justin Grimmer), *Journal of Politics* 80, no. 4 (2018): 1150-1167.

“Mosaic Leviathan: Religion and Rhetoric in the Philosophy of Hobbes,” in *Hobbes on Politics and Religion*, eds. Robin Douglass and Laurens van Apeldoorn (Oxford University Press, 2018).

“The Case for Kinship: Political Realism and Classical Realism,” in *Politics Recovered: Essays in Realist Political Thought*, ed. Matt Sleat (Columbia University Press, 2018).

“Tocqueville in Jacksonian Context: American Expansionism and Discourses of American Indian Nomadism in Democracy in America” (with Burke Hendrix), *Perspectives on Politics* 15, no. 3 (2017): 663-667.

“Political Realism and the Realist ‘Tradition,’” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 20, no. 3 (2017): 291-305.

“Salutary Fear: Hans Morgenthau and the Politics of Existential Crisis,” *American Political Thought* 6, no. 1 (2017): 78-105.

“Politics in Apocalyptic Times: Machiavelli’s Savonarolan Moment,” *Journal of Politics* 78, no. 3 (2016): 909-24.

“A Groupthink Perspective on the Invasion of Iraq,” *International Affairs Review* 14, no. 2 (2005), 53-79.

## **ESSAYS, REVIEWS, AND SHORTER PIECES**

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“Murder in the Archive,” *PS: Political Science* 57, no. 1 (2024).

“Author’s Reply,” in Roundtable Forum on *Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times*, *H-Diplo* (October 11, 2019).

“Taming the President of Pride: Here’s what Hobbes and Locke can tell us about Trump,” *Foreign Policy* (web), September 27, 2018.

“How to be a Prophet of Doom,” *New York Times*, online on May 11, 2018; in print on May 13, 2018.

Roundtable Forum on Nicolas Guilhot’s *After the Enlightenment: Political Realism and International Relations in the Mid-Twentieth Century* (2017), H-Diplo, 2018.

Entries on “classical realism,” “E.H. Carr,” and “Hans Morgenthau,” *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics and International Relations*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, ed. Garrett Brown (Oxford University Press, 2018).

“Apocalyptic Thought in the Age of Trump,” *Foreign Affairs* (web), November 20, 2016.

“The Apocalypse in U.S. Political Thought,” *Foreign Affairs* (web), July 18, 2016.

- Selected by *Foreign Affairs* as one of the best pieces of 2016.

“On Hans Morgenthau’s ‘The Twilight of International Morality,’” *Ethics* 125, no. 3 (2015), 840-842.

“Compassion and Tragedy in the Aspiring Society,” *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 13 (2014), 651-657.

“Responsible Cosmopolitanism” [Review essay on Gregory Claeys’ *Imperial Sceptics* and Iris Marion Young’s *Responsibility for Justice*], *Political Theory* 40, no. 6 (2012): 839-846.

Review of John Gray’s *Black Mass: Apocalyptic Religion and the Death of Utopia*, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 37, no. 2 (2008), 522-524.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Treason in Seventeenth-Century Political Thought” (full draft)

“Religion and Scripture in *Leviathan*,” for inclusion in *The Cambridge Critical Guide to Leviathan* (early stages)

## SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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### Presenter

“Text-as-Data in the History of Political Thought,” Theoretical Foundations for Interdisciplinarity, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki, December 2023

“At the End of the World – Apocalyptic Imaginaries Now and Then,” Lund University, Sweden, October 2023, online

“The Poisoned Tree: Treason of the Heart in Seventeenth-Century England”

- LSR Seminar, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, May 2023
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, November 2023
- Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, November 2023
- Oxford Political Thought Workshop, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, December 2023

“Machiavelli and Political Realism,” Law and Philosophy Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2022

“Realism, Ethics and Catastrophe,” Jepson School of Leadership, University of Richmond, September 2022

Roundtable on Political Theory and the Archive, American Political Science Association Conference, Montreal, QC, September 2022

“Hobbes’s Strategy of Convergence,” American Political Science Association Conference, online, September 2021

“Christian Burlesque? Thomas Hobbes’s Scriptural Strategies” (with Jackie Basu)

- Cornell Political Theory Workshop, Ithaca, NY, March 2022
- Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, online, February 2022
- Conference in celebration of Quentin Skinner’s “Meaning and Understanding” after 50 years, British Academy (online), July 2021
- Political Theory Workshop, MIT, March 2021
- Association for Political Theory Conference, Irvine, CA, October 2019
- American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, DC, August/September 2019

“The Wages of Fear and the Possibility of Hope: How Should We Feel When We Talk About Climate Change?”

