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Employment

Princeton University

Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Politics and the University Center for Human Values, 2026-

New York University

Julius Silver, Roslyn S. Silver, and Enid Silver Winslow Professor of Politics, 2018-2026.

Chair, Department of Politics, 2024-2026.

Professor, Department of Politics, 2016-2018.

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, 2013-2026.

Affiliated Professor, Department of Classics, 2015-2026.

Affiliated Professor, School of Law, 2017-2026.

Columbia University

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2006-2013 (tenured 2013).

Associate Member, Department of Classics, 2009-2013.

The George Washington University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-2006.

Education

New York University

Mellon “New Directions” Fellow, School of Law, 2014-2015.

Ph.D., Politics, 2002.

Washington University in St. Louis,

A.B., Political Science and Classics, 1996, *magna cum laude*.

Awards, Fellowships, Grants

- Guggenheim Fellowship, 2020.
- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 2020-2021.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Connection Grant. 2017-2018. Grant in Support of Conference on “Political Theory In/And/As Political Science.” Co-PI with Jacob Levy (McGill) and Josiah Ober (Stanford).

- Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2016-2017.
- Invited Professor, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 2016.
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation “New Directions” Fellowship (NYU Law), 2013-2016.
- Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award, 2013.
- Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Association Mentorship Award, 2010.
- Bradley Fellowship, NYU, Department of Politics (2001-2002).
- MacCracken Fellowship, NYU, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (1996-2001).

Publications

Books:

Democratic Deals: A Defense of Political Bargaining. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2024.
(With Jack Knight)

- Co-Winner of the 2025 David Easton Award from the Foundations of Political Theory Section of APSA for a “book that broadens the horizons of contemporary political science by engaging issues of philosophical significance in political life through any of a variety of approaches in the social sciences and humanities.”
- Roundtable on recent work on the political theory of bargaining, APSA 2025
- Author-meets-critics panel, PPE Society Eighth Annual Meeting, 2024
- LSE PPE Research Seminar, December 2024; *Digging a Hole: The Legal Theory Podcast*, 2024.

Counting the Many: The Origins and Limits of Supermajority Rule. New York: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in the Theory of Democracy), 2014.

- Winner of the 2016 David and Elaine Spitz Prize (International Conference for the Study of Political Thought) for the best book in liberal and/or democratic theory published in 2014.
- Reviewed by *The New Republic*, *Perspectives on Politics* (subject of symposium), *Political Theory*, *Contemporary Political Theory* (two reviews), *Political Studies Review*, *Law and Politics Book Review*.
- Author-meets-critics panel at Midwest Political Science Association, 2014.

Democracy and Legal Change. New York: Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Studies in the Theory of Democracy), 2007.

- Subject of a commissioned critical exchange (with Corey Brettschneider) in *Perspectives on Politics*; reviewed in *Law and Politics Book Review*.

Edited volumes:

NOMOS LXV: Reconciliation and Repair. New York: NYU Press, 2023. (ed., with Eric Beerbohm)

NOMOS LXIV: Truth and Evidence. New York: NYU Press, 2021. (ed., with Philip Kitcher)

NOMOS LXIII: Democratic Failure. New York: NYU Press, 2020. (ed., with Daniel Viehoff)

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, 2021.

NOMOS LXII: Protest and Dissent. New York: NYU Press, 2020.

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, 2020.

NOMOS LXI: *Political Legitimacy*. New York: NYU Press, 2019. (ed., with Jack Knight)

- Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, 2020.

NOMOS LX: *Privatization*. New York: NYU Press, 2019. (ed., with Jack Knight)

NOMOS LVIII: *Wealth*. New York: NYU Press, 2017. (ed., with Jack Knight)

Journal articles:

“Peers, Equals, and Jurors: New Data and Methods on the Role of Equality in Leveller Thought.” *American Journal of Political Science* 1-14 (2025). With Arthur Spirling.

“Constitutional Fallacies.” *Critical Review*, 36:3, 323-337 (2024).

“Analytical Democratic Theory: A Microfoundational Approach.” *American Political Science Review*, 117:2, 767-772 (2023). With Henry Farrell and Hugo Mercier.

“Intuitions about the epistemic virtues of majority voting.” *Thinking and Reasoning* 27:3, 445-463 (2020). With Hugo Mercier, Martin Dockendorff, Yoshimasa Majima, and Anne-Sophie Hacquin.

“Institutional Bargaining for Democratic Theorists (Or How We Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Hagglng).” *Annual Review of Political Science*, 23:259-276 (2020). With Jack Knight.

“Justifying the Jury: Reconciling Justice, Equality, and Democracy.” *American Political Science Review*, 112:3, 446-458 (2018).

“Aristotle and the Judgment of the Many: Equality, not Collective Quality.” *Journal of Politics*. 78:3, 733-745 (2016).

“Epistemic Democracy and Its Challenges.” *Annual Review of Political Science*, vol. 18: 187-203 (2015).

