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EDUCATION:

University of California Santa Barbara

Ph.D. in Political Science (Summer 2022)

Master of Arts in Political Science (Spring 2018)

Dissertation Title: *On the Uses and Abuses of History for Politics*

Committee: Kevin B. Anderson (Chair), Paige E. Digeser, William I. Robinson, George Lipsitz

Qualifying Exams: Political Theory, American Politics, and International Relations

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Emphasis: Global Studies

Louisiana State University

Master of Arts in Philosophy (Spring 2010)

Masters Thesis: *Viral Politics – Jacques Derrida’s on Auto-immunity and the Politics of Carl Schmitt*

Committee: François Raffoul (Chair), John Protevi, Jon Cogburn, Dustin Howes

Graduate Minor: French

The University of Maine

Bachelor of Arts (Spring 2008)

Major: Philosophy

Honors College (graduated with high honors)

Honors Thesis: *On the Metaphysical Subjectivism of Jorge Luis Borges*

Minors: English, History, and Socialist & Marxist Studies

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Gonzaga University (2025 to present)

Lecturer

Department of Political Science

Loyola Marymount University (2023 to 2025)

Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science & International Relations

Philipps-Universität Marburg (2022 to 2023)

Visiting Fellow

The Center for Conflict Studies

Collaborative Research Project SFB/TRR 138: “Dynamics of Security: Forms of Securitization from a Historical Perspective”

Subproject C02: “Security, Police, and Urban Space”

Seattle University (2021 to 2022)

Visiting Lecturer

Political Science Department

UCSB Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies (2020 to 2021)
Graduate Research Fellow
Structural Violence, Police/Prison Abolition, and Decoloniality Research Cluster

University of California Santa Barbara (Summer 2020)
Teaching Associate
Department of Political Science

UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (2019 to 2020)
Graduate Teaching Fellow
“Foundations in the Humanities”: Prison Correspondence Program

University of California Santa Barbara (2014 to 2020)
Teaching Assistant
Department(s) of Political Science, Sociology, and Black Studies

Beijing Huijia IB International School (2012 to 2013)
Professor of Philosophy

Xingjian International College of Liberal Arts, Guangxi University (2011 to 2012)
English Professor

Husson University (2010 to 2011)
Adjunct Professor of Ethics and Sociology

Louisiana State University (2008 to 2010)
Teaching Assistant
Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

PUBLICATIONS:

- “Historical Vertigo: Everything, Everywhere All at Once.” *History as Political Theory: History, Time, and Political Action*. Ed. Anthony Sparacino and Jonathan Keller. Verno Press. (forthcoming)
- “Hegel’s Polizei.” *Philosophical Journal of Conflict and Violence* (Vol. 8. No. 2. 2024. pg. 36 - 70).
- “Hegel’s Polizei.” *Hegel-Jahrbuch* (Vol. 2021. No. 1. 2024. pg. 375 - 382).
- “Stuart Hall.” *The Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*. Ed. Clyde W. Barrow. Edward Elgar. 2024.
- “Gilles Deleuze.” *The Encyclopedia of Critical Political Science*. Ed. Clyde W. Barrow. Edward Elgar. 2024.
- “Bureaucrats with Guns: Or, How We Can Abolish the Police if We Just Stop Believing in Them.” *Anthropological Notebooks* (Vol. 27. No. 3. 2021. pg. 159-208).
- “Ur-Fascism and Neo-Fascism.” *The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Development* (Vol 5. No 1. 2019. pg. 1-33).
- “Twilight of the Humans: Nietzsche, Dismal Politics, and the Coming Planetary Apocalypse.” *The Agonist: A Nietzsche Circle Journal* (Vol. 7. No. 2. 2019. pg. 7-27).
- “Foucault: Critical Theory of the Police in a Neoliberal Age.” *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory* (Vol. 61. No. 4. 2014. pg. 5-29).
- “On Honesty and Deceit: An Interpretation of Deleuze’s Difference and Repetition.” *Philosophy Study* (Vol. 2. No. 5. 2012. pg. 301-313).
- Viral Politics – Jacques Derrida’s on Auto-immunity and the Politics of Carl Schmitt. Lambert Academic Publishing (2010).
- “The End of Art or the Origin of New Art? A Heideggerian Historization of the New York City Graffiti Movement.” *The Dialectic: University of New Hampshire’s Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy* (Vol. 8. 2007).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS:

