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Academic Appointments

University of California, Berkeley <i>Department of Political Science</i> Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2019–present <i>Department of Ancient Greek and Roman Studies</i> Courtesy appointment, 2020–present <i>Interdisciplinary Studies Field</i> Faculty Advisory Board, 2024–present	Berkeley, CA
Yale University <i>Department of Political Science</i> Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2017–2019 Lecturer, 2015/16 <i>Department of Humanities</i> Lecturer, 2015/16	New Haven, CT
Harvard University <i>Society of Fellows</i> Junior Fellow, 2013–2015	Cambridge, MA

Education

Harvard University Ph.D. Political Science, 2013 Winner of Toppan Prize for the best dissertation in Political Science M.A. Political Science, 2008	Cambridge, MA
University of Cambridge M.Phil. Political Theory and Intellectual History, 2005	Cambridge, UK
University of Oxford B.A. (Hons) Modern History and English Literature, 2002 Double first class degree, also ranked first in class	Oxford, UK

Book in Press

Demos: How the People Ruled Athens (Princeton University Press, 2027; \$3000 advance).
US publication January 12, 2027; UK publication March 9, 2027. Proofs available on request.
Reviews or symposia forthcoming in the *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of Sortition*,
Polis, and the *Review of Politics*.

Book Manuscript in Progress

Democracy: How the People Lost Power (under contract, Princeton University Press; \$25,000 advance). Research and writing in progress. Prospectus available on request.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 1) “The Point of History: Aristotle and the Making of Tradition.” In *Stranger than History: Historical Integrity as Poetic Truth*, edited by Jane Garnett (Routledge 2027, in press). Special double issue of *Angelaki: The Journal of the Theoretical Humanities*.
- 2) “Rousseauian Sovereignty: The Willingness of All.” *Journal of Sortition* 1 (2025):182–203.
- 3) “The Popular Courts in Athenian Democracy.” *Journal of Politics* 84 (2022):1997–2010.
- 4) “*Kratos* and Other Forms of Power in the Two *Constitutions of the Athenians*.” *Polis, The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 39 (2022):466–497.
- 5) “Representation in Ancient Greek Democracy.” *History of Political Thought* 42 (2021):567–601.
- 6) “Deliberation and Discussion in Classical Athens.” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 29 (2021):135–166.
- 7) “Deliberation in Ancient Greek Assemblies.” *Classical Philology* 115 (2020):486–522.
- 8) “The *Dēmos* in *Dēmokratia*.” *Classical Quarterly* 69 (2019):42–61.
- 9) “Plato and Athenian Justice.” *History of Political Thought* 36 (2015):611–642.
- 10) “Aristotle’s Denial of Deliberation about Ends.” *Polis, The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 30 (2013):228–250.
- 11) “Aristotle on the Virtue of the Multitude.” *Political Theory* 41 (2013):175–202.

Book Chapters and Symposium Contributions

- 1) “Classical Democracy.” In *The De Gruyter Handbook of Democratic Theory*, edited by Nadia Urbinati, Cristina Lafont, and David Ragazzoni (De Gruyter/Brill, forthcoming).
- 2) “Mass Participation in the *Polis*.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Greek Political Thought*, edited by Carol Atack (Oxford University Press 2027, in press).
- 3) “Why Popular Participation? Collective Action, Majoritarianism and Solidarity in Ancient Greece.” In *Popular Political Participation from Archaic Greece to the Late Hellenistic Period: The Assemblies of the Greek Cities Beyond Athens* Volume I, edited by Thierry Oppeneer and Arjan Zuiderhoek (Bloomsbury, 2026), 39–69.
- 4) “Representing and Being Represented in Turn’ – A Symposium on Hélène Landemore’s Open Democracy,” by Jane Mansbridge, Joshua Cohen, Daniela Cammack, Peter Stone, Christopher Achen, Ethan Leib, and Hélène Landemore. *Journal of Deliberative Democracy* 18 (2022):1–12 [co-authored publication: one 1400-word section mine].
- 5) “Were the Ancient Greeks Epistemic Democrats?” In *The Discovery of the Fact*, edited by Clifford Ando and William Sullivan (University of Michigan Press, 2020), 9–38.
- Volume reviewed in the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, *Sun News Tucson*, and *Phoenix*.
- 6) “Liberal Ends, Democratic Means? A Response to Josiah Ober’s *Demopolis*.” *Polis, The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought* 36 (2019):516–523.
- 7) “Democracy and Decay.” In *Decadence and Decay*, edited by Kurt Almqvist and Mattias Hessérus (Bokförlaget Stolpe, 2019), 103–115.

