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## Appointments

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### Cornell University

Robert J. Katz Chair, Department of Government, 2017-  
Professor, Department of Government, 2015-present  
Associate Professor, Department of Government, 2010-2015  
Gary S. Davis Assistant Professor in the History of Political Thought,  
Department of Government, 2005-2010  
Assistant Professor, Department of Government, 2004-2005

### Northwestern University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2003-2004

### Duke University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-2003

### University of California, Santa Cruz

Lecturer, Department of Politics, 2000-2001

### Goucher College

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, 1999-2000

## Education

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### The Johns Hopkins University

Ph.D. in Political Theory, Department of Political Science, 2002  
M.A. in Political Theory, Department of Political Science, 1998

### University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A. in Politics, 1993 (College Honors, Honors in the Major, Phi Beta Kappa)

## Fields of Interest

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Modern and Contemporary Political Theory  
American Political Thought  
Democratic Theory  
Aesthetics  
Politics and Literature  
Political Culture  
Philosophy of Political Inquiry

## Research and Publications

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### *Current Book Projects*

*The Democratic Sublime: Assembly and Aesthetics in the Age of Revolution* (under contract at Oxford University Press)

*The Lawgiver Problem: Revolutionary Government and the Creation of the New Man*

### *Books*

*Constituent Moments: Enacting the People in Postrevolutionary America* (Duke University Press, 2010)  
Reviews published in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of American History*, *William and Mary Quarterly*, *Theory & Event*, *New Political Science*, *Reviews in American History*, *Early American Literature*, and *Contemporary Political Theory*.

*Publius and Political Imagination* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2013)  
Reviews published in *American Political Thought*, the Liberty Fund's *Online Library of Law and Liberty*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*. A "Critical Exchange" was published in *Perspectives on Politics* (with Robert Martin) and a symposium appeared in *Polity* (with Jack Turner, Susan McWilliams, and Lawrie Balfour): "Political Imagination and the Problem of Founding: The Work of Jason Frank," *Polity* 47:4 (October, 2015), 535-575.

### *Edited Works*

*A Political Companion to Herman Melville* (University Press of Kentucky, 2013)  
Reviews published in *Boundary 2*, *American Political Thought*, *Leviathan*, and *Political Theory*.

w/Tracy McNulty, *Taking Exception to the State of Exception*, Special Issue of *Diacritics* 37: 2-3(2007)

w/John Tambornino, *Vocations of Political Theory* (University of Minnesota Press, 2000)  
Reviews published in *Perspectives on Politics*

### *Journal Articles and Symposia*

- "Theorizing the Cooperative Commonwealth," *Political Theory* (forthcoming)
- "Democracy and Disgust," *J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists* (forthcoming)
- "Is Radical Democracy a Tradition?" *Contemporary Political Theory* (February 2017)
- "Populism, Polarization, and Praxis," *Contemporary Political Theory* (May 2016)
- "Willful Liberalism in America," *Theory & Event* 19:1 (February 2016)
- "Democratic Imagination at the Brink," *Polity* (October 2015)
- "Collective Actors, Common Desires," *Political Research Quarterly* (September 2015)
- "The Living Image of the People," *Theory & Event* 18:1 (February 2015)
- "Rights Regimes and *The Last Utopia*," *Qui Parle* (Fall/Winter, 2013)
- "Momentos Constituyentes," *Revista Argentina de Ciencia Politica* (2012)  
[Spanish translation of selections from *Constituent Moments*]
- "Sympathy and Separation: Benjamin Rush and the Contagious Public,"  
*Modern Intellectual History* 6:1 (2009)
- "Publius and Political Imagination,"  
*Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy* 37:1 (2009)

- "Unauthorized Propositions': *The Federalist Papers* and Constituent Power,"  
*Diacritics* 37:2-3 (2007)
- "Taking Exception to the Exception,"  
 co-authored with Tracy McNulty, *Diacritics* 37:2-3 (2007)
- "Aesthetic Democracy: Walt Whitman and the Poetry of the People,"  
*The Review of Politics* 69:3 (2007)
- "'Besides Our Selves': An Essay on Enthusiastic Politics and Civil Subjectivity,"  
*Public Culture* 17:3 (2005)

