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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2008– Associate Professor (by courtesy), Department of Philosophy  
University of Michigan
- 2007– Associate Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Michigan
- 2004–2005 A. Bartlett Giamatti Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Humanities  
University of Michigan
- 2001–2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Michigan
- 1999–2001 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy  
University of Washington
- 1998–2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
University of Washington

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Michigan. Philosophy. 1998  
Thesis: *No Secret Agents: A Liberal Theory of Political Action*  
Elizabeth Anderson, chair; Stephen Darwall, Don Herzog, David Hills, Peter Railton
- B.A. University of Southern California. Philosophy. 1990  
Magna cum laude. Philosophy Honors. Phi Beta Kappa (1989).

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

2009. *The Playing Fields of Eton: Equality and Excellence in Modern Meritocracy*. University of Michigan Press.
2002. *Arguments and Fists: Political Agency and Justification in Liberal Theory*. Routledge.

### Articles

2006. "Dueling for Equality: Masculine Honor and the Modern Politics of Dignity," *Political Theory* 34:6 (December)
2006. "Kant's Children," *Social Theory and Practice* 32:3 (July).
2006. "Bentley, Truman, and the Study of Groups," *Annual Review of Political Science* 9 (June).

2005. "Equal Opportunity to Meaningful Competitions: Disability Rights and Justice in Sports," *Disability Studies Quarterly* 25:3 (June).

2001. "Food, Functioning and Justice: From Famines to Eating Disorders," *Journal of Political Philosophy* 9:2.

### Book Chapters

2010. "Kant on Education," in *Kant's Political Theory*, Elisabeth Ellis, ed. Penn State University Press.

2009. "Finding Theoretical Concepts in the Real World: The Case of the Precariat" in *New Waves in Political Philosophy*, Boudewijn de Bruin and Christopher Zurn, eds. Palgrave.

2008. "Johnny Cash and the Ring of Truth," with Robert W. Mickey, in *Johnny Cash and Philosophy*, ed. John Huss and David Werther. Open Court.

### Book Reviews

2007. "The Road to Abu Ghraib Goes Through Königsberg." Review of *The Kantian Imperative* by Paul Saurette. *Theory & Event* 10:2.

2006. *Imagining the American Polity* by John G. Gunnell. *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 42:3.

2000. *An Ethics of Remembering* by Edith Wyschogrod, *Human Rights Review* 1:3.

### Other Publications

2007. Reply to Leah Soroko and Alex Livingston, "From Honor to Dignity and Back Again: Remarks on LaVaque-Manty's 'Dueling for Equality.'" *Political Theory* 35:4.

2007. Entry "Finland." *Global Perspectives on the United States*. Congressional Quarterly Press.

1999. "Kilti kaupunki riehaantui" ("A Well-behaved City Goes Wild" — solicited feature article on WTO protests in Seattle), *Helsingin Sanomat* (Finnish newspaper), Dec. 5, 1999.

### Translations

1992. Raimo Tuomela & Marja Leena Toukonen, "Kaila's Notion of Terminal Causality," in *Eino Kaila and Logical Empiricism*, Ilkka Niiniluoto, Matti Sintonen & G.H. von Wright, eds., Societas Philosophica Fennica. (From Finnish.)

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## CONFERENCES AND GUEST LECTURES

### Presentations

"Kant's Children." Department of Germanic Studies, University of Michigan, February, 2009.

"Violent Equality: Dueling in Post-*Aufklärung* Germany." German Studies Association Meeting, San Diego, October, 2007.

"American Exceptionalism, part 42: The Case of the Missing Precariat." Western Political Science Association Meeting, Las Vegas, March, 2007 and American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, September, 2007.

"Scandinavia's Hegelian Experiments and Hegelian Hangovers." Invited talk for the departments of Political Science, Scandinavian Studies, and Philosophy, University of Washington, February, 2007.

- “Almost Humean: Kant and Rawls.” Association for Political Theory meeting in Bloomington, IN, November, 2006.
- “The Political Theory of Doping.” Western Political Science Association Meeting, Albuquerque, March 2006.
- “The New Biological Turn: Nature’s Constraints on Social Action and Social Inquiry.” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2005.
- “Mature Kantians.” American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, September 2004.
- “The Hum(e)an Face of Kant’s Political Judgment” (with Beth Fleishman). American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, September 2004.
- “Liberal Feminism, Gender, and Montesquieu.” Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 2004.
- “Kant, Kids and *Körperkultur*.” Western Political Science Association Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2004.
- “Dueling in Montesquieu and Kant.” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 2003.
- “How is Bowling Political? Leisure in Civil Society and the State.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2002.
- “Citizens as Cavemen, Children as Contraband: On Case Selection in Political Theory.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California, March 2002.
- “Can’t the Disabled Dream of World Championship: Why Anti-discrimination Statutes Aren’t Enough.” Critical Legal Conference, Helsinki, Finland, September 2000, and Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, March 2001.
- “Anti-Racism and the Enlightenment: The Case of Montesquieu.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. September 2000.
- “Critique of Emotional Politics.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2000.
- “Liberalism Grown Pale & Königsbergian.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, August 1999.
- “Are Finns Europeans Now, and Were They Before?: Finnish Identity and the EU.” Finnfest ’99, University of Washington, July 1999.
- “Liberalism Grown Pale & Königsbergian.” University of Washington, Department of Philosophy. May 1999.
- “Ethics and the Environment.” Symposium on “Environmental Values” sponsored by the University of Helsinki Department of Social Psychology, Helsinki, Finland, December 1991.
- “Pragmatism in Environmentalism.” “Symposium on Environmental Politics” sponsored by the University of Helsinki and the Finnish Parliament, Helsinki, Finland, October 1991

