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Academic Positions

Newcastle University

Lecturer in Political Theory and Philosophy (since 2022)

Stanford University

Centre for Ethics in Society Postdoctoral Fellow (2021-22)

Education

University of Toronto

PhD, Political Science (2021)

Goethe University, Frankfurt

Visiting Student, Normative Orders Excellence Cluster (2018)

University of Oxford

MPhil, Politics: Political Theory (2013)

BA, Politics, Philosophy and Economics (2009)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Decolonizing Democratic Theory: A Democratic Case for Unelected Indigenous Governments”, *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (online first)

“Deliberative Responsiveness: The Philosophical Limits of the Median Voter Theory and the Value of Ranked Choice Voting in a Polarized United States,” *Journal of Politics* (online first)

“Lottocracy or Psephocracy? Democracy, Elections, and Random Selection,” *European Journal of Political Theory*, vol. 24, issue 3 (July 2025)

“Centripetal Representation,” *American Journal of Political Science*, vol. 68, issue 2 (April 2024)

“Democratic Peace Beyond Westphalia: Kang and Kant,” *Comparative Political Theory*, vol. 3, issue 1 (May 2023)

“Civic Virtue in the Deliberative System,” *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, vol. 15, issue 1 (April 2019)

Selected Other Writing

“How Zohran Mamdani’s ‘talent for listening’ spurred him to victory in the New York mayoral election”, *The Conversation*, 5th November 2025

Republished by *Newsweek Japan* (in translation), *CNA*, and others.

Review of Simone Chambers, *Contemporary Democratic Theory*, in the *Review of Politics*, vol. 87, issue 1 (Winter 2025).

“Kang Youwei: the Revolutionary Thinker behind Modern China’s Transformation”, *The Conversation*, 4th July 2024.

Prizes, Scholarships, and Grants

Robert C. Vipond Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto, 2017
University of Frankfurt Exchange Award, University of Toronto, 2016
DPIR Studentship, University of Oxford, 2012-13
Pollock Graduate Scholarship, University of Oxford, 2011-12
Mary Somerville Prize, University of Oxford, 2009
Coombs Exhibition, University of Oxford, 2008

Presentations

Invited Talks

“Responsiveness,” Manchester University MANCEPT Seminar Series, 2026

“Democratic Responsiveness”, Edinburgh University, Political Theory Research Group, 2025

“Decolonizing Democratic Theory”, Toronto University, Ziibing Lab, Indigenous Politics and Democratic Theory Workshop Series, 2024

“Centripetal Representation”, Stanford University, Political Science Seminar Series, 2022

Discussant Roles

Goodman and Jackson, “Representation Beyond the Constructivist Turn”, Political Theory in/and/as Political Science Workshop, Stanford University, 2022

“Tracing Political Boundaries”, Western Political Science Association, 2022.

“Democratic Theory”, Canadian Political Science Association, 2021.

Walton, “Moral Bootstrapping: The Conservative Buddhist Political Thought of Aung San Suu Kyi”, University of Toronto Political Theory Research Workshop, 2019.

Selected Conference and Workshop Papers

On responsiveness

American Political Science Association, Vancouver, Sept 2025

On minipublics and health policy

Critical Perspectives on Democratic Deliberation in Health and Science Policy,
Oxford, May 2025

“Decolonizing Democratic Theory”

Political Theory in/as/with Political Science Junior Scholar Workshop, Montreal,
April 2025

British and Irish Association for Political Thought, York, Jan 2025

American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Sept 2024

“Deliberative Responsiveness”

Political Studies Association, Liverpool, April 2023

American Political Science Association, Montreal, Sept 2022

“Lottocracy or Psephocracy?”

Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 2022

Western Political Science Association, Portland OR, March 2022

Canadian Political Science Association [online], June 2021

“Centripetal Representation”

Western Political Science Association, Portland OR, March 2022

UBC Political Science Graduate Conference [online], May 2021

UNC Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference [online], April 2021

Great Lakes Philosophy Conference [online], April 2021

American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., Sept 2019.

“The Danger of “Capture” of Deliberative Initiatives”

Participedia.net Partners Conference [online], June 2021

Professional Service

Administrative positions at Newcastle University including Employability Officer, Open Day Convenor, and Degree Programme Director for Politics.

Panel Organizer, “Reimagining Democracy through Comparative Democratic Theory”

(chair: Melissa Williams; presenters: Daniel Hutton Ferris, Daniel Sherwin, Tejas Parasher, Eniola Anuoluwapo Soyemi, Elena Ziliotti; discussant: Kathy Walker).

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2024

Panel Organizer, “Centripetal Democracy in America” (chair: Nenad Stojanović;

presenters: Daniel Hutton Ferris, Benjamin Reilly, David Lublin, Todd Donovan, Caroline Tolbert, Justin Pottle; discussants: Donald L. Horowitz, Emilee Chapman).

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2022.

Panel Organizer, “Dispersed Representation and Its Discontents” (chair: Jane Mansbridge; presenters: Lisa Disch, Daniel Hutton Ferris, Ian Shapiro, and Nadia Urbinati; discussants: Melissa Williams, Samuel Hayat). American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019, Washington D.C., 2019.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Bioethics*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Politics*, *The Philosopher's Imprint*, *Representation*, *Res Publica*, *Sage*.

Selected Teaching Experience

Graduate

Moral Theory and Current Debates in Society and Politics, 2022 (Stanford)

Undergraduate

A Global History of Political Thought, since 2024 (Newcastle)
Modern Political Thought, 2019 and 2020 (Toronto)

Languages

Chinese (intermediate/HSK 4)

References

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