### **Book Chapters**

- "Jacques Rancière's Politics of the Ordinary,"  
 Dilip P. Gaonkar and Scott Durham, eds., *Distributions of the Sensible: Rancière, Between Aesthetics and Politics* (Northwestern University Press, forthcoming)
- "The Ambivalent Political Expressivism of Langston Hughes,"  
 Melvin Rodgers and Jack Turner, eds., *African American Political Thought: A Collected History* (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming)
- "Populism and Praxis,"  
 Cristobal Kaltwasser and Paulina Ochoa Espejo, eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Populism* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- "Populism and Praxis: Between the Electorate and the Multitude,"  
 Karuna Mantena, ed., *Means and Ends: Rethinking Political Realism* (Penn State Press, forthcoming)
- "The Living Image of the People," Zvi Ben-Dor, Stefanos Geroulasnos, and Nicole Jerr, eds., *The Scaffolding of Sovereignty* (Columbia University Press, 2017)
- "Staging Dissensus: Frederick Douglass and 'We the People,'"  
 Neil Roberts, ed., *A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass* (University of Kentucky, forthcoming)
- "Pathologies of Freedom in Melville's America,"  
 Rom Coles, Mark Reinhardt, and George Shulman, eds., *Radical Future Pasts: Untimely Essays in Political Theory* (University Press of Kentucky, 2014)
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution"  
 Nikolis Kompridis, ed., *Political Theory's Aesthetic Turn* (Bloomsbury, 2014)
- "American Tragedy: The Political Thought of Herman Melville,"  
*A Political Companion to Herman Melville*
- "The Lyre of Orpheus: Aesthetics and Authority in Melville's *Billy Budd*,"  
*A Political Companion to Herman Melville*
- "Is There a Straussian Constitutionalism?"  
 Peter Uwe Hohendahl and Erhard Schütz, eds., *Konservative politische Kultur nach 1945 in Deutschland und in den USA* (Verlag Peter Lang. Europäischer Verlag der Wissenschaften, 2012)
- "Standing for Others: Reform and Representation in Emerson's Political Thought,"  
 Alan Levine and Daniel Malachuk, eds., *A Political Companion to Emerson* (University Press of Kentucky, 2011)
- "Promiscuous Citizenship,"  
 John Seery, ed., *A Political Companion to Whitman* (University Press of Kentucky, 2011)
- "Publius,"  
 Mark Bevir, ed., *Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (Sage, 2010)
- "Staging Dissensus: Frederick Douglass and 'We the People,'"  
 Andrew Schaap, ed., *Law and Agonistic Politics* (Ashgate Publishers, 2009)
- "The Democratic Societies (1793),"  
 Michael Morrison, ed., *Encyclopedia of US Political History* (MTM Publishing, 2009)
- "The Calling in Question,"  
 co-authored with John Tambornino, in *Vocations of Political Theory*

### **Reviews and Review Essays**

- Kyle G. Volk's "Moral Minorities and the Making of American Democracy,"  
*American Historical Review* 120:4 (2015)
- "Critical Dialogue: Jason Frank and Robert Martin," *Perspectives on Politics* 13:2 (2015)
- "Logical Revolts: Jacques Rancière and Political Subjectivization,"  
*Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy* 43:2 (2015)
- "Domination and Democracy in America,"  
*Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy* 40:3 (2012)
- "Mortal Citizenship and 'We the People,'"  
*Theory & Event* 11: 2 (2011)
- Stephen K. White's "The Ethos of a Late-Modern Citizen,"  
*Perspectives on Politics* 8:2 (2010)
- Keith Topper's "The Disorder of Political Inquiry,"  
*Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 14:1(2007)
- "The Cadaverous Triumphs of Contemporary Political Theory,"  
*Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy* 34: 5 (2006)
- Ralph Ketcham's "The Idea of Democracy in the Modern Age,"  
*Perspectives on Politics* 5:1 (2006)
- "Power, Proximity, and the Practice of Citizenship: A Review of Dana Villa's *Socratic Citizenship*," *Theory & Event* 7:4 (2004)
- "The Abyss of Democracy: Antonio Negri's Democratic Theory,"  
*Theory & Event* 4:1 (2000)
- "Nostalgia and Cultural Criticism: Notes on *The Baffler*,"  
*Socialist Review* 27:1-2 (1999)

