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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Government, Cornell University
2010 A.M. Social Science, University of Chicago
2009 B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies, Vanderbilt University

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019— University of Virginia, Department of Politics
Assistant Professor of Politics, 2019—
2016-19 Bard College, Political Studies
Assistant Professor of Political Studies
Program Affiliate, Gender and Sexuality Studies
Program Affiliate, French Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2020 *The Virtues of Violence: Democracy Against Disintegration in Modern France*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Edited Works

- 2022 “Violence,” Special Issue of *New Political Science* 44, no. 1 (2022), including editor’s introduction, “Violence: Introduction to the Special Issue,” pp. 27-41. Republished as Kevin Duong, ed. *Violence: A Reappraisal*. New York: Routledge, 2023.

Articles

- . “The Sorcerer’s Apprentices of Interwar France.” Accepted.
2021 “Freud sous les tropiques,” *Les Cahiers philosophiques de Strasbourg* no. 50 « Théorie Critique Transnationale » (2021): 13-52.
2021 “Universal Suffrage as Decolonization.” *American Political Science Review* 115, no. 2 (2021): 412-428.
2020 “The Left and Henri Bergson.” *French Politics* 18, no. 4 (2020): 359-379.
2020 “What Was Universal Suffrage?” *Theory & Event* 23, no. 1 (2020): 29-65.
2019 “No Social Revolution Without Sexual Revolution.” *Political Theory* 47, no. 6 (2019): 809-835.
2018 “The Demands of Glory: Tocqueville and Terror in Algeria.” *The Review of Politics* 80, no. 1 (2018): 31-55.
2017 “The People as a Natural Disaster: Redemptive Violence in Jacobin Political Thought.” *American Political Science Review* 111, no. 4 (2017): 786-800.
2017 “Does Democracy End in Terror? Transformations of Antitotalitarianism in Postwar France.” *Modern Intellectual History* 14, no. 2 (2017): 537-563.
2012 “What Does Queer Theory Teach Us About Intersectionality?” *Politics & Gender* 8, no. 3 (2012): 370-86.

Book Reviews & Review Essays

- 2022 “Robespierre: The Man Who Divides Us the Most. By Marcel Gauchet.” *Perspectives on Politics* 20, no. 4 (2022): 1442-1444.
- 2022 “Praxis and Revolution: A Theory of Social Transformation. By Eva von Redecker,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, online first August 1, 2022.
- 2022 “Resolutely Black: Conversations with Françoise Vergès and Kafka’s Monkey and Other Phantoms of Africa.” *Philosophy & Global Affairs* 2, no. 1 (2022): 213-219.
- 2020 “Collins, Jacob. The Anthropological Turn: French Political Thought After 1968. U of Pennsylvania Press, 2020,” *Contemporary French Civilization* 45, no. 3-4 (2020), pp. 403-405.
- 2020 “Insurgent Universality: An Alternative Legacy of Modernity. By Massimiliano Tomba. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019,” *Perspectives on Politics* 18, no. 1 (2020), pp. 237-238.
- 2016 “In Defense of the Terror: Liberty or Death in the French Revolution. By Sophie Wahnich. Translated by David Fernbach. London: Verso, 2012,” *The Journal of Politics* 78, no. 4 (2016), pp. e21-e22.

Public Writing

- 2019 “[Flora Tristan: Radical Socialist, Feminist, and First Internationalist.](#)” *Age of Revolutions*, June 17, 2019.
- 2017 “[Flash Mob: Revolution, Lightning, and the People’s Will.](#)” *The Public Domain Review*, November 9, 2017; republished in *The Public Domain Review: Selected Essays, Vol. 5* (PDR Press, 2018).
- 2014 “[Gender Trouble in France.](#)” Interview with Camille Robcis. *Jacobin*, December 8, 2014.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

Awards

- 2021 Honorable Mention for 2021 Article Prize, awarded by Nineteenth Century Studies Association for “What Was Universal Suffrage?”
- 2017 Winner of the Leo Strauss Award awarded annually by the American Political Science Association for the best dissertation in the field of political philosophy
- 2014 Winner of the Sidney Tarrow Paper Prize for best paper in European politics, Cornell Institute for European Studies: “Georges Sorel and the Intellectual Origins of Fascist Political Thought in *Fin de Siècle* France”
- 2014 Winner of the Peter Uwe Hohendahl Graduate Essay Prize in Critical Theory, Cornell Institute of German Cultural Studies: “Georges Sorel and the Reactionary Politics of Intuition in *Fin de Siècle* France”

