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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, San Diego

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020-

St John's College, University of Oxford

Supernumerary Fellow in Politics, 2017-2020

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., Government, May 2017

Committee: Nancy Rosenblum (chair), Richard Tuck, Dennis Thompson, Eric Beerbohm
Nominated for the APSA Leo Strauss Award

M.A., Government, November 2016

Qualifying fields: ancient and modern political thought, comparative politics

Yale University

B.A., Ethics, Politics & Economics, May 2011

Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, with distinction in the major

BOOK

Politics and Expertise: How to Use Science in a Democratic Society, Princeton University Press
(in press, expected November 2021)

ARTICLES

“COVID-19 and the Paradox of Scientific Advice,” *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming)

“What Follows from the Problem of Ignorance?” *Critical Review*, online first, 2021.

“Risk and Fear: Restricting Science under Uncertainty,” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*,
online first, 2020.

“The People vs. the Experts: A Productive Struggle?” in the Critical Exchange “Beyond
Populism and Technocracy,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, 19.4 (2020): 730-52.

“Justifying Public Funding for Science,” *British Journal of Political Science* 49.1 (2019): 1-16.
Winner of the British Academy Brian Barry Prize

BOOK REVIEW

An Epistemic Theory of Democracy by Robert E. Goodin and Kai Spiekermann, *Perspectives on Politics*, 18.2 (2020): 597-9.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Brian Barry Prize for Excellence in Political Science, awarded by the British Academy for the essay “Justifying Public Funding for Science,” 2018

Nominated for the American Political Science Association Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political philosophy by the Harvard Government Department, 2018

Eugene P. Beard Fellowship in Ethics, 2015-16 (awarded to one graduate fellow at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics)

Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, 2015-16 (full year funding)

Ash Center for Democracy and Innovation Doctoral Democracy Fellowship, 2015-16 (full year funding - declined)

Derek Bok Center Certificate for Distinction in Teaching, 2014

Gold Medal, International Philosophy Olympiad, 2007

INVITED TALKS AND SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“The Problem of Expertise”

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2020
King’s College London, PPE workshop (postponed)

“The Paradox of the Advisory Committee”

Oxford Centre for the Study of Social Justice, February 2020
Irish Philosophical Association Annual Conference, keynote lecture, December 2019
University of Amsterdam, “Science, Experts, and Politics,” keynote lecture (cancelled due to Covid-19)

“Who’s Watching the Experts? A Proposal for a Science Court”

University of Leiden, public lecture, November 2019

“Science Funding and the Making of Ignorance”

University of Nottingham, Ignorance and Irrationality in Politics, June 2019

- “Deciding What’s True: The Epistemology of Fact-Checking”
 Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Meeting, June 2019
 Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society Meeting, March 2019
 School of Advanced Study, University of London, November 2018
- “Democracy and Expertise: A Second-Best Theory”
 MANCEPT Workshops, September 2019
 Sabancı University, March 2019
 Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, October 2018
- “A Political Epistemology for Uncertain Times”
 University College London, Institute of Advanced Studies, May 2018
- “What Is Evidence?”
 Green Templeton College, Human Welfare Conference, May 2018
- “Risk of Harm, Fear of Harm: Governing New Technologies Under Uncertainty”
 Blavatnik School of Government, Priority in Practice Workshop, May 2018
- “Justifying Public Funding for Science”
 Oxford Centre for the Study of Social Justice Workshop, November 2017
 Institute of Historical Research, History of Political Ideas Early Career Seminar,
 November 2017
 University of East Anglia Politics Speaker Series, October 2017
- “A Proposal for a Science Court with a Citizen Jury”
 Harvard Political Theory Workshop, March 2017
- Discussant for Jeremy Waldron, “What Respect is Owed to Illusions about Immigration and Culture?”
 Harvard Graduate Political Theory Conference, October 2016
- “Expert Knowledge and Democratic Politics”
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016
- “Science, Values, and the Politics of Credibility”
 Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellows Workshop, March 2016
- “Epistemic Authority and Evidentiary Standards”
 New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newport, RI, April 2016
 Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, April 2016
 Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, February 2016
 Harvard Political Theory Workshop, October 2015
- “Can a Democracy Limit Scientific Inquiry?”
 Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics Graduate Fellows Workshop, December 2015
- “Rousseau and the Politics of Compassion”
 Harvard Political Theory Workshop, March 2014

PUBLIC WRITING

“The Fifty Percent,” *The Utopian*, June 7, 2013

TEACHING

At UCSD:

Political Thought from Machiavelli to Rousseau (undergraduate)
Contemporary Liberal and Democratic Theory (graduate)

At Oxford:

Introduction to the Theory and Practice of Politics
Theory of Politics
Comparative Government

At Harvard (as teaching fellow):

The History of Modern Political Philosophy
Money, Markets, and Morals
The Sophomore Tutorial in Government: Democracy
Foundations of Comparative Politics

Other teaching:

University of Amsterdam, “Science, Experts, and Politics” Short Intensive Course

LANGUAGES: French, Spanish, Turkish

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Undergraduate admissions for PPE and History & Politics, University of Oxford

Co-organizer, Harvard Graduate Political Theory Conference (2013); Discussant (2011, 2012, 2014, 2015)

REFERENCES

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