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Curriculum Vitae

Hamilton College
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Academic Positions

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL
Assistant Professor of the Humanities, Hamilton College, 2024-.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA
COLLEGE Fellow, 2023-2024.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, United Kingdom
Assistant Professor in the History of Political Thought, 2022-2023.
Staff Fellow, Trinity Hall, 2022-2023.

ÉCOLE DES HAUTES ÉTUDES EN SCIENCES SOCIALES, Paris, France
Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2022-2023 (*declined*).

TRINITY HALL, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, United Kingdom
WYNG Research Fellow in Political Theory, 2019-2022.

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL HISTORY AND THEORY, Frankfurt, Germany
Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2019.

CENTRE DE RECHERCHES POLITIQUES RAYMOND ARON, EHESS, Paris, France
Visiting Scholar, 2016-2017.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, Cambridge, MA
Raoul Berger-Mark DeWolfe Howe Legal History Fellowship, 2015-2016.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York City, NY
Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship in Legal History, 2014-2015.

Education

2018 Ph.D., Department of Government, Harvard University
2012 J.D., Harvard Law School (*magna cum laude*)
2006 B.A., Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

Publications

Books

- 202x *Colossus: Constitutional theory in America and France, 1776-1799* (in preparation)
- 202x *Reflections on the Terror: Thomas Paine's lost manuscript on the French Revolution* (editorial apparatus and 40,000 word introduction) (complete text available for review)

Articles

- 2025 The anti-Montesquieuan moment in America and France, *Constitutionalism and Political Thought* (special issue of *Proceedings of the British Academy*) (forthcoming).
- 2024 Dictatorship in the American Founding, *Journal of American Constitutional History* (forthcoming).
- 2018 An unknown manuscript on the Terror, attributed to Thomas Paine, *William and Mary Quarterly* (October 2018), 687-716.
- 2018 An economy of violence: financial crisis and Whig constitutional thought, 1720-1721, *Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities* (September 2018), 165-238.
- 2017 Franklin redivivus: the radical constitution, 1791-1799, *American Journal of Legal History* (January 2017), 1-50.
- 2016 Perpetual Peace revisited, *Modern Intellectual History* (Summer 2016), 327-55.
- 2015 Obstruction and emergency in late republican Rome, *History of Political Thought* (Autumn 2015), 419-51.

Book Chapters

- 2024 The image of rights in the French revolution, in *The Cambridge History of Rights* (Dan Edelstein and Jennifer Pitts eds.), 260-97.
- 2025 Representation and democracy in the French Revolution, in *The Cambridge History of Democracy* (Markku Peltonen and Sophie Smith eds.) (forthcoming).
- 2025 Constituent power in the American Revolution, *Oxford Handbook of Constituent Power* (Peter Niesen, Markus Patberg, and Lucia Rubinelli eds.) (forthcoming).

Awards, Grants, and Honors

- 2022 Huntington Library Exchange Fellowship, San Marino, CA
- 2020 GRIPP Montreal Political Theory Manuscript Workshop Award
- 2019 Robert Noxon Toppan Prize for best dissertation on a subject of political science, Harvard
- 2019 APSA Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political philosophy
- 2019 APSA Walter Dean Burnham Award for best dissertation in politics and history (Second Prize)
- 2016 Institute for Humane Studies, Summer Research Fellowship
- 2015 Charles Warren Center for American History, Summer Research Fellowship
- 2014 Institute for Humane Studies, Summer Research Fellowship
- 2014 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, Paris
- 2013 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2010 Dean's Scholar Prize, Harvard Law School [five courses]
- 2008 Harvard Law School Fellowship in Law and Graduate Studies
- 2011 Supreme Court Reading Group with Justice Elena Kagan (admission by application)
- 2009 Harvard Law School Summer Academic Fellowship
- 2008 Harold Laski Prize Fellowship in Political Theory, Harvard University
- 2006 Ignacio Martín-Baró Essay Prize in Human Rights, University of Chicago
- 2002 University Scholarship, University of Chicago

Presentations

Invited

- 2025 "Dictatorship," Conference on "Authoritarian Constitutionalism," Columbia Law School (*invited*)
- 2024 "Constituent Power and the American Founding," Conference on "Trajectories of Constituent Power," Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University
- 2023 "Dictatorship in the American Founding," Conference on "New Legal Histories of the American Revolution" University of Pennsylvania Law School
- 2023 "Dictatorship in the American Founding," Stanford Political Theory Workshop
- 2023 "The specter of dictatorship in the American founding," University of Zurich/JustCity
- 2023 "The specter of dictatorship in the American founding," University of British Columbia Political

