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## BACKGROUND SUMMARY

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- current appointments ● **Full Professor**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, since May 2021
- education ● **PhD in Political Science**, Yale University, 2005
  - **MA in Legal and Political Theory**, School of Public Policy, University College London, 1999
  - **BA (Hons), Philosophy**, University of Toronto, 1998
- employment history ● **Associate Dean of Faculty (Curriculum)**, Yale-NUS College, 2018-2021
  - **Associate Professor of Social Sciences**, Yale-NUS College, 2015-2021
    - **Fellow**, Centre for Research on Time and Law, Law Faculty, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, since 2015
    - **Associate Professor**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, 2014-2021
    - **Assistant Professor**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, 2009-2014
    - **Visiting Professor**, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, Fall 2016
    - **Canadian Bicentennial Visiting Fellow**, Yale University, 2008-2009
    - **Collegiate Assistant Professor**, University of Chicago, 2005-2008
    - **Research Analyst**, Criminal Law Policy, Department of Justice, Canada - 1999-2000
    - **Research Consultant**, LINX, A Division of A.T. Kearney - Summers 1995-1998

## ACADEMIC RECORD SUMMARY

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- publications ● **2 single authored books**
  - **6 single authored journal articles** and **6 review essays** in peer-reviewed journals
  - **8 chapters** in peer reviewed, edited books
  - **1 encyclopedia** article
- presentations ● **1 keynote**
  - **3 international symposia and speaker series** organized
  - **35 invited talks in 12 countries on 4 continents**
- teaching ● **14 theses and major research papers**, supervised
  - **11 courses** taught at University of Ottawa, Yale-NUS, Yale University, University of Chicago
- funding ● **\$108,114 in PI research grants** (SSHRC, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation, University of Ottawa, Yale-NUS)

## LEADERSHIP & KEY SERVICE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

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- leadership ● **Member of the Board of Governors**, University of Ottawa, mandate 2021-2024
  - **Associate Dean of Faculty (Curriculum)**, Yale-NUS College, 2018-2020
  - **Director**, Program in Conflict Studies and Human Rights, U of Ottawa, 2017-2018
  - **Head of Study**, Double Degree in Law and Liberal Arts, Yale-NUS, 2015-2016
  - **Acting Head of Study**, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, Yale-NUS, 2015-2016
  - **Co-Chair**, Society of Fellows, University of Chicago, 2006-2007
- service ● **Member**, Chief Science Advisor's Expert Advisory Group on Society, Technology and Ethics in a Pandemic, CIFAR, 2020
  - **Adjudicator**, SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellowships, 2013-2015
  - **Peer reviewer** for McGill-Queens University Press; Oxford University Press; Princeton University Press; Yale University Press; *American Political Science Review*; *University of Toronto Law Journal*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *European Journal of Political Thought*; *Journal of Politics*; *Law and Society*; *The Monist*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Politics Philosophy and Economics*; *Polity*

## RESEARCH FOCUS SUMMARY

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- Apocalyptic politics
- States of emergency; crisis government; rule of law; prerogative and police powers
- Temporality and the politics of time
- Political rhetoric; constitutional preambles; non-legal uses of law; constitutional legitimacy

- Comparative political thought; Chinese political thought
- Pleasure in the history of political thought

## EDUCATION

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PhD, MPhil, MA - Yale University - Political Science, 2000-2005.

Field Examinations: Comparative Politics, History of Political Thought, and Contemporary Political Theory

Dissertation: *The Ethics of Emergency Powers in Liberal Democracies*,

Supervised by Steven Smith, Seyla Benhabib, and John P. McCormick

MA - University College London, School of Public Policy, - (Distinction) Legal and Political Theory, 1998-1999.

Thesis - *The Scope of Liberalism: Ethnic Minorities and the Relationship of Liberal Theory to Political Morality*,

Supervised by Frederick Rosen

HonsBA - University of Toronto - (High Distinction) Philosophy, 1995-1998.