### **Journalism, Interviews, and Correspondence (selected)**

- w/ Isaac Kramnick, "What 'Hamilton' Forgets About the Hamilton," *New York Times*, June 11, 2016, A17
- "Representing New York Constituencies in the Gay Marriage Debate," Interview on Morning  
Newswatch WHCU, June 23, 2011
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution," Talk podcast  
on KUER / Hinckley Institute of Politics, March 17, 2011
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Talk broadcast on C-Span Radio's Outside the Beltway  
Series, January 31 and February 4, 2009
- "Naomi Klein and 'the Political,'" Letter to the Editor, *The New Yorker*, January 12, 2009
- "The People, the Founders, and the American Political System," Interview posted on Cornell's  
Cybertower Forum, November 2008
- "Defender of the Faith?" Letter to the Editor, *New York Times Magazine*, September 23, 2007
- "In God We Trust," Letter to the Editor, *Harper's Magazine*, January 2005
- "Who are the best keepers of the people's liberties?"  
*Clark Center Newsletter*, Spring 2002

### **Working Papers**

- "Democratic Revolution and the Problem of Manifestation"  
"Tocqueville's Religious Dread"  
"Democratic Absorption: Rousseau's Phenomenology of Citizenship"  
"Picturing Popular Sovereignty"

## Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

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Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's John E. Sawyer Seminar Award for "The Political Will," 2014-2015  
(interdisciplinary research group award of \$175,000)

Brett de Bary Interdisciplinary Mellon Writing Group Grant, Cornell University, 2012-2013

Robert and Helen Appel Fellowship for Humanists and Social Scientists, Cornell University, 2010-2011

Mellon Faculty Fellowship, Cornell University, 2009-2010

Associate in Residence, Institute for the Social Sciences, Project on "Contentious Knowledge,"  
Cornell University, 2007-2009

Mellon Faculty Fellowship, Cornell University, 2006-2007

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Library Company, Philadelphia, Summer 2005

New Beginnings Postdoctoral Fellowship, Duke University, 2002-2003

Ahmanson-Getty Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Studies, University of  
California, Los Angeles, 2001-2002

Fellowship in the Program for Social Theory and Historical Inquiry at the Charles S. Singleton  
Center, Florence, Italy, 1999

James Hart Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, 1998-1999

Preferred Participant Fellowship, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, 1998

Paul A. McCoy Prize, Johns Hopkins University, best graduate paper in political science, 1997

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Scholarship for Language Study in Germany, 1995

Graduate Student Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 1994-1998

College Honors, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1993

Honors in the Major, Department of Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1993

Dean's Award for Undergraduate Achievement, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1992

## Invited Talks and Lectures

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"Populism and Democratic Identification,"  
CGCC Summer Institute: "Politics and Rhetoric of the New Populisms"  
Northwestern University, July 2017

"The Living Sovereign: Democratic Revolution and the Problem of Manifestation,"  
Conference: Images of Sovereignty  
University of Leuven, June 2017

"Donald Trump's 'Populism,'"  
Conference: The Prospects for Democracy in the Age of Trump  
Cornell Law School, March 2017

"Democratic Theory and Disincorporation,"  
Keynote Address. Conference: The Crisis of Collectivity  
Northwestern University, November 2016

"Democratic Heroism,"  
Moral, Political, and Legal Theory Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, March 2016

"Tocqueville's Religious Dread,"  
Political Theory Workshop, Hunter College, February 2016

"Publius and Prerogative,"  
Conference: The Federalist in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
University of Texas Law School, January 2016

"Tocqueville's Religious Dread,"  
Political Philosophy Workshop, Brown University, November 2015

"Tocqueville's Religious Dread,"