“Was the *graphe paranomon* a form of judicial review?” Symposium issue on “Constitutionalism, Ancient and Modern.” *Cardozo Law Review* 34: 1049 (2013).

“Designing Electoral Systems: Normative Tradeoffs and Institutional Innovations.” Symposium: Between Science and Engineering: Reflections on the APSA Presidential Task Force on Political Science, Electoral Rules, and Democratic Governance. *Perspectives on Politics* 11:3 (2013). With Andrew Rehfeld.

“Should Progressive Constitutionalism Embrace Popular Constitutionalism?” 2010-2011 Symposium Issue on “Reflections on Progressive Constitutionalism: Theory, Practice, and Critique.” *Ohio State Law Journal* 72: 1295.

“Shouts, Murmurs, and Votes: Acclamation and Aggregation in Ancient Greece.” *Journal of Political Philosophy*. 18:4, 448-468 (2010).

“The Arbitrariness of Supermajority Rules.” *Social Science Information* [special issue on collective decision-making rules]. 49:1, 61-82 (2010).

“Norms, Minorities, and Collective Choice Online.” *Ethics and International Affairs*. 22:4, 357-368 (2009). With Henry Farrell.

“Voting the General Will: Rousseau on Decision Rules.” *Political Theory*. 36:3, 403-423 (2008).

“Jeremy Bentham on Fallibility and Infallibility.” *Journal of the History of Ideas*. 68:4, 563-585 (2007).

“Vox Populi, Vox Dei, Vox Sagittae.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*. April 2006, 39:2, 297-301. With Forrest Maltzman and Lee Sigelman.

“Athenian Democracy and Legal Change,” *American Political Science Review*. 98:2, 311-325 (2004).

“Rousseau on Fundamental Law,” *Political Studies*. vol. 51, 387-403 (2003).

Reprinted in *Rousseau and Law*, Thom Brooks, ed. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2005.

Book chapters:

Preface to *Montesquieu*, by Bernard Manin. Paris: Editions Hermann, 2024.

“Passive-Aggressive Citizenship.” In Richard Tuck, *Active and Passive Citizens* (Stephen Macedo, ed.), Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2024.

“Political Equality Among Unequals.” In Matthew Maguire and David Williams, eds., *Cambridge Companion to Rousseau’s Social Contract*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2024.

“Democracy and Knowledge from Condorcet to the Present.” In Christopher Meckstroth and Samuel Moyn, eds. *Cambridge History of Democracy, volume 3: From the Nineteenth Century to the Present*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

“The Democratic Consequences of the New Public Sphere.” In Hélène Landemore, Rob Reich, and Lucy Bernholz, eds., *Digital Technology and Democratic Theory*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021. With Henry Farrell.

“Uncompromising Democracy.” *NOMOS LV: Compromise*. Ed. Jack Knight. New York: New York University Press, 2018.

“Democracy, Judgment, and Juries.” *Majority Decisions: Principles and Practices*. Stéphanie Novak and Jon Elster, eds. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

“Deliberative Negotiation.” *Negotiating Agreement in Politics*. Ed. Jane Mansbridge and Cathie Jo Martin. American Political Science Association, 2013. Lead authors Jane Mansbridge and Mark Warren, with André Bächtiger, Maxwell A. Cameron, Simone Chambers, John Ferejohn, Alan Jacobs, Jack Knight, Daniel Naurin, Yael Tamir, Dennis Thompson, and Melissa Williams.

Work in progress:

Schwartzberg, Melissa. *Sheep May Safely Graze: Jurors, Knowledge, and Democracy* (book manuscript).

- Free-standing working papers associated with this project, available upon request, include “Sheep May Safely Graze: On the Instrumental Justification of Democracy,” “The Democratization of Legal Judgment in Athens,” and “Impartiality, Democracy, and the Jury”

Book reviews, etc.

“Athenian Democracy and Distrust” (Symposium on *The Currency of Politics: The Political Theory of Money from Aristotle to Keynes*, by Stefan Eich). *Review of Politics* (First view, 2025).

Book review, *Democratic Law*, by Seana Shiffrin. *Philosophical Review* 132.3 (July 2023).

“Insomnia and Other Constitutional Pathologies” (Review of *The Sleeping Sovereign*, by Richard Tuck). *Modern Intellectual History* 16:1, 295-308 (April 2019). With Jeffrey Lenowitz.

Book review, *Law’s Abnegation*, by Adrian Vermeule. *Political Theory* 46:6, 980-986 (December 2018).

“The Political Theory of *Law and Disagreement*, by Jeremy Waldron.” *Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory*, ed. Jacob Levy. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

“A Discussion of Josiah Ober’s *The Rise and Fall of Classical Greece*” [Review Symposium]. *Perspectives on Politics* 14:4, 1144-1145 (December 2016).

“We Have Always Been Talking About Headscarves” (Review of *Rationalism, Pluralism, and Freedom*, by Jacob T. Levy). *The New Rambler*, April 8, 2015.