Book Reviews

- 1) Review of Edwin Carawan, *Control of the Laws in the Ancient Democracy at Athens* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020). *The Review of Politics* 86 (2024):416–418.
- 2) Review of *Democracy and Goodness: A Historicist Political Theory* by John Wallach (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018). *Perspectives on Politics* 18 (2020):249–250.
- 3) “Aristotle, Athens and Beyond.” Review of Andrew Lintott, *Aristotle’s Political Philosophy in its Historical Context: A new translation and commentary on Politics books 5 and 6* (London: Routledge, 2018). *Classical Review* 69 (2018):63–65.

Cited Unpublished Papers

- 1) “Not Talking but Thinking and Voting: Democratic Deliberation in Classical Athens.” UC Berkeley Rhetoric Colloquium, March 3, 2017.

- 2) “The Democratic Significance of the Athenian Courts.” Written for inclusion in *Decline: Decadence, Decay and Decline in History and Society*, edited by William O’Reilly (Central European University Press: contracted 2016).
- 3) “Marx, Engels and the French Revolution.” Presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Wesleyan University, Middleton CT, October 11, 2008.

Articles in Progress

- 1) “Populism and the Rule of the Few.” Comment on Part IV of *In the Name of the People: Facets of Populism in Ancient Greece and Rome*, edited by Christoph Lundgreen and Henriette van der Blom (forthcoming 2027).
- 2) “The Tribune’s Two Bodies: Convening Power, Sacrosanctity and the Birth of Populism” (presented at APSA 2020 and the Berkeley Political Theory Workshop, September 21, 2026).
- 3) “Convening Power in Ancient Greece, Rome, and Today” (presented at APSA 2023).
- 4) “Sovereignty and Government in Hobbes’s *Peloponnesian Warre*” (presented at All Souls College, Oxford, June 26, 2026).

Editing and Refereeing

History of Political Thought

Executive Editor (from September 2026)

Assistant Editor (May 2025–August 2026)

Polis, The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought

Associate Editor (2022–)

Responsible for submissions on either i) Plato or ii) historical themes

The Journal of Sortition

Editorial Advisory Board member (2024–)

Who’s In Charge? (Dorling Kindersley, 2010)

Consultant Editor

Journal refereeing: *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *Apeiron*; *Classical Receptions*; *Classical World*; *European Journal of Political Theory*; *History of Philosophy Quarterly*; *History of Political Thought*; *Journal of Historical Sociology*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Sortition*; *Polis, The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought*; *Political Science Review*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Theory*; *Review of Politics*.

Book proposal refereeing: Bloomsbury Academic; Oxford University Press.

Fellowships refereeing: Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Freiburg (Germany).

Prizes, Awards, Fellowships

Visiting Research Fellow, Stanford Law School, 2015/16.

Robert Noxon Toppan Prize for best dissertation on a subject of political science (\$5,000), Harvard University, 2013.

Northeastern Political Science Association Women’s Caucus Award for best paper by a woman political scientist, 2012.

Northeastern Political Science Association Award for best paper by a graduate student, 2012.

Mahindra Humanities Center Interdisciplinary Dissertation Completion Fellowship (graduate tuition and stipend for one year), Harvard University, 2010/11.

Dissertation Research Fellowship (graduate tuition and stipend for one year), Program on Justice, Welfare and Economics, Harvard University, 2009/10.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2009.

Graduate Fellow, Center for European Studies, 2008/09.

Harvard Summer School Fellowship (tuition coverage for intensive Latin study), Harvard University, 2008.
 Judith Nisse Shklar Prize Studentship, Harvard University, 2006.
 George and Patricia White Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2006–2008.
 Research Master’s Award, UK Arts and Humanities Research Board (£12,400), 2004/05.
 Prize Studentship (£600), Centre for History and Economics, University of Cambridge, 2004.
 Von Clemm Fellowship (\$56,000), Harvard University, 2003/04.
 Gibbs Book Prize in History, University of Oxford, 2002.
 Wadham College Prizes, University of Oxford, 2000 and 2002.
 Wadham College Junior Scholarship, University of Oxford, 2000–02.
 Oxford and Cambridge Examinations and Assessment Council, Certificate of Distinction for A Level Modern History (awarded for receiving highest marks in UK national examinations), 1998.

