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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Deliberative democracy, public sphere, contemporary liberalism and ethics, civility, rhetoric, religion and public discourse, Habermas and Rawls, mass democracy and participation.

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Degrees

- 1981-1990 Columbia University
 Ph.D.(Distinction), Political Science
 Dissertation: "Discourse and Procedural Ethics."
 Examination Fields: Ancient and Medieval Political Thought,
 Modern Political Thought, Recent and Contemporary Political Thought
 Minor Fields: Comparative European Politics, Public Law
- 1984 M.Phil.
- 1983 M.A.
- 1984-1985 University of Frankfurt
 Department of Philosophy
 Fields of Study: Philosophy of Language, Critical Theory
 Dissertation Research
- 1976-1980 McGill University
 B.A.(First Class Honors), Philosophy and Political Science

Employment

- 2015-present University of California, Irvine
 Professor
- 2014-2015 Director, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto
- 2006-2015 University of Toronto
 Professor
- 2002-2006 University of Toronto

- Associate Professor
- 1997-2002 University of Colorado at Boulder
Associate Professor of Political Science
- 1989-1997 University of Colorado at Boulder
Assistant Professor of Political Science
- 1985-1988 Columbia University
Preceptor, Contemporary Civilization Program

Research Awards/Grants

- 2015 Co applicant on a SSHRC Partnership Application Grant: “Participedia” \$2.5 million CD.
- 2012 Social Science and Research Council Insight Grant for “The Ethics of Public Discourse”. \$51,000.
- 2009 Collaborator on SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council) CURA grant for \$1,000,000: Alberta Climate Dialogue.
- 2006 Connaught University Fellowship: Course release
- 2005 SSHRC. Standard Research Grant (\$63,000)
- 2003 Jackman Program in the Arts, University of Toronto: \$25,000
- 2001 Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst, traveling research grant (\$10,000)
- 1999/00 Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, Princeton University
- 1997 Best First Book in Political Theory: American Political Science Association, Political Theory Division.
- 1995 Junior Faculty development award, University of Colorado at Boulder (\$5,000)

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK

Books

- *Dissent on Core Beliefs: Religious and Secular Perspectives*. An Ethikon series book. Edited with Peter Nosco (Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- George Thomas Kurian, James Alt, **Simone Chambers**, Geoffrey Garrett, Margaret Levi, Paula McClain (Editors). *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. (2011) CQ Press, Vol 1-5, 1802 pages.
 - *Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Title (OAT) 2011*
 - *Library Journal magazine Best Reference 2011 list*
 - *American Library Association: 2012 Outstanding Reference Sources list*
- *Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society*. Edited with Will Kymlicka. Ethikon Series in Comparative Ethics. Princeton: Princeton University Press, December 2001.
- *Deliberation, Democracy, and the Media*. Edited with Anne Costain. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000.
- *Reasonable Democracy: Jürgen Habermas and the Politics of Discourse*. Ithaca: Cornell

University Press, 1996.

Articles

- “Truth, Democracy and Internet Populism: Is fake news destroying the public sphere?” Special Issue of *Political Studies* (under review).
- “Making Referendums Safe for Democracy: A Call for More and Better Deliberation,” in *Swiss Political Science Review* 24 (September 2018) 3.
- “Civility within Context: A comment on Teresa Bejan’s *Mere Civility*.” *Review of Politics* 80 (2018) 3:525-528
- “Human Life is Group Life”: Deliberative Democracy for Realists.” *Critical Review* on line June 2018 DOI: [10.1080/08913811.2018.1466852](https://doi.org/10.1080/08913811.2018.1466852)
- “Is it Enough to Just Say No to Nazis? Comments on Stephen White’s *A Democratic Bearing*.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 44 (2018) 2: 121-125.
- “The Epistemic Ideal of Reason-Giving in Deliberative Democracy.” *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 6, no. 10 (2017): 59-64.
- “Balancing Epistemic Quality and Equal Participation in a Systems Approach to Deliberative Democracy.” *Social Epistemology* 31(2017) 3: 266-276.
- “Navigating Pluralism: Beiner on Habermas.” *The Review of Politics* 78 (2016), 1-4.
- “Democracy and Critique: Comments on Rainer Forst’s *Justification and Critique: Towards a Critical Theory of Politics*.” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 4 (2015)3: 213-217.
- “The Many Faces of Good Citizenship.” *Critical Review* 25(2013): 199-209.
- “Response to ‘On Communitarian and Global Sources of Legitimacy.’” *Review of Politics* 73 (2011) 1: 123-128.
- “Theories of Political Justification.” *Philosophy Compass* 5 (2010) 1: 893-903.
- “Who Shall Judge? Hobbes, Locke and Kant on the Construction of Public Reason” *Ethics and Global Politics* 2:4 (2009)
- “Rhetoric and the Public Sphere: Has deliberative democracy abandoned mass democracy?” *Political Theory* 37:6 (2009).
- “How Religion Speaks to the Agnostic: Habermas on the Persistent Value of Religion.” *Constellations* 14:2 (June 2007)
- “The Politics of Equality: Rawls on the Barricades,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 4:1 (March, 2006).
- “Measuring Publicity’s Effect: Reconciling Empirical Research and Normative Theory,” *Acta Politica*, 40:2 (2005).
- “Behind Closed Doors: Publicity, Secrecy, and the Quality of Deliberation,” *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 12:4 (2004)
 - Reprinted and translated “A hius-clos. Publicité, secret et qualité de la deliberation” in