Fellowships

- 2022-23 Residential Fellowship at the Society for the Humanities, Cornell University
- 2022 Book Fellowship from the Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia
- 2015 Gustave Gimon Visiting Scholar Fellowship in French Political Economy, Stanford University, Fall 2015
- 2014-15 Andrew Mellon and John E. Sawyer Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University

Grants

- 2022, 2023 Recipient of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Support, UVA Office of the Dean

- 2022, 2023 Recipient of Summer Stipend Grant, UVA Office of the Dean
 2015 Recipient of Cornell Graduate School Research Travel Grant
 2014 Recipient of the Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship Award, Cornell Department of Government
 2013 Recipient of Summer Research Grant, Einaudi Center for International Studies
 2012-13 Recipient of Brett de Bary Writing Grant for “The Risks of Vitalism,” Cornell Society for the Humanities
 2011-12 Recipient of Graduate Reading Group Grant for “Contours of Eastern Marxism,” Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University

INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited Lectures

- 2023 “Albert Memmi and *The Colonizer and the Colonized*,” Lecture. Cornell University, Department of Government, March 23.
 2022 “Two Views of Universal Suffrage: Anticolonial and Neoliberal,” Lecture. New School for Social Research, October 11.
 2022 “Two Views of Universal Suffrage: Anticolonial and Neoliberal,” Lecture. POLIS Seminar, Centre de théorie politique, Université Libre de Bruxelles, April 19.
 2021 “Two Views of Universal Suffrage: Anticolonial and Neoliberal,” Lecture. Colloquium Series, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, April 9, 2021.
 2020 “Redemptive Violence and the Great War,” Lecture. Department of History, Columbia University, October 28.
 2020 “What Was Universal Suffrage?” Invited lecture for “Our Vote” Initiative, University of Delaware, March 12. Cancelled due to Covid-19.
 2016 “The Political Imaginary of the Paris Commune,” Lecture. Cornell University, October 27.

Invited Colloquia and Workshops

- 2023 “Fixing Heads in Harlem, 1946-1958,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Minnesota, April 21, 2023.
 2023 “Inventing the Human to Reinvent Science and the Nation: the 1950 and 1951 UNESCO Statements on Race,” Science and Technology Studies Colloquium, Cornell University, April 18, 2023.
 2023 “Fixing Heads in Harlem, 1946-1958,” Political Theory Workshop, Columbia University, April 5, 2023.
 2023 “Fixing Heads in Harlem, 1946-1958,” Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University, February 2, 2023.
 2022 “Transatlantic Freud and Surrealist Activity.” Conference on “Ethnopsychiatry and its Siblings: How a Universalist Discipline Dealt with the Decolonization of the Psyche,” Remarque Institute, New York University, May 17, 2022.
 2022 “What Was Universal Suffrage?” Conference on “The Iconography of Democracy,” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 22-23.
 2022 “Two Views of Universal Suffrage: Anticolonial and Neoliberal.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Florida, April 15.
 2022 “Federalism as a Surrealist Experiment: The French Fourth Republic.” Symposium on “The State as Experiment,” University of Virginia, April 6-8.

