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Academic Employment:

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, 1998-present
Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Societies & Justice, University of Washington, 2005- present
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, 1992-98
Acting Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, 1991-92

Education:

Ph.D. Princeton University, Department of Politics, 1992
M.A. Princeton University, 1988
B.A. Oberlin College, 1985

Books:

Suffering and Moral Responsibility, Oxford University Press, 1999

Articles in Journals:

- "The Democratic Legitimacy of International Human Rights Law," Indiana International and Comparative Law Review, vol. 19 (Fall 2008), forthcoming.
- "In Defense of the Absolute Prohibition of Torture," Public Affairs Quarterly, vol. 22, no. 2 (April 2008): 111-30.
- "Playing by Our Own Rules: How U.S. Marginalization of International Human Rights Law Led to Torture," Harvard Human Rights Journal, vol. 20 (Spring 2007): 89-140.
- "Ending Impunity," essay for a symposium on Larry May, Crimes Against Humanity, Ethics and International Affairs, vol. 20, no. 3 (Fall 2006): 361-66.
- "The Democratic Legacy of the International Criminal Court," Fletcher Forum of World Affairs, vol. 28, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 147-56.
- "Who Shall Be Judge? The United States, The International Criminal Court, and the Global Enforcement of Human Rights," Human Rights Quarterly, vol. 25, no. 1 (February 2003): 93-129.
- "The Mutual Dependence of External and Internal Justice: The Democratic Achievement of the International Criminal Court," Finnish Yearbook of International Law, vol. XII (2001): 71-107.
- "The Myth of Benign Group Identity: A Critique of Liberal Nationalism," Polity, vol. 30, no. 4 (Summer 1998): 555-78.
- "The Incrementalist Argument for a Strong Duty to Prevent Suffering," Journal of Social Philosophy, vol. 28, no. 1 (Spring 1997): 5-22.
- "The Moral Asymmetry of Happiness and Suffering," The Southern Journal of Philosophy, vol. 34, no. 3 (Fall 1996): 317-38.

Book Chapters:

“Human Rights and Civic Education,” in Oto Luthar, Keith A. McLeod, and Mitja Zagar, eds., Liberal Democracy, Citizenship and Education, Oakville, Ontario: Mosaic Press, 2001

Review Essays:

“Freedom’s Reach,” Review essay of Judith Failer, Who Qualifies for Rights?; Clarissa Rile Hayward, De-Facing Power; and Karen Struening, New Family Values, in Political Theory, vol. 32, no. 6 (December 2004): 868-76.

“Collective Memory and the Law,”* Review essay of Lawrence Douglas, The Memory of Judgment: Making Law and History in the Trials of the Holocaust; and Emiliios Christodoulidis and Scott Veitch, eds., Lethe’s Law: Justice, Law and Ethics in Reconciliation, in Punishment and Society, vol. 5, no. 2 (April 2003): 226-32 *(Title omitted from printed version due to publication error).

Book Reviews:

“William Talbott’s Which Rights Should Be Universal?: An Overview and Appreciation,” Human Rights and Human Welfare, vol. 7 (2007): 68-71.

Micheline R. Ishay, The History of Human Rights: From Ancient Times to the Globalization Era, Perspectives on Politics, vol. 4, no. 2 (June 2006): 365-66.

Shane O’Neill, Impartiality in Context: Grounding Justice in a Pluralist World, Journal of Politics, vol. 60, no. 4 (November 1998): 1239-41.

Editorials:

“Mukasey’s Take on Torture Requires Senate to Vote No,” Madison Capital Times, October 26, 2007.

“A Law Designed To Encourage Torture,” The Soapbox, Princeton University, vol. 4, no. 1, November 2006.

“Without Prison Rules, We Wage Terror,” Tacoma News Tribune, September 14, 2006.

“Roberts’ Ruling on Suspect Troubling,” Seattle Post-Intelligencer, September 28, 2005.