Public Media and Press Coverage

- 2026 Interview with Anand Giridharadas for *The Ink* (recording in fall 2026).
 Interview with Toby Miller, *Cultural Studies* podcast (recording in September 2026).
 Interview with Christopher Ketcham for *Rebels Against Oblivion* (Henry Holt, forthcoming 2027).
- 2024 “Ruling through nomos: Democracy and Law-Making in Ancient Greece.” 90-minute discussion with Professor Bill Hurst, *Ancient Geopolitics* series, Centre for Geopolitics, University of Cambridge. Broadcast June 10.
- 2023 KPFA Letters & Politics with Mitch Jeserich. Hour-long interview on ancient Athenian democracy and its judicial system. Broadcast April 4. Unedited video version available on the KPFA YouTube channel [here](#); edited audio version (as broadcast on KPFA) [here](#).
- 2019 BBC Radio 4 (UK). Interview on representation in ancient and modern democracies. Part of a three-part series entitled “Rethinking Representation” presented by David Runciman. Broadcast May 31.
 Michael Tomasky, “Athens Saved its Democracy. Will America?” *The Daily Beast*, April 2.
- 2015 AXESS Television (Sweden). Half-hour interview with Niklas Ekdal on democracy ancient and modern. Part of a six-part series, “Historien om förfallet” (The story of decadence). Broadcast June 23, archived [here](#).

Events for *Demos: How the People Ruled Athens*

- 2027 University of Chicago (planning underway)
 Yale University, Center for Civic Thought (planning underway)
 Columbia University, University Seminar in Social and Political Thought. With Richard Billows, Nadia Urbinati, and Jeremy Kessler, April 2 (upcoming).
 University of Houston. With Joshua Freed, March 27 (upcoming).
 Southern Methodist University. With Avshalom Schwartz, March 24 (upcoming).
 Duke University. With Jedediah Britton-Purdy, February 11 (upcoming).
 Pennsylvania State University, McCourtney Institute of Democracy. January 14 (upcoming).
- 2026 NYU, Institute for International Law and Justice, November 19 (upcoming).
 Princeton University, University Center for Human Values. With Edward Baring and Matt Simonton, November 17 (upcoming).
 UC Berkeley, Social Science Matrix. With Dylan Riley, James Porter, and Kinch Hoekstra, October 1 (upcoming).

American Political Science Association. With Jane Mansbridge, Kinch Hoekstra, Hélène Landemore, Shterna Friedman, Mark Fisher, and Avshalom Schwartz, September 4.

- 2024 Day-long book manuscript workshop sponsored by the Kadish Center for Morality, Law, and Public Affairs, Berkeley Law School, November 12. With Kinch Hoekstra, Anna Stilz, and Emily Mackil.

Invited Talks, Keynotes, and Lectures

- 2027 “The *Demokratikos* in Republic VIII.” Translation workshop on Plato’s *Republic*, Pennsylvania State University, January 14–17 (upcoming).
- 2026 “Why Not *Demokratia*?” Lecture series on Constitutional Debates, Center for Classical Studies, University of Regensburg, Germany, November 25 (upcoming).
“Demotic Rule through *Nomos*.” Lecture series on Anchoring Athenian Democracy, Universities of Utrecht and Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 3 (online, upcoming).
“Surrendering to the *Demos*: The Construction of Popular Legitimacy in Ancient Greece.” Workshop on concepts of the people, hosted by Amy Russell and Matt Simonton, Brown University, October 9–10 (upcoming).
“Sovereignty and Government in Hobbes’s *Peloponnesian War*.” Workshop on forms of government in Hobbes’s Thucydides, hosted by Noel Malcolm, Kinch Hoekstra, and Luca Iori. All Souls College, University of Oxford, June 26.
“The Idea of Democracy.” UC Berkeley Interdisciplinary Studies Field, Inaugural Research Symposium. With a response by Dylan Riley (UC Berkeley, Sociology), April 17.
“The Good Life—Some Ancient Greek Perspectives.” Response to “The Good Life after the Age of Growth,” Kadish Lecture (Berkeley Law School), given by Daniel Markovits, April 2.
“What was ancient Greek democracy and why does it matter?” Colloquium Lecture, Dharma Realm Buddhist University, Ukiah, CA. February 16.
- 2024 “The *Demos* as *Plethos* and *Polis*.” Colloquium for Ancient Rhetoric, November 15 (online). Discussant: Mirko Canevaro, University of Edinburgh, UK.
“Modern Democracy and Ancient Greek Oligarchy.” Letters & Sciences Faculty Forum, UC Berkeley, February 26.
“Why Popular Participation?” Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, University of Cambridge, May 13. Discussant: Carol Attack, University of Cambridge.
“Why Popular Participation?” UCLA Political Theory Workshop, January 19.
- 2023 “Why Popular Participation?” Yale Political Theory Workshop, November 8.
“The Nature and Invention of Freedom.” Panel with Orlando Patterson and Ricarda Hammer. UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix, May 2.
Keynote, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, April 28.
- 2022 Keynote, University of Brasilia, Brazil, Archai UNESCO Chair XIX International Archai Seminar on “Ancient Democracy Revisited,” August 22–26 (online).
Keynote, conference on Popular Participation beyond Athens, University of Ghent, Belgium, May 27–28 (online).
“Crowd Power.” Department of Classics, University of Toronto, Canada, March 25 (online).
- 2021 “Crowd Power.” Critical Antiquities, University of Sydney, Australia, December 2/3 (online).
Keynote, Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory, Stanford University, June 4 (online).
“Representation in Ancient Greek Democracy.” Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, May 21 (online).