- Douglas Bond Symons Prize in Philosophy
- Trinity College Provost's Scholarship

## PUBLICATIONS AND DISSEMINATION

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### Books

Single Authored Monographs

1. *Out of Joint: Power Crisis, and the Rhetoric of Time*. (Yale University Press, 2019)
2. *States of Emergency in Liberal Democracies*. (Cambridge University Press, 2009 / new paperback edition 2013)

Edited Volume (In Preparation)

3. Pierre Landry & Nomi Claire Lazar (eds.) *The Rule of Mandates in China*, (for Cambridge Elements series).

### Journal Articles (all single-authored)

Under Review

1. "A Currency Theory of Constitutional Legitimacy" (submitted May 2020)

Published

2. "Utopia's Pleasure Problem," *Rhetoric Society Quarterly* 51(3), 2021.
3. "Constitutional Alchemy," *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, Online first, November 2020.
4. "Time Framing in the Rhetoric of Constitutional Preambles," *Law and Literature*, Online first, December, 2019.
5. "Why Rome Didn't Bark in the Night: Some Thoughts on Crisis Government and Constitutional Flexibility," *Polity*, Vol. 45, No. 3, July 2013, pp. 424-444.
6. "Making Emergencies Safe for Democracy: The Roman Dictatorship and the Rule of Law in the Study of Crisis Government," *Constellations*, Vol. 13, No.4, December 2006, pp. 506-521.
7. "Must Exceptionalism Prove the Rule? An Angle on Emergency Government in the History of Political Thought," *Politics and Society*, Vol. 34, No. 2, June 2006, pp. 245-275.

### Chapters in peer-reviewed edited volumes

Under Contract / In Press

8. "Constitutional Legitimacy," Richard Bellamy and Jeff King eds. *Cambridge Handbook of Constitutional Theory*. (Cambridge University Press, Under Contract).
9. "Ethics in the State of Emergency," Edward Hall & Andrew Sabl eds, *Political Ethics: The State of the Field*. (Princeton University Press, Under Contract).

Published

10. "What is the State of Exception?" Gary Gerstle and J.M. Goodwin eds. *States of Exception in American History*. (University of Chicago Press, 2020), pp. 17-38.
11. "Constitutional Preambles and the Politics of an Uncertain Future," Lyana Francot & Luigi Corrias eds. *Temporality and the Law*. (Routledge, 2018), pp.126-146.
12. "Decision and Decisionism," Nicolas Guilhot and Daniel Bessner eds. *The Decisionist Imagination*. (Berghahn, 2018), pp. 109-134.

13. "Prerogative Power in Rome: Flexible Modes for a Flexible Order," Benjamin Kleinerman & Clement Fatovic eds., *Extra-Legal Power and Legitimacy*. (Oxford University Press, 2013), pp. 27-51.
14. "A Topography of Emergency Power," Victor V. Ramraj ed, *Emergencies and the Limits of Legality*. (Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 156-171.
15. David Rawnsley and Nomi Lazar "Managing the Universal Service Obligation," Michael Crew and Paul Kleindorfer eds. *Emerging Competition in Postal and Delivery Services*. (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1999), pp. 181-194.

#### Review Essays and Commentaries

14. "The Political Value of Time," *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol.18 No.2, 2020.
15. "Emergencies in Public Law," *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, Vol. 16, 1, May 2018, pp. 300-302.
16. "Combating Political Extremism," *Review Symposium Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 13, No. 3, September 2015, pp. 794-795.
17. "States of War and Captives of Sovereignty," *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 10, No. 4, December 2012, pp. 1047-1049.
18. "The Everyday Problem of Emergency," *University of Toronto Law Journal*, Vol. 59, No. 2, April 2009, pp. 237-249.
19. "Three Gestures Toward Justice," *Political Theory*, Vol. 35, No. 5, October 2006, pp. 659-665.

