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### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Current Position**

Lecturer in Political and Social Theory; School of Philosophy, Politics, Language and Communications Studies; University of East Anglia; Autumn 2015-Present

#### **Previous Positions**

- Associate Professor, Department of Government and the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Autumn 2012-Spring 2015
- Assistant Professor, Department of Government and the Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Autumn 2007-Spring 2012
- Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project, Department of Political Science, Brown University, Autumn 2006-Spring 2007
- Associate, Department of Government, FAS, Harvard University, Autumn 2006-Spring 2007
- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Brown University, Spring 2006
- Lecturer, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Autumn 2005

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Princeton University**

M.A., Politics, 2003; Ph.D., Politics, 2006

#### **Yale University**

B.A., With Distinction in Ethics, Politics and Economics, Summa Cum Laude, 2000

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Book**

*The Enlightenment of Sympathy: Justice and the Moral Sentiments in the Eighteenth Century and Today.* Oxford University Press, 2010.

- Paperback Edition: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Chinese Translation: Yilin Press, 2016.
- Reviews:
  - Critical Symposium Featuring Chad Flanders, Emily Nacol, Andrea Radasanu, and Rachel Zuckert, *The Adam Smith Review*, Volume 7, 2013.

- Florian Weber, *Politische Vierteljahrsschrift* 53:2, 2012.
- William F. Byrne, *Perspectives on Politics* 10:4, 2012.
- Will R. Jordon, *The Review of Politics* 74:2, 2012.
- Sam Fleischacker, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, December 27, 2011.
- Andrew Rudd, *Church Times* 7752, October 14, 2011.

### Journal Articles

- “Respect for Subjects in the Ethics of Causal and Interpretive Social Explanation,” *American Political Science Review*, Forthcoming.
- With Zografia Bika, “The Affective Extension of ‘Family’ in the Context of Changing Elite Business Networks,” *Human Relations*, Forthcoming.
- “The Ethics of Interpretation in Political Theory and Intellectual History,” *The Review of Politics*, 81:1 (2019).
- “Utopophobia as a Vocation: The Professional Ethics of Ideal and Nonideal Political Theory,” *Social Philosophy and Policy*, 33:1-2 (2016).
- “Natural and Artificial Impartiality,” *Econ Journal Watch*, 13:2 (2016).
- “Seduced by System: Edmund Burke’s Aesthetic Embrace of Adam Smith’s Philosophy,” *Intellectual History Review*, 25:3 (2015).
- “Including the Unaffected,” *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, 22:4 (2014).
- “John Rawls: Between Two Enlightenments.” *Political Theory*. 35:6 (2007).
- “The Compassion of Zarathustra: Nietzsche on Sympathy and Strength.” *The Review of Politics* 68:1 (2006).
- “Esotericism Ancient and Modern: Strauss contra Straussianism on the Art of Political-Philosophical Writing.” *Political Theory* 34:1 (2006).
  - Chinese Translation: *Si Xiang Shi Yan Jiu (Studies in Intellectual History)* 5 (2008).

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “Interdisciplinary Before the Disciplines: Sentimentalism and the ‘Science of Man,’” in R. Debes and Karsten Stueber, eds. *Ethical Sentimentalism: New Perspectives*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- “Moral Sentimentalism,” in Adrian Blau, ed. *Methods in Analytical Political Theory*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.
- “Anatomist and Painter: Hume’s Struggles as a Sentimental Stylist,” in Heather Kerr, David Lemmings and Robert Phiddian, eds. *Passions, Sympathy and Print Culture: Public Opinion and Emotional Authenticity in Eighteenth-Century Britain*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, 2016.
- “Sentimentalist Virtue Ethics,” with Michael Slote, in Lorraine Besser-Jones and Michael Slote, eds. *The Routledge Companion to Virtue Ethics*. New York: Routledge, 2014.
- “Sentimentalism without Relativism,” in James Fleming, ed. *NOMOS LIII: Passions and Emotions*. New York: NYU Press, 2013.
- “Scottish Enlightenment,” in Mark Bevir, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Political Theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010.
- “The Troubling Persistence of Injustice,” in Gary King, Norman H. Nie and Kay L. Scholzman, eds., *The Future of Political Science: 100 Perspectives*. New York: Routledge, 2009.

