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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Columbia University, expected May 2015.

Dissertation: The Keystone of Democracy: Prioritizing Inclusion in the Design of Democratic Institutions

Advisors: Melissa Schwartzberg, David Johnston

Committee: Jon Elster, Robert Y. Shapiro, Andrew Sabl

M.Phil. & M.A. in Political Science, Columbia University, 2012, 2009.

Major Field: Political Theory

Minor Field: American Politics

M.Sc. in Political Theory, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2007.

B.A. in Political Science and Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006.

Honors Thesis: Rights as Protectors of the Capacities for Action: A Political Theory of Rights

Research and Teaching Interests

Democratic Theory; Democratic Institutions; Modern Political Thought; Public Opinion; Political Psychology; American Institutions; Political Ethics

Conference Presentations

“The Priority of Inclusion and the Danger of Deliberative Mini-publics.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2014.

“What is Political Participation? An Intra-Disciplinary Reevaluation.” Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, November 2013.

“The Priority of Inclusion and the Danger of Deliberative Mini-publics.” Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory 2013, Cambridge, October 2013.

“Rhetorical Justification.” Manchester University MANCEPT Workshop in Political Theory 2013, Manchester, UK, September 2013.

“Strengthening Democracy through Mandatory Voting.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2012.

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Lead Teaching Fellowship, Columbia University, 2014-15.

Core Curriculum Preceptorship, Columbia University, 2014-2015.

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, US Department of Education, 2009-2013.

John W. McDonald Jr., Ph.D. Fellowship, Columbia University, 2012-2013.

Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University, 2008-2009.

Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, 2012.

Summa Cum Laude, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006.

College of Letters and Sciences Honors, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006.

Department of Political Science Honors, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006.

Teaching

Columbia University

Preceptor, Contemporary Civilization in the Core Curriculum, 2014-2015.

Instructor, Problems in Contemporary Democratic Theory, Summer 2014.

Instructor, Public Opinion and Democratic Theory, Summer 2013.

Teaching Assistant, Problems in Recent Democratic Theory, Prof. Melissa Schwartzberg, Fall 2012.

Teaching Assistant, Transitional Justice, Prof. Louis Bickford, Summer 2012.

Teaching Assistant, Human Rights and Business, Prof. Joanne Bauer and Christine Bader, Summer 2012.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Theory, Prof. Michelle R. Smith, Spring 2012.

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, Prof. Justin Phillips, Fall 2010.

Columbia University's Summer Program for High School Students

Visiting Instructor, Constitutional Law, Summer 2013.

Syllabi

Public Opinion and Democratic Theory

Problems in Contemporary Democratic Theory

Contemporary Civilization

Training

Teagle Foundation Summer Institute, New York, June 2013

Professional Activities

Manuscript Reviewer: *Constellations*

Conference Coordinator, "Responsiveness, Representation, and Democracy," Columbia University, 8-9 March 2013.

Graduate Student Coordinator, Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, 2012-2013.

Coordinator, Political Theory Works-In-Progress Seminar, 2013-14.

Summer Program Assistant, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, Summer 2012.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Prof. Robert Y. Shapiro, July - Dec. 2011.

Research Assistant, Prof. Nadia Urbinati, Oct. 2010 - Jan. 2011.

Research Assistant, Prof. Melissa Schwartzberg, Jan. - June 2013.

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