Theory Workshop

- 2023 "The Pennsylvania constitution and its legacy," University of British Columbia Centre for Constitutional and Legal Studies
- 2022 "The transatlantic turn against Montesquieu", Conference on "Montesquieu, a Philosopher for the Early American Republic?," Lettres Sorbonne Université
- 2022 "The international thought of Joel Barlow", lecture presented for the Quentin Skinner/CRASSH seminar on Isaac Nakhimovsky, "The Invention of the Holy Alliance: the Strange Birth of a Liberal Idea", University of Cambridge
- 2022 "The theory of insurrection, from August 10 to January 6", Transformations of Democracy Workshop, Stanford University Law School
- 2022 "Images of democracy, 1789-1800, Symposium on the Iconography of Democracy, History of Political Thought Project/UCHV, Princeton University
- 2021 "The image of rights in the French Revolution", Workshop for the Cambridge History of Rights, University of Chicago
- 2021 "The fourth estate: liberty of the press in Jacobin France", Tel Aviv University Law and History Workshop
- 2020 "Constitution-making in the 1780s", Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong Law School
- 2020 "Thomas Paine on the Terror", Cambridge Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Comments by Richard Bourke
- 2020 Manuscript roundtable on *Reflections on the Terror: Thomas Paine's lost manuscript on the French Revolution*. History of Political Thought Project/UCHV, Princeton University. Comments by David Bell, Robert Darnton, Dan Edelstein, and Anna Stiltz
- 2019 "La constitution jacobine et ses ennemis", EHESS Seminar "État, Démocratie et Constitution"
- 2018 "The Jacobin constitution and its enemies", London IHR Early Career Seminar in the History of Ideas
- 2017 "John Adams and the Constitution de l'an III", Oxford Colloquium in Political Theory
- 2015 "Necessity and the South Sea bubble", Harvard Law School Law and History Workshop
- 2015 "Franklin *redivivus*: The radical constitution, 1791-1799", NYU Golieb Workshop in Legal History
- 2014 "The battlefield of metaphysics: Perpetual Peace revisited", Harvard Political Theory Workshop
- 2013 "The radical constitution in the early republic", Harvard Political Theory Workshop

- 2012 "Obstruction and emergency in late republican Rome", Harvard Political Theory Workshop
- 2011 "A genealogy of *salus populi* in Stuart England", Harvard Political Theory Workshop
- 2011 "Carl Schmitt on economic emergency", Harvard Political Theory Workshop
- 2011 "Carl Schmitt on economic emergency", Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory
- 2011 "Hobbes against emergency", Cambridge Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought
- 2010 "Hobbes against emergency", Harvard Political Theory Workshop

Conference

- 2022 "Dilemmas of direct action in the French revolution", APSA (Montreal)
- 2021 "The specter of dictatorship in America, 1775-1788", APSA (Seattle)
- 2020 "Jacobin theories of free speech", APSA (San Francisco)
- 2018 "Thomas Paine on the Terror", APSA (Boston)
- 2014 "Necessity and the South Sea Bubble", APSA (Washington, D.C.)
- 2013 "Obstruction and emergency in late republican Rome", MPSA (Chicago)

Commenter/Panelist

- 2024 Panelist, "Hobbes", Conference on the Work and Legacy of Richard Tuck, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 2024 Commenter, Jonathan Gienapp, "The People of the United States: The Lost Constitution of National Popular Sovereignty," Stanford Political Theory Workshop
- 2023 Commenter, Roundtable on Jon Elster, *America Before 1787*, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
- 2022 Commenter, Roundtable on *The Federalist*, Cambridge Graduate Workshop in Political Thought & Intellectual History
- 2021 Panelist, "Democracy in America: The Constitution in historical perspective", Cambridge Union (with Alison LaCroix, moderated by Danielle Allen)
- 2021 Commenter, Jeffrey Tulis, "Separation of powers as a new theory", Cambridge Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History
- 2020 Panelist, "Rethinking republicanism after the revolutionary era", American Political Science Association

Public Lecture

- 2021 "An American in Paris: Thomas Paine in the French revolution", Common Sense Society, Thetford, UK (Paine's birthplace)
- 2021 "An American in Paris: Thomas Paine in the French revolution", Trinity Hall/Cambridge in America Alumni Event

Teaching and Advising

University of Florida, What Is Democracy?, QUEST Seminar for 35 students.

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History, Paper 20: Political thought, c.1700-1890. Lectures on: Adam Smith (x2), the American Revolution (x2), the French Revolution (x2), Benjamin Constant (x2).

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History, Paper 6: The history of international political thought. Lectures on: universal monarchy, federalism and perpetual peace, Anglo-Scottish union, kingship and commerce. Seminars on: federalism and confederation, wars of liberation.

University of Cambridge, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Methods in the History of Political Thought. Graduate seminar for thirty students.

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History. Supervisions for Paper 20 and Paper 6

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History, Historical Argument & Practice. Seminar on constitutional history.

Harvard University, Social Studies, Law and Philosophy in the War on Terror. BA seminar for 15 students.

Service to Profession

Peer review for *Modern Intellectual History*, *American Political Thought*, *Yale Law Journal*, *Review of Politics*

Working Languages

French (reading, writing, and spoken)

German (reading)

Spanish (reading)