### **Symposia, Review Articles, and Book Reviews**

- Review of *Faces of Moderation: The Art of Balance in the Age of Extremes* by Aurelian Craiutu, *History of Political Thought* 40:4, 2019.
- “Reciprocal Representation of the Unaffected?” Contribution to a Symposium on “Let Me Vote in Your Country and I’ll Let You Vote in Mine: A Proposal for Transnational Democracy,” The Global Citizenship Observatory (GLOBALCIT), European University Institute Robert Shuman Centre for Advanced Studies Global Governance Program, 2019.
- “Moderation in All Things,” Contribution to a Symposium on *The Pragmatic Enlightenment: Recovering the Liberalism of Hume, Smith, Montesquieu and Voltaire* by Dennis C. Rasmussen, *The Adam Smith Review*, 2018.
- Review of *Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World: Beyond Tolerance* by Ryan Muldoon, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (March 13, 2017).
- Review of *Thomas Paine and the Idea of Human Rights* by Robert Lamb, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (February 1, 2016).
- “The Noble Liar’s Paradox?” Contribution to a Symposium on *Philosophy Between the Lines: The Lost History of Esoteric Writing* by Arthur M. Melzer, *Perspectives on Political Science*, 44:3 (2015).
- Review of *Political Philosophy versus History? Contextualism and Real Politics in Contemporary Political Thought*. Edited by Jonathan Floyd and Mark Stears. *Perspectives on Politics* 12:1 (2014).
- “Reply to Critics,” Contribution to a Symposium on *The Enlightenment of Sympathy* in Fonna Forman, ed. *The Adam Smith Review*, Volume 7. New York: Routledge, 2013.
- “Smith Contra Slotte,” Contribution to a Symposium on *Moral Sentimentalism* by Michael Slotte, *Analytic Philosophy*, 52:4 (2011).
- “Review Article: The Modest Professor: Interpretive Charity and Interpretive Humility in John Rawls’s *Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy*,” *The European Journal of Political Theory* 9:2 (2010).
- Review of *Political Thought and History: Essays on Theory and Method* by J. G. A. Pocock. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (November 6, 2009).
- “Another Nietzsche,” Review of *Nietzsche’s Political Skepticism* by Tamsin Shaw. *The Review of Politics*. 71:1 (2009).

### **Other Articles**

- “Do Brexit and Trump Show that We’re Living in a Computer Simulation?” *The Conversation* (March 10, 2017); Republished by *The Huffington Post*, *The Daily Mail*, *The Independent*, *EconoTimes*, Others.
- “Trump’s Obnoxiousness is Pure New York—But His Problem is He Can’t Control It,” *The Conversation* (October 5, 2016); Republished by *Salon*, *Quartz*, *The Raw Story*, *UPI*, Others.
- “Empathy, Obama and Adam Smith,” *The Harvard Crimson* (May 26, 2010).
- “The Diversity in US Social Science,” *Harvard International Review* 32:1 (March 22, 2010).

## **LECTURES, ROUNDTABLES AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Lectures**

- “Respect for Subjects in the Ethics of Causal and Interpretive Social Explanation,” The Open University Department of Philosophy, Values and Reasons Research Seminar, June 3, 2020.
- “Weberian Objectivity in Political Theory and Practice,” Hochschule für Politik München an der Technischen Universität München, February 4, 2019.
- “Challenges and Opportunities in the Interdisciplinary Study of Empathy,” Teleconference on Empathy and Emotions in Morality, Communication and Human Life, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, September 6, 2018.
- “The Ethics of Causal and Interpretive Social Explanation”
  - NUI Galway Law and Philosophy Colloquium, April 8, 2016
  - University College Dublin Philosophy Colloquium, April 1, 2016
  - UEA Philosophy Seminar, March 3, 2016
- “Evoking and Describing the Moral Sentiments: Normative Theory in the Smithean Mode,” The Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions Conference on “Adam Smith: Critic of Capitalism?” April 10, 2015
- “Interdisciplinary Before the Disciplines: Moral Sentimentalism and the ‘New Science of Man,’” College of the Holy Cross Conference on “Moral Sentimentalism and the Foundations of Morality,” November 14-15, 2014
- “Including the Unaffected: Natural Impartiality and the Boundary Problem”
  - Australian National University Philosophy Colloquium, September 24, 2012
  - University of Sydney Philosophy Seminar, September 26, 2012
- “Painters and Anatomists: Evoking versus Describing the Moral Sentiments,” Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions Change Program Collaboratory, University of Adelaide, September 18 - 19, 2012
- “The Ethics of Interpretation in Political Theory and Intellectual History”
  - National University of Singapore Political Theory Colloquium, September 13, 2012
  - Texas A&M Political Theory Workshop, December 9, 2011
  - Cornell Political Theory Workshop, December 2, 2011
  - Oxford University Interdisciplinary Conference on “The Politics of Interpretation and the Interpretation of Politics,” September 23, 2011
- “Sentimentalism without Relativism”
  - Columbia University Seminar in Political and Social Thought, March 25, 2011
  - Yale University Political Theory Workshop, February 2, 2011
- “The Emotions of Politics,” Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel Alumni Event, Harvard University Hillel, March 3, 2011
- “The Enlightenment of Sympathy,” Harvard University Humanities Center New Faculty Lunch, February 26, 2009
- “An Introduction to Adam Smith’s *Theory of Moral Sentiments*,” Boston University Core Curriculum, October 4, 2007
- “At the Heretic’s Deathbed: Adam Smith’s Betrayal of David Hume and the Birth of Modern Conservatism,” Brown University Janus Forum Faculty Lectures, March 27, 2007