#### Media Interventions and Interviews

20. "Political Fireworks: Independence Day's Machiavellian Roots," *Yale Press Blog*, July 2, 2021.
21. "Justice Abella's Profound Impact on Canada," *Toronto Star*, May 26, 2021.
22. "Was the insurrection the last best hope for American Democracy?" *Toronto Star*, January 7, 2021.
23. "Has Corporate Influence Gone too Far in America?" *Channel News Asia*, February 3, 2021.
24. "COVID-19 Warped our Sense of Time," *Channel News Asia*, January 24, 2021.
25. "Mass solitary confinement is illegal, even in a pandemic," *Toronto Star*, November 24, 2020.
26. "How the Coronavirus Stole Time," Interviewed by Naomi K. Lewis *MacLean's*, May 28, 2020.
27. Political Theory Review podcast on *Out of Joint* with Jeffrey Church, May 8, 2020.
28. "COVID-19 - States of Emergency: Liberty, Authority, & the Law," UCL European Institute, May, 2020.
29. "Social Trust in Times of Crisis," *Straits Times*, April 3, 2020.
30. "Singapore Excels at Transparency While Confronting COVID-19," *Toronto Star*, March 4, 2020.
31. "Trump's Emergency Creates its Own Crisis," *Toronto Star*, February 2, 2019.

#### Encyclopedia Article

26. "Carl Schmitt," in *Scribner's Encyclopedia of Europe 1914-2004*, Edited by Jay Winter and John Merriman. (New York: Macmillan, 2006).

#### International Symposia and Workshops Organised:

1. *The Rule of Mandates in China*, Yale-NUS College, 2020
2. *Modernity and Its Discontents*, Yale-NUS College, 2017
3. Pop-Up Workshop on the Question: *Is there Value in Domination?* University of Amsterdam, 2016
4. Pop-Up Workshop on the Question: *Does the Chinese Constitution Matter?* London School of Economics, 2014
5. *Democratic Accountability: Perspectives from Canadian Prime Minister's Chiefs of Staff*, Yale University, 2009

Note: A Pop-Up Workshop is a format devised by myself and the late professor Mayling Birney, wherein interdisciplinary scholars are invited to meet with minimal preparation around an open question. Rather than presenting finished independent work, this presents an opportunity for open collective thought.

#### Keynote

"The Scope of Law in the State of Emergency," *Le droit à la croisée des chemins : conflits, défis et changements*, Ottawa, 2017

#### Symposia and Workshops on my Books

For *States of Emergency in Liberal Democracies*

- Book Panel, *Symposium on Executive Power*, University of Texas, Austin, School of Law, 2010

For *Out of Joint: Power, Crisis and the Rhetoric of Time*

- Author Meets Critics Panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019
- Manuscript Workshop, Yale University, 2016
- Manuscript Workshop, Center for Time and Law, Free University of Amsterdam, 2016