La Democratie deliberative, edited Charles Girard and Alice Le Goff, Paris: L'Avocat du Diable, Édition Hermann (2010).

- “Democratizing Humility: Comment on Dolovich,” *Buffalo Criminal Law Review*, 7:2 (2004)
- “Democracy, Popular Sovereignty, and Constitutional Legitimacy,” *Constellations* 11:2 (June 2004).
- “Deliberative Democratic Theory,” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 6 (2003).
 - Reprinted and translated “A teoria democratica deliberativa” in *A Deliberação Pública*, edited and translated by Ângela Christina Salgueiro Marques, Brazil” Autêntica (2009).
- “Seeking Intersubjective Insight: Comments on William Rhee’s *Insight and Solidarity*,” *Human Studies*, 25 (2002).
- “Bad Civil Society,” co-authored with Jeffrey Kopstein, *Political Theory*, 29: 6 (December 2001).
- “The Cultural Foundations of Public Policy: A Comment on Georgia Warnke,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 26 (2000).
- “Contract or Conversation: Theoretical Lessons from the Canadian Constitutional Crisis.” *Politics and Society*, 26:1 (1998)
- “Talking About Rights: Discourse Ethics and the Protection of Rights,” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 1:3 (Oct. 1993).

Book Chapters

- “Experts, Politicians, and Public Opinion: Allan Blakeney and Unpacking Democratic Accountability,” in University of Regina Press (in press).
- “Deliberative Democracy,” in *Habermas Lexicon*. Edited by Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta. Cambridge University Press (in press).
- “Constitutional State and Constitutionalization,” in *Habermas Lexicon*. Edited by Amy Allen and Eduardo Mendieta. Cambridge University Press (in press).
- “The Philosophic Origins of Deliberative Ideals, in *The Oxford Handbook of Deliberative Democracy*. Edited by André Bächtiger, John Dryzek, Jane Mansbridge, and Mark Warren. Oxford University Press (2018).
- “Kickstarting the Bootstrapping: Jürgen Habermas, deliberative constitutionalization, and the limits of proceduralism,” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Deliberative Constitutionalism*. Edited by Ron Levy, Hoi Kong, Graeme Orr and Jeff King. Cambridge University Press, 2018: 256-372.
- “Afterword: Populist Constitutionalism v. Deliberative Constitutionalism,” in *The Cambridge Handbook of Deliberative Constitutionalism*. Edited by Ron Levy, Hoi Kong, Graeme Orr and Jeff King. Cambridge University Press, 2018: 370-372.
- “Jürgen Habermas, *Between Facts and Norms: Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Classics of Political Theory*. Edited by Jacob Levy 2017.
<http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198717133.001.00>