- Department of Political Economy Workshop, King’s College London, November 2019
- Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2019
- Safra Center Anniversary Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2017 (invited)
- SSRC Anxieties of Democracy program, Working Group on Climate Change Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, November 2016 (invited)

“Absolving God’s Laws: Thomas Hobbes’s Scriptural Strategies”

- Political Theory Workshop, University of Toronto, December 2022
- Law and Philosophy Workshop, Queen’s University, October 2022
- Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, February 2021
- Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, February 2020
- Political Theory Workshop, UC-Berkeley, December 2019
- Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, November 2019
- Department of Political Science, Notre Dame University, September 2019
- University of California—Irvine, January 2019
- Western Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC, March 2017
- Political Theory Workshop, UCSD, February 2017 (invited)
- American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016
- Princeton Graduate Political Theory Conference (keynote, invited), April 2016

“Politics in Apocalyptic Times: The Case of Machiavelli,” Keynote Address, How Will it End? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the End of the World, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, November 2018

“A Rhapsody of Heresies’: The Scriptural Politics of Hobbes’s *De Cive*”

- Political Theory Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, September 2018
- American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, September 2018
- European Hobbes Society Conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, May 2018

Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times, Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable, American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, August 2018

“Mirrors for Princes and Sultans: A Case of Computational Methods in the History of Political Thought,” Political Theory in/as/and Political Science, McGill University, May 2018

“Thomas Hobbes: ‘At the Edge of Promises and Prophecies’”

- The Early Modern Mind Workshop, Oxford University, Oxford, May 2018
- Wars of Religion: Past and Present Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 2015 (invited)
- Harvard Political Theory Colloquium/Program on Constitutional Government, Cambridge, MA, February 2015 (invited)
- Political Theory Workshop, Columbia University, New York City, NY, December 2014

“Mosaic Leviathan: Religion and Rhetoric in the Philosophy of Hobbes”

- Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2016
- Political, Legal, and Moral Theory Workshop, UC-Berkeley, September 2015
- American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2015
- LSR Seminar, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, March 2015

“Hans Morgenthau and Nuclear Catastrophe”

- Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, April 2015 (invited)
- Climate Futures Initiative, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 2015 (invited)
- Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 2014 (invited)
- Permanent Catastrophe Workshop, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, April 2014 (invited)

Presenter/participant, “Rethinking Sovereignty,” Kandersteg Seminar, Remarque Institute (New York University), Kandersteg, Switzerland, March 2015 (invited)

“Machiavelli’s Savonarolan Moment”

- University of Calgary, Calgary, September 2018 (invited)
- University of California—Davis, Davis, CA, April 2014 (invited)

“Political Realism and Moral Corruption”

- Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 2014 (invited)
- Western Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, April 2014
- Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, September 2013 (invited)
- Classical Realism Workshop, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, May 2013 (invited)
- Political Philosophy Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 2013 (invited)

“Mirrors for Princes and Sultans” (with Lisa Blaydes and Justin Grimmer)

- Political Methodology Society, Athens, GA, July 2014
- American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013

“Hans Morgenthau and the Postwar Apocalyptic Imaginary”

- Central European University Summer Lecture Series on Realism and Religion, Budapest, July 2013 (invited)

- Department of Political Science Workshop, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, March 2013 (invited)
- Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR, March 2012

“Figures of Sovereignty: Thomas Hobbes’ Biblical Typology,” Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA, March 2013

“Thomas Hobbes and Seventeenth-Century Philosemitism,” Association for Political Theory, Columbia, SC, October 2012

“Feigning the World to be Annihilated: Thomas Hobbes and the Apocalyptic Imaginary”

- Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, December 2011
- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 2010
- Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, QC, June 2010
- Association for Political Theory, College Station, TX, October 2009

Speaker, “Roundtable: Realism and Rights,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011

### **Organizer**

Organizer, Author-Meets-Critics Panel for Eileen Hunt’s *Artificial Life After Frankenstein*, American Political Science Association, September 2021.

Workshop co-organizer (with Jonathan Gienapp, David Como), Geballe Research Workshop in the History of Political Thought, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford, CA, 2017-2022.

