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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2015-present.
Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, Fall 2013.
Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics, University of Hong Kong, Winter 2012.
Visiting Scholar, Political Theory Project, Brown University, Spring 2010.
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2010-15.
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2004-10.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Stanford University, 2003-4.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science & Gerst Postdoctoral Fellow, Duke University, 2002-3.
Assistant Professor of Economics, San Diego State University, 1996-8.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, East Tennessee State University, 1994-6.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Political Science (theory, methods, public law), 2002.
Ph.D. Duke University, Economics (public finance, environmental, industrial organization), 1995.
B.A. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, *summa cum laude*, Philosophy, Politics, Economics, 1991.

PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS

2017. *Exit Left: Markets and Mobility in Republican Thought*. Oxford University Press. x + 130 pp.
- 2019. Synoptic version of book in *Republicanism and the Future of Democracy*, eds. Yiftah Elazar and Geneviève Rousselière, Cambridge University Press, pp. 207-23.
- 2017. Interviewed by Jeff Church about book for his podcast *The Political Theory Review* (8/14).
- Reviewed in *American Political Thought*, *Civitas*, *Philosophiques*, *Political Theory*, *Review of Metaphysics*, and *Review of Politics*.

2011. *Reconstructing Rawls: The Kantian Foundations of Justice as Fairness*. Pennsylvania State University Press. xxiv + 336 pp. Paperback edition 2012.
- 2013. Alternative version of Chapter 4 in *A Companion to Rawls*, eds. Jon Mandle and David Reidy, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, pp. 147-63.
- Reviewed in *American Political Thought*, *Choice*, *Ethics*, *H-Net Reviews*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Philosophy in Review*, and *Review of Metaphysics*.

PUBLICATIONS—ARTICLES

2027. "Judith Shklar, Friedrich Hayek, and the Liberalisms of Fear." *Review of Politics* 89(3).
Forthcoming.

2023. "Selling Yourself Short? Self-Ownership and Commodification." *Public Affairs Quarterly* 37(2): 138-52.
2022. "Trauma Drama: The Trouble with Competitive Victimhood." *Theory and Research in Education* 20(3): 259-71.
2021. "Racial Responsibility Revisited." *Public Affairs Quarterly* 35(3): 161-77.
2021. "Reading Rawls Rightly: A *Theory of Justice* at 50." *Polity* 53(4): 564-71.
2019. "Delaboring Republicanism." *Public Affairs Quarterly* 33(4): 265-80.
2018. "Donation without Domination: Private Charity and Republican Liberty." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 26(4): 441-62.
2014. "Religious Conservatives and Safe Sex: Reconciliation by Nonpublic Reason." *American Political Thought* 3(2): 322-40.
2014. "Illiberal Socialism." *Social Theory and Practice* 40(3): 433-60.
2013. "Market Freedom as Antipower." *American Political Science Review* 107(3): 593-602.
2012. "Hate Speech, the Priority of Liberty, and the Temptations of Nonideal Theory." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 15(3): 353-68.
2011. "The Self-Extinguishing Despot: Millian Democratization," with Yvonne Chiu. *Journal of Politics* 73(4): 1239-50.
2010. "Kant's Political Religion: The Transparency of Perpetual Peace and the Highest Good." *Review of Politics* 72(1): 1-24.
2009. "Children as Projects and Persons: A Liberal Antinomy." *Social Theory and Practice* 35(4): 555-76.
2009. "Rawlsian Affirmative Action." *Ethics* 119(3): 476-506.
2007. "Self-Ownership and Transplantable Human Organs." *Public Affairs Quarterly* 21(1): 89-107.
2006. "Democratic Transitions and the Progress of Absolutism in Kant's Political Thought." *Journal of Politics* 68(3): 556-70.
 - 2012. Alternative version in *Kant's Political Theory: Interpretations and Applications*, ed. Elisabeth H. Ellis, Penn State University Press, pp. 135-49.
2005. "Kantian Personal Autonomy." *Political Theory* 33(5): 602-28.
2005. "Self-Ownership and the Limits of Libertarianism." *Social Theory and Practice* 31(4): 465-82.
 - 2011. Reprinted in *CourseReader: Philosophy and Ethics*, Gale/Cengage.
2004. "Self-Realization and the Priority of Fair Equality of Opportunity." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 1(3): 333-47.
 - 2005. Reprinted in *The Legacy of John Rawls*, eds. Thom Brooks and Fabian Freyenhagen, Continuum Studies in American Philosophy, pp. 34-49.

2004. "A Kantian Defense of Self-Ownership." *Journal of Political Philosophy* 12(1): 65-78.
2003. "Rawls's Defense of the Priority of Liberty: A Kantian Reconstruction." *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 31(3): 246-71.
 - 2008. Reprinted in *John Rawls*, ed. David A. Reidy, Ashgate International Library of Essays in the History of Social and Political Thought, pp. 193-218.
2000. "Rousseau and Kant: The General Will, Cosmopolitanism, and the Psychological Foundations of Politics." *Critical Sense* 8(1): 9-50.
 - 2000. Winner of UC-Berkeley's Philo Sherman Bennett Prize in Political Science.
1998. "The Ethic of Care versus the Ethic of Justice: An Economic Analysis." *Journal of Socio-Economics* 27(4): 479-93.
1997. "Compensating Behavior and the Drug Testing of High-School Athletes." *Cato Journal* 16(3): 351-64.
1995. "A Game-Theoretic Model of Gun Control." *International Review of Law and Economics* 15(3): 269-88.