#### Invited Talks and Workshop Papers:

1. "Constitutional Alchemy," *Constitutionalism and the Free Society*, McGill University, 2021
2. "What is the Public Good in the State of Emergency?" *MANCEPT Workshop on the Public Interest*, Braga, 2020
3. "Technology and Emergency Ethics," *COVID-19 and the Scripts of Emergency*, NYU School of Law, 2020
4. "Truth and Reconciliation" with Waubgeshig Rice, *Singapore Writers Festival*, 2019
5. "The Dark Side of Language," *Singapore Writers Festival*, 2019
6. "Temporal Rhetoric in Constitutional Preambles," *University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law*, 2019
7. "Constitutional Legitimacy," *Foundations of Constitutional Theory*, University College London Law Faculty, 2019
8. "Rhetorical Framing in Dynamic Practices of Legitimation: Cases from China," *Through the Looking Glass: Political Legitimacy from Multiple Angles*, University College London, European Institute, 2019
9. "Anywhere out of the world..." *Workshop on Law & Utopia*, University of Cardiff, 2019
10. "Time Talk in Radical Politics," *National University of Singapore, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy*, 2019
11. "What is the State of Exception?" *Second Working Group on Exceptionalism in American History*, University of Chicago, 2018
12. "Decision and Decisionism," *Workshop 'Beyond the Exception'*, New York University, 2017
13. "Time Talk in Radical Politics," *Florida International University, Miami*, 2017
14. "Eschatology in Political Theory: A Dead End," *Workshop on Radical Temporality*, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, 2016
15. "Police Power and the Decisive Management of Epidemic Disease," *Workshop on Decisionism and Decision Theory*, New York University, 2015
16. "How Time Frames," *University of Nanjing*, 2015
17. "Conceptions of Time in Political Rhetoric," *Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore*, 2015.
18. "A Pox on Our Institutions: learning from the Police Power and Epidemics," *Workshop on Exceptionalism in American History*, University of Cambridge, 2015
19. "That's All Well and Good in Practice...But How Does it Work in Theory? Realism on the Ground," *Realism in Political Theory*, National University of Singapore, 2015
20. "Constitutional Preambles and the Uncertain Future," *Workshop on Law and the Uncertain Future*, Free University of Amsterdam, 2014
21. "Decisionism Then and Now," *Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Paris*, 2014
22. "How Time Frames," *Carleton University, Ottawa*, 2014
23. "How Time Frames," *Hebrew University*, 2013
24. "On Constitutional Flexibility," *Law Faculty, University of Amsterdam*, 2013
25. "Khubilai Khan's Calendar and the Symbolic Politics of Risk," *China Research Centre, Sydney*, 2013
26. "New Modes in Old Orders," *Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime, and Security*, York University, 2012
27. "The Political Construction of Time - A Sketch of a Theory," *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*, 2012
28. "Why the Plebs Didn't Bark in the Night: Some Further Thoughts on the Roman Dictatorship," *LeFrak Forum on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy*, State University of Michigan, 2011
29. "Time Rhetoric in the New Hungarian Basic Law," *Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, Budapest*, 2011
30. "Bleeding Hearts and Tanks in the Streets: on the problem of emergency power in federal states" *University of Manitoba*, 2010
31. "Political Legitimacy and the Management of Calendrical Time," *University of Cambridge*, 2010
32. "Conservatism and the Politics of Time," *Sir Thomas More Lectures, Yale Conservatives, Yale University*, 2009
33. "A Topography of Emergency Power," *Workshop on Rule of Law: Legal Theory in Times of Crisis*, National University of Singapore, 2007
34. "Must Exceptionalism Prove the Rule?" *Constitutionalism and Social Justice - New School of Social Research*, 2005
35. "The Rule of Law and the Roman Dictatorship," *Symposium on Sovereignty and States of Exception - New School of Social Research*, 2005

#### In-House Colloquia & Workshops

36. "Owning Political Violence," University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, 2006
37. "Against the Exception," *Yale Political Philosophy Colloquium*, 2004
38. "Making Emergencies Safe for Democracy," *Yale Political Theory Workshop*, 2003

#### Papers Delivered at Academic Conferences

37. "Time Out of Joint," *Timepieces*, University of Toronto, Comparative Literature Annual Conference, 2019
38. "How Time Frames," *Conference on Rhetoric Between the Theory and Practice of Politics*, Braga, Portugal, 2013
39. "Marxism, Primitivism and the Politics of Clock Time," *Canadian Political Science Association Meeting*, 2013
40. "Calendars and Colonies," *International Political Science Association Meeting*, 2012
41. "Political Legitimacy and the Management of Calendrical Time," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2010
42. "The Politics of Time," *Conference on International Political Theory*, University of St. Andrews, 2010
43. "Time and its Political Consequents," *Canadian Political Science Association Meeting*, 2009
44. Roundtable – Constitutional Dictatorship: a re-evaluation of Clinton Rossiter, *American Political Science Association Meeting*, 2009
45. "Owning Political Violence: An Approach to the 'Permanent Economy,'" *Canadian Political Science Association Meeting*, 2007
46. "A Topography of Emergency Power," *American Political Science Association Meeting*, 2007
47. "Owning Political Violence: an Approach to the 'Permanent Economy,'" *American Political Science Association Meeting*, 2006

