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APPOINTMENTS

Wesleyan University Associate Professor (2016-)
Department of Government and affiliated with the
College of Social Studies and the College of Education.
Assistant Professor 2009-2016

Princeton University Visiting Fellow
University Center for Human Values 2012-2013

Trinity College Ann Plato Post-Doctoral Fellow 2008-2009
Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Yale University
Ph.D: December 2008
M. Phil in Political Science: December 2005
M.A. in Political Science: May 2004

Swarthmore College
B.A. High Honors in Political Science (Major)
with Asian Studies (Minor): May 2000

BOOKS

Radical Enfranchisement in the Jury Room and Public Life. Chicago:
University of Chicago Press, 2019.

Sing the Rage: Listening to Anger after Mass Violence.
Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 2014.

INVITED SUBMISSION

"The Practice of Nullification" Special Issue on Juries. *Chicago-Kent
Law Review.* Forthcoming. (10627 words)

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

“Wanted: Angela Davis and a Jury of Her Peers”. *Political Theory*, July 2020. Printed online ahead of publication. (9330 words)

“The Necessity to Nullify: The Jury and Entrapment” *Journal of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Sept 2017. (8120 words)

“Mature Enough to Disobey: On Jurors, Women and Autonomy in Tocqueville’s Democracy in America” *Journal of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, June 2016. (7679 words)

“Mistaken for Consensus: The Allen Charge and the End of Jury Deliberation” *Law’s Mistakes*, Austin Sarat, ed. University of Massachusetts Press, 2015. (9785 words)

“Passion” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell), ed. Michael Gibbons. September 2014. (5572 words)

“The Case of Gacaca: A Flawed Project and the Hope for Transitional Justice” *Theory and Event*. Vol 16, No. 3 Sept 2013. (9937 words)

“No Pain Like My Own: Guilt in the Works of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Antjie Krog” *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*. Published online before print, August 2013. (8163 words)

“Agonism and Victim Testimony” in *Theorising Post-Conflict Reconciliation: Agonism, Restitution & Repair*, Alexander Hirsch, ed. New York: Routledge. 2011. 11-25. (7572 words)

“More than Cheap Sentimentality: Victim Testimony at Nuremberg, Eichmann and the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission” *Constellations*, vol. 15, no. 2. June 2008. 223-235.

NATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Laurance S. Rockefeller Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University 2012-2013
Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship
(Alternate, 2012-2013)
Centennial Center Fellowship, APSA, Summer 2010 and 2011

PRIZES

2014 Baker Memorial Prize, Wesleyan University
Phi Beta Kappa, Swarthmore College (2000)

**CONFERENCE
PARTICIPATION AND
INVITED
TALKS**

Race, Politics, and Attention Panelist at the *Attention: History, Philosophy, Science* conference at Princeton University, March 2021.

Book Roundtables on *Radical Enfranchisement in the Jury Room and Public Life*. Held at *Columbia Law School* (Feb 2020), *the Association for Law, Culture and Humanities* (March 2020), *Law and Society Conference* (May 2020) and the *American Political Science Association Conference*(Sept 2020).

“No One but You: Jurors and the Internal Standard of Reasonable Doubt” Invited speaker at the *University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop*. April 2019.

“Whistleblowers and the Jury” Panelist at event sponsored by *Brown War Watch*, Brown University. April 2019.

“A Jury for the 21st Century” Paper presented at the *Law, Culture and Humanities* Conference, Ottawa, Canada. March 2019.

“Pedagogy of Urgency” Participant at *AALAC Conference*, Mt. Holyoke. May 2018.

“Doubting Better” Invited Speaker at the New York Legal Theory Workshop, *Fordham Law School*. April 2018.

Transitional Justice, Participant at *Rutgers University Workshop(Newark)*. April 2018.

“Nullification in the Age of Abolition” Invited Speaker at *New School Politics Department Seminar*. March 2018

“Guilty, Not Guilty, Nullify” Invited Speaker at the Center for Citizenship, Civil Society, and Rule of Law (CISRUL), University of Aberdeen, Scotland. May 2017.

“Trigger Warnings, Trauma, and Teaching the Rwandan Genocide.” *AALAC Conference on Research and Teaching about Africa*, Smith College. May 2017.

“The Jury and Entrapment” *Western Political Science Association (WPSA)* Vancouver, April 2017.

“Doubt Again. Doubt Better: Radically Enfranchised Jurors and the Reasonable Doubt Standard” Invited speaker at the *Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) Seminar*, Princeton University (October 2016) and *Association for Political Thought (APT)*, Columbus OH, (October 2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Law, Culture and Humanities Program Committee, Spring 2020.

APSA Program Co-Chair, *Foundations of Political Thought* Section, 2019.

Chair of the Governance Committee, *Association for Political Thought*. 2016-2019.

Reviewer, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *Hypatia*,
American Political Science Review, *Contemporary Political
Theory*

Organizing Committee, Association for Political Thought
(APT) 2011

WESLEYAN SERVICE

Educational Policy Committee, 2019-2020.

Faculty Board, Fries Center for Global Studies, 2018-2019.

COURSES TAUGHT

GOVT 159 The Moral Basis of Politics—'10S, '10F, '14F, '18F

GOVT 338 Modern Political Theory— '10S, '15S, '19S

GOVT 339 Contemporary Political Theory— '09F, '15S, '19S

GOVT 355 Transitional Justice— '09S, '10S, '11S, '14S, '15S, '16S, 19S

GOVT 356 Tragedy and Affect—'12S

GOVT 398 What is the Good Life?—'09F, '10F, '11F, '13F, '15F, '18F

GOVT 392 Theorizing the City—'14F, '18S, '19F

GOVT 399 Citizens, Judges, Juries: Who Decides in Democracy?—'14S, '17S

GOVT 397 Acting and Citizenship—'20S

CSS 271 Social Theory Colloquium: From Hobbes to Weber—'11F, '13F, '15F,
'19F

THESIS STUDENTS

2020 Julia Adler, "The Gatekeepers of Middletown"

2016 Deren Ertas, "Everywhere is Taksim, Resistance Everywhere: The Gezi
Uprising and Radical Democratic Beginnings in Turkey"

2016 Jess Zalph, "Damned If You Do, Damned if You Don't: Navigating
Exemptions in Civil Society

2015 Tanaya Srinivasakrishnan, "Cape Town as a World Class City: Identifying
Radical Theory and Practice"

2014 Lucy Britt, "First We Stopped Throwing Stones: Post-Genocide Rwanda and a Political Theory of Forgiveness"

2012 Aidan Markland, "The Genealogy of Lying and Deception in Political Theory"

2011 Fanny Elizabeth Valentin, "Overcoming Moral Blind Spots: In Defense of Truth Commissions"

2011 David Thompson, "Psychologized Citizenship: An Arendtian Reading"

2010 Sherry Cho, "Mitigating a Culture of Antagonism: Democratic Peace and Nationalism in South Korea and Japan"

2010 Chelsea Sprayregens, "Presentes! Ahora y Siempre! Remembering the Disappeared in Democratic Argentina"