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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Califorina, Santa Barbara
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020–

University of Oxford
Christopher Tower Junior Research Fellow, Christ Church, 2016–2020
  Sub-faculty, Department of Politics and International Relations

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Ph.D. Political Theory, May 2017
  Secondary Field in Comparative Literature
  Dissertation committee: Michael Rosen (chair), Eric Nelson, Nancy Rosenblum, Danielle Allen

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom
M.Phil. Political Thought and Intellectual History, June 2009

Yale University, New Haven, CT
B.A. Humanities, May 2008
  summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

(book) **"Plato and the Mythic Tradition in Political Thought,"** Belknap / Harvard University Press, forthcoming December 2020.

"Plato's Myth of Er and the Reconfiguration of Nature," *American Political Science Review* 114 no. 1 (2020): 54-67.

"Why did Socrates conduct his dialogues before an audience?" *History of Political Thought* 37 no. 3 (2016): 411-437.

Review of *Plato's Caves: The Liberating Sting of Cultural Diversity*, by Rebecca LeMoine, *Perspectives on Politics* 18 no. 3 (2020), forthcoming.

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Leo Strauss Award, American Political Scienec Association, 2018
For "the best dissertation in the field of political philosophy"

Edward M. Chase Prize, Harvard University, 2017
For "the best dissertation on a subject relating to the promotion of world peace"

Government Department Nominee, Bok Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching of Undergraduates, Harvard University, 2017

Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University *(4 times),* 2012, 2013, 2016

American Academy of Arts and Sciences Predoctoral Visiting Fellowship, 2014

Mellon Interdisciplinary Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard Mahindra Humanities Center, 2014
Awarded to two doctoral students at Harvard across the humanities and social sciences.

Edmond J. Safra Graduate Fellowship in Ethics, Harvard University, 2013

Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship, Harvard Center for European Studies, 2013

Sheldon/Kennedy Travel Fellowship, Harvard University *(declined),* 2013

Dan David Prize Scholarship, 2013

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) summer grant, 2011

George & Patricia White Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2009

Gates-Cambridge Scholarship, 2008

Jacob Cooper Prize in Classical Philosophy, Yale University, 2007
Awarded to the best graduate or undergraduate essay on ancient philosophy

Yale College Dean's Research Fellowship, 2005

INVITED TALKS AND SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"The Symbol and the Vortex: Blumenberg, Habermas and Schmitt on Myths and Symbols"
  ▫ Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, March 2020

"Modernity and Mythmaking: The Political Theory of Hans Blumenberg"
  ▫ American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, August 2019
  ▫ "Political Realism and Democratic Theory," MANCEPT, University of Manchester, September 2019
  ▫ "Politics, Truth and Myth: Hans Blumenberg and Beyond," KU Leuven, September 2019

"Modernity and Mythmaking in German Idealism"
  ▫ Politics Speaker Series, University of East Anglia, May 2019
  ▫ Department of Government, Georgetown University, November 2018

 "Myth, Philosophy and the Political Imagination"
  ▫ Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, University of Oxford, February 2019

"Plato's Legacy and the Problem of Myth in Political Thought"
  ▫ Department of Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, November 2018
  ▫ Department of Political Science, Yale University, December 2017
  ▫ Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, University of Cambridge, November 2017
  ▫ Joint session of the Political Theory Research Seminar and History of Political Thought Research Seminar, University of Oxford, October 2016

"The Utopian Founding Myths of More and Bacon"
- ▫ History of Political Ideas Early Career Seminar, Institute of Historial Research, School of Advanced Study, University of London, September 2018

"Three Stories of Awakening and the Naming of Nature: Plato's Myth of Er"
- ▫ American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, August 2018

"An Enlightenment Fable: Leibniz and the Boundaries of Reason"
- ▫ "New Directions in the History of Political Thought, 1500-1800," University of York, June 2018
- ▫ American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, August 2016
- ▫ X. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress, Hannover, Germany, July 2016

"The Demon of the City: Ernst Cassirer on Myth and Plato"
- ▫ Post-Kantian European Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford, February 2017
- ▫ 8th Annual European Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University, December 2016

"The Mythic Project of Plato's *Republic*"
- ▫ Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, November 2014

"Plato and the New Mythology of German Idealism"
- ▫ "Ways of Knowing" Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard University, October 2013
- ▫ 4th Annual European Philosophy Workshop, Harvard University, December 2012

"The Tragic Art of Crowd-Pleasing: On the role of the crowd in Plato's *Gorgias*"
- ▫ American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, August 2013
- ▫ Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, April 2012
- ▫ Tragedy and Political Philosophy Conference, Czech Academy of Sciences, University of Hradec Králové, April 2010 *(presented in absentia)*

"Wittgenstein's Challenge: Tom Stoppard, Ingeborg Bachmann, and the limits of language"
- ▫ Mellon School of Theater and Performance Research, Harvard University, June 2012

"The Inheritance of Evil: the role of the father in *Republic* VIII"
- ▫ Ancient Philosophy Society annual meeting, New York, April 2008

Other presentations

"Symbols in Politics"
- ▫ Invited lecture for "Women in PPE Study Day," Christ Church, University of Oxford, May 2019

Response to the Carlyle Lectures by Melissa Lane, "Constitutions before Constitutionalism: Classical Greek Ideas of Office and Rule"
- ▫ Discussant for the 2018 Carlyle Lectures in the History of Political Thought, Oxford, February 2018

"Myths of Modernity and the Myths of Plato"
- ▫ In-House Classics Discussion Group, Christ Church, University of Oxford, November 2016

"Kant's *Towards Perpetual Peace*, or, The Dutch Innkeeper's Joke"
- ▫ Invited lecture for "History of Modern Political Philosophy," a mixed undergraduate and graduate course, Harvard University, March 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At University of Oxford

Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau, Michaelmas Term 2019
▫ Tutor for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics – Honor School (Somerville and Balliol)

Introduction to the Theory of Politics, Trinity Term 2018
▫ Tutor for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics – Prelims (Christ Church)

At Harvard University, as Teaching Fellow:

Sophomore Tutorial in Government, Spring 2013, Spring 2016

The European Postwar: Literature, Film, Politics, Fall 2015

Shakespeare and Politics, Fall 2012

History of Modern Political Philosophy, Spring 2012

Foundations of Comparative Politics, Fall 2011

Other teaching

Writing Tutor, Harvard University Extension School, 2010–12

Teaching Intern, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH, 2008
▫ Courses taught: **The Craft of the Essay**; co-taught: **World Literature**

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Academic talks for Christ Church Access, Oxford and London, 2017–20

Assessor for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics; History and Politics; MPhil in Politics, Oxford, 2016-20

Political Theory Panel, Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford, 2016–20

Co-coordinator, Thesis Workshop for Juniors, Harvard Center for European Studies, 2012–16

Non-resident Concentration Advisor, Currier House, Harvard University, 2012–16

Graduate Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University, 2011–13

Referee: *American Political Science Review, Polis,* Springer