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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016- Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth College, Department of Government, Political Economy Project
- 2015-2016 Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Associate, University of Georgia, Department of Political Science, American Founding Group

## EDUCATION

- 2015 **PhD—Politics.** Princeton University.  
Dissertation: *The Localist Tradition in America*  
Committee: Melissa Lane, Stephen Macedo, Paul Frymer
- 2012 **MA—Politics.** Princeton University.  
Exam Fields: Political Theory, American Politics, Ethics (Program in Political Philosophy)
- 2011 **MA—Political Science.** UCLA.  
Qualifying Paper: “The Illusion of Contract: Hobbes and the Necessity of Paternal Dominion.” Supervisor: Joshua Dienstag
- 2008 **BA—Economics and Political Science.** *Minor:* Philosophy. UCLA. Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude.*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Plural Voting and Political Equality: A Thought Experiment in Democratic Theory.” *European Journal of Political Theory*. Published electronically June 29, 2015. doi:10.1177/1474885115591344.
- “Vetoes in the Early Republic: A Defense of Norms.” *Presidential Studies Quarterly*. Published electronically April 30, 2017. doi:10.1111/psq.12382.
- “Against Subsidiarity.” *The Journal of Political Philosophy* (forthcoming).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

### Book Project

#### *Localism in America*

The aim of this book is both to characterize and to critique a particular, and not at all peculiar, frame of mind, attitude, or impulse in American political thought, culture, and practice. I call this frame of mind *localism*. Rooted most broadly in the preference for, or in the disposition in favor of, what is near and small as opposed to what is distant and large in the political world, localism in America has social, political, and ideological dimensions. Americans, it is widely believed, are peculiar in their intense desire to be governed close to home. Whether this is attributable to their status as settler-nation continually confronting the frontier, in their experience of being governed from across the Atlantic during the colonial era, or in the combination of communitarian and individualistic impulses, American localism is easily recognizable but poorly understood. This book is the first major contribution to our understanding of localism.

Introduction: Localism in American Political Thought, Development, and Culture

Chapter 2: The Eighteenth Century: Localism in Anti-Federalist Political Thought

Chapter 3: The Nineteenth Century: Stephen Douglas, Localism, Popular Sovereignty, and Slavery in the Territories

Chapter 4: The Twentieth Century: The Ideology of Local Control in American Education

Conclusion: The Twenty-First Century: Whither Localism?

### Articles

“The Principle of Subsidiarity: Political not Metaphysical” (invited to revise and resubmit, *Constellations*)

“Stephen Douglas’s Self-Deception: Popular Sovereignty in the Territories” (draft complete)

“Aristocracy in America: Tocqueville’s Theory of White Privilege” (with Jennie Ikuta, University of Tulsa; draft complete)

“The Illusion of Contract: Hobbes and Paternal Dominion” (draft complete)

## HONORS & AWARDS

2017 Nominated for the Best Dissertation Award in American Political Thought, American Political Science Association, by the Department of Politics, Princeton University.

- 2016 National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers, “Exploring American Democracy with Alexis de Tocqueville as Guide,” University of Virginia
- 2016 Finalist, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Visiting Scholars Program
- 2010-2015 Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2015 Stafford Fund for Scholarly Travel Grant, Department of Politics, Princeton University
- 2015 Political Philosophy Graduate Student Research and Travel Grant, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 2013-2014 Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 2010 Merit Prize, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University
- 2008-2010 Chancellor’s Prize Fellowship, UCLA
- 2008-2009 Regent’s Fellowship, UCLA
- 2008 Certificate of Academic Excellence, Department of Economics, UCLA (GPA > 3.9 in major)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 Aristocracy in America: Tocqueville’s Theory of White Privilege. Association for Political Theory, Ann Arbor, October 12-14.
- 2017 Aristocracy in America: Caste, Whiteness, and Interracial Sympathy. American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31–September 3 (with Jennie Ikuta, University of Tulsa).
- 2017 Aristocracy in America: Caste and the Failures of Interracial Sympathy. Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, April 14 (with Jennie Ikuta, University of Tulsa).
- 2016 The American Revolution: No Better than Brexit? Dartmouth College, October 17.
- 2016 Stephen Douglas’s Self-Deception: Popular Sovereignty in the Territories. American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1.
- 2016 Against Subsidiarity: Subsidiarity as Ideology. Western Political Science Association, San Diego, March 26.
- 2015 Vetoes in the Early Republic: Changing Norms *and* Electoral Reform. University of Georgia, December 2.
- 2015 The Ideology of Local Control in American Education Policy. American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 3.
- 2015 The Ideology of Local Control in American Education Policy: A Normative Assessment. London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of

- Government, LSE-Princeton Political Theory Workshop, May 7.
- 2015 Localism in Anti-Federalist Political Thought. New England Political Science Association, New Haven, April 24.
- 2015 Localism, Popular Sovereignty, and Slavery in the Territories, 1820-1861. Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, April 4.
- 2010 The Illusion of Contract: Hobbes and the Necessity of Paternal Dominion. Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, June 8.

## **TEACHING**

### **Courses Taught**

#### **Instructor, Dartmouth College, Department of Government**

- 2017 American Conservatism, Spring
- 2016 American Political Thought, Fall (with Russell Muirhead)

#### **Instructor, University of Georgia, Department of Political Science**

- 2016 Contemporary Political Thought, Spring
- 2015 Special Topics in Political Theory: Federalism and Its Critics, Fall

#### **Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University, Department of Politics**

- 2015 American Politics (with Paul Frymer), Spring
- 2014 Modern Political Thought (with Charles Beitz), Fall
- 2013 American Political Thought (with Alan Ryan), Fall

#### **Teaching Assistant, UCLA, Department of Political Science**

- 2010 Politics and Strategy (with Kathleen Bawn), Spring
- 2010 Politics and Strategy (with Barry O'Neill), Winter
- 2009 Democratic Theory (with Carole Pateman), Fall

### **Advising Experience**

- 2013-2015 Student Mentor, Undergraduate Certificate Program in Values and Public Life, Princeton University

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **Conferences and Workshops**

- 2016 Chair and Discussant, Panel on "Democratic Reason and Decision Making," Western Political Science Association, March 25.

- 2011-2015 Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, paper discussant, referee.
- 2013 Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, co-organizer.
- 2013 Practical Advice on Preparing a Dissertation Prospectus, invited speaker, Princeton University, Department of Politics, October 24.
- 2009 Respondent, UCLA Political Theory Workshop.

### **Reading Groups**

- 2016 Coordinator, *Democracy for Realists* Reading Group, Political Economy Project, Dartmouth College.
- 2016 Coordinator, American Founding Group, University of Georgia.
- 2013-2014 Coordinator, Arendt Reading Group, Princeton University.

### **Journal Referee**

Public Choice, Political Research Quarterly, Constellations, American Political Thought, Croatian Journal of Philosophy

## REFERENCES

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