LMU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Core Curriculum Development Grant (Spring 2024)
UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship (Fall 2020)
UCSB Political Science Department Dissertation Research Grant (Summer 2020)
Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Benjamin J. Cohen (2019-2020)
Princeton University U.S. China Coalition: 2019 Global Governance Forum
Confucius Institute Graduate Student Travel Grant (Spring 2019)
Manzer-Wesson Award (2018)
 Best peer-reviewed publication: UCSB Political Science Department
 Paper: *Twilight of the Humans: Nietzsche, Dismal Politics, and the Coming Planetary Apocalypse*
UCSB Doctoral Scholar Fellowship 2016-2017
UCSB Doctoral Scholar Fellowship 2013-2014
Collegium Phaenomenologicum: The Subject of Politics (Città di Castello, July 2009)
Levinson Award (2008)
 Best philosophy paper: University of Maine Philosophy Department
The Charles Schwartz Virtue Award (2008)
 Bringing Philosophy to the Community: University of Maine Philosophy Department
11th Annual Essay Contest on Ayn Rand's novel Atlas Shrugged (2017)
 Paper: *Deconstruction and Marxism in Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged*
John M. Rezendes Ethics Contest (2007)
 Paper: *Sealing the Coffin: The Ethical Dilemma of Saddam Hussein's Execution*

WORKING PAPERS:

Theses on the History of Police (monograph)
Magic, Monsters, and Machines: Conceptual Personae in Marx's Gothic Nightmare
Two Abolitionist Parables: Le Guin vs. Jemisin
The Ones Who Go Home and Sleep (Variations on a Theme by June Jordan)
Derrida's *Auto-immunité*: The Organized Hypocrisy of Authority
Global Police State is a Three-Word Oxymoron
The Eighteenth Brumaire of Andrew Johnson

COURSES TAUGHT AS INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD:

Police and Politics (seven times)
Prison and Public Culture
Introduction to Political Theory (six times)
Modern Political Theory (four times)
American Political Thought (twice)
Introduction to American Politics (multiple times)
Constitutional Law: Institutional Powers
Global Policing
Contemporary Political Theory
Introduction to Philosophy (year-long course)
Theory of Knowledge (year-long course, three sections)
Ethics (three times)
Introduction to Sociology (three times)

COURSES ASSISTED:

Sociology of Deviance
Sociology of Education
Political Sociology
The Civil Rights Movement (multiple times)
Introduction to Political Philosophy (multiple times)
American Government and Politics (multiple times)
Introduction to International Relations (multiple times)
International Political Economy
The American Presidency
History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Philosophy in Literature
Contemporary French Philosophy (multiple times)
Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS:

“The Eighteenth Brumaire of Andrew Johnson.” Historical Materialism (London, Nov. 2025)
“Two Abolitionist Parables: Le Guin vs. Jemisin.” Western Political Science Association (Seattle, April 2024)
“The Eighteenth Brumaire of Andrew Johnson.” Radical Philosophy Association (Salt Lake City, Oct. 2024)
Panel Discussant: “Author-Meets-Critics: Charisse Burden-Stelly’s *Black Scare/Red Scare: Theorizing Capitalist Racism in the United States*.” Radical Philosophy Association (Salt Lake City, canceled)
“The Eighteenth Brumaire of Andrew Johnson.” American Political History Conference: Reconstructing Democracy: Power, Politics, and Participation (Vanderbilt University, June 2024)
“Hegel’s *Polizei*.” History of Philosophy Society: The Future (Seattle University, April 2024)
Panel Discussant: “Fascism and Anti-Fascisms.” Western Political Science Association (March 2024)
“Historical Vertigo: Everything, Everywhere All at Once.” Western Political Science Association (March 2024)
Panel Discussant: “Police Abolition.” Association for Political Theory (Union College, Oct. 2023)
“Two Abolitionist Parables: Le Guin vs. Jemisin.” Association for Political Theory (Union College, Oct. 2023)
“Fragments of an Abolitionist Anthropology.” Rewriting the History of Political Thought from the Margins (Humboldt University of Berlin, June 2023)
“Reading Group on Andrew Johnson’s ‘Bureaucrats with Guns...’” Museum of Care (London, May 2023)
“Two Abolitionist Parables: Le Guin vs. Jemisin.” Philipps-Universität Marburg (May 2023)
“Magic, Monsters, and Machines: Conceptual Personae in Marx’s Gothic Nightmare.” Historical Materialism (Athens, April 2023)
“Hegel’s *Polizei*.” Philipps-Universität Marburg (Feb. 2023)
“Ur-Fascism and Neo-Fascism.” Annual Congress of the Swiss Political Science Association (Basel, Feb. 2023)
“Theses on the History of Police.” Historical Materialism (London, Nov. 2022)
“Rethinking Professionalism: Labor and (Academic) Freedom in the University.” American Studies Association (New Orleans, Nov. 2022)
“Bureaucrats with Guns: Or, How We Can Abolish the Police if We Just Stop Believing in Them.” Mobilization: Protest and Resistance in Contemporary Democracies (San Diego State University, June 2022)
“Bureaucrats with Guns: Or, How We Can Abolish the Police if We Just Stop Believing in Them.” Western Political Science Association (Portland, Feb. 2022)
“‘Police Should Have Oversight Over Everything’: Why the Historical Understanding of Police in Indispensable for the Contemporary Police Abolition Movement.” Association for Political Theory (University of Massachusetts Amherst, Nov. 2021)
“‘Police Should Have Oversight Over Everything’: Why the Historical Understanding of Police in Indispensable for the Contemporary Police Abolition Movement.” The Geneva Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy (February 2021)