- Political Theory Workshop, Columbia University, October 2015
- "The Poetry and Politics of Langston Hughes,"  
Conference: African American Political Thought  
UCLA, May 2015
- "Commentary on Elizabeth Anker's *Orgies of Feeling*,"  
Conference: Rearticulating the Political  
University of Chicago, April 2015
- "The Democratic Sublime,"  
The Remarque Institute's Kandersteg Seminar on Sovereignty  
Kandersteg, Switzerland, March 2015
- "Grandeur,"  
Conference: Political Concepts  
Columbia University, March 2015
- "Tocqueville's Religious Dread,"  
Political Theory Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, February 2015
- "Collective Actors, Common Desires,"  
Commentary on Bonnie Honig's Neal A. Maxwell Lecture in Political Theory and Contemporary  
Politics, University of Utah, November 2014
- "Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Modern Crisis of Political Authority,"  
Conference: "Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Age of Revolution,"  
Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, Yale University, October 2013
- "The Authority of the American Founding,"  
Constitution Day Public Lecture  
The University of South Carolina, September 2013
- "Populism: Between the Electorate and the Multitude,"  
Conference: "Sovereignty: Stages and Frontiers,"  
New York University, May 2013
- "Tocqueville's Religious Dread: Agency and Anxiety in the Age of Revolutions,"  
Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Yale University, March 2013
- "The Lyre of Orpheus: Aesthetics and Authority in Melville's *Billy Budd*,"  
Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, December 2012
- "Reading *Moby-Dick* as Political Theory,"  
Political Science Seminar, Northwestern University, December 2012
- "Populism and Paideia,"  
Conference: "Tragic Vision, Democratic Hope: A Conference in Honor of J. Peter Euben,"  
Duke University, November 2012
- "Remembrance and Democratic Legitimacy,"  
Constitution Day Panel: "Foundings," Cornell Law School, September 2012
- "American Tragedy: The Political Thought of Herman Melville,"  
Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, April 2012
- "Jacques Rancière's Politics of the Ordinary,"  
Co-Sponsored Talk in English and Political Science, Williams College, February 2012
- "Populism: Between the Electorate and the Multitude,"  
Conference: "Populism: Historical and Normative Aspects," Center for Human Values, Princeton  
University, February, 2012
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution,"  
Political Theory Colloquium, University of California, Los Angeles, October 2011
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution,"  
Political Theory Workshop, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, November 2011
- "Jacques Rancière's Politics of the Ordinary,"  
CGCC Summer Institute: "Jacques Rancière: Politics and Media Aesthetics,"  
Northwestern University, July 2011

- "Straussians and the United States Constitution,"  
Conference: "Konservative politische Kultur nach 1945 in Deutschland und den USA,"  
Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2011
- "Walt Whitman's Aesthetics of Urban Encounter,"  
Inaugural Lecture, Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Arts of Democracy,  
Rutgers University, April 2011
- "From the People to the Electorate,"  
European Center for Political Research Joint Session: "We, the People": A New Object of  
Democratic Analysis," St. Gallen, Switzerland, April 2011
- "Straussians and the United States Constitution,"  
Symposium: "Judging History: Contemporary Perspectives on Leo Strauss,"  
Cornell University, March 2011
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution,"  
Political Science Department Colloquium, The New School for Social Research, March 2011
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution,"  
Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, March 2011
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution,"  
Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, February 2011
- "Delightful Horror: Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution,"  
Inaugural Mead Lecture in Political Theory, Trinity College, November 2010
- "Governing Interest: *The Federalist's* Economy of Freedom and Power,"  
Political Theory Workshop, SUNY Albany, May 2010
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Political Theory Speaker Series, New York University, October 2009
- "Is there a Straussian Constitutionalism?" Conference: "New Directions in Postwar Conservative  
Thought: A German-American Dialogue," Cornell University, October 2009
- "Willful Liberalism in America? On Flathman's Avoidance of Emerson," Conference: "A Blooming,  
Buzzing Confusion: Pluralism, Individuality, and Liberalism. A Symposium on the Work and  
Influence of Richard E. Flathman," Johns Hopkins University, April 2009
- "Publius and Political Imagination," Law and Literature Speaker Series, Cornell University Law School,  
April 2009
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Oxford Political Thought Conference, Oxford University, January 2009
- "Publius and Political Imagination," Political Theory Colloquium, University of Exeter, January 2009
- "Publius and Political Imagination," Center for Theoretical Studies, University of Essex, January 2009
- "Constituent Moments: Enacting the People in Postrevolutionary America," Seminar, Center for  
Theoretical Studies, University of Essex, January 2009
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, December 2008
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Political Science Speaker Series, Johns Hopkins University, October 2008
- "Staging Dissensus: Frederick Douglass and 'We the People,'" Comparative Literature Speaker Series,  
Cornell University, April 2008
- "Who Speaks for the People? And How?: Reflections from the American Founding," Institute for the  
Social Sciences, Cornell University, April 2008
- "Revolution and Reiteration," Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota, February 2008
- "Publius and Political Imagination," Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, November 2007
- "Revolution and Reiteration," Political Theory Colloquium, Queen's University, Belfast, October 2007
- "Revolution and Reiteration," Legal Theory Colloquium, University of Glasgow, October 2007
- "Staging Dissensus: Frederick Douglass and 'We the People,'" Conference: "Law and Agonistic Politics,"  
University of Exeter, September 2007
- "Publius and Political Imagination," Political Theory Colloquium, University of Michigan, March 2007
- "Claiming 'We the People,'" Political Theory Workshop, University of California, San Diego,  
January 2007
- "Paradox and Popular Constitutionalism," Conference: "Popular Sovereignty and the Rule of Law in  
Divided Societies," University of Melbourne, Australia, December 2006

