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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2025 – Associate Senior Instructional Professor, Social Sciences Collegiate Division and Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago
Affiliated Faculty, Department of History
Affiliated Faculty, Department of Political Science
Senior Fellow, Chicago Society of Fellows
Fellow, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory
Faculty Affiliate, Nicholson Center for British Studies
- 2019 – 2025 Assistant Senior Instructional Professor, Social Sciences Collegiate Division and Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago
- 2015 – 2019 Lecturer, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University.
- 2012 – 2015 Harper Schmidt Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Chicago.
- 2013 – 2022 Faculty, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-methods Research, Syracuse University.

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Chicago.
Dissertation: “On the Native Question: Understanding Settler Colonialism’s Logics of Domination.”
- 2007 M.A., Political Science, University of Chicago.
- 2005 M.Phil., International Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 2001 B.Sc., Business, Mathematics and Statistics, London School of Economics.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Books

Experiments in Order: Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, and State Formation in Early New England, manuscript in development.

Peer-reviewed articles

“Sir Edward Coke’s infidel: Imperial anxiety and the colonial origins of a ‘strange extrajudicial opinion,’” *The Journal of Modern History*, 95, No.4 (December 2023): 771-807.

“Francisco de Vitoria and Alberico Gentili on the Juridical Status of Native American Polities,” *Renaissance Quarterly*, 72, No.3 (Fall 2019): 910-952.

“The Treaty of Hartford (1638): Reconsidering Jurisdiction in Southern New England,” *The William and Mary Quarterly*, 3rd Ser., 72, No. 3 (July 2015): 461-98.

- Awarded the 2016 Cromwell Article Prize (American Society for Legal History and William Nelson Cromwell Foundation) for the best article in American legal history published by an early career scholar.

“‘Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: The Co-evolution of State and Slavery in South Carolina, 1670-1739,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 57, No. 3 (July 2015): 606-36.

Book reviews

Review of Bethel Saler, *The Settlers’ Empire: Colonialism and State Formation in America’s Old Northwest*, in the *Journal of American History* 102, No. 4 (March 2016): 1184-85

Other Writing

“Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, and the Politics of Cultural Difference in Early America,” *Uncommon Sense – The Blog*, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, August 28, 2015, <http://blog.oieahc.wm.edu/sovereignty-jurisdiction-and-the-politics-of-cultural-difference-in-early-america/>.

TEACHING

The College, University of Chicago

Fall 2019 –	Classics of Social and Political Thought I.
Winter 2012, 2020 –	Classics of Social and Political Thought II.
Spring 2020 –	Classics of Social and Political Thought III.
Fall 2012 – 2014	Self, Culture, and Society I.
Winter 2013 – 2015	Self, Culture, and Society II.
Spring 2013 – 2014	Self, Culture, and Society III.

Department of Political Science, University of Chicago

2026	Understanding One Another in a World of Evil (co-taught with Andrew Brandel)
2023, 2024	Through the Prism of an Intellectual Life: Thinking through conversation in the ruins of empire.
2021, 2022, 2024	Utopia’s Eclipse? The Horizon of Political Hope in the Wake of Empire and Revolution.
2010 – 2012	M.A. Workshop Leader, Political Science.
2008 – 2009	B.A. Advisor, Political Science.

Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University

Fall 2015 – 2018	Introduction to Social Studies a.
Spring 2016 – 2019	Introduction to Social Studies b.
Spring 2016 – 2019	Empire and Colonialism in the Modern World.
2016 – 2019	Senior Thesis Seminar.
2016 – 2019	Historical Methods Workshop.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research

2013 – 2022	Interpretive Methods for Archival and Historical Research.
2015 – 2022	Discourse Analysis and Intellectual History.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026	Grant in support of <i>Revolutionary Disappointment and Recalibration</i> , Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago
2023	Fellow, Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory
2022	Parrhesia Course Cluster Development Grant, University of Chicago.
2020	Glenn and Claire Swogger Award for Exemplary Classroom Teaching, The College, University of Chicago.
2017	The Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize for excellence in advising a senior thesis, Harvard College.
2017	The Stanley Hoffmann Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard College.
2016	Cromwell Article Prize, American Society for Legal History and William Nelson Cromwell Foundation.
2015 – 2019	Certificate for Teaching Excellence, Harvard University.
2012 – 2015	Harper-Schmidt Fellowship, Society of Fellows, University of Chicago.
2012	Graduate Student Travel Grant, Law and Society Association.
2011	Travel Grant, American Political Science Association.
2010, 2012	Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship, University of Chicago.
2009, 2010	Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (declined).
2008 – 2011	Hanna Holborn Gray Advanced Fellowship in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
2008	Political Science Dissertation Research Award, University of Chicago.
2008	Provost's Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago (declined).
2008	Norman Wait Harris Fund Award, University of Chicago.
2005 – 2008	University Fellowship, University of Chicago.
2004	Cambridge European Trust Bursary, University of Cambridge.

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP, AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Mar. 2026	“Must We Mean What He Says? Thomas Hobbes on Sovereignty, Obligation, and Our Problematic Life With Language,” <i>Political Theory Workshop</i> , University of Chicago, Chicago.
Mar. 2024	“ <i>The Stuart Hall Project</i> (dir. John Akomfrah, BFI, 2014), <i>Forum on Contemporary Theory</i> , Alleppey, India.

- May 2022 “‘The Bounds of their Lands’: Place and Space in Native New England,” *Political Theory Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Apr. 2022 “Monstrous and corrupted bodies politic: Imperialism, migration, and anxieties of disorder in seventeenth-century England,” *Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Dublin, Ireland.
- Jan. 2022 “Sir Edward Coke’s infidel: Imperial anxiety and the colonial origins of a ‘strange extrajudicial opinion,’” British and Imperial History Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Nov. 2020 “‘The Bounds of their Lands’: Place and Space in Native New England,” *North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting*, virtual.
- May 2018 “From Jurisdiction to Sovereignty: The Ideological Enclosure of the Americas,” *Political Theory Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- April 2018 “The Uses and Disadvantages of ‘Culture’ for Political Life,” Lecture, City College of New York, New York.
- Jan 2018 “By What Warrant? Debating Property and Jurisdiction in Colonial Massachusetts,” *Comparative Politics Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Dec. 2017 “The Uses and Disadvantages of ‘Culture’ for Early American History,” *American Cultures Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- June 2017 “Colonization and Cultural Difference,” *Annual Conference of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture*, Ann Arbor.
- Apr. 2017 “Colonization and Cultural Difference,” *Global Enlightenment: An Interdisciplinary Conference*, Princeton.
- Nov. 2016 “Belonging and the body politic: Friends and enemies in the English Atlantic,” *Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, Chicago.
- June 2016 “Establishing order, excluding Englishmen, and incorporating Indians: The structure of authority in the Massachusetts Bay Colony,” *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, New Orleans.
- May 2015 “Law, Sovereignty, and Empire in the Atlantic World,” *Early Modern History Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- May 2015 “Law, Sovereignty, and Empire in the Atlantic World,” *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Seattle.
- May 2014 “The 1638 ‘Treaty of Hartford’ Reconsidered: Jurisdiction in English-Indian relations,” *Annual Weissbourd Conference*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Apr. 2014 “Civilizing the Colonial Subject: The Co-evolution of State and Slavery in South Carolina, 1670-1739,” *The Reproduction of Race and Racial Ideologies Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Nov. 2013 “State, Colony, Empire: The Official Ideology of English Colonialism,” *Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, Chicago.
- Nov. 2013 “State, Colony, Empire: The Official Ideology of English Colonialism,” *Society of Fellows Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- May 2013 “‘Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: Servitude, Slavery, and State Formation in Colonial South Carolina before the Stono Rebellion,” *Social Theory Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- June 2012 “Spaces of Law: The Making of Colonial Jurisdiction in New England,” *Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association*, Honolulu.
- Nov. 2011 “‘Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: Servitude, Slavery, and State Formation in Colonial South Carolina,” *Political Theory Colloquium*, The New School for Social Research, New York.

