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APPOINTMENTS

University of Washington

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2023-Present.
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2013-2023.
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2007-2013.

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Politics (2006).

University of Cambridge, M.Phil. in Political Thought and Intellectual History (2001).

Amherst College, A.B., *summa cum laude*, in Interdisciplinary Studies (1998).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

Die Your Own Death: Walt Whitman's Existential Democracy
Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2026.

Awakening to Race: Individualism and Social Consciousness in America
Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2012.

African American Political Thought: A Collected History (Co-editor with Melvin L. Rogers)
Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021.

Articles and Chapters

“Walt Whitman (1819-1892)”

The Princeton History of American Political Thought, edited by S. McWilliams Barndt, N. Buccola, R. Montás
Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2026, 316-333 (in press).

“Whitman’s Undemocratic Vistas: Mortal Anxiety, National Glory, White Supremacy”
American Political Science Review 117.2 (May 2023): 705-718.

“Audre Lorde’s Anti-Imperial Consciousness”
Political Theory 49.2 (April 2021): 243-271.

“Political Theorizing in Black: An Introduction” (Co-author with Melvin L. Rogers)
African American Political Thought: A Collected History, edited by Melvin L. Rogers and Jack Turner
Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021, 1-29.

“Audre Lorde’s Politics of Difference”
African American Political Thought: A Collected History, edited by Melvin L. Rogers and Jack Turner
Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021, 563-592.

“Douglass and Political Judgment: The Post-Reconstruction Years”
A Political Companion to Frederick Douglass, edited by Neil Roberts
Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2018, 203-235.

“Thinking Historically”
Theory & Event 19.1 (January 2016).

“The Constitution of Radical Democracy”
Polity 47.4 (October 2015): 558-565.

“Reconstructing Liberalism: Charles Mills’ Unfinished Project”
Politics, Groups, and Identities 3.3 (September 2015): 471-487.

“Whitman, Death, and Democracy”
A Political Companion to Walt Whitman, edited by John Seery
Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2011, 272-295.

“John Locke, Christian Mission, and Colonial America”
Modern Intellectual History 8.2 (August 2011): 267-297.

“Awakening to Race: Ralph Ellison and Democratic Individuality”
Political Theory 36.5 (October 2008): 655-682.

“Emerson, Slavery, and Citizenship”
Raritan 28.2 (Fall 2008): 127-146.

“American Individualism and Structural Injustice: Tocqueville, Gender, and Race”
Polity 40.2 (April 2008): 197-215.

“Performing Conscience: Thoreau, Political Action, and the Plea for John Brown”
Political Theory 33.4 (August 2005): 448-471.

Encyclopedia Entry

“Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)”
The Cambridge Dictionary of Political Thought, edited by Richard Bellamy and Terrence Ball
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

BOOK IN PROGRESS

The Last Emersonian: George Kateb and the Twilight of Democracy

SELECTED TEACHING

Undergraduate

Introduction to Political Theory: Freedom, Economics, and Citizenship
American Political Thought from the Colonial Era to the Civil War
American Political Thought from Reconstruction to the Present
The American Civil War: Its Meanings and Legacies in U.S. Politics

Graduate

Democracy as a Way of Life
Death and Politics
Republicanism
Critical Race Studies

Ph.D. Students Placed in Tenure-Track Positions

As Chair or Co-Chair

Emma Rodman, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Sean Butorac, North Central College
Kirstine Taylor, Ohio University
Annie Menzel, Vassar College
Rachel Sanders, Portland State University
Heather Pool, Denison University

As Committee Member

Rutger Ceballos, University of Oregon
Grace Reinke, University of New Orleans
J.P. Anderson, San Diego State University
Lawrence Cushnie, South Seattle College
James Chamberlain, Mississippi State University
Allison Rank, State University of New York, Oswego

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

The Ohio State University (2027)
Brown University (2026)
University of Colorado (2025)
Virginia Tech (2024)
University of British Columbia (2024)
Union Theological Seminary (2022)
University of Missouri (2022)
Princeton University (2021)
Harvard University (2021)
The Graduate Center, City University of New York (2021)
Wellesley College (2021)
University of Alabama (2021)
Library of Congress (2021)
Rutgers University (2019)
University of Oregon (2018)
University of California, Los Angeles (2017)
Stanford University (2016)
Vanderbilt University (2015)
Northwestern University (2015)
University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill (2014)
Duke University (2014)
University of Wisconsin—Madison (2011)
Haverford College (2011)
University of Maryland (2011)

Australian National University (2010)
University of Sydney (2010)
University of Virginia (2010)
Pomona College (2008)
College of William and Mary (2007)
Amherst College (2004)

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Editorial Board Member, *American Political Thought*, 2019-Present
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Politics*, 2017-2021
Editorial Board Member, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2018-2019
Editorial Board Member, *Political Research Quarterly*, 2016-2018
Editorial Board Member, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 2011-2018

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Royalty Research Fund Scholar Award, University of Washington, 2018-2019
Sawyer Seminar Award, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2016-2018 (Co-Principal Investigator)
Simpson Center for the Humanities Conference Grant, University of Washington, 2013-2014
Resident Fellowship, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, University of Virginia, Spring 2007
Graduate Prize Fellowship, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2004-2005
Rufus B. Kellogg University Fellowship from Amherst College, 2000-2003

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST