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## EDUCATION

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

## EMPLOYMENT

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2019— University of Virginia  
Associate Professor of Politics, August 2023-Present  
Assistant Professor of Politics, 2019-2023  
2016-19 Bard College  
Assistant Professor of Political Studies  
Program Affiliate, Gender and Sexuality Studies  
Program Affiliate, French Studies

## PUBLICATIONS

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### 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

2023 “The Sorcerer’s Apprentices of Interwar France,” *History of European Ideas*, forthcoming.  
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

- . “Decolonization and World Order in Political Thought.” Commissioned for *Annual Review of Political Science*, Volume 28.
- 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

- 2023 “Psychotherapy for the People.” *Parapraxis Magazine*, forthcoming.
- 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

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### 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 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**

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### **Invited Lectures**

- 2023 “The Wish. Utopian and Scientific,” Lecture. The Psychosocial Foundation, Seminar Series, October 1, 2023.
- 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 Science Department Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, November 9, 2023.
- 2023 “The Revolution of the Poets,” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, September 20, 2023.
- 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**

- 2023 Book Manuscript Workshop for Samantha Wesner, University of Toronto, November 3, 2023.
- 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

- 2023 "The Revolution of the Poets," Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, October 12-14.
- 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.” 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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### **University of Virginia**

- “The Art and Politics of Dreaming.” The Engagements (Spring 2024)
- “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: 20<sup>th</sup> 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: 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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Editorial Service	<i>New Political Science</i> , Associate Editor, 2022—Present <i>Parapraxis</i> , Contributing Editor, 2023—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*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *History of European Ideas*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Politics & Gender*, *Theory & Event*, *New Political Science*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Contexto International: journal of global connections*

External Tenure File Evaluations by Year (Number): 2023 (1)

## **SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE**

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### **The Engagements**

2024-2-26 College Fellow, the Engagements Program and Undergraduate College

### **Committees**

2023 Third-Year Evaluation Committee for Albert Rivero  
2023-24 Co-convenor of Political Theory Colloquium w/ Lawrie Balfour  
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-convenor 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**

2023 New Graduate Student Orientation, Politics Department, August 21  
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; 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**

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Association for Political Theory  
American Historical Association