- "*On Revolution / On Constituent Power*," Political Science Department Colloquium, New School for Social Research, October 2006
- "Michel Foucault," Belmar Lab, Denver Colorado, July 2006
- "Self-Created Societies," American Bar Foundation, Chicago, February 2004
- "Politics on the 'Visceral Register': A Response to William Connolly," conference: "The Bearable Lightness of Being: Weak Ontology and the Affirmation of Moral and Political Life," Northwestern University, March 2004
- "Theorizing the Democratic-Republican Societies," Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, January 2004
- "Spaces of Insurgent Citizenship," Ford Foundation Seminar Series: "Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom," University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2003
- "Theorizing the Democratic-Republican Societies," Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2003
- "*Mimesis and the Mob*," conference: "Diverse Subjects: Entities/ Affects/Rights," Clark Memorial Library, University of California, Los Angeles, November 2001

## Conference Participation

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### *Papers*

- "Democratic Revolution and the Problem of Manifestation," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2017
- "Populism and Praxis," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015
- "Populism and Popular Will," Conference: "Political Will," Cornell University, April 2015
- "The Poetry of the Barricades," American Political Sciences Association, Washington, D.C., 2014
- "Picturing Popular Sovereignty," American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013
- "The Image of the People," Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, 2013
- "Pathologies of Freedom in Melville's America," American Political Science Association, Seattle, 2011
- "Standing for Others: Reform and Representation in Emerson's Thought," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2010
- "The Lyre of Orpheus: Aesthetics and Authority in Melville's *Billy Budd*," Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2010
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," American Studies Association, Washington D.C., November 2009
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Conference: "A Return to the Senses: Political Theory and the Sensorium," Trent University, May 2009
- "Promiscuous Citizenship," Western Political Science Association, Vancouver 2009
- "Governing Interest: *The Federalist's* Economy of Freedom and Power," Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, 2009
- "Frederick Douglass and "We the People," American Political Science Association, Boston 2008
- "Revolution and Reiteration: Hannah Arendt's Critique of Constituent Power," Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, 2007
- "Paradox and Popular Constitutionalism," Conference: "Taking Exception to the Exception," Cornell University, September, 2006
- "*On Revolution / On Constituent Power*," Cornell Political Theory Workshop, February 2006
- "Publius and Political Imagination," Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, 2006
- "Hearing Voices: Imagination and Authority in *Wieland*," Western Political Science Association, Oakland, 2005
- "Democracy and Disgust in the Early Republic," American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2004
- "Spaces of Insurgent Citizenship," Western Political Science Association, Portland, 2004
- "The American Founding and the Aesthetics of Rule," Western Political Science Association, Denver, 2003



- “‘Besides our Selves’: Enthusiasm, Communication, and Subjection,” American Political Science Association, Boston, 2002
- “Sympathy and Separation,” Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, 2002
- “‘Aesthetic Democracy’: Walt Whitman’s Political Romanticism,” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, 2001
- “The Disease of Disorder: Crowds and Constitutions in Postrevolutionary America,” American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, 2000
- “Democracy and Deception: Performativity in the *Memoirs of Stephen Burroughs*,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2000
- “‘The Proper Objects of Government’: Instituting America’s New Science of Politics,” Western Political Science Association, San Jose, 2000
- “‘Thy Uncreating Word’: Crowds and Communication in Postrevolutionary America,” Western Political Science Association, Seattle, 1999
- “Public Access/Public Excess: Habermas and Bakhtin on Language in the Public Sphere,” Southern Political Science Association, Norfolk, 1997
- “Political Disorientation and the *Sensus Communis* in the Work of Hannah Arendt,” Northeast Political Science Association, Boston, 1996

