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EMPLOYMENT

Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Professor of Political Science and Philosophy (by courtesy), 2022-
Associate Professor of Political Science and Philosophy (by courtesy), 2011-2022
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2006-2011

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2004-2006

University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Sesquicentenary Fellow in Government and International Relations, 2003-2004

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

William Rainey Harper Assistant Professor in the College, 1999-2003

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Ph.D. in Political Science, 1999
M.A. in Political Science, 1995

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

A.B. in Politics, 1993; *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Liberal Freedom: Pluralism, Polarization, and Politics (Cambridge University Press, 2022)

- Reviewed in *Choice*, *Ethics*, the *Independent Review*, *Perspectives on Politics* [part of a critical dialogue with Frank Lovett], *Political Science Quarterly*, and *The Review of Politics*
- Featured on the Political Theory Review podcast, April 2023
- Featured on the New Books in Intellectual History podcast, November 2022

The Invention of Market Freedom (Cambridge University Press, 2011)

- Reviewed in *American Political Thought*, *Choice*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Ethics and International Affairs*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Political Quarterly*, *Political Theory*, and *The Review of Politics*

Reconstructing Public Reason (Harvard University Press, 2004)

- Reviewed in *Choice*, *Ethics*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*

Articles & book chapters

- “Liberalism between Socialism and the Market: John Stuart Mill’s Reception of Adam Smith,” in *The Smithian Mind*, ed. Nir Ben-Moshe, Remy Debes, and Michelle Schwarze (Routledge, forthcoming)
- “The Appeal to Heaven: Locke, Jephtha, and the Right of Conquest,” *History of Political Thought* 46 (2025)
- “The Serpent and the Whale: *Leviathan* in *Billy Budd*,” *Polity* 56 (2024)
- “Republican Critiques of Libertarianism,” in *The Routledge Companion to Libertarianism*, ed. Ben Ferguson and Matt Zwolinski (Routledge, 2022)
- “Liberal Freedom, the Separation of Powers, and the Administrative State,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* 38 (2021)
- “The Spiral of Responsibility and the Pressure to Conflict,” *Critical Review* 32 (2020)
- “Freedom, Responsibility, and Privatization,” in *NOMOS LX: Privatization*, ed. Jack Knight and Melissa Schwartzberg (NYU Press, 2019)
- “Liberalism Before Justice,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* 32 (2016)
- “Robert Dahl, *A Preface to Democratic Theory*,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory*, ed. Jacob T. Levy (Oxford, 2016)
- “Democratic Doubts,” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 22 (2014)
- “Republicanism and the Market in ‘Two Concepts of Liberty’,” in *Isaiah Berlin and the Politics of Freedom*, ed. Bruce Baum & Robert Nichols (Routledge, 2013)
- “Dewey’s Public,” *Contemporary Pragmatism* 7 (2010)
- “Reply to Festenstein,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 9 (2010)
- “Pluralism in the Thought of William James,” *The Good Society* 15 (2007)
- “Pragmatism and the Epistemic Defense of Democracy,” *Contemporary Pragmatism* 4 (2007)
- “Five Myths About Pragmatism, or, Against a Second Pragmatic Acquiescence,” *Political Theory* 28 (2000); reprinted in *Pragmatism* (Sage, 2004)
- “Experience as Experiment: Some Consequences of Pragmatism for Democratic Theory,” *American Journal of Political Science* 43 (1999)

Encyclopedia entries

- “Republicanism,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. M. Gibbons (Wiley, 2015)
- “Public Reason and Justification,” in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, ed. B. Kaldis (Sage, 2013)
- “Pragmatism,” in *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, ed. G. T. Kurian (CQ Press, 2011)
- “Walter Lippmann,” in *Polling America: An Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*, ed. S. Best & B. Radcliff (Greenwood, 2005)