- 2022 “Two Views of Universal Suffrage: Anticolonial and Neoliberal” Conference on “Socialism and Democracy,” Project in the History of Political Thought and the Center for Human Values, Princeton University, March 25-26.
- 2022 “Competing Mathematics of the *Vox Populi*: Anticolonial and Neoliberal.” Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, February 10, 2022.
- 2021 “Freud in the Tropics.” Davis Center for Historical Studies and the Department of History, Princeton University, October 15, 2021.
- 2021 “Freud Against Empire, a précis.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, September 9, 2021.
- 2021 “Freud in the Tropics,” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, April 12, 2021.
- 2021 “Freud in the Tropics.” Up the Road Speaker Series, Northwestern University, March 5, 2021.
- 2021 “Freud in the Tropics.” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, March 2, 2021.
- 2020 “Universal Suffrage as Decolonization.” Politics Speaker Series, New School for Social Research, March 31. Cancelled due to Covid-19.
- 2019 “Revolutionary Electoral Democracy.” Conference on “Doing Democracy Differently,” McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario, March 22-23.
- 2017 “The People as a Natural Disaster: Redemptive Violence in Jacobin Political Thought.” Workshop on “Making ‘Peoples’: Democracy and the Logics of Division” City College, NYC, May 2.
- 2017 “The Demands of Glory: Tocqueville and Terror in Algeria.” Social and Political Thought Workshop, Vanderbilt University, March 31.
- 2017 “Regicide and Redemptive Violence in the French Revolution.” Political Theory Colloquium, University of Virginia, February 17.
- 2016 “The Demands of Glory: Tocqueville and Terror in Algeria.” Political Theory Speaker Series, Georgetown University, September 29.

Invited Book Manuscript Workshop Participation

- 2022 Book Manuscript Workshop for Nazmul Sultan, July 28-29, 2022.
- 2022 Book Manuscript Workshop for Sid Issar, June 23, 2022.
- 2018 Book Manuscript Workshop for Joshua Cherniss, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., June 19.

Conference Participation

- 2022 “Marx and Freud in Harlem, 1946-1958,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 27-29.
- 2022 “Marx and Freud in Harlem, 1946-1958,” Society for the Humanities Conference on Repair, Cornell University, October 20-21.
- 2022 “Marx and Freud in Harlem,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 10-12.
- 2021 “Every Penny is a Ballot,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, November 11-13.
- 2021 “Myth as Marxist Method: Sorel to Surrealism,” Conference on “Force of Myth: Authority, Illusion, and Critique in Modern Imaginaries,” June 7-9.
- 2021 “Universal Suffrage as Decolonization,” International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Virtual Conference on “Democratic Representation,” May 13-15.
- 2020 Roundtable on “Race and Human Rights,” American Political Science Association, Virtual Annual Meeting, September 8-12

- 2020 “Freud in the Tropics.” American Political Science Association, Virtual Annual Meeting, September 8-12.
- 2019 “Universal Suffrage as Decolonization,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 24-26.
- 2019 “Redemptive Violence on the Eve of the Great War.” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 28-September 1.
- 2019 “What Was Universal Suffrage?” Society for French Historical Studies, Annual Meeting, April 4-6.
- 2018 “When Electoral Democracy Was Revolutionary.” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 18-20.
- 2018 “When Electoral Democracy Was Revolutionary.” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 29-September 1.
- 2018 “The Anticapitalist Origins of French Fascism: Paris, 1900-1914.” History of Capitalism Conference at Bard, April 6.
- 2017 “Sexual Revolution as Social Revolution.” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 12-14.
- 2017 “Sexual Revolution as Social Revolution.” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, August 30-September 3.
- 2017 “Tocqueville and Total War in Algeria.” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 13-15.
- 2016 “The Paris Commune and ‘the People in Arms.’” Western Society for French History, Annual Meeting, November 3-6.
- 2016 “What Was the Dictatorship of the Proletariat?” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 20-22
- 2016 “Regicide and Redemptive Violence in the French Revolution.” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, March 23-26.
- 2015 “Sublime Violence: Georges Sorel and the Reinvention of Terror in French Thought.” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 22-24.
- 2015 “Charles Péguy and His Circle: War as Salvation in French Thought, 1900-1914.” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 2-4.
- 2015 “Sublime Violence: Georges Sorel and the Reinvention of Terror in French Thought.” Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Duke University, February 12-13.
- 2014 “Does Democracy End in Terror? On the Anti-totalitarian Moment in Postwar France.” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 16-18.
- 2014 “Social Republicanism: Visions of Political Freedom in the Paris Commune and its Legacy.” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 17-19.
- 2014 “Does Democracy End in Terror? On the Anti-Totalitarian Moment in Post-War France.” 4th Radical Democracy Conference, The New School, March 14-15.
- 2013 “Violence and the Experience of Freedom: Sorel and Fanon in Reaction.” *Radical Thought on the Margins* Conference, Princeton University, May 2-3.
- 2013 “The Antinomies of Democratic Radicalism: Georges Sorel in Reaction.” Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, April 11-14.
- 2012 “What Does Queer Theory Teach Us About Intersectionality?” Southern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, January 11-14.

