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EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D., Department of Government, Cornell University.
2012 M.A., Department of Government, Cornell University.
2008 B.A., Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles.

EMPLOYMENT

2019- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Democracy and Justice Studies and the
Department of Political Science, Assistant Professor.
2016-19 Georgetown University, Department of Government, Assistant Teaching
Professor.
2014-16 Duke University, Program in American Values and Institutions, Postdoctoral
Fellow/Manley Visiting Assistant Professor.
2012-13 Cornell University, Department of Government, Seminar instructor.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2019 *The Claims of Experience: Autobiography and American Democracy*. Oxford
University Press. Nominated for the American Political Science Association's
2020 Charles Taylor Book Award. Reviewed by Rogers Smith in *The Review of
Politics* (2020), Susan McWilliams Barndt in *Perspectives on Politics* (2020),
Adam Dahl in *Political Theory* (2020).

Refereed Journal Articles

2022 "George Jackson's Perfect Disorder." *New Political Science* 44:1.
2021 "'The State was Patiently Waiting for Me to Die': Life without the Possibility of
Parole as Punishment." *Political Theory* 49:2.
2020 "Alabama is US: Concealed Fees in Jails and Prisons." *UCLA Criminal Justice
Law Review* 4:1 (with Mary Fainsod Katzenstein and Jacob Swanson).
2019 "Unwillingness and Imagination in Frederick Douglass's *The Heroic Slave*." *The
Review of Politics* 81:2.
2017 "Emma Goldman and the Autobiography of the People." *American Political
Thought* 6:1.

- 2016 “To Narrate and Denounce Wrongs: Frederick Douglass and the Politics of Personal Narrative.” *Political Theory* 44:2.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2021 “Captivity in America and Alexander Berkman’s *Prison Memoirs of an Anarchist*.” In progress.

Book Reviews

- 2020 “The Fire Is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate over Race in America. By Nicholas Buccola. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019.” *The Review of Politics* (August 2020).
- 2020 “A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass. Edited by Neil Roberts. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2018.” *Contemporary Political Theory* 19:2.
- 2018 “Benjamin Franklin, Natural Right, and the Art of Virtue. By Kevin Slack. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2017.” *Perspectives on Politics* 16:1.

Other Publications

- 2019 “Frederick Douglass on Human Rights.” National Humanities Center website on human rights. Forthcoming.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-20 Teaching Scholar for the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay.
- 2018-19 Doyle Engaging Difference Program Faculty Fellowship, Georgetown University.
- 2018 Doyle Diversity grant, Georgetown University.
- 2013 LaFerber Prize for Teaching Excellence, Cornell University.
- 2012-13 Writing group through the Society for the Humanities, Cornell University.
- 2011-12 Reading group through the Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University.
- 2008 Ahmanson Undergraduate Research Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited Talks

- 2021 “The Emancipation of George Jackson.” Lecture for students of Prof. Kevin Duong at the University of Virginia (April 22).
- 2020 “The Emancipation of George Jackson.” Presented at the UW-Madison Center for the Humanities lunch series (October 23).
- 2020 “The Radical Vision of the American Abolitionists.” Door County Civility Project, February 29.

- 2019 “Under the Cover of Law,” with Mary Katzenstein at Cornell University.
2018 “The Jail Industrial Complex,” with Mary Katzenstein at Georgetown University.
2018 “What is the Prison Industrial Complex?,” with Mary Katzenstein for course
“World Politics” taught by Marc Howard at D.C. Central Treatment Facility,
March 14.
2016 “What Does it Mean to Be an American?,” for course “World Politics” taught by
Marc Howard at Jessup Correctional Facility, December 9.

