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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW

Assistant Professor of Law, 2026 –

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Furman Academic Fellow, 2023-24; 2025-26

EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PhD, Department of Philosophy, 2024

Dissertation: *Claiming Independence: Essays on Law, Morality, and Equality*

Committee: Philip Pettit, Michael Smith, Anna Stilz (Berkeley), Liam Murphy (NYU)

Honors: University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellow

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, JD *magna cum laude*, May 2021

Honors: Furman Academic Scholar 2018-2021, Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize, John Bruce Moore Award for Law and Philosophy, Leonard M. Henkin Prize for Scholarship on Equal Rights, Weinfeld Prize for Scholarship in Procedure and Courts, Aleta Estreicher Prize for Law Teaching, Order of the Coif, *Yale Law Journal* Student Essay Competition Winner, Brennan Center for Justice and *NYU Law Review* Student Essay Contest Winner, Butler Scholar, Pomeroy Scholar

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, AB, Philosophy, June 2014

Honors: General Honors, Lee Family Prize for Best Essay in Theoretical Philosophy, Student Marshal, Maroon Key Society, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Constitutional Law and Theory, Private Law Theory, Political and Moral Philosophy, Jurisprudence

ARTICLES

[“Private Rights” in Public Law](#), *Michigan Law Review* (forthcoming 2026)

[“Highly Recommended” on the Legal Theory Blog](#)

[Must Jurors Know the Stakes of Conviction? Sentencing, Encroachment, and Legal Proof](#), *Political Philosophy* (2025) (with Eleanor Gordon-Smith)

[“Highly Recommended” and “Download of the Week” on the Legal Theory Blog](#)

[The Petition Clause and the Constitutional Mandate of Total Population Apportionment](#), *Stanford Law Review* (2023)

CHAPTERS, REVIEWS, SHORTER PIECES

[Accountability and Obligations Come Apart](#), *Canadian Journal of Law & Jurisprudence* (Critical Notice of Nicolas Cornell's *Wrongs and Rights Come Apart*) (forthcoming 2026)

[Corrective Justice Beyond Private Law](#), *Oxford Studies in Private Law Theory Vol. III* (2025)
“Highly Recommended” on the [Legal Theory Blog](#)

[Fichte's Incomplete Republicanism](#), in *Kant's Early Followers in Political Philosophy* (Reidar Maliks & Elisabeth Theresia Widmer, eds.) (2025)

[Solidarity, Legitimacy, and the Janus Double-Bind](#), *Yale Law Journal Forum* (2022)
Winner of the Yale Law Journal Essay Competition on emerging issues in labor and employment law

[Plebiscite in Modern Democracy](#), in *The Routledge Handbook of Illiberalism* (Andras Sajó, Renata Uitz & Stephen Holmes, eds.) (2021) (with Samuel Issacharoff)

[The Continued Relevance of the Equal Access Theory of Apportionment](#), *NYU Law Review Online* (2021)
Winner of the Brennan Center for Justice and *NYU Law Review* Voting and Representation Symposium Essay Contest)

[Note: Prudence Lost? Separation of Powers and Standing After *Lexmark*](#), *NYU Law Review* (2021)

IN-PROGRESS WRITING

Civil Recourse and the Possibility of Republican Justice

“Freedom” as a Constitutional Value

Egalitarian Competition: A Democratic Theory for Election Law

[essay on moral obligation – redacted for anonymous peer review]

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[No Masters: The Limits of Post-Liberalism](#), *The Point*, Aug. 21, 2023 (review of Patrick Deneen's *Regime Change* and Sohrab Ahmari's *Tyranny, Inc.*)

[Liberalism Against Capitalism](#), *Aeon*, Aug. 11, 2023

[Achieving Commonness: The Common Good and Its Alternatives](#), *The Point*, Oct. 22, 2022 (review of Adrian Vermeule's *Common Good Constitutionalism*)

TEACHING

USC Gould School of Law

Fall 2026 Freedom and Oligarchy in the Constitution (seminar)

Spring 2027 Constitutional Law: Structure

Graduate Seminar at Princeton University, Departments of Politics and Philosophy

Fall 2025 Freedom and Social Justice (Co-Instructor with Philip Pettit)

Teaching Assistant at NYU Law

Spring 2020 Constitutional Law (Daryl Levinson)

Instructor with NJ-STEP Prison Education

Spring 2018 Feminist Philosophy, South Woods State Prison (Lead Instructor)

Assistant Instructor at Princeton University

Fall 2017 Practical Ethics (Peter Singer)

Spring 2017 Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Elizabeth Harman and Sarah McGrath)

Fall 2016 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (Gideon Rosen)

SERVICE

Reviewer

Yale Law Journal, NYU Law Review, Political Philosophy, European Journal of Philosophy

Instructor

International Society for Public Law (ICON-S) Winter/Summer School 2026

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship	2021-22
<i>Year-long dissertation fellowship awarded to a small group of students across the humanities and social sciences by the Princeton University Center for Human Values</i>	
Yale Law Journal Student-Essay Competition Winner	2022
<i>On emerging issues in labor and employment law</i>	
DAAD Short-Term Research Grant	2021
<i>Research fellowship at the Center for Global Constitutionalism at the Berlin Social Science Center</i>	
Legal Priorities Project Summer Research Fellowship	2021
<i>Research fellowship to support a project on democratic theory and the First Amendment</i>	

Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize <i>Awarded by NYU Law to the graduating student most likely to become a thought leader in the legal community</i>	2021
John Bruce Moore Award <i>Awarded by NYU Law to the graduating student who has shown excellence in Law and Philosophy</i>	2021
Leonard M. Henkin Prize <i>Awarded by NYU Law for the best student scholarship on the equal rights portion of the Fourteenth Amendment</i>	2021
Weinfeld Prize for Scholarship in Procedure and Courts <i>Awarded by NYU Law for the best student scholarship in civil procedure and federal courts</i>	2021
Aleta Estreicher Graduation Prize <i>Awarded by NYU Law to the student in the graduating class who best exemplified a dedication to effective, humane law teaching</i>	2021
Order of the Coif, New York University Chapter <i>Law school honor society</i>	2021
Butler Scholar <i>Awarded to the students with the ten highest GPAs after four semesters</i>	2019-20
Pomeroy Scholar <i>Awarded to the students with the ten highest GPAs after two semesters</i>	2018-19
Furman Academic Scholarship <i>Full-tuition scholarship awarded to two or three entering NYU Law students who demonstrate the potential to become law professors</i>	2018-21
Visiting Doctoral Researcher, Universität Leipzig <i>Visiting researcher at the Forschungskolleg Analytic German Idealism</i>	2018
Political Philosophy Graduate Travel and Research Grant <i>Award from the Princeton UCHV to support travel to the Bonn University Classical German Philosophy Summer School</i>	2017
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Language Grant <i>Grant to support German language instruction in Berlin</i>	2016
Political Philosophy Graduate Travel and Research Grant <i>Award from the Princeton UCHV to support travel to the Bonn University Classical German Philosophy Summer School</i>	2016
Princeton University Center for Human Values Merit Grant <i>Top-up prize offered to incoming students working on UCHV topics</i>	2015-16
UChicago Lee Family Prize for Theoretical Philosophy <i>Awarded by the UChicago Department of Philosophy for the best essay in theoretical philosophy, for my senior thesis, "Putnam's Brains in Vats and the Lure of 'Magical Thinking'"</i>	2014
Student Marshal, The College of the University of Chicago <i>The highest honor awarded by The College of the University of Chicago to graduating students who excelled in academics and extra-curriculars</i>	2014
Phi Beta Kappa <i>Collegiate honor society</i>	2014
Maroon Key Society <i>The Dean of the College of the University of Chicago's honorific society</i>	2013

TALKS AND CONFERENCES

(Talks marked with * were selected by blind-review. Talks marked with † were invited)

- July 2025* “Civil Recourse and the Possibility of Republican Justice.” Obligations XI Conference. Harvard Law School.
- March 2024 “Labor Law as the Law of Democracy.” NYC Law and Political Economy Junior Scholars Workshop.
- June 2023* “Corrective Justice Beyond Private Law.” Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg.
- May 2023 “The Irrelevance of Epistemology to Legal Procedure.” Princeton PhilSoc.
- March 2023* “Kant on Freedom, Property, and Production.” North American Kant Society Biennial VI. UNAM, Mexico City.
- March 2023 “Homelessness, Freedom, and Property-Owning Democracy.” Princeton PhilSoc.
- September 2022* “Obligation and Accountability”. ANU – HU – PU Summer Institute on Practical Normativity. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- August 2022* “Right and the Other: Kant and Fichte on Coercion”. Kantian Foundations of Democracy Conference. Oslo University.
- June 2022* “Private Rights and Private Wrongs: Relational, Not Bipolar”. Legal Philosophy Workshop. University of Southern California Law School.
- April 2022* “Means, Context, and Property Rights”. North American Kant Society (Southern Group) Annual Conference. University of North Carolina at Wilmington. (*Nominee for the NAKS Markus Herz Prize for best graduate student presentation.*)
- September 2021* “Solidarity, Civic Trust, and Advocability”. MANCEPT Workshop: Uses of Solidarity. University of Manchester.
- March 2020† “Kant on the Necessity of Global Justice”. Princeton University.
- July 2018* “Perfecting Political Liberalism”. Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- August 2017* “What Makes Political Constructivism Political or Constructivist?”. Princeton-Michigan Metanormativity Workshop. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- July 2017* “Constructing Right: The Role of Politics in Kant’s Ethical Thought”. Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference. Humboldt University, Berlin.
- December 2016 “The Epistemic Case for Non-Domination”. Princeton PhilSoc.

CLERKSHIP

THE HONORABLE RAYMOND J. LOHIER, JR., U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT, 2024–25

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Research Assistant, Trevor Morrison, Commissioner, 2021

TRANSUNION, LLC v. RAMIREZ

Litigation Assistant, 2020 – 2021

NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Research Assistant, Profs. Cynthia Estlund (2019), Samuel Issacharoff (2019), Barry Friedman (2020)

ALTSHULER BERZON, LLP, San Francisco, CA

Summer Associate, *Civil Rights, Labor, and Employment Litigation*, Summer 2020

NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, New York, NY

Legal Intern, *Voting Rights Litigation*, Spring 2020

BAR ADMISSION

New York, Second Judicial Department