### **Roundtables on *The Enlightenment of Sympathy***

- 2010 New England Political Science Association (NEPSA) Annual Meeting
- 2011 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting

### **Conference Papers**

- “Civic Consent to Social Science,” 2019 Manchester Center for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops
- “Must the University Be Decolonised? Relating Academic and Social Justice,” 2019 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Annual Meeting.
- “Political Philosophy, Political Neutrality and Scholarly Activism,” 2018 ECPR Annual Meeting.
- “Research Ethics and Democratic Accountability in Political Science,” 2017 Association for Social and Political Philosophy (ASPP) Annual Conference.
- “Utopophobia as an Ethical Commitment,” 2016 ECPR Annual Meeting.
- “The Ethics of Social Explanation: Causal and Interpretive Approaches as Expressions of (Dis)respect for Subjects,”
  - 2014 Association for Political Theory (APT) Annual Meeting
  - 2019 Philosophy, Politics, Anthropology, and Allied Disciplines (PPA+) Annual Conference
- “Impassioned Philosophy: Evoking and Describing the Moral Sentiments,” 2013 APT Annual Meeting
- “The Ethics of Interpretation in Political Theory and Intellectual History,” 2013 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting
- “Sentimentalism without Relativism,” 2011 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting
- “Natural and Artificial Impartiality”
  - 2010 APT Annual Meeting
  - 2010 Northeastern Political Science Association (NPSA) Annual Meeting
- “Three Methods of Political Theory: Historicism, Ahistoricism and Transhistoricism,” 2010 Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Meeting
- “Interpretive Charity and Interpretive Humility in Rawls’s Lectures on the History of Moral and Political Philosophy,” 2008 NEPSA Annual Meeting
- “Political Psychology and Normative Theory: Towards A Sentimentalist Reunion,” 2007 APSA Annual Meeting
- “The Happiness of Virtue: Sources of Normativity in Hume’s Ethics Reconsidered,” The 34th International Hume Conference, Boston University, 2007
- “J. G. Herder and the Politics of Difference”
  - 2007 NEPSA Annual Meeting
  - 2007 Immigration, Minorities and Multiculturalism in Democracies Public Conference, Montreal
- “John Rawls: Between Two Enlightenments,” 2006 APT Annual Meeting.
- “The Seductive Sublimity of System: Edmund Burke’s Aesthetic Embrace of Adam Smith’s Philosophy”
  - 2006 APSA Annual Meeting
  - 2006 New York Political Science Association (NYPSA) Annual Meeting
  - 2007 Brown University Political Philosophy Workshop

- “Adam Smith’s Individualist Sentimentalism”
  - 2006 NPSA Annual Meeting
  - Hale Chair in Applied Ethics Conference on Adam Smith’s *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2006
- “Sympathy Across Difference: Herder’s Multicultural Sentimentalism,” 2005 NPSA Annual Meeting
- “Liberal Sympathies: Compassionate Grounds for a Commitment to Justice”
  - 2004 NPSA Annual Meeting
  - 2004 Institute for Humane Studies Research Colloquium
- “Compassion and Strength: A Nietzschean Defense of a Liberal Virtue,” 2004 Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- “Passion and Compassion: Kant on the Sympathetic Sentiments,” 2003 NPSA Annual Meeting
- “Esotericism Ancient and Modern: Strauss contra Straussianism on the Art of Political-Philosophical Writing,” 2003 APSA Annual Meeting
- “This Art Thou: Compassionate Liberalism and Schopenhauer’s Metaphysical Mythology,” 2002 NPSA Annual Meeting

