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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Delaware, Department of Political Science and IR

2019- Associate Professor
2012-2019 Assistant Professor

EDUCATION

Cornell University

2012 Ph.D. in Government
2010 M.A. in Government

Seoul National University

2005 M.A. in Political Science
2002 B.A. in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Book

The Eclipse of the Demos: The Cold War and the Crisis of Democracy before Neoliberalism (University Press of Kansas, 2020).

First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, American Political Science Association, 2021

Reviews published in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Law and Liberty*, and *Choice*

Articles

“Finance Capital and the Perils of Political Disintegration,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 31:2 (2024).

“The Making of the Neoliberal Subject,” *Political Theory* 47:2 (2019).

“What is Populism? And Who is the Populist? A State of the Field Review (2008-2018)” (co-authored with Jean-Paul Gagnon, Emily Beausoleil, Cleve Arguelles, Pierrick Chalaye, and Callum N. Johnston), *Democratic Theory* 5:2 (2018).

“Cybernetic Freedom: David Easton, Systems Thinking, and the Search for Dynamic Stability,” *American Political Thought* 7:4 (2018).

“The Cold War Origins of the ‘Crisis of Democracy,’” *Democratic Theory* 5:1 (2018).

“A Discordant Universe of Pluralisms,” *Political Theory* 43:4 (2015).

“Walter Benjamin’s Politics of Experience,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 20:4 (2013).

Reviews and Review Essays

“Populism’s Challenge and the Uncertain Future of Liberal Democracy,” *Perspectives on Politics* 18:3 (2020).

Jamie Susskind’s “Future Politics: Living Together in a World Transformed by Tech,” *American Political Thought* 9:1 (2020).

Bryan D. Jones and Frank R. Baumgartner’s “The Politics of Attention: How Government Prioritizes Problems,” *Political Studies Review* 4 (2006).

Other Writings

“The Perpetual Reinvention of Democracy,” *The Loop* (Political Science Blog of the European Consortium for Political Research) (2021).

In Progress

The Great Disintegration: Financialization and the Transformation of Democratic Citizenship (book project in progress)

The Legitimation Trap: A New Global Order and the Dilemmas of Democracy (book project in progress)

“Financialization and the Instabilities of Neoliberal Citizenship”

“Beyond Property-Owning Democracy: Financialization, Private Property, and Democratic Citizenship”

“Globalizing Democratic Theory: Deprovincialization, Decolonization, and Beyond”

“Subsidized Citizenship: The Evolution of Consumer Sovereignty”

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

First Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, American Political Science Association, 2021

Seed Grant for Early Career Faculty, Department of Political Science and IR, University of Delaware, 2020

General University Research Grant, University of Delaware, 2014-16

Nominated for Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Delaware, 2014, 2016

Nominated for the American Political Science Association’s Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation in Political Philosophy, 2013

Mellon Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2011-12

Dissertation Writing Group Grant, Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 2010-11

Graduate Reading Group Grant, Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University, 2010-11
 Preferred Participant Fellowship, School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, 2010
 Travel Grant, East Asia Program, Cornell University, 2010
 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2006-7
 The Samsung Lee Kun Hee Foundation Scholarship, 2005-6
Summa Cum Laude, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, 2002
 International Exchange Student Program, Universidad de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2000
 The WoonKyung Foundation Scholarship, 1999-2000

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“Beyond Property-Owning Democracy: Financialization, Private Property, and Democratic Citizenship”
 Political Theory Workshop, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2025 (*scheduled*)

Discussant of paper title TBD
 Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, Dartmouth College, April 2025 (*scheduled*)

“Finance Capital and the Perils of Political Disintegration: The Crisis of Weimar Democracy Revisited”
 Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University, March 2023

“Finance Capital and the Perils of Political Disintegration: The Crisis of Weimar Democracy Revisited”
 Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, January 2023

“Populism or Disintegrating Democracy? Finance Capital and the Volatile Politics of Citizenship”
 Political Theory Speaker Series, Georgetown University, March 2019

“Democratic Disaffection: Hannah Arendt’s Critique of Cold War Liberalism”
 Research Colloquium, Institute for Political Studies, Seoul National University, December 2013

“Dissolving the Demos: A Genealogy of Postwar Democracy”
 Political Theory Workshop, Cornell University, March 2011

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

September 2024 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Beyond Non-Domination and Property-Owning Democracy: Financialization, Private Property, and Democratic Citizenship”

March 2022 Western Political Science Association
Roundtable: Author Meets Critics, “The Eclipse of the Demos: The Cold War and the Crisis of Democracy before Neoliberalism”
Chair and Discussant: “Constituting Democratic Bodies”

