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Education

University of Notre Dame

Ph.D., Political Science, Expected May 2019

Fields: Political Theory, International Relations

Dissertation: *Turning Against Oneself: The Internalization of the Subject and the Critique of Culture*

Committee: Ernesto Verdeja (Chair), Dana Villa, Ruth Abbey

M.A., Political Science, Jan. 2016

University of Houston

B.A., Philosophy and Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2014

Thesis: *Optimizing Justice Systems Using Different Decision-Making Theories*

Specialized Training

Cornell University

School of Criticism and Theory, June – July 2017

Birkbeck, University of London

London Critical Theory Summer School, Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, July 2016

University of Kent

Kent Summer School in Critical Theory, University of Kent Paris Centre, June 2016

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Making Liberal Use of Kant? Democratic Peace Theory and *Perpetual Peace*,” *International Relations*. (Forthcoming)

“The *Gaya Scienza* and the Aesthetic Ethos: Marcuse’s Appropriation of Nietzsche in *An Essay on Liberation*,” *Constellations*; Vol. 24, No. 3, 2017: pp. 356-371.

Working Papers

The One Thing Needful: Nietzsche as a Resource for Style in *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (Under Review at *The Germanic Review*)

Kant's Theory of 'Negative' Peace: an Analysis of the 'Preliminary Articles' of *On Perpetual Peace* (with Gary Goertz, Under Review at *International Theory*)

Performative Partisanship? Investigating the Partisan Gender Gap in the Transgender Community (with Hannah Wilson and Meyer Levy)

Book Chapters

“‘White Bear’ and Criminal Punishment: How Far is too Far?” in *Black Mirror and Philosophy*, edited by David Kyle Johnson. New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell. (under contract, with contributions from Christopher Lay)

Reviews

Review of *Marx and Foucault* by Antonio Negri (Wiley). *Review of Politics*. (Solicited, in progress)

Review essay of *A Farewell to Truth* by Gianni Vattimo (Columbia University Press) and *Hermeneutic Communism* by Gianni Vattimo and Santiago Zabala (Columbia University Press). *Thesis Eleven*; Vol. 148, No. 1, 2018: pp. 105-110.

Review of *Making Sense of the Alt-Right* by George Hawley (Columbia University Press). *Phébé Humanities Review par le Point*, No. 33, pp. 10-11 (trans. into French), 11 Feb. 2018.

Review of *Machiavelli's Politics* by Catherine Zuckert (University of Chicago Press). *Phébé Humanities Review par le Point*, No. 19, pp. 10-11 (trans. into French), 22 Oct. 2017.

Review of *Shattered: Inside Hillary Clinton's Doomed Campaign* by Jonathan Allen and Amie Parnes (Crown Publishing Group). *Phébé Humanities Review par le Point*, No. 11, pp. 4-5 (trans. into French), 27 Aug. 2017.

Review of *The Happiness Philosophers: The Lives and Works of the Great Utilitarians* by Bart Shultz (Princeton University Press). *Phébé Humanities Review par le Point*, No. 9, pp. 10-11 (trans. into French), 23 July 2017.

Other Writing

“God may be dead, but Nietzsche isn’t” *Prospect Magazine*. 3 Oct. 2017

Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships

External

Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium Honorarium (\$150), 2018

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association (\$300), 2017

Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (\$125), 2015

Michael and Andrea Leven Scholarship, Institute for Humane Studies (\$1,500), 2015

University of Notre Dame

Nanovic Institute for European Studies Professional Development Grant (\$1,500), 2018

Rome Global Gateway Graduate Research Fellowship (\$1,480), 2018

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant (\$180), 2018

Notebaert Professional Development Award, Graduate School (\$2,525), 2017

Department of Political Science Research Award (\$500), 2017

Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies Research Scholarship (\$1,500), 2017

Kellogg Institute for International Studies Professionalization Grant (\$1,500), 2017

Nanovic Institute for European Studies Professional Development Grant (\$1,117), 2017

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant (\$148), 2017

Nanovic Institute for European Studies Professional Development Grant (\$464), 2017

Notebaert Professional Development Award, Graduate School (\$3,160), 2016

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant (\$100), 2015

Roy and Joan Laughlin Fellowship, Department of Political Science (\$4,000), 2015