### ***Roundtable Participant***

- “Author Meets Critics: Antonio Vásquez-Arroyo’s Political Responsibility: Responding to Predicaments of Power,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, 2017
- “Political Theory and Democracy: A Roundtable on Sheldon Wolin’s Legacy,” Western Political Science Association, San Diego, 2016
- “Author Meets Critics: Alex Gourevitch’s From Slavery to the Cooperative Commonwealth,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015
- “Radical Democracy in America: Recent Work by Jason Frank,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2014
- “Author Meets Critics: Jack Turner’s Awakening to Race: Individualism and Social Consciousness in America,” Western Political Science Association, Seattle, 2014
- “Political Melville?” American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., 2013
- “U.S. Political Rhetorics: Persuasion American Style,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2013
- “Remembering the Work of Jack Schaar,” Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, 2013
- “The Political Origins of Human Rights,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, 2011
- “The Decline of American Empire?” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2010
- “Towards a Post Fordist Political Science,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, 2007
- “The History and Theory of Constituent Power,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2006

### ***Discussant***

- “Politics and Affect,” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco 2010
- “The Politics of Hunger,” American Political Science Association, Toronto 2009
- “New Approaches to American Political Thought,” American Political Science Association, Boston 2008
- “Political Importance of Small and Pleasing Things,” American Political Science Association, Chicago 2007
- “Space, Place, and Form,” Association for Political Theory, Bloomington, November 2006
- “On Death and Vengeance,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, 2006
- “Architecture and Political Theory,” Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque, 2006
- “Contrarian Goods: Silence, Hypocrisy, Pessimism,” American Political Science Association, Boston, 2002
- “What Should We Do? Affirmative Ethics and Political Theory,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2001

## *Chair*

- "Reprising the Early Modern," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015  
"Liberal Ends, Violent Means," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2014  
"Wittgenstein among the Disciplines: A Cross-Disciplinary Conversation," Cornell University, 2012  
"Affective States," American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C. 2010  
"The Politics of Reconciliation," Western Political Science Association, San Francisco 2010  
"Ethics, Politics, and Affect," Conference: "The Substance of Thought: Critical and Pre-Critical,"  
Cornell University, April 2008  
"Crowds and Conspiracies: Power, Rights, and Responsibilities in Mass Democracy," Midwestern  
Political Science Association, Chicago, 2007  
"The Language of Rights in the Age of the American Revolution," Northwestern University, May 2004

## **Teaching**

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Department of Government, Cornell University

### Undergraduate

- GOVT 1000- "Political Theory and the American Founding"
- GOVT 1615 "Introduction to Modern Political Theory"
- GOVT 3655 "Politics and Literature"
- GOVT 3650 "Political Freedom"
- GOVT 3726 "Revolutions" (w/ Camille Robcis)
- GOVT 4000 "Passion and Politics"
- GOVT 4585 "American Political Thought" (Cornell in Washington)
- CAU (Summer 2008) "Political Uses and Abuses of America's Founding"
- CAU (Summer 2014) "Chasing the Whale: Melville's Politics"

### Graduate

- GOVT 6585 "American Political Thought"
- GOVT 662 "Political Theory Field Seminar: Political Theory and the Problem of Modernity"
- GOVT 6075 "Political Theory Field Seminar: The Enlightenment" (w/ Isaac Kramnick)
- GOVT 6645 "Democratic Theory"
- GOVT 6675 "Language and Politics"
- GOVT 6815 "Political Theory and Aesthetics"
- GOVT 6868 "Schmitt, Strauss, Arendt"

Political Science Department, Northwestern University

- PS 15 "Political Theory and the American Founding"
- PS 312 "Logic of Political Inquiry"
- PS 395 "American Political Thought"
- PS 390 "Democratic Theory"

Political Science Department, Duke University

- PS 49 "Politics and Literature"
- PS 100 "Political Theory and the American Founding"

Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

- Stevenson 100 "Self and Society I"
- Stevenson 100 "Self and Society II"

POL 101 "Political Theory and Power"  
POL 104 "American Political Thought"

Department of Political Science and International Relations, Goucher College  
PSC 205 "American Political Thought"  
PSC 201 "Modern Political Theory"

Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University  
PS 190 "Cities, Utopias, Politics"

## **Professional Activities**

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### *Professional Memberships*

American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Theory, Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Association for Political Theory, American Studies Association

### *American Political Science Association*

Foundations of Political Theory, Council Member, 2014-2017  
Leo Strauss Award Committee, Member, 2012-2013  
Division 1: Political Thought and Philosophy, Division Co-Chair, 2010-2011