- August 2019 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Populism or Disintegrating Democracy? Finance Capital and the Volatile Politics of Citizenship”
Discussant: “Adam Smith”
- October 2018 Association for Political Theory
Paper: “Against Rent: The Ambivalent Origins of Modern Citizenship”
- August 2018 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Against Rent: The Ambivalent Origins of Modern Citizenship”
Chair: “What is an Arendtian World?”
- May 2018 “Democracy in Decline? The Challenge of Global Populism,” Department of Political Science & IR, University of Delaware
Chair and Discussant: “Theoretical Approaches to Populism”
- March 2018 Western Political Science Association
Paper: “Superfluous Citizens: Finance Capital and the Volatile Politics of Citizenship”
Chair and Discussant: “Domination and Autonomy”
- September 2016 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Command and Control: David Easton and the Cost of Democratic Stability”
- March 2016 Western Political Science Association
Paper: “Command and Control: Cold War Science and the Cost of Democratic Stability”
Chair and Discussant: “Politics and Economics”
- September 2015 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Democratic Pluralism: Between Two Worlds”
- April 2015 Western Political Science Association
Paper: “The Two Worlds of Pluralism”
Chair and Discussant: “Marxism, Socialism, and Theories of Crisis”
- August 2014 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Democratic Disaffection: Hannah Arendt’s Critique of Cold War Liberalism”
Chair and Discussant: “Democracy and Rights in the Digital Age”
- April 2014 Western Political Science Association
Paper: “Cold War Neoliberalism and the Capitalist Restructuring of Democracy”
Discussant: “Rational Choice Liberalism and the Cultivation of Subjectivity”
- September 2013 American Political Science Association
Paper: “Taming Democracy for the World: Cold War Democratic Theory and the Decline of Democratic Radicalism”
Panel Organizer: “Rethinking Cold War Political Theory”
Discussant: “Canons in Comparative Perspective”

- October 2012 Association for Political Theory
Paper: “Democratic Disaffection: Arendt between Heidegger and Marx”
- September 2011 American Political Science Association
Paper: “The Cold War Origins of Instrumental Democracy”
- September 2010 American Political Science Association
Paper: “The Reasonable Acquiescence of Democracy: Affectless Democratic Theory”
Panel Organizer: “The Demands of Affects and Sentiments: Political Theory beyond Rationality”
- March 2009 Western Political Science Association
Paper: “The Locations of Power: Pierre Bourdieu and Democratic Politics”
- August 2008 American Political Science Association
Paper: “From the Fateful to the Truthful: Walter Benjamin and the Political”
Panel Organizer: “Walter Benjamin, Now Political”
- April 2007 Midwest Political Science Association
Paper: “To the Memory of Socrates: Moral Philosophy in Plato’s *The Laws*”

TEACHING

Department of Political Science and IR, University of Delaware

- POSC 285: Introduction to Political Theory
- POSC 333: Contemporary Political Ideologies
- POSC 438: Topics in Political Theory: Debating Capitalism
- POSC 472: Democratic Theory
- POSC 822: Topics in Political Theory: The Politics of Capitalism (Graduate Seminar)
- POSC 836: Democratic Theory (Graduate Seminar)

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

Department of Political Science and IR, University of Delaware

- Member, Graduate Policy Committee, 2019-20, 2022-
- Member, Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2024-
- Political Theory Field Coordinator, 2022-
- Member, Executive Committee, 2022-2024
- Coordinator, POSCIR Research Colloquium Series, 2019-21
- Co-organizer of the Conference, “Democracy in Decline? The Challenge of Global Populism,” May 2018
- Member, Graduate Admissions and Funding Committee, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2020-21
- Member, Graduate Field Exam Committee, 2014-16
- Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Online Course Evaluations, 2014
- Member, Honors and Awards Committee, 2018-19
- Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2012-19, 2020-21

College of Arts & Sciences, University of Delaware

Member, Ad Hoc Committee for the Reappointment Review of POSC Chair, 2021

Department of Government, Cornell University

Graduate Student Organizer, Political Theory Workshop, 2011-12

American Political Science Association

Member, Leo Strauss Award Committee, 2023

Association for Political Theory

Member, Annual Conference Program Committee, 2018

Editorial Board

Democratic Theory: An Interdisciplinary Journal

Reviewer

Cornell University Press; Edinburgh University Press; Oxford University Press; Polity Press;
University Press of Kansas

*American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Constellations: An International
Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory; Democratic Theory: An Interdisciplinary Journal;
Political Theory*

REFERENCES

Letters available upon request