“Nation Doesn’t Need an AG Who Cleared Path for Torture,” Seattle Times, December 17, 2004, co-authored with Darius Rejali.

“The US Shouldn’t Fear International Criminal Court,” Seattle Times, January 3, 2003.

Other Publications:

Preface to “Exploring Universal Rights: A Symposium,” Human Rights and Human Welfare, vol. 7 (2007): 67-68

Foreword to Gregory Fritzberg: In the Shadow of Excellence: Recovering a Vision of Educational Opportunity for All, Caddo Gap Press, 1999

Working Papers:

“A Madisonian Argument for Strengthening International Human Rights: Lessons from Europe”

“No Peace Without Injustice: Hobbes and Locke on the Ethics of Peacemaking”

“The Trouble with Sovereignty”

Invited Academic Lectures:

“Does International Human Rights Law Subvert Democracy?,” Law and Public Affairs Program, Princeton University, March 2007

- “Embracing Torture: The Military Commissions Act of 2006 and the Assault on Human Rights,” Purchase College, State University of New York, October 2006; also at Rutgers University, April 2007
- “Above the Law: How US Avoidance of International Human Rights Obligations Led to Torture,” University of Washington Law School, June 2005
- “Democracy and Other Human Rights,” University of British Columbia, October 2004
- “Imperial Delusions and Lost Opportunities: US Opposition to the International Criminal Court,” Summer Institute for Community College Teachers, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, July 2004
- “Human Rights and Civic Education,” Conference on Civic Education in New Democracies, Brdo, Slovenia, November 1999
- “The Duty To Relieve Suffering,” Philosophy Colloquium, University of Washington, December 1992
- “Deprivation, Torture, and the Duty to Prevent Suffering,” Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Washington, November 1992

Conference Papers:

- “The High Price of American Exceptionalism: Why the United States, unlike Europe, Institutionalized Torture after 9/11,” Conference on “The International Human Rights Regime after 9/11: Transatlantic Perspectives,” Pittsburgh, April 2008
- “A Madisonian Argument for Strengthening International Human Rights Institutions: Lessons from Europe,” Law & Society Association, Berlin, July 2007
- “Above the Law: How US Avoidance of International Human Rights Obligations Led to Torture,” Law & Society Association, Baltimore, July 2006
- “The Institutionalization of Torture and the Breakdown of the US Legal Regime,” Conference on “Terrorism and Transatlantic Relations,” sponsored by the European Union Center of the University of Washington, May 2006
- “The Trouble with Sovereignty,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2005
- “The Priority of Human Rights to Democracy,” Western Political Science Association, Oakland, March 2005
- “Why America Needs the ICC,” International Studies Association, Honolulu, March 2005
- “No Peace Without Injustice: Hobbes and Locke on the Ethics of Peacemaking,” Western Political Science Association, Portland, March 2004
- “Democracy and Other Human Rights,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2003
- “The Mutual Dependence of External and Internal Justice: The Democratic Achievement of The International Criminal Court,” International Studies Association, Portland, February 2003
- “Two Models of External Justice: The International Criminal Court and the Question of Jurisdiction,” Law and Society Association, Vancouver, May 2002
- “On Choosing the Right Path Toward a Global Constitution: The International Criminal Court and the Question of Jurisdiction,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001
- “Who Shall Be Judge? The United States, the International Criminal Court, and the Global Enforcement of Human Rights,” Law and Society Association, Budapest, July 2001
- “Who Shall Be Judge? The United States, the International Criminal Court, and the Global Enforcement of Human Rights,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000
- “The Myth of Benign Group Identity: A Critique of Liberal Nationalism,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 1997
- “The Incrementalist Argument for a Strong Duty to Prevent Suffering,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 1995