“Crowd Power.” Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, March 19 (online).
 “Representation in Ancient Greek Democracy.” Kadish Workshop on Philosophy, Politics, and Law. UC Berkeley, February 12 (online).
 Seminar on Representation, Prof. Wendy Salkin, Stanford University, January 13 (online).

- 2020 “Democracy, Antiquity and the Present.” Conversation with Gervase Rosser and Johanna Hanink. Ertegun House, University of Oxford, October 29 (online).
 “The *Demos* and Deliberation.” Deep Springs College, CA, June 20 (online).
 “The Popular Courts in Athenian Democracy.” Political Theory Workshop, Duke University, April 2, 2020 (online).
 “The Popular Courts in Athenian Democracy.” Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, February 28, 2020.
- 2019 “Representation in Ancient Greek Democracy.” Political Theory Workshop, UC San Diego, December 2.
 “The *Dēmos* in *Dēmokratia*.” Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Colloquium, UC Berkeley, September 30.
 “Deliberation in Ancient Greek Assemblies.” Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, February 14.
- 2017 “Democratic Deliberation in Classical Athens.” Seminar co-sponsored by the departments of Rhetoric, Classics and Political Science, UC Berkeley, March 3.
 “Democratic Deliberation in Classical Athens.” Workshop in Ethics and Politics, Ancient and Modern, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University, February 2.
- 2016 “Were the Ancient Greeks Epistemic Democrats?” Seminar on the History of Political Ideas, Institute of Historical Research, University of London (UK), November 16.
 “Were the Ancient Greeks Epistemic Democrats?” Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, Stanford University, October 29.
 “Were the Ancient Greeks Epistemic Democrats?” Conference on the Discovery of the Fact, University of Chicago, April 1.
 “Leading without Ruling: The Role of the Political Elite in Democratic Athens.” Sir Thomas More Lecture, Yale Political Union (Conservative Party), Yale University, February 26.
- 2015 “Athens in 399: A Watershed Moment?” Humanities Department Colloquium (Directed Studies program), Yale University, October 8.
 “How the *Demos* Ruled Classical Athens.” Classics Department, Rice University, March 12.
 “The Decay of Democracy.” Ax:son Johnson Foundation Seminar, Harvard University, February 24.
- 2013 “Deliberation in Classical Athens: Not Talking but Thinking.” Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, University of Cambridge, October 21.
 “Archaic and Early Classical Greek Politics” and “Politics in Fourth-Century Athens.” Representative Government Colloquium, Yale University, April 4 and 18.

Author Meets Critics Panels

- 2026 “Thornton Lockwood’s *Aristotle on Justice*.” With Thornton Lockwood, Ryan Balot, Jill Frank, Ann Ward, and Jonny Thakkar. American Political Science Association, September 4.
- 2022 “Rob Goodman’s *Words on Fire*.” With Rob Goodman, Nathan Pippenger, Jennie Ikuta, Mark Warren, and Robinson Woodward. Western Political Science Association, March 10 (online).

“Jeff Miller’s *Democracy in Crisis: Lessons from Ancient Athens*.” With Jeff Miller, Iain Hampsher-Monk, Yves Sintomer, Paul Cartledge, and Hélène Landemore. Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought, University of Oxford, January 7 (online).

2020 “Hélène Landemore’s *Open Democracy*.” With Hélène Landemore, Jane Mansbridge, Christophen Achen, Joshua Cohen, David Farrell, and Ethan Leib. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 11 (online).

2018 “James Miller’s *Can Democracy Work?*” With James Miller and Hélène Landemore. Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, October 24, 2018.

“Josiah Ober’s *Demopolis*.” With Josiah Ober, Jane Mansbridge, Nadia Urbinati, and John McCormick. American Political Science Association, August 30.

2012 “Eugene Garver’s *Aristotle’s Politics*.” With Eugene Garver, Bryan Garsten and Bernard Yack. Northeastern Political Science Association, November 15.

Other Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012–13, 2018, 2020, 2023, 2025–26).

Association for Political Theory Conference (2008, 2019).

Center for History and Economics Workshop, Harvard University (2008).

Centre for History and Economics Workshop, University of Cambridge (2005).

Harvard Society of Fellows Annual Retreat (2014).

Harvard Society of Fellows Seminar (2014).

Harvard Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics Workshop (2009).

Harvard Political Theory Workshop (2008–2012).

International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (2021).

Kadish Center Faculty Workshop, UC Berkeley (2020).

Mahindra Humanities Center Workshop, Harvard University (2011).

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012–2014).

Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2011–2015, 2017).

UC Berkeley Political Theory Workshop (2020–2026).

UC Berkeley Ancient Greek and Roman Studies, Ancient Comedy (2023).

UC Berkeley Ancient Greek and Roman Studies, Work-in-progress (2022).

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2022, 2023).

Yale Interdisciplinary Working Group for the Study of Antiquity (2016).

Yale Classics Works-in-Progress Workshop (2015).

University Teaching

Except where noted, I have been responsible for the design and execution of all the following courses, including the selection and preparation of readings (typically in the form of a hard copy coursepack, supplemented by books as appropriate), lecture preparation and delivery, meeting with all students outside class, and final assessment. In the case of undergraduate lecture courses, I have additionally supervised between one and four graduate student instructors (depending on the size of the course), who ran discussion sections and graded papers and exams. In the case of undergraduate and graduate seminars, the responsibility for leading discussion and grading has been mine. I have included the mean student evaluation for each course, as well as (in the case of lectures) the number of students enrolled. Full teaching evaluations and syllabi are available on request.

BERKELEY

Graduate seminars

Ancient and Medieval Political Thought: Plato to Marsilius. Fall 2019, 6.5/7.

Aristotle in Context. Fall 2025, 6.7/7.

Aristotle's *Politics*. Co-taught with Prof. Kinch Hoekstra. Fall 2021, 5.3/7.
 Collective Action, Majoritarianism, and Solidarity. Fall 2023, 7/7.
 Founders and Rebels: Fundamental Texts (graduate edition). Spring 2027 (upcoming).
 Liberty, Ancient and Modern. Spring 2021, 6.7/7.
 Political Representation. Spring 2023, 7/7.
 Political Thought of the French Revolution. Spring 2024, 6.1/7.
 Political Theory Workshop. Faculty convenor in Spring 2023, Spring 2024, AY 2024/25, Fall 2025, and AY 2026/27. Evaluations consistently 7/7.

Advanced undergraduate courses

Ancient Greek Politics and Political Thought. Lecture course. Spring 2025: 108 enrolled, 6.4/7.
 Spring 2022: 162 enrolled, 6.3/7.
 Democracy Ancient and Modern. Lecture course. Spring 2023: 140 enrolled, 6.1/7.
 Founders and Rebels: Fundamental Texts (Interdisciplinary Studies Field). Spring 2027 (upcoming).
 Modern Political Thought. Lecture course. Spring 2024: 155 enrolled, 6.1/7. Spring 2021: 216 enrolled, 5.7/7.
 Plato, Aristotle, Cicero. Junior seminar. Spring 2025, 6.7/7. Spring 2022, 6.9/7.

First-Year Courses

Athenian Democracy. Freshman seminar. Fall 2026. Spring 2021: 6.4/7. Spring 2022: 7/7.
 Democracy Ancient and Modern. Hub seminar, Letters and Science Pathways program. Fall 2026. Fall 2025, 6.25/7. Fall 2024, 6.3/7.

No-credit teaching:

Marx's *Capital*. Graduate reading group. Summer 2020 (co-convenor, with David Singh Grewal)
 Plato's *Statesman*. Graduate reading group. Summer and Fall 2020 (convenor)
 DeCal on Marxism (student-taught program: faculty sponsor)

YALE

Dual-level graduate and advanced undergraduate seminars

Advanced Topics in Ancient Political Thought: Plato, Aristotle, Cicero. Fall 2018, 4.6/5.
 Ancient Greek Political Development. Spring 2016: 4.8/5. Fall 2018, 4.5/5.

Advanced undergraduate courses

Classics of Ethics, Politics & Economics. Seminar. Required for students majoring in Ethics, Politics & Economics. Spring 2018, 4.4/5.
 Democracy Ancient and Modern. Lecture course. Spring 2019: 20 enrolled, 4.8/5.

First-Year Courses

Historical and Political Thought from Herodotus to Machiavelli. Intensive seminar in Yale's Directed Studies program (syllabus centrally designed). Fall 2015: 4.9/5.

HARVARD

Courses for which I was a teaching fellow, with responsibility only for discussion sections and grading:

Democratic Theory. Instructor: Prof. Jane Mansbridge, Harvard Kennedy School, Spring 2009.
 Graduate lecture course. One section: personal evaluation 5/5.
 Ancient and Medieval Political Thought. Instructor: Prof. Richard Tuck, Government Department, Fall 2008. Undergraduate lecture course. Two sections: personal evaluation 4.4/5.

Academic Advising

GRADUATE—DISSERTATION COMMITTEE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR

Current students

- Aaron Zielinski. First-year advisor (2021/22); MA Paper advisor (2022/23); qualifying exam committee chair (2024); dissertation committee co-chair (2024–).
- Douglas Van Steel. Qualifying exam committee chair (2023); dissertation committee co-chair (2023–).

Completed students

- Thomas Lee, PhD. 2025 (UC Berkeley). As of September 2025, teacher at the Kang Chiao International School, Taipei, Taiwan. “The Satisfaction of Desire: Aristophanes and Thucydides on the Problem of Athenian Eros.” Qualifying exam committee chair (2021); dissertation committee (2021–2025); dissertation committee co-chair (2025).

GRADUATE—DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

Current students

- Laura Ramírez (Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Berkeley Law). (2025–).
- Britt Leake (Comparative Politics). Qualifying exam committee, 2023; dissertation committee (2023–).

Completed students

- Eero Arum, PhD 2026 (UC Berkeley). As of July 2026, postdoc at Princeton; from July 2027, Assistant Professor at UT Austin. Independent study (2022); qualifying exam committee chair (2024); dissertation committee (2024–2026).
- Sam Stevens, PhD 2025 (UC Berkeley). As of July 2026, Lecturer at Tufts University. “The Politics of Mathematics in Plato’s *Republic*.” Dissertation committee (2019–2025).
- Samuel Chan, PhD 2024 (UC Berkeley). As of July 2025, Assistant Professor at Occidental College. “Entangled Peoplehood.” Qualifying exam committee (2021); dissertation committee (2021–2024).
- Shterna Friedman, PhD 2023 (UC Berkeley). As of July 2024, Assistant Professor, Harvard University. “Kant, Hegel, and the Rise of Systemic Social Theory.” Dissertation committee (2020–2023).
- Chris Chambers, PhD 2023 (Yale). As of July 2023, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. “Specters of Degradation: Poverty and Uplift in Modern Political Thought.” First-year advisor (2018/19), qualifying exam committee (2021), dissertation committee (2021–2023).
- Joshua Freed, PhD 2023 (UC Berkeley). As of July 2025, Assistant Professor, University of Houston. “Ghost of the Empire: Church, Law, and the Public Sphere, 1350–1650.” Qualifying exam committee chair (2020), dissertation committee (2020–2023).
- Leonard McMahon, PhD 2023 (Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley CA). As of Fall 2022, Assistant Professor at the Pacific School of Religion. “Together and Apart: An Apophatic Approach to Self, Politics, and Race.” Preliminary exam committee (2021), prospectus defence committee (2022), dissertation committee (2023).

ADDITIONAL GRADUATE AND EARLY CAREER ADVISING, MENTORING, OR EXAMINING

Berkeley

- Anna Closas i Casasampera (2020–2026), Kristin Zuhone (2021), Max Walker (School of Journalism, 2021–2023), Antonia Alksnis (2020–2024), Warren Thimothe (Philosophy, 2022–2024), Brian Charles (2022–2026), Aliosha Bielenberg (Rhetoric, 2022–2024), Grey Liu (2023/24), Tom Gilbert (Machine Ethics and Epistemology, 2019–2021), Gio Maria Tessarolo (2023–2026).

Beyond Berkeley

Mila Sutphin (New School, 2025), Cole Phelps (Cambridge, 2019–2022), Farheen Maqbool (Yale and University of Maryland, 2020–2022), Leland Stange (Yale and Cambridge, 2019–2022), Jordan Jochim (University of Chicago, 2022), Soren Dudley (Harvard, 2025), Avshalom Schwartz (Stanford and SMU, 2023–), Davide Napoli (Cornell, 2025–), Aemann Lin-McCornack (Princeton, 2026–), Udeepa Chakavarty (New School and Chicago, 2026–), Daniel Schillinger (Toronto and Yale, 2021–).

UNDERGRADUATE—SENIOR THESIS ADVISOR

Daniel Gilad (2026/27). “Unequal Incorporation in ancient Athens and the modern USA.”
Annabel Gensler (2026/27). “An Analysis of Platonic Jurisprudence and Modern Legal Reform.”
Minyoung Kim (2025/26). “Testing Obligation in the *Leviathan*.”
Nirvana Hannah (2024/25). “Hobbes and Lenin: the Sovereign and the Vanguard Party.”
Xuan Lee (2023/24). “*Kampung* Spirit and the Modern State: Exploring Village Solidarity in the Malayan Peninsula as a Resource for Liberal Democracy Worldwide” (Department Citation nominee—Department of Political Science).
Jordan Murphy (2022/23). “The Limits of Palatial Power: The Distribution of Political Influence in Late Bronze Age Messenia” (Department Citation winner—Department of Ancient Greek and Roman Studies).
Stephen Dai (2022/23). “Corporations Are Property, Not People.”
Ananya Venkatraman (2022/23). “Guardians of the Law: The Supreme Court and Its Platonic Parallels.”
Jo Ryan (2021/22). “Dispossession and Diaspora. A Close Analysis of Marxism in the Work of Fanon and Coulthard.”
Zia Reigh Calpito (2021/22). “Marxism and Human Rights. An Analysis of Third World Communist Praxis and Rhetoric.”
Cleo Chang (2019/20). “The Role of Species-Being in Marx’s Political Thought.”
Lily Green (2019/20). “Social Media and Democracy.”
Max Hanson (2019/20). “Agency, Technocracy, and Social Movements: Essays on the Climate Crisis.”
Dinnie Ee (Yale, 2017/18). “A Monopoly Over Morality: How Moral Issues Are Publicly Resolved in Singapore.”

UNDERGRADUATE—INDEPENDENT RESEARCH ADVISOR

Jakob Evans (Fall 2022). “Why Were Homosexuality and Heterosexuality Treated Differently in Ancient Greece?”
Jordan Webb (Spring 2022). “Law and Democracy in Ancient Athens: What Modern Democracies Can Learn From the Athenian Courts.”
Skyler-Myles Clinton Cobb (Fall 2021). “A Study of Augustan Rulership.”
Joseph Rodriguez (2019/20). “The Digital Public Sphere: Deliberation and Democracy in a Digital Age.” McNair Undergraduate Research Program.

ADDITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

Mu-Chi Chen (2023), Jai Sharma (2023), Lauren Adamo (2023), Skyler-Myles Clinton Cobb (2022/23), Dominic Moscatello (2021/22; Department of Political Science Citation Winner, 2022), Alejandra Zamora (2021), Ben Harper (2020), Jack Sadler (2019/20), Abby Regan (2021–2023), and others.

Academic Service

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

- Co-organizer (with David Singh Grewal): Book MS workshop for Richard Tuck, New York, November 22, 2025. With Hélène Landemore, Greg Conti, Madhav Khosla, Jon Gould, and Jedediah Britton-Purdy.
- Co-organizer (with Greg Conti, David Singh Grewal, and Anna Stilz): “Celebrating Richard Tuck,” University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 12–14, 2024 (approx. 150 participants; \$50,000 budget).
- Co-organizer, Harvard Graduate Student Conference in Political Theory (2008, 2009).

CONFERENCE SERVICE ROLES

- Chair/Discussant, Association for Political Theory (2019); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018); Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014); Midwest Political Science Association (2014); Western Political Science Association (2022); Berkeley Graduate Conference in Early Modern Political Theory (2025).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (2015–)
- APSA Related Group: Democratic Innovations (2024–)
- British and Irish Association for Political Thought (2021–)
- Society for Classical Studies (USA) (2025–)
- Classical Association (UK) (2026–)

AT BERKELEY

School of Letters and Science

- Future of Letters and Science: Peer Institution Working Group (2022/23). Tasked with comparing and contrasting “core” or “general education” provisions at peer universities in the US and beyond, with an eye to redesigning this part of Berkeley’s curriculum.

Department of Political Science

- Climate (formerly Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Belonging) (2023–2026).
- Preliminary Exam in Political Theory (2020, 2023–2024).
- Graduate Admissions (2019/20, 2020/21).

Prize Committees

- Philo Sherman Bennett Essay Prize (2020–).
- Lipson Essay Contest (2024).

Advisory Boards

- Interdisciplinary Studies Field Faculty Advisory Board (Fall 2024—).
- Kadish Center Advisory Board (Fall 2019—).