“Accompaniment with/in the Undercommons: Practicing Abolitionist Pedagogy.” Abolition Convergence: Imagining Decolonizing and Abolitionist Futures (Toronto, postponed)
 “7,000 B.C.: Fragments of a Policing Anthropology.” Critical Genealogies Workshop (University of Richmond, postponed)
 “Hegel’s *Polizei*.” 33rd International Hegel Congress: Hegel and Freedom (University of Warsaw, June 2021)
 “Theses on the History of Police.” State Violence Research Network: Riot, Rebellion, Resistance, Repression (Manchester, April 2020)
 “Even Fascists Have Feelings: Sublimated Repression in the Age of Trump.” International Herbert Marcuse Society Conference: Critical Theory in Dark Times (University of California Santa Barbara, Oct. 2019)
 “7,000 B.C.: Fragments of a Policing Anthropology.” Philosophy, Politics, & Anthropology Conference (University of Amsterdam, May 2019)
 “Twilight of the Humans: Nietzsche and the Horizons of Apocalyptic Politics.” Western Political Science Association (San Diego, April 2019)
 “American Empire, Global Capitalism, and the Never-Ending Crisis.” International Studies Association (Toronto, March 2019)
 “Hegel’s *Polizei*: Between Security and Welfare.” Association for Political Theory (Ohio State Univ., Oct. 2016)
 “Twilight of the Humans: Nietzsche and the Horizons of Apocalyptic Politics.” Nihilism.Hope (University of Victoria, April 2016)
 “The Bernie Sanders Campaign: What Do EcoSocialists, Greens, and Other Radicals Think?” 21st Century EcoSocialism: Practicing System Change, Making Connections, Building a Movement (University of California Santa Barbara, Oct. 2015)
 “A Manifesto of Resistance: There is No Alternative but the Im-possibility of An-other World.” EcoMaterialisms: Organizing Life & Matter (University of California Irvine, May 2015)
 “Hegel’s *Polizei*: Between Security and Welfare.” Western Political Science Association (Las Vegas, April 2015)
 “Deleuze, *Weiqi*, and the Politics of Game Theory.” 1st International Deleuze Studies in Asia Conference (Tamkang University, May 2013)
 “On Honesty and Deceit: An Interpretation of Difference and Repetition.” 2012 Kaifeng International Deleuze Conference (Henan University, May 2012)
 “Bio-power, Population Control, and Political Economy.” 9th Biennial Meeting Radical Philosophy Association (University of Oregon, Nov. 2011)
 “Badiou and Rancière: The State of the Police Situation.” 43rd Meeting North Texas Philosophical Association (University of North Texas, March 2010)
 “Foucault: Politics of the Police.” Biennial Brennan Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy: Justice, Foundations and Crisis (Loyola University Chicago, March 2010)
 “From the Grain Police to the Privatization of Security Apparatuses: Bio-Power and Police.” *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*: Questioning the Political (Città di Castello, July 2009)
 “Threats of/to Democracy: Schmitt, Benjamin, and Derrida.” Emory Graduate Philosophy Conference: Philosophy, Politics, and the Ethics of Resistance (Emory University, April 2009)
 “Empire-Building: Territory and Population in the Work of Niccolò Machiavelli.” Society for Student Philosophers (University of Texas Pan-American, March 2009)
 “The End of Art or the Origin of New Art? A Heideggerian Historization of the New York City Graffiti Movement.” 3rd New England Philosophy Conference (Providence College, April 2007)
 “Time and Space in Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit.” Portland Philosophy Conference (University of Southern Maine, March 2006)