### **Other Conference Participation**

- Section Organizer, “Methods of Political Philosophy,” 2020 ECPR Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, “Moralism and Realism,” 2019 ECPR Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, “The Ethics of Religion in Public Space,” 2019 ECPR Annual Meeting.
- Commentator, Manuscript Workshop on *The Belief in Intuition: Personality and Authority in Henri Bergson and Max Scheler* by Adriana Alfaro Altamirano, Georgetown University, August 28, 2019.
- Commentator, Manuscript Workshop on *Examining the Experts: Science in a Democratic Society* by Zeynep Pamuk, St. John’s College, Oxford, May 27, 2019.
- Chair and Discussant, “Realism and Feasibility,” 2018 ECPR Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, Workshop on “The Importance of Creditor-Debtor Relationships for Making Sense of Current Challenges to Liberal/Capitalist Democracies,” UEA, April 21, 2017.
- Participant, 2016 Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought Annual Meeting
- Participant, Roundtable on *Ethical Autonomy: the Rise of Self-Rule*, by Lucas Swaine, 2015 NEPSA Annual Meeting
- Participant, Roundtable on *Hume’s Politics: Coordination and Crisis in Hume’s “History of England”* by Andrew Sabl, 2014 APSA Annual Meeting.
- Discussant, “(Anti-)Universalism in the Enlightenment,” 2013 APSA Annual Meeting.
- Respondent, “An Honorable Profession,” by Kwame Antony Appiah. *Office and Responsibility: A Symposium in Honor of the Career and Contributions of Dennis Thompson*. Harvard University, 2012
- Discussant, “Integrating Normative Theory and Empirical Analysis,” 2011 APSA Annual Meeting
- Participant, Roundtable on *Moral Sentimentalism* by Michael Slote, 2011 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Annual Meeting
- Commentator, “‘After Cambridge’? Comfortable Pluralism or Complacent Eclecticism?” Workshop on “The History of Political Thought: Its State and Its Stakes,” Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2011

- Chair, “Was Spinoza Intolerant of Atheists or of the Religious?” 2011 MPSA Annual Meeting
- Participant, Roundtable on *Reading Obama* by James Kloppenberg, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, 2011
- Commentator, “Passion & Impartiality: Passions & Emotions in Moral Judgment,” 2010 American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy Annual Meeting
- Commentator, “Empathy, Sympathy and Agonistic Democracy,” 2010 NPSA Annual Meeting
- Participant, Roundtable on *Adam Smith and the Circles of Sympathy* by Fonna Forman-Barzilai, 2010 CPSA Annual Meeting
- Chair and Discussant, “Hume’s Political Thought,” 2010 NEPSA Annual Meeting
- Discussant, “Reason and Passion: Then and Now,” 2010 NEPSA Annual Meeting
- Discussant, “Religious Belief and Public Values: Complements, Tensions, and Conflicts,” 2008 APSA Annual Meeting
- Discussant, “David Hume as Political Theorist,” 2008 APSA Annual Meeting
- Chair and Discussant, “Democracy and Rhetoric,” 2007 NPSA Annual Meeting
- Discussant, “Nietzsche and Political Judgment,” 2007 APSA Annual Meeting
- Chair and Discussant, “Nationalism, Liberalism and Democracy,” 2006 NPSA Annual Meeting
- Chair and Discussant, “Interpreting Modern Arguments,” 2006 NYPSA Annual Meeting
- Discussant, “Care in a Free Society,” 2005 APSA Annual Meeting
- Discussant, “Classical Ideas and Modern Theory,” 2004 NPSA Annual Meeting

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **At UEA**

- Research Grant, The Spencer Foundation, “The Ethics of Political Activism in the Humanities and Social Sciences,” 2019-2021, US\$49,553
- Research Grant, The Center for Ethics and Education, “The Ethics of Political Activism in the Humanities and Social Sciences,” 2019-2020, US\$39,794 (Declined)
- Fellow, Higher Education Academy, 2017-Present
- UEA Media Star, 2016

### **At Harvard University**

- Clark Award, 2012
- Junior Faculty Research Assistant Program, 2010-12; US\$2,500 Annually
- Faculty of Arts and Sciences Tenure-Track Publication Fund, 2009, US\$2,500

### **At Princeton University**

- Princeton University Nominee, 2007 APSA Leo Strauss Award  
*Awarded annually for the best dissertation in the field of political philosophy.*
- Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, 2003-2004  
*Awarded to Princeton University graduate students for outstanding academic performance and potential.*
- Princeton University Center For Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2003-2004

- Department of Politics Nominee, Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni University Teaching Award, 2003
- Princeton University Graduate School Centennial Prize Fellowship, 2000-2005
- Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, 2004-2005