- [01/oxfordhb-9780198717133-e-3](https://doi.org/10.1017/oxfordhb-9780198717133-e-3)
- “An Ethics of Public Political Deliberation,” in *Transformations of Democracy: Crisis, Protest and Legitimation*. Edited by Robin Celikales, Regina Kreide and Tilo Wesche. Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.
 - “Introduction,” with Peter Nosco in *Dissent on Core Beliefs: Religious and Secular Perspectives*. An Ethikon series book. Edited Simone Chambers and Peter Nosco. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
 - “Free Speech and Civility in Pluralist Societies,” in *After the Paris Attacks: responses in Canada, Europe, and around the Globe*. Edited by Edward M. Iacobucci and Stephen J. Toope. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2015.
 - “Reason, Reasons, Reasoning: Three Faces of Public Justification,” in *Proceedings of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie XXII*. Edited by Julian Nida-Rümelin 2012.
 - “Deliberation and Mass Democracy,” in *Deliberative Systems*. Edited by Jane Mansbridge and John Parkinson. Cambridge University Press, 2012.
 - Jane Mansbridge, James Bohman, **Simone Chambers**, Thomas Christiano, Archon Fung, John Parkinson, Dennis F. Thompson, and Mark Warren, “A Systemic Approach to Deliberative Democracy,” in *Deliberative Systems* Edited by Jane Mansbridge and John Parkinson. Cambridge University Press, 2012.
 - **Simone Chambers** and Patti Lenard, “Reflections on the democratic deficit in Canada and the United States” in *Imperfect Democracies*. Edited by Richard Simeon and Patti Lenard. UBC Press, 2012.
 - “Justice or Legitimacy, Barricades or Public Reason? The Politics of Property-Owning Democracy,” in *Property-Owning Democracy: Rawls and Beyond*. Edited by Martin O’Neill and Thad Williamson. Oxford: Blackwell-Wiley, 2012.
 - “Open versus Closed Constitutional Negotiation,” in *Deliberative Democracy in Practice*. Edited by David Kahane, Daniel Weinstock, Dominique Leydet, and Melissa Williams. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2009
 - “‘It is Not in Heaven!’ Adjudicating Hard Cases,” in *Multiculturalism and the Law: A Critical Debate*. Edited by Omid Payrow Shabani. University of Wales Press, 2007
 - “Civil Society and the State,” with Jeffrey Kopstein, *Oxford Handbook of Political Theory*. Edited by John Dryzek, Bonnie Honig, Anne Phillips. Oxford University Press, 2006.
 - “Representing Pluralism: A Comment on Pyrcz, Warren, and Kernerman,” in *Representation and Democracy*. Edited by David Laycock. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2004.
 - “The Politics of Contemporary Critical Theory,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Critical Theory*. Edited by Fred Rush, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.
 - “Can Procedural Democracy be Radical?” in *Studies in Contemporary Continental Political Philosophy*. Edited by David Ingram. Oxford: Blackwell, 2002
 - “Critical Theory and Ethical Pluralism: A Response to Bill Scheuerman,” in *The Many and the One: Religious and Secular Perspectives on Ethical Pluralism in the Modern World*. Edited by Richard Madsen and Tracy Strong. Princeton: Princeton University

- Press, 2002.
- “Constitutional Referendums and Democratic Deliberation,” in *Referendum Democracy: Studies in Citizen Participation*. Edited by Matthew Mendelsohn and Andrew Parkin. New York: Palgrave, 2001.
 - “A Critical Theory of Civil Society,” in *Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society*. Edited by Simone Chambers and Will Kymlicka. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001.
 - “Introduction: Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society,” with Will Kymlicka, in *Alternative Conceptions of Civil Society*. Edited by Simone Chambers and Will Kymlicka. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001.
 - “Democracy, Habermas, and Canadian Exceptionalism,” in *Canadian Political Philosophy*. Edited by Ronald Beiner and Wayne Norman. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000.
 - “A Culture of Publicity,” in *Deliberation, Democracy, and the Media*. Edited by Simone Chambers and Anne Costain. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2000.
 - “Constitutionalism in a divided political Culture: Canada,” in *Verfassung und politische Kultur*. Edited by Jürgen Gebhardt. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 1999.
 - “Discourse and Democratic Practices” in *Companion to Habermas*. Edited by Stephen K. White. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
 - “Feminist Discourse/Practical Discourse” in *Feminists Read Habermas: Gendering the Subject of Discourse*. Edited by Johanna Meehan. London: Routledge, 1995.
 - “Zur Politik des Diskurses: Riskieren wir unsere Rechte?” in *Zur Anwendung der Diskursethik in Politik, Recht und Wissenschaft*. Edited by Karl-Otto Apel and Matthias Kettner. Frankfurt: Suhrkamp-Verlag, 1992.

Non-refereed Articles, Book Reviews, Invited Web Commentaries.

- Book review of Jason Brennan, *Against Democracy*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (June 2018) 2: 503-505.
- Book review of Jeffrey Edward Green, *The Shadow of Unfairness: A Plebeian Theory of Liberal Democracy* and Ali Aslam. *Ordinary Democracy: Sovereignty and Citizenship Beyond the Neoliberal Impasse* in *Review of Politics* 80(2018) 1.
- Book review of Axel Honneth, *Freedom’s Right: The Social Foundations of Democratic Life* in *Ethics*, 126 (January 2016) 2: 505-509.
- Book review of Mark Wenman, *Agonistic Democracy: Constituent Power in the Era of Globalization* in *Review of Politics* 77 (2015) 4.
- Book review of Anthony Simone Laden, *Reasoning: A Social Picture*, in *Contemporary Political Theory*, online 21 October 2014.
- The Charter of Quebec values. Invited comment on SSRC blog *The Immanent Frame* <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2014/02/20/the-charter-of-quebec-values/>.
- Book review of Jürgen Habermas, *The Crisis of the European Union: A Response*, in *Social Forces*, online 14 May 2013.

- Book review of Jack Knight and James Johnson, *The Priority of Democracy: Political Consequences of Pragmatism* and Steven Bilakovics, *Democracy without Politics*. Cambridge, in *Perspectives on Politics* 11 (March 2013) 1.
- Book review of *Political Philosophy versus History? Contextualism and Real Politics in Contemporary Political Thought*, edited by Jonathan Floyd and Marc Stears, in *Political Theory* 41:4 pp. 676-679.
- “Secularism Minus Exclusion: Developing a Religious-Friendly Idea of Public Reason,” *The Good Society*, (2010) 19:2, pp. 16-21
- Book review of Krause, Sharon R.. *Civil Passions: Moral Sentiment and Democratic Deliberation*. *Ethics* 119:3 (2009): pp 571-576
- “Do good philosophers make good citizens”: invited comment on SSRC blog: *The Immanent Frame*
http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2009/03/05/do-good-philosophers-make-good-citizens/
- “Taking religion seriously”: invited comment on SSRC blog: *The Immanent Frame*
http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/03/05/taking-religion-seriously/
- Book review of Walter F. Baber and Robert V. Barlett *Deliberative Environmental Politics: Democracy and Ecological Rationality*. *Political Science Quarterly*. 122:2 (summer 07).
- Book review of Stephen Eric Bronner, *Reclaiming the Enlightenment: Toward a Politics of Radical Engagement*. *CJPS* 39:04 (Dec. 2006)
- Book review of Michael Rabinder James, *Deliberative Democracy and the Plural Polity*. *Perspectives on Politics*, 3:2 (June 2005)
- Book review of Charles Blattberg, *From Pluralist to Patriotic Politics: Putting Practice First*. *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 36 (September 2003):940-941.
- Book review of Glen Newey, *After Politics: The rejection of Politics in Contemporary Liberal Philosophy*. *American Political Science Review* 96 (Dec. 2002): 808-809.
- Book review of Stephen K. White, *Sustaining Affirmation: The Strengths of Weak Ontology in Political Theory*. *Constellations* Vol. 9 2002, no. 3, pp. 445-447.
- Book review of Alain Touraine, *What is Democracy?*. *Ethics*, January 1999.
- Book review of *Catholicism, Liberalism, Communitarianism: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition and the Moral Foundations of Democracy*, edited by Kenneth L. Grasso, Gerard V. Bradley, and Robert P. Hunt. *American Political Science Review*. 90:3 (September 1996), pp. 627-628.
- Book review of Mark Kingwell, *A Civil Tongue: Justice, Dialogue, and the Politics of Pluralism*. *American Political Science Review*. 89:4 (December 1995), pp. 1015-1016.
- Book review of Seyla Benhabib, *Situating the Self: Gender, Community and Postmodernism in Contemporary Ethics*. *Political Studies*. XLIII (1995), pp. 173-174.
- Book review of *Cultural-Political Interventions in the Unfinished Project of Enlightenment*, edited by Axel Honneth, Thomas McCarthy, Claus Offe, and Albrecht Wellmer. *American Political Science Review*. 88:1 (March 1994), pp. 215-216.
- Review Essay: "David Gauthier's Moral Dealing: Contract, Ethics, and Reason,"

International Hobbes Association Newsletter. No. 13 (June 1991), pp. 3-6.

Invited Lectures (Selected)

- Invited Lecture at Graduate Summer School. 6/11/2018. “Populism and Democracy” University of Zurich.
- Keynote: Conference on Expertise and Democracy. 5/22/2018 “Epistocracy, technocracy, epistemic democracy, deliberative democracy, and populism: Experts and expertise in contemporary normative political theory” University of Oslo, Norway
- Invited Lecture. Political Theory Colloquium. University of Frankfurt. 5/15/2018 “Truth, Democracy, and Internet Populism. Is fake news destroying the public sphere?”
- Invited Lecture. Institute for the Study of Digital Democracy, Salvador, Brazil. 3/26/2018 “Truth, Democracy, and Internet Populism. Is fake news destroying the public sphere?”
- Invited Lecture. UFMG, Belo Horizonte, Brazil. 3/23/2018 “Truth, Democracy, and Internet Populism. Is fake news destroying the public sphere?”
- UCSD, Political Theory Colloquium. May 8, 2017. “Looking for deliberation in all the wrong places: why citizenship ideals are problematic for deliberative democracy.”
- UCLA, Political Theory Colloquium. April 21, 2017. “Looking for deliberation in all the wrong places: why citizenship ideals are problematic for deliberative democracy.”
- UC Riverside, John L Stanley Memorial Lecture. April 12, 2017. “Looking for deliberation in all the wrong places: why citizenship ideals are problematic for deliberative democracy.”
- Keynote. University of Canberra, Center for Deliberative Democracy and global Governance. Deliberative Democracy Summer School. February 14, 2017. “Deliberative Democracy: State of the Art.”
- Keynote. Australian Association of Political Theory Meeting. Melbourne Australia, February 18, 2017. “Looking for deliberation in all the wrong places: why citizenship ideals are problematic for deliberative democracy”
- Victoria Colloquium in Political, Social and Legal Theory, March 18, 2016. “An Ethics of Public Political Deliberation: The Case of Rhetoric.”
- University of Virginia, Political Theory Colloquium, Nov. 13, 2015. “An Ethics of Public Political Deliberation: The Case of Rhetoric.”
- Saskatoon, Nov. 6-7, 2015. Keynote address, conference “Law, Public Administration, and Challenges to Democracy. A Conference in Honour of Allan E. Blakeney.”
- Reykjavik, Iceland. May 27-29. Keynote address, conference “Workings of Democracy.”
- University of Rijeka, Croatia, November 24, 2014. Keynote at a symposium on my work. “20 years of Deliberative Democracy.”
- Paris, November 20, 2014. Keynote address, conference *Deliberation after Consensus: Democracy, epistemic quality and public discourse*. “Consensus, Democratic Legitimacy, and a Deliberative Systems Approach”

- “University of Copenhagen, December 3, 2013. “The Ethics of Public Discourse.”
- Queens University, October 25, 2013. “Kantianism under Siege: can public reason accommodate passion, rhetoric and affect?”
- University of Basel, July 2012. “Public Justification and an Ethics of Public Discourse”
- Stanford University, January 2012: “Reason, Reasons, Reasoning: Three Faces of Public Justification.”
- Munich, *Deutschen Kongresses für Philosophie*, September, 2011: “Reason, Reasons, Reasoning: Three Faces of Public Justification.”
- University of Coimbra, Portugal, June, 2011: “Including religious voices but excluding religious reason? Citizenship versus legitimacy in contemporary liberal theory.”
- Institute for Christian Study, Toronto, February, 2011: “Religion in the Public Sphere”
- University of Victoria, BC, October, 2010: “Religion in the Public Sphere”
- Columbia University: April 2010: “Deliberative Democracy Today”
- University of Colorado, April 2010: “Civility in the Public Sphere”
- University of Sydney: July 2009: “Public Reason and the Liberal Tradition”
- University of Sydney: July 2009: “Civility in the Public Sphere.”
- University of Indiana, April, 2009: “Deliberative Democracy Today”
- UCSD, October 2008: “Deliberative Democracy Today”
- OSU, April 2008: “Rhetoric and the Public Sphere,”
- Cornell University, April 2008: “Rhetoric and the Public Sphere,”
- Brown University February 2008: “Rhetoric and the Public Sphere”