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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science (major: Political Theory; minor: American Politics), Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY), 2017

Dissertation: "Thresholds of Atrocity: Liberal Violence and the Politics of Vision"

Advisor: Carol Gould

M.Sc., Development Studies and International Relations, Aalborg University, Denmark, 2009

B.A., Political Science, San Diego State University, 2006

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer, Political Science & Legal Studies, Suffolk University, 2019 -

Affiliate Research Assistant Professor, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences

Montana Tech of the University of Montana, 2018 -

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

"Perpetuation as Perpetration: On Responsibility for Historic Injustice," *Contemporary Political Theory*. [preparing revise/resubmit]

"Academic Freedom & Palestine," *Arab Studies Quarterly*, 33, no. 3/4 (2011): 256-67.

"Counting Heads: Israel's Demographic Imperative," *Interdisciplinary Journal of International Studies* 5, no. 1 (2008): 57-81.

INVITED ESSAYS & BOOK CHAPTERS

"A Problem Grows in Brooklyn." In *We Will Not Be Silenced: The Academic Repression of Israel's Critics*, edited by William Robinson and Maryam Griffin, 84-97. New York: AK Press, 2017.

"Retooling Peace Philosophy: A Critical Look At Israel's Separation Strategy." In *Peace Philosophy in Action*, edited by Ravindra Kumar and Candice Carter, 43-76. New York: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2010.

"Security or Demography? The West Bank Barrier as a Demographic Tool," *Stadium* 7, no. 1 (2007): 55-81.

ARTICLE IN PREPARATION

"The Bull of Phalaris: Atrocity in the Canon"

A shorter version of the introduction to my book project, which argues that political theory has tended to treat transgressive violence as an inherently extra-political phenomenon.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION

Atrocity: Transgressive Violence and the Politics of Vision

My primary research endeavor since completing my Ph.D.

MEDIA (selections)

"Coal, Guns, Freedom: Teaching Environmental Ethics to Aspiring Petroleum Engineers," *Politics/Letters* 10, November 2017. <http://politicsslashletters.org/coal-guns-freedom-teaching-environmental-ethics-aspiring-petroleum-engineers/>

"How Fighting the Corporatization of the American University Can Get You Fired from Your Teaching Job" *Alternet*, November 24, 2014. [interviewed by Alex Eleffson]

"Torture and Moral Vision," *WarScapes*, February 22, 2015. <http://www.warscapes.com/opinion/torture-and-moral-vision>

"Not About BDS," *The Huffington Post*, February 6, 2013. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kristofer-petersenoverton/bds-brooklyn-college_b_2633880.html

"Tony Kushner and the Corporatisation of CUNY," *The Guardian*, May 10, 2011. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2011/may/10/tony-kushner-new-york>

COPY EDITOR

Fred Moten. *A Poetics of the Undercommons*. (Sputnik & Fizzle: New York; Butte, 2016).

Divya Victor. *Semblance: Two Essays*. (Sputnik & Fizzle: New York; Butte, 2016).

Mason Leaver-Yap. *Mediated Monologues*. (Sputnik & Fizzle: New York; Butte, 2016).

CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS

"The Bull of Phalaris: Atrocity and Political Theory," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2020.

"The Bull of Phalaris: Atrocity and Political Theory," Association For Political Theory, University of California Irvine, October 2019.

- "The Violent Foundations of the Political," Association For Political Theory, University of California Irvine, October 2019. [chair]
- "Overlooking Atrocities: On Liberal-Democratic State Violence," American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, September 2018.
- "Thresholds of Atrocity: Liberal Violence and the Politics of Moral Vision," American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2017.
- "Hollywood's Holocaust Survivor," Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Research Colloquium, Montana Tech, Butte, MT, September 2017. [discussant]
- "After Zionism: One State for Israel & Palestine," Earth and Environmental Sciences, Colloquium Series, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, April 5, 2013. [discussant]
- "Beyond the Threshold of Atrocity: Nationalism, Biopower & Israel's Occupation of Gaza," Graduate Student Research Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, February 10, 2012.
- "Beyond the Threshold of Atrocity: Nationalism, Biopower & Israel's Occupation of Gaza," American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 2011.
- "Academic Freedom & Palestine." Brecht Forum, New York, NY, April 8, 2011.
- "Inventing the Martyr: Struggle, Sacrifice & the Signification of Palestinian Identity," Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1, 2011.
- "Popular Uprisings: Mid-East to Mid-West," Professional Staff Congress CUNY, New York, NY, March 25, 2011.
- "Academic Freedom & the New McCarthyism," CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, March 14, 2011.
- "Inventing the Martyr: Struggle, Sacrifice & the Signification of Palestinian Identity." Graduate Student Research Conference. CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, December 3, 2010.
- "Security or Demography? The West Bank Barrier as a Demographic Tool." SSRIC Student Research Conference, California State University Northridge, CA, May 2006.

HONORS & AWARDS

Department Nomination, Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Theory, American Political Science Association, 2018

Mellon-Sawyer Fellow, 2012-2013

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, 2011 - 2013

Departmental Travel Grant, Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center, 2011

College Assistant Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, 2010 - 2014

DIRES Travel Grant, Aalborg University, 2007

Charles McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Research, Social Science Research and Instructional Center, 2006

TEACHING

Lecturer, Suffolk University, 2019 -

Adjunct Lecturer, Montana Tech, Butte, MT, 2016 - 2019

Adjunct Lecturer, Lehman College, Bronx, NY, 2013 - 2015

Adjunct Lecturer, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY, 2011 - 2015

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Lehman College, Bronx, NY, 2011 - 2013

COURSES

GVT 276 *Modern Political Theory* (1 section, enrollment 15) Suffolk University

PHL 101 *Introduction to Philosophy* (1 section, enrollment 5) Montana Tech

PHL 110 *Introduction to Ethics* (1 section, enrollment 16) Montana Tech

PHL 112 *Environmental Ethics* (1 section, enrollment 10) Montana Tech

LIT 231 *World Literature* (2 sections, enrollment 5) Montana State Prison [online]

POL 166 *American Political System* (16 sections, enrollment 25-30) Lehman College

LEH 354 *The History and Politics of Torture* (1 section, enrollment 28) Lehman College

POLS 3307 *Politics of the Middle East* (1 section, enrollment 26) Brooklyn College

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Editor, *Sputnik & Fizzle*, 2016 -

Anonymous referee, *Journal of Social Philosophy*

GENERAL SERVICE

Founder and Executive Director, Montana Prison Book Initiative, 2018 - 2019

Volunteer Educator, Montana State Prison, 2016 - 2019

Founder and Chair, Critical Palestine Studies Association, CUNY Graduate Center, 2012 - 2015

Officer for Governance and Membership, Doctoral Students Council, CUNY Graduate Center, 2013 - 2014

Graduate Council Representative, CUNY Graduate Center, 2011 - 2014

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Association For Political Theory (APT)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

REFERENCES

Carol Gould, Professor of Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center

Rosalind P. Petchesky, Professor of Political Science, Hunter College (ret.)

Uday Singh Mehta, Professor of Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center

Farid Abdel-Nour, Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University