Workshop co-organizer (with David Plunkett), “Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop,” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, October 2016.

Roundtable co-organizer (with Daniel Levine) and participant, “Why does Morgenthau Matter Now?” International Studies Association, Toronto, ON, March 2014

### **SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

Hoffman-Yee Research Grant for “An AI ‘Time Machine’ for Investigating the History of Concepts” (Co-PI), \$500,000. Renewed in 2021 for an additional \$500,000.

Schuck Faculty Fellowship, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University, 2019-2022

Internal Faculty Fellowship, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, 2017-18

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2014-15

Brown Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University, 2013

Dean’s Award for Achievement in the First Years of Teaching, Stanford University, 2013

American Political Science Association’s Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation in Political Philosophy, 2012

Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Graduate Dissertation Prize, Department of Government, Cornell University, 2012

Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada, 2008-2009

**TEACHING****Department of Politics, Princeton University**

POL 303: Modern Political Theory (2023)

**Department of Political Science, Stanford University**

ETHICSOC 190: Ethics in Society Honors Seminar (2021, 2022, 2024)

POLISCI 31N: Political Freedom (2016, 2017)

POLISCI 131L: Modern Political Thought (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024)

POLISCI 432R: Selections in Modern Political Thought (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024)

POLISCI 333M: Research and Methods in Political Theory (2020, 2024)

POLISCI 238T/ INTNLREL 136: History of International Relations Thought (2014)

POLISCI 237M: Politics and Evil (2013)

POLISCI 435R/PHIL 372R: Political Realism (2011)

**Department of Government, Cornell University**

GOVT 100.03: Evil in International Politics (instructor) (2007)

**DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE****Department of Political Science, Stanford University**

Director of Graduate Studies (2019-2022)

Member, Policies and Programs Committee (2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2023-24)

Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2020-21)

Faculty Committee, Stanford Civics Initiative (2019-present)

Chair, Committee on Reform to the Graduate Program (2019)

Member, Senior Political Theory Search Committee (2015-2016)

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee (2014)

Co-organizer (with Josh Cohen), Political Theory Workshop (2011-2013)

Political Theory Field Convener (2011-2012, 2015-2016, 2018-19)

**McCoy Center for Ethics in Society**

Faculty Director, Undergraduate Program (2020-2022, 2023-24)

Faculty Advisory Board (2014-present)

**Program in Modern Thought and Literature, Stanford University**

Faculty committee (2012-2019)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE*****American Political Science Review***

Political Theory Co-Editor (2024-2028) [Participated in the bid process, starting summer 2023].

***Political Theory***

Co-editor (2022-2023)

**At the End of the World: A Transdisciplinary Approach to the Apocalyptic Imaginary in the Past and Present (research program), Lund University, Sweden**

International Advisory Board Member (2023-present)

### **American Political Science Association**

APSA Women's Research Mentoring Workshop (Spring 2021)

### **Anonymous Journal Review**

*American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Political Theory, Journal of the History of Ideas, American Political Thought, European Journal of Political Theory, History of European Ideas, International Studies Quarterly, International Theory, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Politics, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Polity, Political Ideology, Republic of Letters, Review of International Studies*

### **Manuscript and Proposal Review**

Harvard University Press, University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press

### **Manuscript and Proposal Workshops**

Book Manuscript Workshop for Noga Rotem's *Like a Moth to the Flame: Paranoia and Repair from Hobbes to Arendt* at University of Washington (February 2024)

Book Manuscript Workshop for Jacob Abolafia's *The Prison Before the Panopticon*, online (September 2022)

Book Manuscript Workshop for Natasha Piano's *Democratic Elitism*, online (May 2022)

Book Manuscript Workshop for Wendy Salkin's *Not Just Speaking for Ourselves* at Stanford University (December 2021)

Book Proposal Workshop for Kye Barker's *Of Wonder: Theorizing the Power of Wonder in Modernity* at the Association for Political Theory Conference on Zoom (November 2020)

Book Manuscript Workshop for Amy Gais's *Bound By Belief: Rethinking Liberty of Conscience in Early Modern Political Thought* at Washington University in St. Louis (October, 2019)

Book Manuscript Workshop for Brianna McGinnins's *Exile in America: Political Expulsion and the Limits of Liberal Government* at the Association for Political Theory Conference at UC-Irvine (October 2019)

## **REFERENCES**

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References available upon request.