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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., Government, expected May 2022.

Dissertation:"A Theory of Gamesmanship"Committee:Eric Beerbohm (chair), Eric Nelson, Arthur Applbaum

James Madison College (Michigan State University)

B.A. with High Honors, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, 2011.

REASEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization: American Politics (Institutions, Public Law), Democratic Theory Areas of Competence: History of Political Thought (Ancient, Modern, American), Ethics

WORKING PAPERS

- "The Political Theory of Gerrymandering"
- "Gamesmanship: A Conceptual and Moral Analysis"
- "The Architecture of Presidential Impeachment"

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Rule Morality," Northeast Political Science Association, (virtual), November 11, 2021.
- "Fair Play and the Game of Politics," *Midwest Political Science Association*, (virtual), April 11, 2021.
- "Gamesmanship: A Conceptual and Moral Analysis," University of Texas Public Law Conference, (virtual), March 26, 2021.
- "On Court Packing," Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, October 21, 2020.
- "Rule Following as Acting Together," Northeast Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 9, 2019.
- "Cheating, Gamesmanship, and the Concept of a Practice," *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2019.
- "The Architecture of Presidential Impeachment: Making Impeachment 'Political in the Right Way," *Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism*, University of Pennsylvania, November 8, 2017.
- "Political Gamesmanship and Legitimacy," *American Politics Research Workshop*, Harvard University, April 18, 2017; *Political Theory Workshop*, Harvard University, November 28, 2016.
- "Contraception, Complicity, and Freedom of Conscience," *Political Theory Workshop*, Harvard University, February 3, 2016.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Frankel M., Palmiter B. in *Personalized Medicine: Prescriptions and Prospects*. FDLI Press, 2011.
- Contributions to Professional Ethics Report, Vol. XXIII, No. 4, Fall 2010.
- "Let Sleeping Scandals Lie? T.H. White and the Consequences of Executive Accountability." A Dialogue on Presidential Challenges and Leadership. CSPC, Washington, D.C., 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Lecturer, University of Massachusetts Boston

- Introduction to Political Theory, Spring 2019 and Spring 2020.
- Modern Political Thought, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019.
- Theories of International Relations, Spring 2019.

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University

- Moral Leadership (Matthias Risse), Harvard Kennedy School, Spring 2022
- The Ethics of Climate Change (Lucas Stanczyk), Spring 2022
- Truth and Politics (Chris Robichaud), Fall 2021.
- Power and Responsibility (Chris Robichaud), Harvard Extension School, Spring 2020.
- Ethics and Public Policy (Sean Gray), Harvard Kennedy School, Fall 2019.
- Tech Ethics (Michael Sandel), Fall 2019.
- Foundations of Political Theory (Eric Beerbohm and Danielle Allen), Spring 2017.
- American Constitutional Law (Richard Fallon), Fall 2017.
- The Theory and Practice of Republicanism (Daniel Carpenter), Fall 2017.
- Ethics, Biotechnology, and the Future of Human Nature (Michael Sandel), Fall 2016.

Secondary School Teacher, Teach for America

• 8th and 9th Grade English Teacher, Memphis, TN. 2011–2013.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Academic research mentor to high schoolers, supervising projects in philosophy of law*, bioethics, history, and political psychology, Polygence, 2021. (*Advisee took first prize in the Junior category of the 2021 John Locke Essay Contest.)
- Instructor and curriculum development for *The Governance and Ethics of Biotechnology* nano-course, Scientific Citizenship Initiative, Harvard Medical School, 2019 2020.
- Dudley House Tutor, Harvard College, 2018 2020.
- Research assistance for Profs. Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt, Harvard University, 2017, on the manuscript *How Democracies Die* (Crown, 2018).
- Research assistance for the Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D.C., Fall 2010.
- Research assistance for Prof. Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University, 2008 2009, on the manuscript When Hard-Liners Opt for Peace: The Political Psychology of Israeli Prime Ministers the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process (Cambridge, 2014).
- Research assistance for Prof. Eric Petrie, Michigan State University, 2007 2008.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, 2020 2021.
- Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard Kennedy School, 2020.
- Ethics Pedagogy Fellowship, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, 2018 – 2020.
- Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017.
- Hertog Political Studies Fellowship, Washington, D.C., 2013.
- Featherstone Award Commended Finalist, Most Outstanding Graduating Senior at Michigan State University, 2011.
- Jack Chapin Memorial Award, Outstanding Senior in Political Theory, James Madison College, 2011.
- Presidential Fellowship, Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, 2009 2010.
- LeFrak Forum Lincoln Fellowship, Michigan State University, 2008 2010.

SERVICE

- Senior Honors Thesis Examiner, Harvard University, 2017 2019.
- *Graduate Student Coordinator*, Political Theory Research Workshop and Speakers Series, 2015 2017.
- Organizing Committee, Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2016.
- Referee, Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2015 2019; Discussant 2015, 2016, 2018.
- Session Chair, MPSA 2021, APA Eastern Division 2018.
- Member, American Political Science Association, American Philosophical Association, Association for Political Theory

REFERENCES

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