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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (May 2016-present)
Assistant Professor (Subject to PhD), Department of Political Science (September 2015-May 2016)

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. Politics, 2016

University of Notre Dame

B.A., English, summa cum laude, 2009

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Election Day: On the Value of Voting (And How We Can Do It Better)

Voting is only one among many ways that citizens can participate in public decision-making, so why does it occupy such a central place in the democratic imagination? This book supplies an answer to this question, with an eye toward two goals: rebuffing radical criticisms of electoral democracy and guiding efforts at electoral reform. Elections are periodic occasions for approximately universal participation. As such, they simultaneously dramatize the nature of democracy as a collective undertaking, while also rendering concrete and transparent the terms of equal citizenship and the dignity of individuals. These occasions instantiate a distinctive constellation of democratic values and perform essential functions in democratic communities, including socializing citizens into their roles as equal political agents.

I argue that fully realizing the value of elections depends not merely on widespread opportunity to vote, but also on consistently high levels of actual turnout. And citizens' experience of voting matters as much as the formal properties of a voting system. These insights offer needed guidance for many areas of electoral reform, from the regulative ideals of party competition, to the timing of elections and location of polling places. Recovering the full value of voting in today's democracies requires rethinking what citizens experience on Election Day.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

“The Distinctive Value of Elections and the Case for Compulsory Voting” *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 63, No. 1, January 2019, pp. 101-112

“New Challenges for a Normative Theory of Parties and Partisanship” (forthcoming, at *Representation*, doi: 10.1080/00344893.2020.1738539)

“Reconsidering the Ideal of Non-factionalism in Party Politics” (in preparation)

“Against Responsible Parties” (in preparation)

“There *is* a duty to vote: Grounds for the 'Folk Theory of Voting Ethics'” (in preparation)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Shared Intentions, Plans, and the Ethics of Democracy” (forthcoming, *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*, Special Issue 18)

Review of *Smarter Ballots: Electoral Realism and Reform* by J. S. Maloy and *Rule by Multiple Majorities: A New Theory of Popular Control* by Sean Ingham. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 18, No. 3, 2020, 935-937. doi:10.1017/S1537592720001772

PRESENTATIONS

“Against Responsible Parties”
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2020

“There *is* a duty to vote: Grounds for the 'Folk Theory of Voting Ethics'”
REDEM Workshop: Voter-Centric Perspectives on Electoral Democracy, July 2020

“Reconsidering the Ideal of Non-factionalism in Party Politics”
Philosophy Politics and Economics Society Conference, March 2020
[Cancelled due to Covid-19]

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- Shared Agency and the Ethics of Democracy”
Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics Symposium on the Ethics of Democracy, November 2019
- “Party, Democracy, and the Ideal of Non-factionalism”
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2019
- “Democratic Agenda-setting and Political Parties”
Philosophy Politics and Economics Society Conference, March 2019
- “Advancing a Normative Theory of Political Parties”
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2018
- “Shared Intentions, Plans, and the Ethics of Democracy”
Notre Dame Political Theory Workshop, March 2018
NYU Political Philosophy Workshop, March 2018
- “Challenges and Possibilities for Promoting Democratic Partisanship”
UC Berkeley Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, February 2018
- “Mobilizing Voters as Partisans and the Importance of Electoral Context”
Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 2016
MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, September 2016
- “Lotteries and the Future of Democratic Theory” (Roundtable Participant)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016
- “Elections, Representation, and the Democratic Value of Parties”
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2016
- “The Case for Compulsory Voting”
Stanford Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Seminar, February 2016
- “There *is* a duty to vote: Grounds for the ‘Folk Theory of Voting Ethics’”
Stanford Political Theory Workshop, December 2015
- “The Distinctive Value of Elections and the Case for Compulsory Voting”
University of California, San Diego Political Theory Workshop, November 2015
- “The Efficacy of Voting: A Joint Intentions Approach”
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014
- “Voting as Collective Action? The Impact of Electoral Institutions on Joint Intention Among Voters”

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2013

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Teaching Advancement Grant, Stanford University, 2019

Nominated by Princeton Politics Department for Leo Strauss award for the best dissertation in Political Theory, 2016

Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2013 - 2014
Princeton University Center for Human Values

Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

TEACHING

20th Century and Contemporary Political Theory, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018
Stanford University, Political Science Department

Ethics for Activists, Winter 2020
Stanford University, Political Science Department, Program in Ethics in Society

The Democratic Citizen (An Education as Self-fashioning Course), Fall 2019 (co-taught with Andy Hall)
Stanford University, Stanford Introductory Studies

The Ethics of Elections, Winter 2019, Fall 2016
Stanford University, Political Science Department, Program in Ethics in Society

Honors Thesis Seminar, Fall 2018 (co-taught with Lauren Davenport)
Stanford University, Political Science Department

SLE (lecture on Political Qualification and Mandatory Voting), Fall 2020, Fall 2018
Stanford University, Structured Liberal Education Program

Dangerous Ideas (lecture on Mandatory Voting), Spring 2018
Stanford University, School of Humanities and Sciences

Democratic Theory, Winter 2017
Stanford University, Political Science Department

Ethics of Democratic Citizenship, Winter 2016
Stanford University, Political Science Department, Program in Ethics in Society

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DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Political Science Department Graduate Admissions Committee, Stanford University
Member (2018-2019, 2019-2020)

Writing and Rhetoric Requirement Governance Board, Stanford University
Member (2019-present)

McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University
Advisory Board Member (2016-present)

Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University
Convener (2016-2017)
Co-convener (2015-2016)

Political Science Department Junior Search Committee, Stanford University
Member (2016)

Referee for the following journals

American Journal of Political Science
American Political Science Review
Contemporary Political Theory
European Journal of Political Science
Journal of Applied Philosophy
Journal of Politics
Law and Philosophy
Philosophy Politics and Economics