“Why Affluent Individuals Should Incur Greater Sacrifices to Alleviate Suffering: The Incrementalist Argument for a Strong Duty of Beneficence,” Western Political Science Association, Portland, March 1995
“Pateman on Political Obligation,” Western Political Science Association, Pasadena, March 1993
“Is Colombia a Democracy?” New Jersey Political Science Association, Trenton State College, April 4, 1987

Community Lectures:

Lectures on the International Criminal Court delivered to: UW Political Science Alumni Forum, World Affairs Council of Olympia, South Asian Law Students Association National Meeting, Jewish Community Center of Mercer Island, Mensa of Western Washington, Eastside Unitarian Church, University Unitarian Church
“The Institutionalization of Torture and the Breakdown of the US Legal Regime,” Washington State Bar Association, World Peace Through Law Section, January 2006
“Torture in the War on Terror,” University of Washington, October 2004
“Torture,” Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Emerald Education Group, Seattle, May 2004
“The Unity and Diversity of Human Rights,” Keynote Address, 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, United Nations Association, Seattle Chapter, December 10, 1998
“Human Rights and International Solidarity,” University of Washington, Last Lecture Series, May 1998
Participant, Roundtable on “Philosophical Approaches to Hate Speech,” sponsored by Association of Philosophy Students, University of Washington, January 1994

Professional Appearances:

Chair of “Author Meets Critics” panel on William J. Talbott, Which Rights Should Be Universal?, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2006
Discussant for panel on “Violence and Terrorism,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 2006
Discussant for panel on “Globalizing Sovereignty,” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., September 2000
Discussant for panel on “Reconciling Racial Divisions: On What Terms?” American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1999
Discussant for panel on “Liberalism, Multiculturalism, and Nationalism,” Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, March 1998

Fellowships and Awards:

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2006-07
University of Washington Simpson Center for the Humanities, Research Fellowship, 2004-05
Human Rights Teaching Fellowship, Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School, Spring 2000
Faculty Development Mentoring Award, to support new research project, “Philosophical Perspectives on Nationalism,” 1997 (\$3000)
Mellon Post-Enrollment Fellowship, Princeton University, Summer 1991 (\$1500)
Princeton University Fellowship, 1986-90
Latin American Studies Summer Stipend, Princeton University, 1986
Fulbright Scholar, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia: Enrolled in Departments of Political Science and History, 1985-86

Professional Activities:

Reviewer for Oxford University Press, Temple University Press, Cornell University Press, Routledge, Palgrave-Macmillan

Reviewer for Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Ethics, Place and Environment, Ethics and International Affairs, Global Governance, Inquiry, Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Politics, Political Studies, Public Affairs Quarterly, Review of International Studies, Treadgold Papers

Member of American Political Science Association, American Society of International Law

University Service:

Steering Committee, Interdisciplinary Conference on Global Justice (to be held in April 2009)

Ten-Year Review Committee, University of Washington-Tacoma, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Program, Winter and Spring 2006

Seattle Campus Advisor, Human Rights Minor, UW Seattle, 2001-present

Steering Committee, "Human Rights from the Bottom Up," year-long lecture series and capstone conference, 2003-04

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Michael Forman, Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Tacoma, Fall 2002

Tenure and Promotion Committee, Rachel May, Department of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, UW Tacoma, Fall 1999

Interdisciplinary Committee, Human Rights Education and Research Network, 1998-present
Faculty Senate, 1998-99

Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship Committee, 1995, 2005

Faculty Preceptor, Freshman Interest Group on the Origins of Western Civilization, Fall 1995

Commencement Marshall, 1992-98, 2001

Faculty Judge, Phi Eta Sigma Local Scholarship Competition, May 1997

Departmental Service:

Field Supervisor, Political Theory, 1992-99, 2000-present

Race and Ethnicity Politics Search Committee, 2003-04

Undergraduate Program Committee, 1994-98, 2003-05

Admission and Financial Aid Committees, 1992-94, 1998-99, 2000-03, 2005-06, 2007-08

Coordinator, Political Science Colloquium, 1996-98

Graduate Program Committee, 1991