Recent Papers Presented

- 2019 “George Jackson and Michel Foucault on Prison Writing as Resistance,”
Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, October 24-26.
2018 “The Black Revolutionary Mentality of George Jackson,” American Political
Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2.
2018 “After the Law: Life Sentences without Parole as Social Death,” Western Political
Science Association Annual Meeting, March 29-31.
2017 “After the Law: Life Sentences without Parole as Social Death,” American
Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31-September 3.
2017 “Frederick Douglass and the Jury out of Doors,” Western Political Science
Association Annual Meeting, April 12-15.
2016 “Frederick Douglass and the Jury out of Doors,” Association for Political Theory
Annual Conference, October 21.
2016 “Confessions of an Ex-Communist,” American Political Science Association
Annual Meeting, September 1-4.
2016 “Whittaker Chambers and the Conservative Uses of Autobiography,” Western
Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 24-26.
2016 “A Witness for Authority: The Political Theory of Whittaker Chambers,” Modern
Language Association Annual Convention, January 7-10.
2015 “The Statesman and the Dynamo: Authority in *The Education of Henry Adams*,”
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 4.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

- “American Political Thought.” Undergraduate lecture (Spring 2020, 2021).
“American Government and Politics.” Undergraduate lecture (Spring 2020, 2021).
“Introduction to Democracy and Justice Studies.” Co-taught undergraduate lecture
(every semester).
“Justice and Literature.” Undergraduate seminar (Fall 2019, 2021).
“Constitutional Law.” Undergraduate lecture (Fall 2019, 2020, 2021).
“Law and Society.” Undergraduate seminar (Spring 2021).
“Prisons and Punishment.” Undergraduate seminar (Fall 2020).

Georgetown University

- “Crime, Punishment, and the Ethics of Incarceration.” Seminar co-taught with Joshua Miller at D.C. Central Treatment Facility (Fall 2018).
“Elements of Political Theory.” Undergraduate lecture (Fall 2018).
“American Political Thought.” Graduate seminar (Spring 2018).
“The Ethics of Incarceration.” Undergraduate seminar (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018).
“Politics and Literature.” Undergraduate seminar (Spring 2017, 2018).
“Autobiography and American Democracy.” Undergraduate seminar (Spring 2017).
“American Political Thought.” Undergraduate seminar (Fall 2016, 2017).

Duke University

- “Political Thought in the United States.” Graduate seminar (Spring 2016).
“Introduction to American Political Thought.” Undergraduate seminar (Fall 2015).
“Politics and Literature.” Undergraduate seminar (Spring 2015).
“Autobiography and American Democracy.” Undergraduate seminar (Spring 2015).

Cornell University

- “‘The Race of Life’: Citizenship in American Political Thought,” Undergraduate seminar (Fall 2013).
“Introduction to Western Political Thought,” Teaching assistant for Isaac Kramnick (Summer 2013, Fall 2010).
“Human Rights and Global Justice,” Teaching assistant for Anna-Marie Smith (Spring 2013, 2011).
“The Politics of *Battlestar Galactica*: Authority and Action,” Undergraduate seminar (Spring 2012).
“Prisons: Rights, Responsibility, and Race,” Teaching assistant for Mary Katzenstein (Fall 2012, Winter 2015, 2016, 2017, Summer 2015, 2016).
“American Political Thought,” Teaching assistant for Isaac Kramnick (Fall 2011).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Research Assistant, Cornell University. Bibliography and citation management of book manuscript for Alexander Livingston, February-March.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2018 *Routledge*, Manuscript review.
2015 *The University of Kentucky Press*, Manuscript review.
2014 *Political Theory*, Manuscript review.
2014-18 *Contemporary Political Theory*, Manuscript review.

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020- UWGB Police-Community Advisory Council, co-chair and founder alongside Chief David Jones, at the request of the Chancellor's Office.
- 2019- University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, Pre-law Advisor.
- 2016-19 Georgetown University Political Theory Speaker Series, Co-organizer.
- 2013-14 Cornell University Political Theory Workshop, Organizer.
- 2012-13 Cornell University Political Theory Writing Colloquium, Co-organizer.
- 2010-11 First-year Graduate Student Colloquium, Coordinator, Cornell University.

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

- “Constitutional Law”
- “Law and Society”
- “Introduction to Western Political Thought”
- “American Political Thought”
- “Introduction to American Government”
- “The Ethics of Incarceration”
- “Politics and Literature: Justice in the Political Imagination”
- “Autobiography and American Democracy”

LANGUAGES

- French. Fluent reader/writer, conversational speaker.
- German. Beginner reader/writer/speaker.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Political Science Association
- Association for Political Theory
- Western Political Science Association
- Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

- 2010 “Antigone in Context(s): Humanism and the Political Stakes of the Ethical Turn.”
Cornell University, School of Criticism and Theory. Six-week summer seminar with Bonnie Honig.

REFERENCES

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