### *International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT)*

Co-Director (w/ Karuna Mantena, Bryan Garsten, and Jill Frank), 2016-

### *Book Manuscript Review*

Publisher  
Cambridge University Press, Palgrave Macmillan Press, University of Minnesota Press, Polity,  
Routledge, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, University Press of Kentucky

University First Book Workshops  
Wellesley College, Cornell University, McGill University

### *Journal Review*

American Political Science Review, Political Theory: An International Journal of Political  
Philosophy, Journal of American Studies, Journal of Political Philosophy, Polity: Journal of the  
Northeastern Political Science Association, Review of Politics, History of Political Thought;  
William and Mary Quarterly, Journal of Politics, American Political Thought, Theory & Event,  
J19: The Journal for Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Perspectives on Politics

### *Research Proposal Review*

Social Studies and Humanities Research Council

### *Editorial Boards*

*Corpus Juris: The Humanities in Politics and Law* (Cornell University Press)  
*Signale: Modern German Letters, Culture, and Thought* (Cornell University Press)

*Theory & Event* (2008-present)  
*J19: the Journal for Nineteenth-Century Americanists* (Advisory Board, 2011-present)  
*Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Review Editor), 8 vols. (Wiley-Blackwell, 2014)

### **Research Groups**

Democratic Vistas: Interdisciplinary Research in Political Theory and Literary Studies  
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### **Conference Organization**

"Political Will," Cornell University, March 2015  
"Judging History: Contemporary Perspectives on Leo Strauss," Cornell University, March 2011  
"Taking Exception to the Exception," Cornell University, September 2006  
"Vocations of Political Theory," Johns Hopkins University, March 1998

### **Editorial Work**

Associate Editor, *Socialist Review*, San Francisco, 1993-1994

## **Department and University Service**

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### **Department of Government**

Robert J. Katz Chair, 2017-  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2011 – 2014  
Chair, Graduate Committee, 2011-2014  
Member, Executive Committee, 2011-2014  
Member, Political Theory Search Committee, 2011-2012  
Member, Omnibus Search Committee, 2012-2013  
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2011-2012  
Member, Junior Faculty Mentoring Committee, 2007-2008  
Member, Graduate Committee, 2006-2007, 2009-2010  
Member, Mellon Foundation Fellowship Award Committee, Spring 2006  
Member, Expansion Positions Search Committee, 2005-2006  
Member, Expansion Positions Mission Committee, Spring 2005  
Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2004-2005  
Member, Political Theory A Exam Committees, 2005 to present (except 2007-2008)  
Member, Ph.D. B Exam Committees (thesis defense), 2005 - present  
Chair, Mellon Chair Committee, 2009  
Organizer, Political Theory Workshop, 2004-2010 (except 2007-2008)  
Honors Thesis Advisor and Reader, 2004 - present  
Honors Thesis Advisor for Award Winning Thesis, 2005  
Undergraduate Advising, 2004 - present  
Author, Mellon Grant Proposal for Comparative Political Theory, 2008  
Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society), 2009-2010

### **Cornell University**

Member, CIVIC: Task Force for the Humanities and Arts, 2016-2017  
Member, John L Senior Chair Search Committee, 2015-16

Faculty Associate, Program on American Studies, 2004 -present  
 Faculty Associate, Program on French Studies, 2005 - present  
 Faculty Associate, Program on Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Studies, 2005 - present  
 Instructor, New Student Reading Project, 2004 - 2011  
 Faculty Fellow, William Keeton House, 2008 - 2011  
 Member, Cornell in Washington Committee, 2013-present  
 Member, Hull Fund Committee, 2008-2009  
 Member, Institute for German Cultural Studies Steering Committee, 2010 - present  
 Chair, Hull Fund Committee, 2009-2012, 2015-2016  
 Seminar Leader, Mellon Humanities Seminar on "History," 2009-2010  
 Featured Interview, Cornell Cyber Tower Forum, November 2008  
 College Scholars Thesis Advisor, 2007-2008  
 Associate in Residence, Institute for the Social Sciences' project on "Contentious Knowledge,"  
 2007-2009  
 Participant, Mellon Humanities Seminar on "Performance and Interpretation," 2006-2007  
 Faculty Fellow, Carl Becker House, 2005-2006  
 Judge, Biddy Martin Prize in Lesbian, Bisexual, & Gay Studies, Spring 2005  
 Team Member, "Conservative Thought Project" German Department (with Humboldt U.)  
 Reviewer, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications, Society for the Humanities,  
 Reviewer, Society for the Humanities Fellowship Applications, 2006-present