48. "Two Concepts of Liberalism and the Problem of Emergency Powers," *Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2005
49. "Two Concepts of Liberalism and the Problem of Emergency Powers," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2005
50. "The Problem of Order and Social Critique from Kant to Foucault and on and on..." *Foucault l'americain, University of Ottawa*, 2004
51. "Making Emergencies Safe for Democracy," *Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2004
52. "Making Emergencies Safe for Democracy," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2004
53. "Moral Reason of State: Human Rights Under Emergency Powers," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2003
54. "Machiavelli and Rousseau on Existential and Quotidian Ethics," *Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting and Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, 2003

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#### RESEARCH FUNDING

**Principal Investigator**, unless otherwise indicated

- 2019-2022 *The Rule of Mandates*, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation Grant \$28,795
- 2018-2019 *Legitimacy and the Chinese Constitution*, Tan Chin Tuan Foundation Pocket Grant \$4000
- 2016-2017 (Co-applicant, Internal) Political Theory Cluster Grant \$20,000
- 2012-2015 *The Political Construction of Time*, SSHRC Grant \$41,186
- 2011-2012 *The Political Uses of Time*, SSHRC Grant \$8133
- 2008 *Political Accountability in the Prime Minister's Office*, Canadian Consul-General New York City, Speaker Series Grant \$6000
- 2000-2005 Yale University Doctoral Fellowship
- 2001-2005 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship
- 2002-2003 H.B. Earhart Foundation Fellowship
- 2002-2003 Samuel I. Newhouse Foundation Fellowship
- 2002-2003 John F. Enders Grant for Collaborative Research

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#### ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE

##### Service to the Scholarly Community

- Adjudicator, Post-Doctoral Fellowships Competition, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, 2013 – 2015
- Book Manuscript Peer Review (multiple reviews): McGill-Queens UP, Oxford UP, Princeton UP, Yale UP
- Journal Peer Review (multiple reviews): *American Political Science Review*; *University of Toronto Law Journal*; *Canadian Journal of Political Science* ; *European Journal of Political Thought*; *Journal of Politics*; *Law and Society*; *The Monist*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Politics Philosophy and Economics*; *Polity*

##### Service at the University of Ottawa

- 2017-2018 Member, Comité d'enquête
- 2017-2018 Member, Faculty of Social Sciences Undergraduate Studies Committee
- 2017-2018 Director, Program in Conflict Studies and Human Rights
- 2013-2014 Member, Faculty Council
- 2014 Member, GSPIA Admissions Committee
- 2012-2013 Member, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Scholarships Committee
- 2011-2012 Member, Chinese Politics Faculty Search Committee

##### Service at Yale-NUS College

- 2018 – Present Associate Dean of Faculty (Curriculum)
- Chair, Council of Heads of Studies
- Chair, Curriculum Committee
- Chair, Capstone Committee
- Member, Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Advising
- Member, Academic Committee
- Member, Council of Common Curriculum Facilitators
- Member, Committee on Academic Standards
- Chair, Search Committee for Global Affairs and Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- 2015-2017 Member, Third Year Review Committee for Social Sciences
- Member, J.Y. Pillay Chair Search Committee
- Member, Dean of Faculty Search Committee
- Member, Head of Global Affairs Search Committee

Member, Tenure and Third Year Review Committee for Humanities

#### Service at Yale University

2008-2009           Leitner Fund, Grants Committee Member  
2003-2005           Fellow of the Graduate Teaching Centre  
2001-2003           Graduate Fellow, Calhoun College

