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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

“Should We Use Citizens’ Assemblies to Make Health Policy?” *Bioethics* (online first)

“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)

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*, *Channel News Asia*, 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

Democratic Responsiveness, Manchester University MANCEPT Seminar Series, 2026
Democratic Responsiveness, Edinburgh University, Political Theory 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 panel, Western Political Science Association, 2022.
Democratic Theory panel, 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.

Workshop / Panels organised

“Deliberative Democracy Beyond the Minipublic”, Newcastle University, 2026

“Reimagining Democracy through Comparative Democratic Theory,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2024
“Centripetal Democracy in America,” APSA, Montreal, 2022.
“Dispersed Representation and Its Discontents,” APSA, Washington D.C., 2019.

Professional Service

Administration at Newcastle University: Employability Officer, Open Day Convenor, Degree Programme Director for Politics.

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Bioethics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *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.

Teaching

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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