Book reviews

- Natasha Piano, *Democratic Elitism: The Founding Myth of American Political Science* (Harvard, 2025), *Theory & Event* 29 (2026)
- Russell Muirhead and Nancy L. Rosenblum, *Ungoverning: The Attack on the Administrative State and the Politics of Chaos* (Princeton, 2024), *Review of Politics* 88 (2026)
- Frank Lovett, *The Well-Ordered Republic* (Oxford, 2022), *Perspectives on Politics* 21 (2023) [part of a critical dialogue]
- Melissa Schwartzberg and Daniel Viehoff, eds., *NOMOS LXIII: Democratic Failure* (NYU, 2020), *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (2021)
- Robert S. Taylor, *Exit Left: Markets and Mobility in Republican Thought* (Oxford, 2017), *American Political Thought* 8 (2019)
- Alexander Livingston, *Damn Great Empires! William James and the Politics of Pragmatism* (Oxford, 2016), *Political Theory* 47 (2019)
- Sharon R. Krause, *Freedom Beyond Sovereignty: Reconstructing Liberal Individualism* (Chicago, 2015), *Journal of Politics* 78 (2016)
- John Tomasi, *Free Market Fairness* (Princeton, 2013), *Journal of Politics* 75 (2013) [part of a review symposium]
- Neil Gross, *Richard Rorty: The Making of an American Philosopher* (Chicago, 2008), *Review of Politics* 72 (2010)
- Robert B. Talisse, *Democracy After Liberalism: Pragmatism and Deliberative Politics* (Routledge, 2005), *Metaphilosophy* 38 (2007)
- Daniel W. Bromley, *Sufficient Reason: Volitional Pragmatism and the Meaning of Economic Institutions* (Princeton, 2006), *Perspectives on Politics* 4 (2006)
- Patrick J. Deneen, *Democratic Faith* (Princeton, 2005), *Journal of Politics* 68 (2006)
- Seyla Benhabib, *The Rights of Others: Aliens, Residents, and Citizens* (Cambridge, 2004), *Ethics* 116 (2006)

AWARDS & GRANTS

PPE Experimental Lab, PPE Research Consortium, 2026-2028 (Supporting Faculty, \$100,000)

Civil Discourse for Citizenship Grant, Derrow Family Foundation, 2023-28 (Co-PI, \$320,000)

Educational Entrepreneurship Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025-26, 2026-27 (PI, \$26,000)

President & Provost's Award for Distinguished Faculty Service, Ohio State University, 2022

Outstanding reviewer award, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2015

Departmental Award for Distinguished Teaching, Ohio State University, 2010

Review of Politics Award for best paper in normative political theory, Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, 2008

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED TALKS (selected)

“Democratic Authority without Legitimacy: The Coordination Model”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2026
- Presented to the University of Toronto Department of Political Science, August 2026

“What is it to be a Realist about Democracy?”

- Presented at the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society annual meetings, Nov 2025
- Presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Political Theory Workshop, Oct 2025
- Presented to the London School of Economics Political Theory Workshop, May 2025

“What is the Point of Diversity? An Agent-based Modeling Approach” (with Sahar Heydari Fard)

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2025
- Presented at the King's College London Department of Political Economy seminar, January 2025
- Presented at the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society annual meetings, November 2024
- Presented at the Duke University Political Theory Workshop, October 2024

“The Appeal to Heaven: Locke, Jephtha, and the Right of Conquest”

- Presented at the Glasgow/Strathclyde Political Theory Colloquium, March 2025
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2024
- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2023

“Market Freedom”

- Presented at the Queen's University Belfast Political Theory Workshop, November 2023

“The Serpent and the Whale: *Leviathan* in *Billy Budd*”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2023
- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, November 2022

“The Liberal Tradition”

- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, November 2021
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, October 2021

“Markets and the Birth of Liberalism”

- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, November 2020
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2020

“A Liberal Theory of Republican Freedom”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2019

“Free Actions and Free Persons”

- Presented to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Political Theory Workshop, September 2019
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2018

“Markets and Market Freedom”

- Presented at the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society annual meetings, March 2018
- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2017
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2017

“Liberal Freedom”

- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2016
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2016

“Liberalism Without Consent”

- Presented as the Donald R. Brown Memorial Lecture, University of Vermont, March 2016

“Freedom, Power, and Responsibility”

- Presented to the University of North Carolina Political Theory Workshop, February 2016

“Freedom, Responsibility, and Privatization”

- Presented at the American Society for Political & Legal Philosophy meetings, January 2016

“Republican Freedom and Market Freedom”

- Presented to the Dublin Political Theory Workshop, University College, Dublin, May 2015
- Presented to the London School of Economics Political Theory Workshop, February 2015

“Epistemic Republicanism”

- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2014
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2014

“Markets in Pettit’s Republicanism”

- Presented at the Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, Yale University, April 2014
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2013
- Presented at the Association for Legal & Social Philosophy annual meetings, June 2012

“The Market Synthesis”

- Presented to the Department of Philosophy, Minnesota State University, October 2012
- Presented to the Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, March 2012
- Presented to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Political Theory Workshop, March 2012

“Empiricism and Political Thought”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2011

“Truth, Politics, Equality”

- Presented at the IPSA Political Philosophy Research Committee Conference, July 2011
- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2010
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2010

“Liberalism as Radical Empiricism”

- Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association annual meetings, June 2010

“The Invention of Market Freedom”

- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2009
- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2009

“Republicanism and the Market in Berlin’s “Two Concepts of Liberty”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2009
- Presented at an invited conference marking the 50th anniversary of Isaiah Berlin’s “Two Concepts of Liberty,” University of British Columbia, October 2008

“Must Political Theory Engage the Market? A Republican Approach”