Optional Trainings

- Committee on Student Misconduct (Spring 2023).
- Holistic Graduate Admissions Workshop with Julie Posselt (Dec 1, 2020).
- CAPS Suicide Awareness Training (October 17, 2019).

Berkeley Connect (undergraduate student service)

- “Philosophy Across the University” (2023 & 2024).
- “Perspectives on Political Science” (2024).

Other

- Elected to the Order of the Golden Bear (student-run thinktank), Spring 2026.
- Web design and content, politicaltheory.berkeley.edu (2021–2026).
- Web design and content, celebrating-richard.com.
- Coordinator, Political Science Junior Happy Hour (2023/24).

Speaker, Graduate panel on publishing, February 27, 2023.

Speaker, Graduate panel on rejection and failure, February 10, 2020.

AT YALE

Convenor/facilitator, “Filling the Room with Your Voice.” Two-hour public speaking workshop developed in response to requests by graduate women in political theory. Offered several times to small groups (both women-only and mixed) in Fall 2018.

Yale Warrior-Scholars Program (intellectual support for veterans transitioning to college), May 2018.

Political Theory Workshop Co-convenor, Spring 2018.

Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee (2017/18).

Political Theory Graduate Examinations Committee (2018/19).

AT HARVARD

Student representative (elected), Graduate Policy Committee, Government Department (2010/11).

AT OXFORD

Student representative, Oxford English Joint Consultative Committee, Faculty of English (2001/02).

Oxford English Joint Consultative Committee representative, Undergraduate Studies Committee (2001/02).

Other Employment & Activities

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY TEACHING

Private tutor of ancient Greek, 2008/09.

Lecturer, Oral English, Nanjing Institute of Industry Technology, Nanjing, China, Spring 2003.

English language teacher, Taska MALRA (Malaysian Leprosy Association), Kuching, Malaysia, Spring 1999.

Learning support assistant, Parrs Wood High School, Manchester, UK, Fall 1998. Worked daily, one-on-one, with thirteen 12-year-olds with weak literacy skills.

YOGA STUDIES & TEACHING

Completed Ashtanga Yoga Intermediate Series, June 2023.

Ashtanga Yoga—Primary Series Teacher Training with David Swenson, July 1–10, 2022.

Convenor and occasional teacher, Ashtanga Yoga New Haven (2013–2019).

MUSIC & TELEVISION

Soprano, St Thomas’ Episcopal Church Choir, New Haven (2015–2017).

Soprano, Harvard University Choir (paid position). Weekly services at Harvard’s Memorial Church as well as concerts (Spring 2004 and 2006–2013).

Professional singer, *So Excited!* Wedding band based in Norwich, UK (2004/05).

Soprano, Dudley Choir, Harvard University (2003/04).

Soprano and tenor, Wadham College Choir (2000–2002).

Soprano, Wadham Gospel Choir (2000–2002).

Contestant, *University Challenge*, representing Wadham College (2001).

Singer and music director, *Nativitie*, Moser Theatre, Oxford (2001).

Singer, *Jared Red*, soul/funk band (2000–2003).

Occasional presenter, *Cool Cube*. Saturday morning kids' TV show, produced by Granada Television. Broadcast on BSB (1991/92).

Languages and Other Qualifications

Scholarly competence in ancient Greek, Latin, French, and Spanish

Formerly proficient in Russian

Beginning to intermediate German, Italian, and modern Greek

Cambridge Certificate in teaching English to speakers of other languages (St. Giles' College, Brighton, UK, 2002)

A Level Modern History, English Literature, Pure Mathematics & Statistics, Russian, and General Studies (all grade A: Parrs Wood Sixth Form Studies Centre, Manchester, UK, 1998)

GCSE English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Double Science, History, French, Design and Technology (all grade A*, 1996); Russian, Art (both grade A, 1996; all Parrs Wood High School, Manchester, UK); Spanish (grade A, 1993; City College, Manchester)

References

Professor Josine Blok, University of Utrecht (emerita)

Professor Paul Cartledge, University of Cambridge (emeritus)

Professor Iain Hampsher-Monk, University of Exeter (emeritus)

Professor Kinch Hoekstra, University of California, Berkeley

Professor Hélène Landemore, Yale University

Professor Richard Tuck, Harvard University (emeritus)

PERSONAL NOTE

The time to publication of my first book owed something to medical issues in 2014-2016, a career break for childbirth in 2017, family demands related to the pandemic of 2020-2022, and my willingness to refrain from taking an earned sabbatical during 2022-2025, while senior colleagues were on leave.

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