- Nov. 2011 “The Making of a ‘Cultural’ Frontier,” *Comparative Politics Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Oct. 2011 “Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: Servitude, Slavery, and State Formation in Colonial South Carolina,” *Political Theory Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Sept. 2011 “‘Not ... just as they please’: Humility and interpretation in the colonial archive,” *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Seattle.
- Sept. 2011 “Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: Servitude, Slavery, and State Formation in Colonial South Carolina,” *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Seattle.
- May 2011 “Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: Servitude, Slavery, and State Formation in Colonial South Carolina,” *Theorizing Race: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Race and Ethnicity*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Mar. 2011 “Civilizing’ the Colonial Subject: Servitude, Slavery, and State Formation in Colonial South Carolina,” *Critical Ethnic Studies and the Future of Genocide*, UC Riverside, Riverside.
- May 2009 “On the ‘native question:’ Understanding settler colonialism’s logics of domination,” *Whitehall’s Many Shadows: Divergent Political Pathways from British Colonialism*, Chicago.
- Mar. 2009 “On the ‘native question:’ Understanding settler colonialism’s logics of domination,” *Comparative Politics Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago, March 2009.
- Nov. 2007 “Making Sense of Survival: Rethinking State Interests in IR Theory,” *Political Theory Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago.
- Oct. 2007 “Making Sense of Survival: Rethinking State Interests in IR Theory,” *Program on International Security Policy*, University of Chicago, Chicago.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University service

- 2025-26 Member, University Writing Program Search Committee
- 2024 – Director, Harper-Schmidt Search Committee (Social Sciences)
- 2024 – Marshall, Mitchell, Rhodes Campus Faculty Nomination Committee
- 2023 – Chicago Center for Contemporary Theory, Program Committee
- 2019 – Co-Chair, Classics of Social and Political Thought, Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago.
- 2019 – Senior Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Chicago.
- 2022 – 2023 Member, Core Conversations Organizing Committee
- 2020 – 2021 Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Course and Core Innovation, Social Sciences Collegiate Division, University of Chicago.
- 2015 – 2019 Member of the Board of Advisors, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University.
- 2013 – 2015 Member of the College Council, University of Chicago (Elected).
- 2013 – 2014 Junior Co-Chair, Society of Fellows, University of Chicago, (Elected).
- 2014 Faculty representative, Workshop on Teaching in the College, University of Chicago.
- 2008 – 2009 Graduate Student Member, Political Science Hiring Committee, Comparative Politics, University of Chicago.

Conference participation

Conference organizer

May 2009 “Whitehall’s Many Shadows: Divergent Political Pathways from British Colonialism,” University of Chicago (co-organizer).

Panel organizer

Nov. 2016 “Between Force and Power: The Problem of Sovereign Authority in State and Empire,” *Social Science History Association*, Annual Meeting, Chicago (co-organizer).

May 2015 “Promising Progress, Producing Difference: Law in Colonial Contexts,” *Law and Society Association*, Annual Meeting, Seattle (co-organizer).

Nov. 2013 “Theory and Practice of Empire and Colonialism: A Comparative Investigation,” *Social Science History Association*, Annual Meeting, Chicago (co-organizer).

Sept. 2012 “Law and Lawlessness: The Production of State Power in Colonial and Early Republican America,” *American Political Science Association*, Annual Meeting, Seattle.

Discussant

Jan. 2024 “Author meets critics: Richard Franklin Bense, *The Founding of Modern States* (Cambridge University Press, 2022),” *Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association*, New Orleans.

Mar. 2022 “Law and Indigeneity I: Native Treaties and Petitions,” *Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America*, Dublin, Ireland.

May 2018 “Historical Perspectives on Policy, Politics, and the American State,” *Policy History Conference*, Tempe.

Oct. 2017 “What is a Case? Units of Analysis,” *Rethinking Comparison in the Social Sciences*, City College of New York, New York.

Sept 2017 “Interpretive Methods in Contemporary Political Science,” *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco.

May 2016 *Approaches to Islamic Law in Society*, New York University, New York.

May 2015 *Approaches to Islamic Law in Society*, New York University, New York.

Apr. 2015 “Legislating, Administering, Experimenting,” *Imperial Transformations: A Graduate Conference on Ecology, Bureaucracy, and Ritual in the British Atlantic, 17th-20th centuries*, University of Chicago, Chicago.

May 2014 *Approaches to Islamic Law in Society*, New York University, New York.

May 2013 “Managing change under global capitalism,” *The Arab Uprisings: Politics and Ethics in the Present*, University of Chicago, Chicago.

Reviewer

American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Studies in Society and History, History of Political Thought, The Leverhulme Trust, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, The William and Mary Quarterly.