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### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### ***Current Position***

Assistant Professor, Department of Government and the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Fall 2007-Present

#### ***Previous Positions***

- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project, Department of Political Science, Brown University, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
- Associate, Department of Government, FAS, 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 2005

### **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*

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**

#### ***Book***

*The Enlightenment of Sympathy: Reflective Sentimentalism in the Eighteenth Century and Today.* New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming.

#### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

- "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 by Liu Wei in *Si Xiang Shi Yan Jiu (Studies in Intellectual History)* 5 (2008), pp. 233-268.

#### **Review Articles and Book Reviews**

- “The Modest Professor: Interpretive Charity and Interpretive Humility in John Rawls’s *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*,” Review Article, Forthcoming in *The European Journal of Political Theory*.
- Review of J. G. A. Pocock, *Political Thought and History: Essays on Theory and Method*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. November 6, 2009. Online at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.
- “Another Nietzsche,” Review of Tamsin Shaw, *Nietzsche’s Political Skepticism*. *The Review of Politics*. 71:1 (2009), pp. 149-151.

#### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

- “Scottish Enlightenment,” in Mark Bevir, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Political Theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Forthcoming.
- “The Troubling Persistence of Injustice,” in Gary King, Norman H. Nie and Kay L. Scholzman, eds., *The Future of Political Science: 100 Perspectives*. New York: Routledge, 2009, pp. 31-33.
- “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, pp. 179-209.

### **LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Invited Lectures**

- “The Enlightenment of Sympathy,” Harvard University Humanities Center New Faculty Lunch, February 26, 2009.
- “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.

#### **Conference Papers**

- “Interpretive Charity and Interpretive Humility in Rawls’s *Lectures on the History of Moral and Political Philosophy*,” Presented at the 2008 New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Meeting.
- “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 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.
- “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, “Religious Belief and Public Values: Complements, Tensions, and Conflicts,” 2008 APSA Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, “David Hume as Political Theorist,” 2008 APSA Annual Meeting.
- Chair and Discussant, “Democracy and Rhetoric,” 2007 NPSA Annual Meeting.
- 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.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS**

#### ***While at Harvard University***

- Book Completion Grant, FAS Tenure-Track Faculty Publication Fund, 2009

***Graduate Fellowships and Awards While at Princeton University***

- Princeton University Nominee, 2007 APSA Leo Strauss Award  
*Awarded annually for the best dissertation in the field of political philosophy.*
- 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, 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 While at Yale University***

- The Arthur Twinning Hadley Prize, 2000  
*Awarded to the highest ranking senior at Yale majoring in the social sciences.*
- The Emerson Tuttle Cup, 2000  
*Awarded to the highest ranking senior in Davenport College at Yale.*
- 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 EXPERIENCE**

***Teaching at Harvard University***

- Government 1072: Moral Issues in Contemporary Politics, Spring 2010
- Government 3008: Research Workshop in Political Theory, Fall and Spring, 2009-10
- Social Studies 10a and 10b: Introduction to Social Studies, Fall and Spring, 2007-10
- Government 90ec: Hume, Smith and Kant, 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, Fall 2005
- For Stephen Macedo and Philip Pettit, Woodrow Wilson School 301/Politics 308: Ethics and Public Policy, Spring 2005
- For Charles Beitz, Politics 303: Modern Political Theory, Spring 2003
- For Maurizio Viroli, Politics 210: Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2002

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

### ***Service at Harvard University***

- Government Department, Graduate Admissions Committee, Spring 2010
- Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Board of Advisors, Fall 2007-Present
- Hoopes Senior Thesis Prize Committee, Spring 2008-Present
- Government Department, Board of Senior Examiners, Fall and Spring, 2008-9
- Junior Faculty Institute, Fall 2008
- Government Department, American Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2007

### ***Peer Reviewing for Journals***

- *American Political Science Review*
- *The Review of Politics*
- *The European Journal of Political Theory*
- *Philosophers' Imprint*

### ***Memberships in Professional Organizations***

- American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Theory Section
- The Association for Political Theory
- Conference for the Study of Political Thought
- Northeastern Political Science Association
- The International Adam Smith Society
- 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