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EDUCATION

- University of California, Berkeley**, M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science 2017–
Fields: Contemporary Political Theory, History of Political Thought, and Comparative Politics
- University of Pennsylvania**, M.L.A. in History and Philosophy of Social Policy 2016
Disciplines: Political Science, History, Philosophy, and Social Work
- University of Pennsylvania**, B.A. in Political Science, summa cum laude 2014
Minors: English, French, and Russian

DISSERTATION

The Self-Constituting Demos: A Comprehensive Defense of the All Affected Interests Principle
Committee: Mark Bevir (Chair), Joshua Cohen, and Sarah Song

Abstract: My dissertation carries out a defense of the All Affected Interests Principle (A.A.I.P.). The defense consists of three arguments for the A.A.I.P. as an answer to the question of how to constitute the demos. In the introductory section, an argument for the necessity of the A.A.I.P. develops three conceptions of the demos: “a non-constitutable demos,” “an other-constituted demos,” and “a self-constituting demos.” In the body section, an argument for the desirability of the A.A.I.P. develops three claims: first, an interpretative claim about four meanings—significance (in chapter 1), likelihood (in chapter 2), relevance (in chapter 3), and proportionality (in chapter 4); second, an evaluative claim about four goods—justice (in chapter 1), knowledge (in chapter 2), membership (in chapter 3), and equality (in chapter 4); and, third, an applicative claim about four cases—the firm (in chapter 1), the environment (in chapter 2), migration (in chapter 3), and identity (in chapter 4). In the concluding section, an argument for the feasibility of the A.A.I.P. develops two contentions about democracy: “democratic circularity” and “democratic capriciousness.” The three arguments for the A.A.I.P. result in a radical theory of democracy that resists any and all readymade categories for the constitution of the demos.

PRESENTATIONS

- “The Interests of Persons, Significance, Justice, and the Firm”**
Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, October 29th 2022
- “Being Affected, Likelihood, Knowledge, and the Environment”**
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 16th 2022

“The Self-Constituting Demos”	
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 11 th	2022
“Democracy Without Borders” (with Joseph Warren)	
Graduate Conference in Political Theory at U. Chicago, October 15 th	2022
“Andrea Mitchell Center” Workshop at U. Pennsylvania, September 21 st	2022
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 12 th	2022
Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, February 3 rd	2022
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, October 1 st	2021
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 16 th	2021
“The Ethics and Politics of Selling Citizenship”	
Annual Meeting of the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, March 12 th	2020
Graduate Conference in Political Theory at Stanford U., January 24 th	2020
“Money, Migration, and Morality” Workshop at U. Manchester, September 11 th	2018
“Inequalities and Inclusion” Workshop at U.C. Berkeley, May 11 th	2018
“Epistemic Democracy and Its Discontents”	
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31 st	2019
Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 30 th	2018
“Constituting a ‘Public’ for Public Assistance”	
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7 th	2016

COMMENTS

On Isabelle Ferreras’ “Democratizing the Corporation”	
Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory at U.C. Berkeley, February 14 th	2020
On Will Kymlicka’s “The Ethics of Membership in Multicultural Societies”	
Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory at U.C. Berkeley, November 22 nd	2019
On Margaret Moore’s “The Moral Value of Collective Self-Determination”	
Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory at U.C. Berkeley, March 1 st	2019
On T.M. Scanlon’s “A Framework for Thinking about Freedom of Speech”	
Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory at U.C. Berkeley, October 26 th	2018
On Charles Beitz’s “How Is Partisan Gerrymandering Unfair?”	
Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory at U.C. Berkeley, January 26 th	2018
On Anna Stilz’s “The Duty to Allow Harmless Migration”	
Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory at U.C. Berkeley, September 15 th	2017

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Berkeley Fellowship (\$34,000/year), U.C. Berkeley <i>For outstanding applicants to doctoral programs in all fields</i>	2017–2023
Social Sciences Fellowship (\$28,000/year), U. Chicago (declined) <i>For students admitted to doctoral programs in the social sciences</i>	2017
Merit Grant (\$2,000), Center for Human Values, Princeton U. (declined) <i>For students admitted to doctoral programs affiliated with the center</i>	2017
Research Grant (\$2,500), Andrea Mitchell Center, U. Pennsylvania <i>For research on the themes of democracy, citizenship, and constitutionalism</i>	2012–2013

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award , U.C. Berkeley <i>For outstanding work in the teaching of undergraduates</i>	2020
Philo Sherman Bennett Prize (\$1,000), U.C. Berkeley <i>For the best essay in political science</i>	2018, 2022
Elmaleh Prize (\$150), U. Pennsylvania <i>For the best essay in the social sciences</i>	2014
Phi Beta Kappa Society , U. Pennsylvania <i>Honor society in the liberal arts and sciences</i>	2014
Benjamin Franklin Scholars Program , U. Pennsylvania <i>Honors program in the liberal arts and sciences</i>	2010–2014

TEACHING POSITIONS

Graduate Student Instructor , U.C. Berkeley	
Special Topics in International Relations: Human Rights (for Scott Straus)	2022 (Fa.)
Introduction to Political Theory: Ideology (for Mark Bevir)	2022 (Sp.)
History of Political Thought: Early Modern (for Daniel Lee)	2021 (Fa.)
History of Political Thought: Modern (for Daniela Cammack)	2021 (Sp.)
Special Topics in Political Theory: Sovereignty (for Daniel Lee)	2020 (Fa.)
Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom (for Wendy Brown)	2020 (Sp.)
History of Political Thought: Ancient and Medieval (for Daniel Lee)	2019 (Fa.)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Discussant

“Normative Political Epistemology” Panel, American Political Science Association 2020

Panelist

“Designing Weekly Lesson Plans” Panel for Pedagogy Seminar, U.C. Berkeley 2021
“Graduate Student Life” Panel for New Student Orientation, U.C. Berkeley 2020–2021
“Women in Political Science” Panel for Visit Days, U.C. Berkeley 2020
“Graduate Student Life” Panel for Visit Days, U.C. Berkeley 2018–2019

Mentor

Political Science Mentor Program (for Juan Curiel), U.C. Berkeley 2018–2021

Representative

Political Science Admissions Committee, U.C. Berkeley 2019–2020
Political Theory Search Committee, U.C. Berkeley 2018–2019

Member

Women in Political Science, U.C. Berkeley 2017–

Co-Founder/Co-Organizer

Political Theory Workshop, U.C. Berkeley 2019–2020
Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, U.C. Berkeley 2017–2019

Co-President

Political Science Graduate Student Association, U.C. Berkeley 2017–2018

MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Political Theory (2018–) and American Political Science Association (2017–)

REFERENCES

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