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EMPLOYMENT

Current Position

- Assistant Professor, Department of Government and the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University, Beginning Fall 2007

Previous Positions

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project, Department of Political Science, Brown University, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
- Associate, Department of Government, Harvard University, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Brown University, Spring 2006
- Lecturer, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Fall 2006

EDUCATION

Princeton University

M.A., Politics, 2003; Ph.D., Politics, June 2006

Field Exams: Political Theory, American Politics, Modern European Social and Political Thought

Dissertation: *The Enlightenment of Sympathy: Sentimentalist Political Philosophy from Hume to Herder* (Princeton University Nominee, 2007 APSA Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in the Field of Political Philosophy)

Committee: Stephen Macedo (Chair), Jeffrey Stout, Charles Beitz, Alan Patten

Yale University

B.A., With Distinction in Ethics, Politics and Economics, Summa Cum Laude, 2000

Senior Thesis: *Practical Atheism and Political Economy: Adam Smith's Hidden Cosmology and "The Infection of David Hume's Society"*

Advisor: Steven B. Smith

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

In Peer-Reviewed Journals

- "John Rawls: Between Two Enlightenments." *Political Theory*. 35:6 (2007), pp. 756-780.
- "The Compassion of Zarathustra: Nietzsche on Sympathy and Strength." *The Review of Politics* 68:1 (2006), pp. 49-78.
- "Esotericism Ancient and Modern: Strauss contra Straussianism on the Art of Political-Philosophical Writing." *Political Theory* 34:1 (2006), pp. 33-61. Chinese translation forthcoming in *The Journal of Intellectual History*.

In Edited Volumes

- “The Troubling Persistence of Injustice,” in Gary King, Norman H. Nie and Kay L. Scholzman, eds., *Political Science: What Should We Know? What Should They Know?* Forthcoming.
- “A Critical Re-Evaluation of the Esoteric Character of Maimonides’ *Guide of the Perplexed*,” in Douglas W. Shrader, ed., *Children of Athena*. Oneonta, NY: Oneonta Philosophy Studies, 1999.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND LECTURES

Conference Papers

- “Political Psychology and Normative Theory: Towards A Sentimentalist Reunion.” Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting.
- “The Happiness of Virtue: Sources of Normativity in Hume’s Ethics Reconsidered.” Presented at the 34th International Hume Conference, 2007.
- “J. G. Herder and the Politics of Difference.” Presented at the 2007 New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Meeting. Also presented at the 2007 Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies Public Conference, Montreal.
- “John Rawls: Between Two Enlightenments.” Presented at the 2006 Association for Political Theory (APT) Annual Meeting.
- “The Seductive Sublimity of System: Edmund Burke’s Aesthetic Embrace of Adam Smith’s Philosophy.” Presented at the 2006 (APSA) Annual Meeting, the 2006 New York Political Science Association (NYPSA) Annual Meeting and the 2007 Brown University Political Philosophy Workshop.
- “Adam Smith’s Individualist Sentimentalism.” Presented at the 2006 Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Meeting and the Hale Chair in Applied Ethics Conference on Adam Smith’s *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2006.
- “Sympathy Across Difference: Herder’s Multicultural Sentimentalism.” Presented at the 2005 NPSA Annual Meeting.
- “Liberal Sympathies: Compassionate Grounds for a Commitment to Justice.” Presented at the 2004 NPSA Annual Meeting. Also presented at the 2004 Institute for Humane Studies Research Colloquium.
- “Compassion and Strength: A Nietzschean Defense of a Liberal Virtue.” Presented at the 2004 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2004.
- “Passion and Compassion: Kant on the Sympathetic Sentiments.” Presented at the 2003 NPSA Annual Meeting.
- “Esotericism Ancient and Modern: Strauss contra Straussianism on the Art of Political-Philosophical Writing.” Presented at the 2003 APSA Annual Meeting.
- “This Art Thou: Compassionate Liberalism and Schopenhauer’s Metaphysical Mythology.” Presented at the 2002 NPSA Annual Meeting.

Discussant Presentations

- Discussant, "Nietzsche and Political Judgment," 2007 APSA Annual Meeting.
- Chair and Discussant, "Nationalism, Liberalism and Democracy," 2006 NPSA Annual Meeting.
- Chair and Discussant, "Interpreting Modern Arguments," 2006 NYPSA Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, "Care in a Free Society," 2005 APSA Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, "Classical Ideas and Modern Theory," 2004 NPSA Annual Meeting.

Conference Panels Organized

- "Beyond Groundwork: Kant as Political Theorist," 2003 NPSA Annual Meeting.
- "Leo Strauss and the Art of Writing," 2003 APSA Annual Meeting.

Invited Lectures

- "An Introduction to Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments*," Boston University Core Curriculum, October 4, 2007.
- "At the Heretic's Deathbed: Adam Smith's Betrayal of David Hume and the Birth of Modern Conservatism," Brown University Janus Forum Faculty Lectures, March 27, 2007.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Fellowships and Awards at Princeton University

- Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, 2003-2004
Awarded to Princeton University graduate students for outstanding academic performance and potential.
- Princeton University Center For Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2003-2004
Awarded to Princeton University graduate students to support research in ethics and human values.
- Department of Politics Nominee for Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni University Teaching Award, 2003
- Princeton University Graduate School Centennial Prize Fellowship, 2000-2005
- Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, 2004-2005

Undergraduate Awards and Honors at Yale University

- The Arthur Twinning Hadley Prize, 2000
Awarded annually to the senior at Yale majoring in the social sciences who ranks highest in scholarship.
- The Emerson Tuttle Cup, 2000
Awarded annually to the senior in Davenport College at Yale most distinguished for scholastic attainments.
- Election to Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Connecticut, 1998
- The E. Frances Riggs Award For Excellence in Special Programs in the Humanities, 1997
Awarded to freshmen at Yale for academic achievement in the program in Directed Studies.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching at Harvard University

- Social Studies 10: Introduction to Social Studies, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008
- Government 90ec: Hume, Smith and Kant, Planned for Spring 2008

Teaching at Brown University

- Political Science 105/Public Policy 105: Ethics and Public Policy, Spring 2007 and 2006
- Political Science 182-58: German Moral and Political Thought from Kant to Nietzsche, Fall 2006

Assistantships in Instruction at Princeton University

- For Peter Singer, Center for Human Values 310/Philosophy 385: Practical Ethics (Led 5 Sections), Princeton University, Fall 2005
- For Stephen Macedo and Philip Pettit, Woodrow Wilson School 301/Politics 308: Ethics and Public Policy (Led 2 Sections), Princeton University, Spring 2005
- For Charles Beitz, Politics 303: Modern Political Theory (Led 3 Sections, Delivered Lectures on Mill and Marx), Princeton University, Spring 2003
- For Maurizio Viroli, Politics 210: Introduction to Political Theory (Led 3 Sections, Delivered Lecture on Marx), Princeton University, Fall 2002

Other Teaching and Research at Princeton University

- Writing Partner (Tutor for Undergraduates Conducting Independent Research), Princeton University Writing Center, Princeton University, Spring 2003
- Research Assistant for Karen Stenner (Book Project on the Authoritarian Personality), Department of Politics, Princeton University, Spring 2002

Related Work

- Educational Content Provider, TheScience.com, Fall 1999
- Research and Community Services Intern, Anti-Defamation League, Connecticut Regional Office, Summer 1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee, Harvard University Department of Government, Fall 2007
- Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*
- Member, American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Theory Section
- Member, The Association for Political Theory
- Member, Northeastern Political Science Association
- Member, The International Adam Smith Society
- Member, The International Hume Society

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Princeton University Activities

- Columnist, *Princeton Alumni Weekly*, 2001, 2005
- Participant, Student Volunteer Council Community Action “Professor’s Night” (Led Discussion on Community Service For Student Volunteers), 2005
- Columnist, *The Daily Princetonian*, 2000-2004
- Participant, McGraw Center Workshop on Academic Speaking (Biweekly Sessions on Lecturing and Public Speaking Led by Maurizio Viroli), 2002-2003
- Member, Department of Politics Graduate Committee, 2000-2001

Yale University Activities

- Member and Applicant Interviewer, Association of Yale Alumni, 2000-2002
- Undergraduate Treasurer, Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Connecticut, 1999-2000
- Editor-in-Chief (1998-99), Managing Editor (1997-98) Reporter and Columnist (1996-2000), *Rumpus Magazine*
- Member and Witness, Yale Mock Trial Association, 1998-2000

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of (in order of relative proficiency) German, French, Spanish, and Hebrew