PROFESSIONAL & PUBLIC SERVICE:

Structural Violence, Prison/Police Abolition, and Decoloniality: Global Carcerality Bibliography
 Co-Organizer of UCSB Political Science Graduate Speaker Series (2014 to 2020)
 Supporting Organizer of UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Conference: Outlaw(ed) Intellectuals – Critiquing Structures of Power from Within (January 2019)
 Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative (2015 to 2016)

Interfaith Coordinator for the Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative (2013 to 2020)
 Undergraduate Advisor for the UCSB Political Science Department (2015 to 2016)
 Center for Jewish Nonviolence: Justice, Justice You Shall Pursue (Summer 2017)
 8th Annual Critical Race Studies Symposium: Race and Resistance – Against Police Violence (UCLA School of Law, October 2015)
 Lead Organizer of Louisiana State University 2nd Annual Philosophy Conference (Feb. 2010)
 Lead Organizer of Louisiana State University 1st Annual Philosophy Conference (April 2009)
 Reviewer for *Surveillance & Society*, *History of the Human Sciences*, *American Journal of Political Science*, and the University of Minnesota Press.
 Member of UCSB Social Movements Working Group, UCSB Politics of Identity Working Group, UCSB Center on Work, Labor, and Political Economy, UCSB Underground Scholars, Association for Political Thought, International Studies Association, American Studies Association, Radical Philosophy Association, and Society for Phenomenology & Existential Philosophy.

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Los Angeles Loyolan: “What could Biden do in his ast month in office?” (2024)
 Orfalea Center Podcast: “Global Policing” (2023)
Against the Grain Radio: “Graeber, Policing, and Abolitionism” (2022)
The Spectator: “Hello Harrell, So Long Sawant?” (2021)
 Orfalea Center Webinar: Ben Brucato on “White Citizenship, Black Slavery, and Police: U.S. America’s Peculiar Institution” (2021)
 Orfalea Center Webinar: “Interview with the MENA Prison Forum” (2021)
Daily Nexus: “I.V. CSD 2021-21 Budget Projects Increase in Revenue Despite Coronavirus” (2020)
 Featured in the documentary The Unveiled Truth (2020)
 Charles Moscovitz Podcast: “Charles Moscovitz and Andrew Johnson Discuss Defund the Police” (June 2020)
 University of Virginia Podcast: “Police, Power, and Resistance” (April 2020)
The International Humanist-Marxist Organization: “University of California Graduate Students Strike Against Unsustainable Housing Costs” (March 2020)
KSBY 6: “UCSB Grad Students Go on Strike in Solidarity with UC Santa Cruz Students” (March 2020)
The Young Turks: “Inside the Israeli Palestinian Crisis” (May 2017)

TALKS ORGANIZED:

Alec Karakatsanis: “Copaganda: How Police and Media Manipulate Our News” (April 2005)
 Dolores Canales and Jack Morris: The Strike documentary (April 2005)
 People’s City Council: “Fighting the Pig Power Structure” (April 2025)
 William Gude / @filmthepoliceLA: “Police and Political Accountability in Los Angeles” (April 2005)
 Robert Weide: “Structural Disorganization: “The Mitigating Effects of Prisons Gangs on Carceral Violence” (March 2025)
 Cerise Castle: “60 Years of Deputy Gangs: Inside the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department” (April 2024)
 Nicholas Shapiro: “Science and Technology in the Carceral Ecologies of Los Angeles” (April 2024)
 Ryan Flacco Rising: “Unveiling Organic Leadership: Empowering the Formerly Incarcerated in Higher Education” (March 2024)
 Oscar Fabian Soto: “We Are Not Criminals: Global Capitalism, Immigration, and the Spatial Social Control of the Proletariat Classes” (Feb. 2024)
 Jake Monaghan: “The Philosophical Problem of Democratic Policing” (January 2024)
 Alphonso Lingis: “The New Fear of One Another” (March 2021)
 Wendy Trevino: “Anything But Violence” (Jan. 2021)
 John Woolley: “Requiem for the Trump Presidency” (Jan. 2021)
 Ben Brucato: “White Citizenship, Black Slavery, and Police – U.S. America’s Peculiar Institution” (Nov. 2020)

Brendan Joyce and Kevin Latimer: "Poetry and Revolutionary Politics" (Nov. 2020)
 Stephanie Kaylor: "Poetry and the History of International Working Women's Day" (March 2020)
 Michael Montenegro: "Santa Barbara History from a Chicano Perspective" (Feb. 2020)
 Dylan Rodriguez: "Naming State Violence – 'Mass Incarceration,' 'Police Brutality,' and the Insufficiency of Current Keywords" (Feb. 2018)
 James Ferguson: "Presence and Social Obligation: An Essay on the Share" (Feb. 2018)
 Elizabeth Pérez: "Religion in the Kitchen – Cooking, Talking, and the Making of the Black Atlantic Tradition" (Feb. 2018)
 Beautiful Trouble: "Direct Action and Civil Disobedience Training" (March 2017)
 Dick Flacks: "Who Burned the Bank? History of Radical Student Activism at UCSB" (March 2017)
 Vasanth Vijaji Maharaj "A Guide to Achieve Peace" (May 2016)
 Stan Klein: "Physicalism, Pluralism, and Agnosticism in Contemporary Science" (April 2016)
 Amy Lerman: "New Frontiers in Policy Feedback Research" (April 2016)
 Ahmad Ahmad "Good Times and Bad Times for Interfaith Dialogue" (Feb. 2016)
 Ashley Bohrer "The Capitalist Roots of Violence Against Women" (May 2015)
 John Foran "Climate Justice and How *You* Can Get Involved in the Biggest Political Adventure of Your Life!" (May 2015)
 Dick Flacks: "Isla Vista – Then And Now" (May 2015)
 Ahmed Mousa: "Apocalyptic Jihad" (April 2015)
 Maurizia Boscagli: "Slow Modernity" (April 2015)
 Christopher Newfield: "UCSB's Town Problem – Where Do We Go From Here?" (March 2015)
 Cedric Robinson: "Race, Class, and Ferguson" (Feb. 2015)
 Edward Casey: "Going to the Limit – Working with Edges" (Feb. 2015) (postponed)
 Elisabeth Weber: "The Hooded Man from Abu Ghraib – Echoes of A Christian Symbol" (Jan. 2015)
 George Lipsitz: "Political Evil and Politicized Love" (Jan. 2015) (postponed)
 Harold Marcuse: "First They Came for the Communists, But What About the Catholics?" (May 2014)
 Brian Walker: "Does Environmental Counterculture Successfully Fuse Libertarianism and Social Responsibility?" (May 2014)
 Joseph Navarro: "On New Atheism" (May 2014)
 Beth Digeser: "Platonism, Christianity and Universalism" (May 2014)
 Andrew Dilts "To Look But Not See – Felon Voting Rights, Critical Prison Theory, and the Politics of Inclusion" (April 2014)
 Kip Fulbeck: "The Hapa Project and Traditional Japanese Tattooing" (April 2014)
 Carly Thomsen: "Queering the Rural – Beyond Doin' It in Haystacks" (April 2014)
 Shyam Sriram: "From Hinduism to Atheism to Judaism to Christianity to Islam" (March 2014)
 Jovian Radheshwar: "Sufism and Existentialism" (March 2014)
 Kevin Anderson: "Arab Uprisings as a Part of Global Upheavals" (Feb. 2014)
 Edward Song: "The Jungle or the Garden?" (Jan. 2014)
 José Cabezon: "Buddhist Enlightenment for College Kids" (Dec. 2014)
 Egidio Garay: "Of Course, Jesus was White!" (Nov. 2013)
 Skylar Covich: "Religion and Political Activism in the United States" (Oct. 2014)
 Edward Casey: "A Matter of Edge – Border vs. Boundary at *La Frontera*" (Feb. 2010)
 David Wood: "Can Art Save the World?" (Feb. 2010)
 Todd May: "Thinking the Break – The Return of a Politics of Resistance" (April 2009)
 Edward Casey: "Edges and the In-Between" (March 2008)
 John Sallis: "Invisibility of Painting" (Feb. 2008)

REFERENCES:

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