University of Houston

Academic Excellence Scholarship, Fall 2010 – Spring 2014

Cullen Leadership Scholarship, Fall 2010 – Spring 2014

Conference Participation

- Panel Chair: "Arendt," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2019
- "The Grand Hotel Abyss: Political Aporia in Frankfurt School Critical Theory," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2019
- "Wrecked Against Infinity: Nietzsche's Critique of Culture and the Role of the Political," Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 2018
- "Performative Partisanship? Investigating the Partisan Gender Gap in the Transgender Community," Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, July 2018
- "*Frankenstein*, The Frankfurt School, and the Domination of Nature," Why *Frankenstein* Matters at 200 Conference, July 2018
- "Dialectic, Genealogy and the Critique of Culture: *Dialektik der Aufklärung* and its Methodological Roots," 11th Annual Critical Theory Conference of Rome, May 2018
- Panel Chair: "Session on *Dialektik der Aufklärung*," 11th Annual Critical Theory Conference of Rome, May 2018
- "Performative Partisanship? Investigating the Partisan Gender Gap in the Transgender Community," Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Conference, Apr. 2018
- "Wrecked Against Infinity: Nietzsche's Critique of Culture and the Role of the Political," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr. 2018
- Panel Chair: "Political Theory and Economics," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr. 2018
- "Performative Partisanship? Investigating the Partisan Gender Gap in the Transgender Community," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2018
- "Rousseau, Perfectability, and *Amour-Propre*: The Beginning of the Critique of Internalization," Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 2017
- "Socialization as Self-Domination: The Necessary Neuroses of Political Life," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 2017
- "Socialization as Self-Domination: The Necessary Neuroses of Political Life," 10th Annual Critical Theory Conference of Rome, May 2017
- "The Arts, Sciences, and History in Rousseau and Kant," Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr. 2017
- Roundtable Participant: "Beyoncé's *Lemonade* as a Redistribution of Cultural Capital," Intersectional Inquiries Conference, University of Notre Dame, Mar. 2017

“The One Thing Needful: Nietzsche as a Resource for Style in *Dialectic of Enlightenment*,”
Nietzsche and Critical Social Theory Conference, San Diego State University, Jan. 2017

Panel Chair: “Nietzsche, Heidegger, Kojève,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2017

"Reflection, Recognition and Reconciliation: Demarcating Rawls's Intellectual Life Using Hegel," Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Jan. 2017

“The One Thing Needful: Nietzsche as a Resource for Style in *Dialectic of Enlightenment*,”
Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 2016

“The *Gaya Scienza* and the Aesthetic Ethos: Marcuse’s Appropriation of Nietzsche in *An Essay on Liberation*,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 2016

“The *Gaya Scienza* and the Aesthetic Ethos: Marcuse’s Appropriation of Nietzsche in *An Essay on Liberation*,” 9th Annual Critical Theory Conference of Rome, May 2016

“Rawls’s Three Hegelian Moments,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 2015

“Kant and Rousseau on the Arts and Sciences,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Sept. 2015

“A New Defense of Hegelian Punishment,” Indiana Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Apr. 2015

Awards, Certifications, and Acknowledgements

Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame, 2018

First Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Instructor Teaching Award (University-Wide), Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame (\$100), 2018

Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award (Department-Wide), Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning & Graduate School, University of Notre Dame (\$100), 2016

Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame, 2015

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

War and Diplomacy, with co-Instructor Professor Michael Desch, Fall 2018

Theories of Punishment, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant (each including two weekly discussion sections)

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Susan Rosato, Spring 2017

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Susan Rosato, Fall 2016

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Tanisha Fazal, Spring 2016
- Guest lecture on liberal institutionalism and democratic peace theory

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Sebastian Rosato, Fall 2015

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Gary Goertz, article entitled “Kant’s Theory of ‘Negative’ Peace: an Analysis of the ‘Preliminary Articles’ of *On Perpetual Peace*,” Summer 2017

Research Assistant for Justin Kirkland and Patrick Shea, article entitled “Federalism, Fiscal Stability, and the Creditworthiness of U.S. State Governments,” Fall 2013

Service

Elected Graduate Policy Committee Student Representative, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame, 2018-2019

Elected Political Theory Field Representative, Political Science Graduate Organization (PoGO), University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017

Elected President of the Political Science Graduate Organization (PoGO), University of Notre Dame, 2015-2016

Referee

Review of Politics

Languages

Spanish – intermediate reading

German – beginning reading

French – beginning reading

References

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Ruth Abbey, Professor of Political Science
University of Notre Dame, Phone: 574-631-6084, rabbey1@nd.edu

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University of Notre Dame, Phone: 574-631-4405, dvilla1@nd.edu

Jeffrey Church, Associate Professor of Political Science
University of Houston, Phone: 713-743-3914, jchurch@uh.edu

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University of Virginia, Phone: 434-924-3192, jhk9y@virginia.edu

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