## **Dissertations**

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### *Chair or Co-Chair*

Kevin Duong, Government, "Democratic Terror: Redemptive Violence and the Formation of  
 Nineteenth-Century France," Ph.D. 2016 (Bard College)  
 Nolan Bennett, Government, "I the People: Autobiography in the American Political Tradition,"  
 Ph.D. 2014 (Georgetown University)  
 Desmond Jagmohan, Government, "Making Bricks Without Straw: Booker T. Washington and  
 the Politics of the Disenfranchised," Ph.D. 2014 (Princeton University)  
 Simon Gilhooley, Government, "The Textuality of the Constitution and the Origins of Original  
 Intent," Ph.D. 2013 (Bard College)

Vijay Phulwani, Government, "Realism from Below: Democratic Organizing and Popular Power  
 from Thomas Hobbes to Saul Alinsky," ABD  
 Aaron Gavin, Government, "Uniting the Nations: The Moralization of Political Violence from  
 Decolonization to the Present," ABD  
 Michael Gorup, Government, "Making the Racial Republic: Popular Sovereignty, Violence, and  
 Race in the American Political Tradition," ABD  
 Edward Quish, Government, "The People Beyond Populism: Radical Democracy and the  
 Cooperative Commonwealth," ABD

William Pennington, Government

### *Committee Member*

Noah R. Eber-Schmid, Political Science (Rutgers University), "Democracy's Fanatics: Political  
 Extremism and Democratic Politics in the Early American Republic," Ph.D. 2016  
 Stephen Low, Performing and Media Arts, "Toward an Aesthetic of Gay Culture," Ph.D. 2016  
 (Trent University)

Sinja Graf, Government, "The Politics of Universal Crime: Inclusion, Authority, and Foreign Intervention in European Political Thought," Ph.D. 2014 (National University Singapore)

Pinar Kemerli, Government, "The Sacrificial Paradox of Sovereignty: Martyrdom and Islamist Conscientious Objection," Ph.D. 2014 (College of William and Mary)

Ulas Ince, Government, "Colonial Capitalism and the Dilemmas of Liberalism: Locke, Burke, Wakefield and the British Empire," Ph.D. 2013 (Koç University)

Kyong Min Son, Government, "Democratic Disaffection: On the Pathologies of Postwar Democracy," Ph.D. 2012 (University of Delaware)

Jon Senchyne, English, "Intimate Paper and the Materiality of Early American Literature," Ph.D. 2012 (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Alison McQueen, Government, "Political Realism in Apocalyptic Times," Ph.D. 2012 (Stanford University)

Greg Dinsmore, Government, "A Place in the World: Hannah Arendt and the Political Conditions of Human Rights," Ph.D. 2011

Michelle Smith, Government, "Alain Locke: Theorizing the Real, Unburdening the Possible," Ph.D. 2009 (Barnard College)

Robert Turner, Government, "Un/Inhibited Organism: Political Power, Neurophysiology, and Technique," Ph.D. 2009

Craig Ewasiuk, Government, "Rethinking Recurrence in Hobbes, Hegel and Nietzsche," Ph.D. 2008 (Drexel University)

Jeffrey Selinger, Government, "Embracing Dissent: Presidential Leadership and the Development of Legitimate Party Opposition in the United States," Ph.D. 2008 (Bowdoin College)

Ute Tellman, Government, "The Economy and the Foundation of the Modern Body Politic: Malthus and Keynes as Political Philosophers," Ph.D. 2007 (University of Hamburg)

Shannon Mariotti, Government, "The Political Value of Withdrawal: Henry David Thoreau, Theodor W. Adorno and the Modern Alienated Self," Ph.D. 2006 (Southwestern College)

Thomas May, English, ABD  
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 Varun Sanadhya, Government  
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### *Reader*

Ameya Balsekar, Government, "Seeking Offense: Censorship and the Constitution of Democratic Politics in India," Ph.D. 2009 (Lawrence University)

Banu Bargu, Government, "Martyrs of Hunger: Sovereignty in the Age of Sacrifice," Ph.D. 2008 (New School for Social Research)

Hong-An Tran, Government, "Ephemeral Monumentality: A Critical and Visual Inquiry Into Ideologies of History and Progress," Ph.D. 2006

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