#### **At Yale University**

- The Arthur Twinning Hadley Prize, 2000  
*Awarded to the highest-ranking senior at Yale majoring in the social sciences.*
- The Emerson Tuttle Cup, 2000  
*Awarded to the highest-ranking senior in Davenport College at Yale.*
- Election to Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Connecticut, 1998
- The E. Frances Riggs Award for Excellence in Special Programs in the Humanities, 1997

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Modules Taught at the University of East Anglia**

- Social and Political Theory, 2015-2018
- Philosophy of Social Science, 2015-2018
- History of Political Thought, 2015-18
- Ethics in International Relations, 2016-17
- Capitalism and its Critics, 2017
- Introduction to Contemporary Politics, 2016

#### **Courses Taught at Harvard University**

- Social Studies 10a and 10b: Introduction to Social Studies, Fall and Spring, 2007-10, 2012-13, 2014-15
- Government 3008: Research Workshop in Political Theory, Fall and Spring, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2014-15
- Government 2095: The Nature and Purposes of Political Theory, Spring 2013
- Government 2008: Moral Values in Political Science, Spring 2012
- Government 98mi: Interpreting Adam Smith, Fall 2010
- Government 1072: Moral Issues in Contemporary Politics, Spring 2010, Fall 2011
- Government 90ec: Hume, Smith and Kant, Spring 2008

#### **Dissertation Committees at Harvard University**

- William Selinger, Dissertation Defended Fall 2015, “Philosophers in Parliament: The Dilemma of Legislative Power in the Age of Liberalism”
- Jennifer Page, Dissertation Defended Spring 2015: “Reparations and State Accountability”
- Bernardo Zacka, Dissertation Defended Fall 2014: “When the State Meets the Street: Moral Agency and Discretionary Power at the Frontlines of Public Service”
- Samuel Goldman, Dissertation Defended Spring 2010: “The Shadow of God: Strauss, Jacobi and the Theologico-Political Problem”

#### **Courses Taught at Brown University**

- Political Science 105/Public Policy 105: Ethics and Public Policy, Spring 2007 and 2006
- Political Science 182-58: German Moral and Political Thought from Kant to Nietzsche,

Fall 2006

### **Assistantships in Instruction at Princeton University**

- For Peter Singer, Center for Human Values 310/Philosophy 385: Practical Ethics, Fall 2005
- For Stephen Macedo and Philip Pettit, Woodrow Wilson School 301/Politics 308: Ethics and Public Policy, Spring 2005
- For Charles Beitz, Politics 303: Modern Political Theory, Spring 2003
- For Maurizio Viroli, Politics 210: Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2002

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

#### **Service at the University of East Anglia**

- Founding Co-Chair, UEA Ethics Forum, 2016-Present
- Coordinator, UEA Politics Speaker Series, 2016-2019
- UEA North America Strategic Initiatives Dialogue Group
- Recruitment Visit, St. Alban's Catholic High School, Ipswich (14/3/16)

#### **Service at Harvard University**

- Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, 2007-2015
- Hoopes Prize Committee, 2008-2015
- Freshmen Opening Days Discussion Facilitator, 2014
- Government Department, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-12, 2009-10
- Government Department, Board of Senior Examiners, 2008-9
- Junior Faculty Institute, Fall 2008
- Government Department, American Politics Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2007-8

#### **Peer Reviewing**

- Harvard University Press
- Routledge
- University of Chicago Press
- The Leverhulme Trust
- *American Political Science Review*
- *British Journal of Political Science*
- *Political Theory*
- *The Journal of Applied Philosophy*
- *The Journal of the History of Economic Thought*
- *The Journal of Political Philosophy*
- *The Journal of Politics*
- *The American Journal of Political Science*
- *Contemporary Political Theory*
- *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*
- *Political Research Quarterly*
- *Political Studies*
- *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*
- *Polity*

- *The Review of Politics*
- *The European Journal of Political Theory*
- *Philosophers' Imprint*
- *Politics & Policy*
- *The History of Philosophy Quarterly*
- *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*

**Memberships in Professional Organizations**

- The Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought
- The Political Studies Association (UK)
- The European Consortium for Political Research
- American Political Science Association, Foundations of Political Theory Section
- The American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy
- The Association for Political Theory
- The International Adam Smith Society
- The International Hume Society
- The International Conference for the Study of Political Thought
- New England Political Science Association
- Northeastern Political Science Association
- Western Political Science Association
- Southern Political Science Association
- The University and College Union