- Presented at an invited conference on political theory and the world of production, Texas A&M University, March 2008

“The Rise and Fall of Republican Freedom”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, August 2008
- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2008
- Presented at the Western Political Science Association annual meetings, March 2008

“Republicanism and the Market”

- Presented at the European Consortium for Political Research annual meetings, September 2007
- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2007
- Presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, November 2006

“Freedom and Power”

- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2006
- Presented to the Department of Political Science, University of Rochester, January 2006
- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2005

“Political Liberalism and the Limits of the Political”

- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2002

“Against Deweyan Democracy”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2001

“Public Reason and Public Institutions”

- Presented at the American Political Science Association annual meetings, September 2001
- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2001

“Consequences of Two Incapacities in Political Thought”

- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 2000

“Experimental Liberalism”

- Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 1999
- Presented at the Southwest Political Science Association annual meetings, April 1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National service (selected)

American Political Science Association

- Co-Chair, Division 1: Political Thought and Philosophy: Historical Approaches, 2017
- Leo Strauss Dissertation Award Committee, 2004

Midwest Political Science Association

- *Review of Politics* Award committee, 2022
- Head, Section 34: Political Theory: Approaches and Themes, 2011
- Chair, *Review of Politics* Award committee, 2011

Association for Political Theory

- Standing Committee on Mentoring and Professional Development, 2023-2024
- Program Committee, 2019
- Conference Host, 2016
- Conference Program Co-Chair, 2013

The *Journal of Politics*

- Editorial board, 2015-2020

Referee for the *American Journal of Political Science*; the *American Political Science Review*; *American Political Thought*; the *British Journal of Political Science*; the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Contemporary Pragmatism*; the *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; the *European Journal of Political Theory*; *History of Political Thought*; *International Theory*; the *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; the *Journal of Political Philosophy*; the *Journal of Politics*; the *Journal of Religious Ethics*; the *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophy and Social Criticism*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies*; *Political Theory*; *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*; *Polity*; *Res Publica*; the *Review of Politics*; *Social Philosophy and Policy*; *Social Theory and Practice*; *Theoria*; *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*; Bristol University Press; Columbia University Press; Harvard University Press; Lexington Books; NYU Press; Palgrave Press; Routledge Press.

Local service (selected)

State of Ohio

- Social and Behavioral Sciences Panel Lead, Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network, 2019-
- Political Science Transfer Assurance Guidelines Faculty Review Panel, 2013-2019

Ohio State University

- Chair, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Steering Committee, 2018-
- Steering Committee, Center for Ethics & Human Values, 2009-
- Faculty co-director, Civil Discourse for Citizenship, 2021-
- Coordinator, Conversations on Morality, Politics & Society, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22

- Steering Committee, Leadership major, 2022-
- University Senate, 2012-2021
- University Level Advisory Committee for General Education, 2020-2021
- Senate Fiscal Committee 2017-2020 (Chair, Support Office Finance Subcommittee, 2018-2020)
- Faculty Hearing Committee, 2016-2017
- Council on Academic Affairs, 2012-2014 (Chair, Subcommittee A, 2013-2014)
- Ad-hoc committee on the mitigating rate, 2019-2021
- Ad-hoc committee on Student Evaluation of Instruction, 2013-2014

OSU College of Arts & Sciences

- Honors Committee, 2022-2024
- Faculty Senate, 2011-2013
- Curriculum Committee, 2011-2012

OSU Department of Political Science

- Executive Committee, 2007-26
- Political Theory field coordinator, 2007-26
- Development and Reform Committee (chair), 2026-2027
- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2015-2016, 2018-2019, 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2011-2014
- Faculty Search Committee, 2012-2013 (chair), 2017-2018
- Chair Search Committee, 2010-2011, 2018-2019
- Annual Review Committee, 2007-2013
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2006-2007

TEACHING/RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern & contemporary liberal theory

Political liberalism; republicanism; theories of freedom; markets and the open society; civil discourse, pluralism, and toleration; public reason; liberalism and its critics; history of liberal thought

Modern & contemporary democratic theory

Deliberative, epistemic, agonistic and elite theories of democracy; empirical approaches to democratic theory; relational egalitarianism; history of democratic thought

American pragmatism

Pragmatic moral and political thought; pragmatic epistemology and metaphysics; pragmatism and its critics; history of the pragmatic movement

History of political thought

Ancient, medieval, and modern political thought

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Political Theory
Ancient & Medieval Political Thought
Early Modern Political Thought
19th Century Political Thought
Contemporary Political Thought
Contemporary Democratic Theory

Political Theories of Freedom
Ethics and Public Policy
Economy, Polity, and Community (PPE core)
Tradition, Progress, and Utopia (PPE core)
Globalization and Freedom
Pragmatism and Social Inquiry