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FACULTY POSITIONS

Smith College

Assistant Professor, Department of Government
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Government

Fall 2021 – Present
July 2023 – Present
Fall 2021 – June 2023

University of California, Los Angeles

Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

Loyola Marymount University

Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Spring 2020 – Fall 2020

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

2019

Ph.D. (2019) and M.A. (2017) in Political Science

Subfields: Political Theory (first); Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (second)

Dissertation: *A Political Theory of Wonder: Feelings of Order in Modern Political Thought*

Committee: Joshua Foa Dienstag (Chair), Kirstie McClure,

Davide Panagia, and Sarah Kareem (UCLA English Department)

University of Chicago

2012

A.M. in Social Sciences

Advisor: Patchen Markell

University of Kansas

2010

B.A. in Political Science and History

Phi Beta Kappa and Departmental Honors in History

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

A Political Theory of Wonder: Feelings of Order in Modern Political Thought

Manuscript draft in final revisions. Approaching presses.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Of Wonder: Thomas Hobbes’s Political Appropriation of Thaumazein,” *Political Theory*, 2017, Vol 45 (3), 362-384.

“Kant, Wonder, and an Order of Freedom,” *History of Political Thought*, 2022, Volume 43 (3), 492-516.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Hobbes and Us,” *Research Handbook in the History of Political Thought*, edited by Guillaume Bogiaris and Cary J Nederman, Edward Elgar Publishing, Forthcoming

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Common: On Revolution in the 21st Century*, by Pierre Dardot and Christian Laval (London: Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2019).

Theory & Event, 2019

Review of *On the Freedom of a Christian with Related Texts* (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2013)
Comitatus: A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies, September 2014

Review of *Social Acceleration: A New Theory of Modernity*, by Hartmut Rosa (New York: Columbia University Press, 2013)
London School of Economics Review of Books, September 2013

Review of *Shaky Foundations: The Politics-Patronage-Social Science Nexus in Cold War America*, by Mark Solovey, (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2013)
London School of Economics Review of Books, June 2013

Review of *Hannah Arendt and Political Theory: Challenging Tradition*, by Steve Buckler, (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2012)
London School of Economics Review of Books, March 2013

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Pursuit of Happiness...and Cruelty: American Politics and its Commitment to Oppression,” *Public Seminar*, November 3, 2016

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

“Politics and Wondering: the Rainbow and the Tempest,” Pioneer Valley Political Theory Workshop, April 2023

“The Return of the Repressed: Romantic Wonder Towards a Natural World,” America Political Science Association (APSA), September 2022

A Political Theory of Wonder: Feelings of Order in Modern Political Thought, Book Manuscript Workshop, Smith College, April 2022 (Chair: Erin Pineda; Discussants: Alyssa Battistoni, Lida Maxwell, and Joel Alden Schlosser)

“The Return of the Repressed: Romantic Wonder Towards a Natural World,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), March 2022

“‘New Modes and Orders’: A Machiavellian Environmental Politics,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), April 2021

Book Proposal Workshop, Association for Political Theory Conference (APT), UMass-Amherst, November 2020

“To Change Every Constellation: Arendt and Political Wonder,” Association for Political Theory Conference (APT), UC-Irvine, October 2019.

“The Whole Mystery of Commodities: Marx’s Critique of Wonder,” Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), San Diego, April 2019.

“Kant, Wonder, and an Order of Freedom,” Swarr Prize Lecture, UCLA Political Science Department, Los Angeles, February 7, 2019.

Respondent to Mathias Hanses, “Black Cicero: Re-Reading *de Senectute* with W.E.B. Du Bois,” at the “Old Horizons, New World: Classics in the Americas” Colloquium, UCLA Department of Classics, Los Angeles, November 2018.

“Wonder Taken for a Sign: Kant and an Order of Freedom,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, August 2018.

Respondent to Emanuela Bianchi (New York University), “Genos Between Nature and Hegemony,” UCLA Political Theory Workshop, February 2, 2018.

Respondent to Andrew Norris (University of California, Santa Barbara), “Pragmatism, Self-Realization and Romanticism,” UCLA Political Theory Workshop, March 11, 2016.

“Derrida and the Politics of Recognition,” Midwestern Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), Chicago, April 2015.

Respondent to Ella Myers (University of Utah), “Invisible Men: Racial Indifference in Theories of Neoliberalism,” UCLA Political Theory Workshop, December 12, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS INSTRUCTOR

Smith College, Department of Government

- Emotions in the History of Political Thought, Fall 2023
- Introduction to Political Thinking, Fall 2021, 2022, & 2023
- Marxism, Spring 2022 & 2023
- Environmental Political Theory, Spring 2022 & 2023
- Political Theory of the 19th Century, Fall 2021 & 2022

UCLA, Department of Political Science

- Introduction to Political Theory, Summer 2017 & Summer 2018
- Late Modern Political Theory, Fall 2019 & Fall 2020
- Continental Political Thought, Winter 2020 & Winter 2021
- Environmental Political Theory, Spring 2020 & Spring 2021

LMU, Department of Political Science

- Foundations of Political Thought, Spring 2020 & Fall 2020

UCLA, General Education Cluster

- Thinking in Dark Times: 20th Century Responses to Catastrophe, Spring 2017; Property and/or Freedom: Inequality in Modern Republics, Spring 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AS ASSISTANT

UCLA, Department of Political Science

- Introduction to Political Theory, with Brian Esparza Walker, Winter 2015; with Davide Panagia, Fall 2015; with Joshua Dienstag, Winter 2016.
- Introduction to American Politics, with Thomas Schwartz, Fall 2014.
- Citizenship and Public Engagement, with Brian Esparza Walker, Spring 2015.
- Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, with Giulia Sissa, Spring 2016.

UCLA, General Education Cluster

- History of Modern Thought, Fall 2016-Winter 2017; Fall 2017-Winter 2018

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas: History of Political Thought, Modern Political Thought, Environmental Political Thought, Republican Political Thought, Continental Political Thought, Modern European Intellectual History, The Frankfurt School of Critical Theory, and Twentieth Century American Political Thought

Thinkers: Hannah Arendt, Thomas Hobbes, and Karl Marx

Topics: Aesthetics, Emotions, The Philosophy of History, and The Politics of Wonder

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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| 2023 | Curricular Enhancement Grant, Center for the Environment, Ecological Design, and Sustainability (CEEDS) at Smith College |
| 2018-2019 | Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division |
| 2018 | Swarr Prize for Best Unpublished Paper by a Political Science Graduate Student, UCLA |
| 2016 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA Graduate Division |
| 2014 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA Graduate Division |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Review: *Political Theory* (2019; 2022), and *Political Research Quarterly* (2022)

Assistant Book Review Editor, *Political Theory*, January 2017-January 2020

Campus Steward, UC Student-Workers Union, Los Angeles, 2017

Co-President, UCLA Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2016-2017

Coordinator, Ethos: UCLA Political Theory Graduate Student Association, 2014-2016

LANGUAGES

English (Native); German (Intermediate); and Latin (Intermediate Reading)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST