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Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, McGill University, 2019–

Assistant Professor of Political Science, McGill University, 2013–2019

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2010–2013

Education

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Rhetoric, 2009

M.A. in Rhetoric, 2003

Dissertation "Beyond Blood & Coercion: A Study of Violence in Machiavelli & Marx".

Université Paris X Nanterre

Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA), Political Philosophy, Mention Très Bien, 2002

Maîtrise, Philosophy, Mention Très Bien, 2001

London School of Economics

B.Sc. Government and Economics, First Class Honors, 2000

Publications

Book

- [*Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence*](#) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018)
 - First Book Award of the American Political Science Association's Foundations of Political Theory Section, 2019
 - C.B. Macpherson Prize of the Canadian Political Science Association for the best book published in English or in French in the field of political theory, 2020

- Author Meets Critics Roundtable, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, 2019
- Reviewed in *Choice* 56(7) March 2019
 - Perspectives on Politics* 17(2) 2019: 505-07
 - The Review of Politics* 81 2019, 499-510
 - Theory & Event* 22(4) 2019: 1128-33
 - Theoria* 66(4) 2019: 113-16
 - Constellations* 27(2) 2020: 313-16
 - Contemporary Political Theory* 19 (3S) 2020: 176-178
 - Canadian Journal of Political Science* 54(2) 2021: 506-07
 - Universa. Recensioni di filosofia* 10(1) 2021: 79-84
 - Renaissance Quarterly* 74(3) 2021: 982-985

Edited Volume

- [*Gouvernementalität und Sicherheit: Zeitdiagnostische Beiträge im Anschluss an Foucault.*](#) (Governmentality and Security: Foucauldian Contributions to the Diagnosis of the Present) Co-edited with a co-authored introduction with Patricia Purtschert and Katrin Meyer (Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Press, 2008).
 - Reviewed in *Widerspruch* 55 (2008):229-232
 - Eurostudia* 4:2 (2008)
 - DRS 2 Kontext* (Nov. 11, 2008)
 - Traverse, Zeitschrift für Geschichte – Revue d'histoire* (2009/1):141-3
 - Philosophische Rundschau* 56 (2009):87-110
 - Foucault Studies* 7 (2009):170-177
 - H-Soz-Kult* (March 30, 2010)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “What Is an Imaginary?” *Critical Inquiry*, forthcoming
- “Does the Left Need New Imaginaries? Hope, the Education of Desire, and the Betrayal of Utopia,” *Critical Times*, forthcoming
- “Capitalist Democracy and Socialist Strategy,” *Polity*, Contribution to “Classics Revisited: Adam Przeworski, *Capitalism and Social Democracy*,” forthcoming
- [“Are Social Imaginaries Immune to Ideology Critique?”](#) *Constellations*, ahead of print, March 2, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-8675.12784>
- “Niccolò Machiavelli,” in Simon Choat and Manjeet Ramgotra (eds.) [*Rethinking Political Thinkers*](#) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023), 447-464.
- [“A Government of Creditors: Machiavelli on Genoa, the Bank of San Giorgio, and the Financial Oligarchy,”](#) *Polity*, 54(2) 2022: 658-683.

- Winner of the 2022 [Polity prize](#) for the best research article published in *Polity* in 2022
- “[Machiavelli’s Lucretia and the Origins of the Roman Republic: Rape, Gender, and Founding Violence](#),” in Prasanta Chakravarty and Sukanta Chaudhuri (eds.) *Machiavelli Then and Now: History, Politics, Literature* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022)
- “[Exzessive Staatsgewalt](#),” *Luxemburg*, 2020/2: 27-31
- “[Machiavelli and the Rape of Lucretia](#),” *History of Political Thought*, 40(3) 2019: 405-432
- “[The Siege of Gaza: Spatial Violence, Humanitarian Strategies, and the Biopolitics of Punishment](#),” *Constellations*, 23(2) 2016: 308-19
- “[Shipwrecked Sovereignty: Neoliberalism and a Disputed Sunken Treasure](#),” co-authored with Joshua Chambers-Letson, *Political Theory*, 43(3) 2015: 287-311
- “[Debating Violence on the Desert Island: Engels, Dühring and Robinson Crusoe](#),” *Contemporary Political Theory*, 13(4) 2014: 318-38
- “[The Prince and His Art of War: Machiavelli’s Military Populism](#),” *Social Research*, 81(1), Spring 2014: 165-91
- “[Necessity and Fortune: Machiavelli’s Politics of Nature](#),” in Crina Archer, Laura Ephraim, and Lida Maxwell, *Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural through Politics* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013)
- “[Plebeian Politics: Machiavelli and the Ciompi Uprising](#),” *Political Theory*, 40(6) 2012: 736-66
Reprinted in Filippo Del Lucchese, Fabio Frosini, and Vittorio Morfino (eds.) *The Radical Machiavelli: Politics, Philosophy, and Language* (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2015), 306-36
- “[Violence and Visibility](#),” *New Political Science*, 34 (2) 2012: 195-202
- “[Conquest](#),” *Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon*, 1 2011
- “[The Asymmetric War Discourse and Its Moral Economies: A Critique](#),” *International Theory*, 3(3) 2011: 488-514
- “[San Quentin 94974—The Everyday Prison](#),” *Carceral Notebooks*, 6, 2010: 53-66
- “[Gewaltökonomien und Unsicherheit: Zur Gouvernementalität der neuen Kriege](#)” (Economies of Violence and Insecurity: On the Governmentality of the “New Wars”), in Patricia Purtschert, Katrin Meyer, and Yves Winter (eds.), *Gouvernementalität und Sicherheit*. (Bielefeld, Germany: Transcript Press, 2008)
- “[Securitarismus in den USA: Zur Gouvernementalität der Sicherheit](#),” co-authored with Katherine Lemons and Patricia Purtschert, *Widerspruch*, 46, 2004: 99-108

Review Essays

- “Formally decolonized but still neocolonial?” Contribution to “Liberating Critical Theory:

Eurocentrism, Normativity, and Capitalism: Symposium on Amy Allen's *The End of Progress: Decolonizing the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory*." *Political Theory*, 46 (5) 2018: 785-790

- "Critical Theory, the War on Terror and the Limits of Civilization." *Political Theory*, 35 (2) 2007: 207-14

Other Publications

- "Der Buure-Zmorge als die Tea Party der Schweiz," in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Stohler, Daniel Schönmann (eds.) *Über den Herbst hinaus: Innenpolitische Alternativen mit europäischen Perspektiven* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2011)
 - French translation: "Buure-Zmorge en tant que Tea Party Suisse," in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Stohler, Daniel Schönmann (eds.) *Au delà de l'automne: Alternatives sur le plan intérieur et perspectives européennes* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2011)
- "Kritik und Unverständnis: Medienreaktionen aus den USA," in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Schaffner, Martin Stohler (eds.) *Von der Provokation zum Irrtum: Menschenrechte und Demokratie nach dem Minarettverbot* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2010)
 - French translation: "Entre critique et incompréhension: réaction des médias étatsuniens," in Andreas Gross, Fredi Krebs, Martin Schaffner, Martin Stohler (eds.) *De la provocation à l'erreur: droits humains et démocratie après le vote sur les minarets* (St. Ursanne, Switzerland: Editions le Doubs, 2011)
- "Etienne Balibar," in Christopher John Murray (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Modern French Thought* (New York: Fitzroy Dearburn, 2004)
- "Feeding Fear: The New Security Culture." Co-authored with Katherine Lemons and Patricia Purtschert, *Alternet*, 2003, available from <http://www.alternet.org/story/17316/>

Reviews

- Elizabeth Frazer and Kimberly Hutchings, Violence and Political Theory, *Review of Politics*, 83 (4) 2021: 602-604
- Kevin Duong, The Virtues of Violence: Democracy Against Disintegration in Modern France, *Political Theory*, 49 (5) 2021: 868-873
- Fabio Raimondi, Constituting Freedom: Machiavelli and Florence, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 19(2) (2020): 112-115
- Michelle Clarke, Machiavelli's Florentine Republic, *Perspectives on Politics*, 17(2) 2019: 503-505
- Catherine Zuckert, Machiavelli's Politics, *Journal of Politics*, 80 (2) 2018: e48-e50
- Jinee Lokaneeta, Transnational Torture: Law, Violence, and State Power in the United States

and India, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 9 (1) 2013:195-97

- Susanne Krasmann, Jürgen Martschukat (eds.), Rationalitäten der Gewalt. Staatliche Neuordnungen vom 19. bis zum 21. Jahrhundert. *Traverse, Zeitschrift für Geschichte – Revue d'histoire*, 2009/1:145-47
- Étienne Balibar, Nous, citoyens d'Europe? *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 30 (3) 2001:841-42

Audiovisual

- “[Democracy](#)” *Kritische Theorie in der Pandemie: Ein Glossar zur Corona-Krise* [Critical Theory in the Pandemic: A Glossary for the Corona Crisis], Frankfurter Arbeitskreis für Politische Theorie und Philosophie, 29 April 2020
- [Entretien avec Christian Nadeau](#), *Philodio* Podcast (published by *Philosophiques*, Société de Philosophie du Québec), 9 October 2019
- “[Chapter XXII of Machiavelli's The Prince](#),” Multimedia project on Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince* at Brunel University, London. 25 June 2013: <https://youtu.be/eLVMCNmh9mM>
- “[Chapter XXIV of Machiavelli's The Prince](#),” Multimedia project on Niccolò Machiavelli's *The Prince* at Brunel University, London. 25 June 2013

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Fellowships (post-doctorate)

- [Institute for Advanced Study](#), Member of the [School of Social Science](#), 2021-22
- [Centre for Social Critique](#), Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, 2019-2020
- Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, [Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University](#), 2009–10

Awards

- Polity Prize for “A Government of Creditors: Machiavelli on Genoa, the Bank of San Giorgio, and the Financial Oligarchy,” best research article published in *Polity* in 2022.
- C.B. Macpherson Prize (Canadian Political Science Association) for the best book published in English or French in Political Theory, 2020
- First Book Award (American Political Science Association / Foundations of Political Theory), 2019
- McGill Political Science Students' Association Award for best course in Political Theory, 2015

- Marxist Literary Group, Michael Sprinker Prize in Marxist Theory and Scholarship, 2009

Grants (PI)

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Grant, "Treasure and plunder: the international order and the debris of empire," C\$ 121,882, Ranked 3/58 in Multidisciplinary Social Sciences, 2020-25
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Internal Development Grant, "Left-wing populism and the category of the people" C\$ 5,000, 2020
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Internal Development Grant, "What is a Political Imaginary?" C\$ 7,000, 2018
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Insight Development Grant, "Shipwrecked Sovereignty," C\$ 68,832, Ranked 1/44 in Multidisciplinary Social Sciences, 2016-18
- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Établissement de nouveaux professeurs, "La théorie de violence de Machiavel," C\$ 39,561 + C\$ 10,682 indirect costs, 2014-17
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Internal Development Grant, "Shipwrecked Sovereignty," C\$ 7,000, 2014
- McGill Paper Presentation Grants, C\$ 1,500 2013, 2015, 2018, 2024
- University of Minnesota Imagine Fund Award, US\$ 5,000, 2012-13
- Swiss National Science Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship, "Sieges and Sanctions," US\$ 89,000 + CHF 6,600 travel funds, 2011-2013

Grants (Team)

- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche, "Le pouvoir et la domination en contextes normatif, institutionnel et historique," C\$ 428,992, Co-applicant, 2022-26
- University of Bologna, Italy. Progetti innovativi nell'ambito degli accordi di cooperazione internazionale, "La Storia della filosofia come filosofia politica: Cooperazione internazionale per una didattica innovativa," EUR 19,520, Co-applicant, 2022-23
- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche, "Les frontières de la politique et de la normativité," C\$ 367,404, Co-applicant, 2018-22
- Fonds de Recherche du Québec Société et Culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche, "Les idéaux politiques au-delà de la raison, de la justice, et de l'État-nation," C\$ 302,720, Co-applicant, 2014-18

- McGill Collaborative Research and Development Fund, Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique, C\$5,000, Co-investigator, 2013

Doctorate

- Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship (Alternate), 2008
- Janggen-Pöhn Stiftung, Research Grant, 2007
- Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2007-08
- Berlin Program Fellowship for Advanced German and European Studies, FU Berlin, 2006-07
- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship (declined), 2006-07
- University of California in Paris, Fellowship, 2006
- Wollenberg Grant, University of California, Berkeley, 2003
- Medicus Student Exchange Grant, Swiss Benevolent Society of New York
- Berkeley Fellowship, 2002-2006
- London School of Economics Merit Award, 2000 (declined)

Invited Lectures/Colloquia

- “Does the Left Need Imaginaries? Hope, the Education of Desire, and the Betrayal of Utopia,”
 - Johns Hopkins University Political Theory Workshop, 19 September 2024
 - CUNY Political Theory Workshop, 3 May 2024
- “Collective Imaginary: A Historical Sketch,” University of Pennsylvania Political Theory Workshop, 28 September 2023
- “Machiavelli's History of Florentine Punishment and the Logic of Political Violence,” Kunsthistorisches Institut, Florence, 3 July 2023
- “Toward a New Theory of a Political Imaginary,” Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science Seminar, Princeton, 4 October 2021
- “What is a Social Imaginary?”
 - Colloquium for Practical Philosophy, Humboldt Universität Berlin, 11 June 2020
 - Center for the Humanities and Social Change, Berlin, 8 January 2020
 - Colloquium for Practical Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin, 27 November 2019
- “What is a Political Imaginary?”
 - Cornell Political Theory Workshop, 25 April 2019

- International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Annual Conference, Yale University, 11-12 May, 2018
- “Analyzing State Violence: A Machiavellian Frame,” Machiavelli and Contemporary Politics, 4th Biennial Ideas in Politics Conference, Prague, 15 November, 2019
- “Machiavelli and the Rape of Lucretia”
 - Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, 28 November, 2018
 - Machiavelli in His Time, and Ours, University of Delhi, 8-10 October, 2018
 - Yale Political Theory Workshop, 28 February, 2018
 - McGill Philosophy Interdisciplinary Speaker Series, 2 February, 2018
 - University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, 20 February, 2017
- “Robinson Crusoe and the Origins of Violence: An Episode from Friedrich Engels’s Theory of Violence,” Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, University of Minnesota, 14 October, 2011
- “Anonymous Violence: Machiavelli and the Ciompi Uprising” University of Minnesota, Duluth, 29 April, 2011
- “Is Violence Mute? Machiavelli, Arendt, and the Instrumental Theory of Violence,” Wesleyan University, College for Social Studies, 30 November, 2009
- “What Makes a New War?” Wesleyan University, Center for the Humanities, 16 November, 2009
- “Hannah Arendt, Politics and Violence,” Institut d’Etudes Politiques Paris, 6 June, 2005

Conference Papers and Roundtables

- “Liberty and Punish: Machiavelli’s Anti-Oligarchic History of Florentine Penal Practices,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 5 October 2024
- Roundtable: *Democracy and Empire: Labor, Nature, and the Reproduction of Capitalism* by Inés Valdez, McGill University, Research Group on Global Justice, 18 April 2024
- “Against Concord: Machiavelli’s Conflictualist Theory,” Plenary roundtable, International Machiavelli Society, inaugural conference, Rome, 13-16 December 2023 (invited)
- “Critical Theory and the Imaginary,” Futuring Critical Theory, Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt, 13-15 September 2023 (invited)
- “Imaginations and the Education of Desire,” Political Imagination Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center, 19–20 May 2023 (invited)
- “A History of the Imaginary: Sartre, Lacan, Castoriadis,” Association for Political Theory, Annual

Meeting, Amherst, 12 November 2021

- “Spaces of Violence/Claims of Violence,” *Souveränität und Gewalt*, Internationale Fachtagung, Greifswald, 5 November 2021 (invited)
- “Memorializing Empire at Sea: Spain and the *Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes*,” The Problem of Piracy II: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Plunder by Sea Across the World from the Ancient to the Modern (online), 4–6 August, 2021
- Roundtable: *The Humanity of Universal Crime*, by Sinja Graf, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference (online), 7–10 June, 2021
- “Plebeian Violence: Historical and Contemporary Reflections,” Plebeian Politics Conference, Columbia University (online), 15–18 September, 2020 (invited)
- Roundtable: *Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence*, by Yves Winter, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 28 August – 1 September 2019
- Roundtable: *Reading Machiavelli: Scandalous Books, Suspect Engagements, and the Virtue of Populist Politics*, by John McCormick, American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, 28 August – 1 September 2019
- Roundtable: *Machiavelli in Tumult*, by Gabriele Pedullà, Renaissance Society of America, Annual Meeting, Toronto, 17–19 March 2019
- Roundtable: *Machiavelli's Florentine Republic*, by Michelle T. Clarke, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, 28 February 2019 (invited)
- “The Power and the Politics of Finance: Machiavelli and the Bank of St. George,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston, 30 August 30 – 2 September 2018
- “Staging the Wreck,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 29–31 March 2018
- Roundtable: *Political Responsibility*, by Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, Author Meets Critics Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 13–15 April 2017
- Roundtable: *The End of Progress: Decolonizing the Normative Foundations of Critical Theory*, by Amy Allen, Author Meets Critics, Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 13–15 April 2017
- “Machiavelli's *Istorie Fiorentine* as Chronicle of Popular Revolt,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 1–4 September 2016
- “Machiavelli and the Imagination of Cruelty,” European Consortium for Political Research, 2016 Joint Sessions, Pisa, 24–28 April 2016
- “Disaggregating Machiavellian Violence,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, Boulder, CO, 22–24 October 2015
- “Machiavelli and the Politics of Anti-Cruelty,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 3–6 September 2015

- “Machiavelli’s Violent Republics,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, 17–19 April 2014
- “... *per scelleratezza o altra intollerabile violenza*: Violence, Cruelty, and Force in *The Prince*,” 500 ans de modernité politique. *Le Prince* di Niccolò Machiavelli, Université de Montréal, 27 November 2013 (invited)
- “Violence and Realism in *The Prince*,” Machiavelli’s *The Prince*: Five Centuries of History, Conflict and Politics, International Conference, Brunel University, London, 29–31 May 2013 (invited)
- “Shipwrecked Sovereignty: Neoliberalism and a disputed colonial shipwreck,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 27–30 March 2013
- “Siege,” Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon, Third Annual Conference, New York University, New York, 1–2 March 2013 (invited)
- “The Blockade of Gaza: A Siege?”
 - Dismantling Security, Cambridge University, 14–16 June 2012 (invited)
 - Moving Towards Confinement: Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Politics of Space, Columbia University, New York, 5–6 October 2012 (invited)
- “Robinson Crusoe and the Origins of Violence: An Episode from Friedrich Engels’s Theory of Violence,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Portland, 22–24 March 2012
- “Violence and Bodies in Machiavelli’s *Art of War*,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, 31 August – 5 September 2011
- “Conquest,” Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon, First Annual Conference, The New School, New York, 3–4 December 2010 (invited)
- “Violence and Visibility,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 1–5 September 2010
- “San Quentin 94974—The Everyday Prison,” Roundtable, Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1–3 April 2010
- “Ontologies of Violence,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Providence, 19–20 March 2010
- “Equality and Violence in Machiavelli’s Florentine Histories,” American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, 2–6 September 2009
- “Marx and Engels’s Theories of Violence Reconsidered,” Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, 19–21 March 2009
- “Political Theory and Violence,”
 - Radical Philosophy Association, Biennial Meeting, San Francisco, 6–9 November 2008
 - Association for Political Theory, Annual Conference, Middletown, CT, 9–12 October 2008

- “Primitive Accumulation and the Rationality of Violence,” Association for Political Theory, Annual Conference, London, ON, 11–14 October 2007
- “Violence and Cruelty: Machiavelli’s Politics of Nature,” Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics, Northwestern University, Evanston, 9–10 February 2007
- “Radical Democracy and the ‘New World Order’,” Roundtable, American University of Paris, 6 April 2006
- “Security, Population, Territory: Governmentality Revisited,” Critical Theory in Dark Times, University of Minnesota, 30 April 30 – 1 May 2004

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