PUBLICATIONS—OTHER

2024. "Commercial Republicanism," in *The Oxford Handbook of Republicanism*, eds. Frank Lovett and Mortimer Sellers. Oxford University Press.
2024. Review of Jeffrey Church's *Kant, Liberalism, and the Meaning of Life*. *The Political Science Reviewer* 48(1): 368-72.
2019. Review of Christopher Freiman's *Unequivocal Justice*. *Review of Politics* 81(3): 540-2.
2013. Review of Nicholas Tampio's *Kantian Courage*. *Perspectives on Politics* 11(2): 631-2.
2013. Review of John Tomasi's *Free Market Fairness*. *Journal of Politics* 75(2): e11.
2010. Review of Susan M. Shell's *Kant and the Limits of Autonomy*. *Review of Politics* 72(4): 740-2.
1998. Review of Robert B. Ekelund, Jr., and Robert D. Tollison's *Politicized Economies: Monarchy, Monopoly, and Mercantilism*. *Public Choice* 96(3/4): 423-6.
1992. *The Market in Environment: Market Failure, or Market Solutions?* Adam Smith Institute. 66 pp.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Judith Shklar, Friedrich Hayek, and the Liberalisms of Fear"
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Vancouver, BC. September 2025.
- "Commercial Republicanism"
- Normative Foundations of the Market Workshop. Berkeley Law School. March 2024.
 - Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Los Angeles, CA. September 2023.
 - Republicanism Revived Symposium. University of Baltimore School of Law. October 2021.

COURSES TAUGHT (UC-DAVIS)

Graduate:	Theories of Liberal Democracy Kant's Practical Philosophy Republicanism Utilitarianism	The Evolution of Rawls's Theory of Justice Kant's Philosophies of History and Religion Contemporary Analytic Political Philosophy
Undergraduate:	Social-Contract Theory Perfectionist Political Theories	Distributive Justice The Evolution of Rawls's Theory of Justice

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (2026-).

Editorial Board, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (2023-6).

Editorial Board, *The Journal of Politics* (2025-).

Section Head, Political Theory and Its Applications: Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (2017).

Section Head, Contemporary Political Theory: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (2010).

Panel Organizer: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2006, 2008).

Panel Chair or Discussant: Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (2007, 2011, 2013, 2017, 2023); Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (2009, 2017, 2019).

Manuscript Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Political Thought*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Business Ethics Quarterly*, Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Ethics and International Affairs*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, Harvard University Press, *History of Political Thought*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Kantian Review*, *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Penn State University Press, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Political Studies*, *Political Theory*, *Politics Philosophy & Economics*, *Polity*, *Poverty and Public Policy*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *Res Publica*, *Review of Politics*, *Social Theory and Practice*, and *Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chair: Sam Hong, in progress
Raymond Brandt (2024; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo [visiting assistant professor])
Kendra Tully (2020; Colorado Department of Corrections [budget and policy analyst])
Adam Kunz (2019; University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire [tenure track])

Co-chair: Dominick Van Cleve, in progress
Ryan Reed (2012; Bradley University [tenured])

Member: Zachary Durec, in progress
Cosmo Houck (2020; Design Within Reach [design specialist])
Joel Landis (2019; UC-Santa Cruz [lecturer])

Samuel Tyler (2019; Landon School [upper-school teacher, history])
Robert Lee McNish (2017; California Department of Social Services [analyst])
Christopher Hallenbrook (2015; CSU-Dominguez Hills [tenured])
Michelle Schwarze (2013; University of Wisconsin, Madison [tenured])
Sara Furnal (2012; Florida International University [visiting assistant teaching professor])
Gail Pivetti (2011; Green Mountain Community Fitness [marketing director])
John Warner (2011; Kansas State University [tenured])
Elissa Alzate (2010; Winona State University [tenured])
James Zink (2010; North Carolina State University [tenured])

DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2020-4).
Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2012-3, 2018-9, 2020-4, 2025-6; 2021-4, chair).
Graduate Affairs Committee (2005-6, 2008-11, 2013-5, 2016-8, 2019-20, 2021-6).
Political Theory Field Committee (2004-27; 2006-7, 2009-13, 2014-9, 2022-5, chair).
Speakers and Visitors Committee (2004-5, 2006-8, 2009-10, 2024-5; 2009-10, chair).
Infrastructure Committee (2015-7; 2016-7, chair).
Undergraduate Advisor (2004-9, 2011-2).
Departmental Library Liaison (2009-26).
Political Theory Job Search Committee (2010-11).
Ad Hoc Comprehensive-Exam Reform Committee (2023-4).
Ad Hoc Qualifying-Exam Reform Committee (2021-2).
Chair Search Committee (2020-1; 2021, chair).
Chair's Ad Hoc Strategic-Plan Committee (2008, 2014-5).

Rules and Jurisdiction Committee, College of Letters & Science (2011-7; 2014-7, chair).
Departmental Representative, Division of Social Sciences Steering Committee (2016-8).
Departmental Representative, Letters & Science College Assembly (2013-5, 2018-20, 2022-6).
Member, Philosophy Department Graduate Program Review Committee (Winter Quarter 2022).
Member, Philosophy Department Undergrad Program Review Committee (Winter Quarter 2025).
External member, Philosophy Department QE Committees (2009: Lucas Halpin; 2011: Brad Morris;
2023: Stephen Cunningham-Bryant).
External member, Philosophy Department Job Search Committees (2006-7, 2018-9).
External member, Philosophy Department Chair Recruitment Committee (Winter Quarter 2023).

Special Academic Programs Committee, Academic Senate (2012-6).
Departmental Representative, Academic Senate Representative Assembly (2015-9).
Review Committee, Internal Fellowships for Entering Graduate Students and Spring Quarter Travel
Awards for Graduate Students (Winter and Spring Quarters, 2013-5, 2016-21, 2022-5).
Review Committee, Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, and Social
Sciences (Spring Quarter 2012).