#### Service to the Public

2020                 Member, Chief Science Advisor's Expert Advisory Group on Society, Technology and Ethics in a Pandemic, CIFAR  
2018                 Deputy Returning Officer, First Avenue Polling Station, Elections Ontario

#### LANGUAGES

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English: Native speaker  
French: OLBİ certified bilingual  
German: Working knowledge (reading, aural)  
Spanish: Working knowledge (reading, aural)  
Italian: Working knowledge (reading, aural)

#### TEACHING & SUPERVISION

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Because the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs does not have a PhD program, and Yale-NUS College has only undergraduates, I have had limited experience working with doctoral students.

Completed	
Supervisor MA	10
Supervisor BA Capstone	5
External Examiner, PhD	1

#### Capstone & Major Research Paper Supervision

1. Rachel Juay Kai Li (BA Capstone) 2019-2020 Working With Conviction: Lessons From Employers of Singapore's Ex-Offenders
2. Yuki Nakamura (BA Capstone) 2019-2020 Are Universities Responsible for Climate Change?
3. Francesca Maviglia (BA Capstone) 2018-2019 A Hitler Inside: Fascism and Liberalism
4. Myle Yan Tay (BA Capstone) 2018-2019 His Excellency's Visit
5. Liam Rahman (BA Capstone) Arab Rejectionism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, Yale-NUS College, 2016-17
6. Eric Lupien (MA) The Rhetoric of Victimization, U of Ottawa, 2016-18
7. Rabiya Asad (MA) Political Speech and Genocide, U of Ottawa Sep 2012 – Aug 2014
8. Andrew Champagne (MA) Money Talks: Symbols and Bank notes in Canada, why all the change? U of Ottawa Sep 2012 –Aug 2014
9. Josée Conway (MA) Politics and Policy in Canada's Youth Criminal Justice System, U of Ottawa Sep 2013 – Aug 2014
10. Jason Gupta (MA) The Temporality of Borders and Border Security Practices: A temporal analysis of border security practices in the European Union, U of Ottawa Sep 2012 – Aug 2014
11. David Warsaba (MA) Public Sphere Creation and Citizen Engagement in the European Union, U of Ottawa Sep 2012 – Aug 2014
12. Laura Alice Woodward (MA) The Impact of Non-renewable energy resources on national sustainable energy policy, U of Ottawa Sep 2012 – Aug 2014
13. Stamiata Marie Zafiriou (MA) Why Europe? Greek Perspectives at the Dawn of the Union, U of Ottawa, Sep 2011 – Aug 2013
14. Viola Sendi-Mukasa (MA) A Practical Examination of Democratic Governance Scholarship: The Case of Youth Justice, U of Ottawa Sep 2010 – Apr 2012
15. Jamie Alisha Somerville (MA) Canada's Approach to Development Results: Understanding the measurements that determine success. U of Ottawa Sep 2009 – Sep 2011

#### External Examiner (PhD)

16. Nikolaos Sagos (PhD) *Emergencies and Arbitrary Coercion*, University of Montreal, 2013

#### COURSES TAUGHT

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##### Yale-NUS College

- Modern Social Thought (Course Facilitator)
- Global Perspectives on Crime and Punishment

- Human Rights
- Political Concepts
- Philosophy and Political Thought II (Course Facilitator)

*University of Ottawa*

- Ethics & Moral Reasoning for Public and International Affairs
- Current Problems in International Human Rights
- The Rule of Law in the State of Emergency
- Criminal Law: Politics and Policy
- Political Rhetoric
- Limiting Rights

*Yale University*

- Limiting Rights
- Multiculturalism: Theory and Policy
- Moral Foundations of Politics (TA under Ian Shapiro)
- Introduction to Political Philosophy (TA under Steven Smith)
- Crime and Punishment (TA under Ian Shapiro)

*University of Chicago*

- Classics of Social and Political Thought 1-3
-