### **Commentator**

- Panel, “Praxis.” Midwest Political Science Association conference, April 2009.
- Panel, “Learning from Anthropology.” Midwest Political Science Association conference, April 2009.
- Panel, “Political Agency.” Western Political Science Association, March 2006.

Kok-Chor Tan, "Cosmopolitanism and Partiality." American Philosophical Association, Pacific Meeting, March 2001.

Panel, "Rethinking Freedom, Rethinking Rights" Western Political Science Association, March 2001.

Lewis Gordon, "Black Consciousness, Bad Faith and the Human Genome" and Howard McGary, "Assimilation and the Dilemma of Racially Defined Institutions," Black Identity in Theory and Practice Symposium, University of Washington, May 1999.

Nancy Fraser, "From Redistribution to Recognition: Dilemmas of Justice in a 'Post-Socialist' Age," University of Michigan Department of Philosophy Spring Colloquium, 1995.

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## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship, 2008-2009.  
*\$40,000.*

Ford Faculty Fellows, year-long program on "Religious Pluralism and the Research University." University of Michigan, 2006–2007.  
*Research support. \$4,000.*

Institute of the Humanities, A. Bartlett Giamatti Faculty Fellowship, The University of Michigan, 2004–2005.  
*Full salary.*

Horace H. Rackham Faculty Grant for Research, 2002.  
*Summer fellowship. \$7,000.*

Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant (Office of Undergraduate Education, University of Washington), 1999.  
*\$1,500.*

Horace H. Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship (University of Michigan), 1997–1998.  
*Twelve-month fellowship paying tuition and \$14,000 stipend.*

Horace H. Rackham One-term Graduate Fellowship (University of Michigan), 1996.  
*Fellowship paying tuition and stipend.*

The University of Michigan Regents' Fellowship, 1992–1995.  
*Fellowship paying tuition and stipend.*

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

University Undergraduate Teaching Award, for excellence in undergraduate education. University of Michigan, March 2009. \$1,000.

American Political Science Association / Pi Sigma Alpha Teaching Award, for excellence in teaching in Political Science, August, 2007.

Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award, College of Letters, Sciences and the Arts, University of Michigan, 2007, for outstanding teaching of undergraduates. \$2,500.

Tronstein Award. Department of Political Science, the University of Michigan, 2005, for outstanding undergraduate teaching. \$5,000.

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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Service to the profession

- German-American Frontiers of Humanities Symposium, 2009. Member of the organizing committee
- Midwest Political Science Association. 2008–2009 division chair for contemporary political theory
- Association for Political Theory, 2007 and 2008 Annual Meeting Program Committee

### Service to the University of Michigan

- Chief Marshal of the University, 2008–2010
- Organizing committee (with Andreas Gailus and Silke-Marie Weineck) of “Idealism Matters” conference, September 2009.
- Curriculum Committee, College of LSA, 2008–2010
- SACUA Tenure Committee, University Senate Assembly, 2008–2010
- Executive Committee, Institute for the Humanities, 2007–2010
- Faculty Advisory Board, Letters, Sciences and the Arts Honors Program, 2007–2009

### Departmental Committees/Activities, University of Michigan

- Executive Committee (2003–2004, 2007–2010)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (2002–2008)
- Graduate Affairs Committee (2003–2004)
- Advisory Committee on Information Technology (2004–2005)
- Subfield coordinator. Political theory (2004–present)
- Political theory search committee (2006, 2007)
- Co-organizer. Political Theory Workshop.
- Co-organizer. Michigan Colloquium in Political Theory
- Organizer. Reading group “Political Theory and Its Methods”
- Webmaster. Political Theory Program. (<http://theory.polisci.lsa.umich.edu>) (2002–2009)

### Departmental Committees/Activities, University of Washington

- Chair. Undergraduate Program Committee (2000–2001)
- Political Science Executive Committee (2000–2001)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (1999–2000)
- Organizer. “Political Theory Reading Group” (1998–2001)

### Referee Activities

Oxford University Press, Prentice Hall, Yale University Press, Broadview Press; *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *PS*, *Polity*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *Social Philosophy Today*.

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## TEACHING

### Teaching Philosophy

My goal in teaching undergraduate and graduate students is to stress the *skills for inquiry* into political ideas as much as the knowledge of political thought. The skills I focus on are the analysis, interpretation and evaluation of political concepts, arguments and ideas. This requires

much practice, most of which is writing. It also requires attention to the way in which academic inquiry is a professional practice, with specific disciplinary norms and conventions. I try to reach these goals by making my objectives and approach very clear to students and by being available to students also outside formal classroom instruction.

### Teaching fields

Political theory, social and political philosophy, philosophy of social science, environmental politics

### Dissertation Committees

Year of completion in parentheses.

#### Political Science (job placement in parentheses)

Elizabeth Ben-Ishai (chair) (2008, Albion College, tenure-track. Dissertation won a University of Michigan Distinguished Dissertation Award.)  
 Ruth Nicole Brown (2004, University of Illinois, tenure-track)  
 Jenny Diamond Cheng (2007)  
 Juan Espindola Mata (co-chair)  
 Ryan Hudson  
 Eric Kos (2004, Eastern Michigan University)  
 Patrick Laguna  
 Roger Michalski  
 Monicka Patterson-Tutschka (2008, Sacramento State University, tenure-track)  
 Kathleen Tipler (chair)  
 Jeremy Shine (chair)

#### Other departments at the UM (discipline and year of completion in parentheses)

Vanessa Carbonell (Philosophy)  
 David Dick (Philosophy)  
 Christopher Dodsworth (Philosophy, 2007)  
 Robert Gressis (Philosophy, 2007)  
 Soraya Gollop (Philosophy, 2007)  
 Jonah Johnson (Comparative Literature, 2008)  
 Susanna Linsley (History)  
 Eleni Manis (Philosophy)  
 Blain Neufeld (Philosophy, 2002)  
 Clare Penlington (Education, 2006)  
 Glen Shadbolt (Philosophy)  
 Matthew Silverstein (Philosophy, 2007)  
 Noam Wiener (Doctoral Program in Law)

### University of Washington

Louis Angel Cabrera (Political Science, 2001)  
 Glenn Mackin (Political Science, 2005)  
 Andrew Nestingen (Scandinavian Studies, 2001)

### Teaching experience

*University of Michigan*, Department of Political Science (2001–present)

- Introduction to Political Theory (Large lecture course)
- Leadership and Democracy (First-year seminar)
- Twentieth-Century Political Thought (Upper-division lecture course)
- Junior Honors Promiseminar

- Senior Honors Seminar
- Philosophy of Social Science (Graduate seminar)
- The Political Philosophy of Immanuel Kant (Graduate seminar)
- Modern Political Thought (Undergraduate lecture course and graduate seminar)
- Liberalism and Its Critics (Graduate and undergraduate seminars)

*University of Washington*, Department of Political Science (1998–2001)

- Introduction to Political Theory (Large lecture course)
- History of Western Political Thought: Early Modern Period (Upper-division lecture course)
- Theories of Social Explanation (Undergraduate honors seminar)
- Contemporary Issues of Justice (Upper-division lecture course)
- American Political Thought (Upper-division lecture course)
- Democratic Theory (Upper-division lecture course)
- Seminar on Political Agency (Graduate seminar)
- Political Theory Research Seminar (Graduate seminar)
- Political Theory Core Seminar (Graduate seminar)

*University of Michigan*, Department of Philosophy (1993–1997)

Independently designed and taught:

- “Contemporary Moral Problems” (Upper division introduction to questions of race and gender)
- “Introduction to Philosophy” (Course organized around philosophical topics)

Served as a section leader for faculty-taught courses:

- “Contemporary Moral Problems” (Stephen Darwall)
- “Problems and Principles” (twice: Sally Haslanger, Louis Loeb; introductory course organized around philosophical topics)
- “Law and Philosophy” (Elizabeth Anderson)

*University of Helsinki*, Department of Philosophy (1991):

Designed and taught:

- “Philosophical Issues in Social Ecology” (Intermediate-level introduction to environmental philosophy)

*Ministry of Labour Training Centre*, Leivonmäki, Finland (1990–1991):

- Taught social sciences and politics to conscientious objectors

*University of Southern California*, Thematic Option Honors Program (1990):

Section leader:

- “Process of Change in Science” (Christopher Gould, Physics; honors general education introduction to philosophy of science)

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association  
 Western Political Science Association  
 American Philosophical Association  
 Association for Political Theory  
 American Society for Legal and Political Philosophy

## LANGUAGES

Finnish	Native tongue
French	Functional speaking and writing, proficient reading
German	Near fluent
Latin	Functional reading with a dictionary
Swedish	Near fluent

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