Conferences Organized

- 2018 “Capitalist Pasts, Postcapitalist Futures: History of Capitalism at Bard Conference,” April 6, 2018.
- 2013 “Radical Thought on the Margins II,” convened with Princeton University “Theory Reading Group.” Co-organized with Bécquer Seguin and Facundo Vega. Cornell University, October 4-5.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Virginia

- “Introduction to Political Theory.” Undergraduate Lecture (Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
- “What is Democracy?” Undergraduate Class (Spring 2021)
- “Totalitarianism.” Undergraduate Class (Spring 2021)
- “Sexual Revolutions.” Undergraduate Seminar (Fall 2021)
- “The Death of Man: 20th Century French Political Thought.” Graduate Seminar (Fall 2020)
- “Interpretative Methods for Political Thought and Culture” Graduate Seminar (Spring 2022, Fall 2023)

Bard College

- “Political Theory.” Undergraduate class (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, Spring 2019)
- “What is Democracy?” Undergraduate class (Fall 2017)
- “Western European Politics & Society.” Undergraduate class (Spring 2017)
- “Totalitarianism.” Undergraduate class (Fall 2016, Spring 2018)
- “Of Utopias.” Big Ideas class, with Olga Touloumi (Spring 2018)
- “The Death of Man: 20th Century French Political Thought.” Undergraduate Class (Fall 2018)
- “Afro-Modern Political Thought.” Undergraduate Class (Spring 2019)
- “What is Personal Freedom?” First Year Seminar (Spring 2017, Spring 2018)

Cornell University

- “Freud in the Tropics.” Undergraduate Seminar (slated for Spring 2023)
- “Sex and Political Freedom.” First Year Seminar (Fall 2013)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editorial Service: *New Political Science*, Associate Editor, 2022—Present

- 2019-Current Standing Committee on Mentorship and Professional Development, Association for Political Theory
- 2023 Co-Chair of Division 1 (History of Political Thought) for 2023 American Political Science Association Meeting
- 2021 APT Mentorship Panel on the Job Market, June 30, 2021.
- 2020-2021 APT-CPT Collaboration Subcommittee, Association for Political Theory
- 2019-2020 Chair of “Book Proposal Workshop” Subcommittee, Association for Political Theory
- 2018, 2020 Program Committee Member, Association for Political Theory
- 2018 Facilitator for Pedagogy Workshop, “Political Theory 101: Reworking a Staple for Diversity and Inclusion,” at Annual Meeting of Association for Political Theory, October 19.

Manuscript Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *Modern Intellectual History*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Politics & Gender*, *Theory & Event*, *New Political Science*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Contexto International: journal of global connections*

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

Committees

- 2021-22 Department Chair's Advisory Committee, Department of Politics
2021-22 Political Theory Self-Study Group Co-Chair w/ Jennifer Rubenstein
2021-22 Co-convener of Political Theory Colloquium w/ Lawrie Balfour 2020-22 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Politics
2020-21 Committee on Gender and Diversity, Department of Politics
2021 Member of Search Committee for Rising Scholars Postdoctoral Fellowship, Spring 2021

Events

- 2021 "PhD+ AHSS Future Faculty: Faculty Experience Panel" for Office of Graduate & Postdoctoral Affairs, September 8
2021 Participated in panel for accepted graduate student visiting day, March 25

Advising

Dissertation Committees: Amanuel Tsighe Gebremichael (in progress), Layla Picard (in progress), Matthew Frierdich (in progress), Jean-Marc Pruitt (in progress)

Masters Thesis Reader: Gavin Riley (2021)

Senior Thesis Advising: Liam Tyrell (2021-22), Caroline Fox (2021-22), William Zeng (2021-22)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Association for Political Theory
American Historical Association
American Political Science Association
Society for French Historical Studies
Nineteenth Century Studies Association
Council for European Studies