“Democracy.” *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

“Superhuman Vision: Beyond the Gaze.” Contribution to symposium (also symposium co-editor with Richard Avramenko) on Jeffrey E. Green’s *The Eyes of the People: Democracy in an Age of Spectatorship*. *Political Theory* [OnlineFirst date February 10, 2014].

“The Ferocity of Hope: Accountability and the People’s Tribune in *Machiavellian Democracy*.” Contribution to symposium on John McCormick’s *Machiavellian Democracy*. *The Good Society*. 20:2, 216-225 (2011).

“Ratification Rules and the New (and Old) Constitutional Convention.” Contribution to symposium on Sanford Levinson’s *Our Undemocratic Constitution*. *The Good Society*, 18:1, 46-51 (2009).

Book review of *In Our Name* (Princeton, 2012), by Eric Beerbohm. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2013.10.12.

Book review of *Rousseau, Law, and the Sovereignty of the People* (Cambridge, 2010), by Ethan Putterman. *History of Political Thought*, 32:3, 529-533 (2011).

Book review of *Politics: Antiquity and its Legacy. Ancients and Moderns* (Oxford, 2009), by Kostas Vlassopoulos. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2011.01.05.

Book review of *Democratic Rights* (Princeton, 2007), by Corey Brettschneider, as part of commissioned critical exchange. *Perspectives on Politics* 6: 361-365 (2008).

“English Bill of Rights.” *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties* (4 vols), Paul Finkelman, ed. New York: Routledge, 2006.

Public-facing work:

“Why Trump’s Attacks on the NY Jury are Especially Troubling.” *Good Authority*, June 4, 2024.

“The New Libertarian Elitists.” *Democracy*, Spring 2023. With Henry Farrell and Hugo Mercier.

“How to Co-Exist, After Defeat, With Citizens Whose Views You Despise.” *Vox*, November 9, 2016. With Jennifer Gandhi.

“What Did Democracy Really Mean in Athens?” Wrote script and discussion questions for animated video produced by TED-Ed. [over 1,288,129 views as of 1/6/25]
<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/what-did-democracy-really-mean-in-athens-melissa-schwartzberg>.

“What Ancient Athens Can and Can’t Teach Us About the Greek Referendum.” *The Monkey Cage*, Washington Post, July 4, 2015.

“Temporal Omnipotence, or How Even the Pope Can Strategically Call for New Elections.” *The Monkey Cage*, Feb. 11, 2013. With Forrest Maltzman.

Invited Talks

“Bargaining over Local Knowledge.” Keynote, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting. November 14, 2026.

“Toward a Utilitarian Conception of Democracy.” Keynote, 2026 International Society for Utilitarian Studies, University of Macau, July 25, 2026.

“Impartiality, Democracy, and the Jury.” New York University, Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, September 25, 2025; Vanderbilt University, Social and Political Thought Workshop, January 22, 2025.

“What do jurors know?” Scholars Lecture Series, NYU, April 8, 2024; Public Lecture, King’s College London, April 27, 2022.

“What made the Athenian jury democratic?” Georgetown University, Political Theory Workshop, March 17, 2023.

Democratic Deals. Dartmouth College, July 13, 2026, student discussion. University of Richmond. Day-long book manuscript workshop. December 7, 2022; University of California-San Diego. Day-long workshop on three chapters. June 4, 2022.

“The Scope and Limits of Legislative Bargaining.” Northwestern University Political Theory Workshop, May 16, 2022; King’s College London Political Economy Seminar, April 27, 2022; UC Berkeley Law and Philosophy Workshop, April 1, 2022.

“Constitutionalism and Local Knowledge: From the Black Death to COVID-19.” Keynote, Constitutionalism and the Free Society Conference, Research Group on Constitutional Studies, McGill University. April 29, 2021.

“On Active and Passive Citizens.” Commentator for Richard Tuck, Tanner Lectures on Human Values, Princeton University, Nov. 6-7, 2019.

“Sheep May Safely Graze: On the Instrumental Justification of Democracy.” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, February 4, 2020; Legal Theory Workshop, University of Virginia, Nov. 22, 2019; Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, New York University, Nov. 8, 2018; Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, Dartmouth, November 2-3, 2018.

“The Jury and Democracy.” Richard Sinopoli Memorial Lecture in Political Theory, University of California-Davis, March 15, 2018.

“Juries and Democratic Legitimacy.” (Previous versions: “Civil Juries and Epistemic Democracy,” then “Civil Juries and Democratic Legitimacy”; published as “Justifying the Jury: Reconciling Justice, Equality, and Democracy”). Fordham Law School, Legal Theory Workshop, March 29, 2017; Department of Political Science, Emory University, Feb. 14, 2017; Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, NYU School of Law, Nov. 1, 2016; Political Philosophy Workshop, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 17, 2016; University of Chicago, Political Theory Workshop, April 11, 2016; Tulane Law School, Faculty Workshop, March 14, 2016; Yale University, Political Theory Workshop, March 9, 2016 (cancelled); Center for Global Ethics and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, Feb. 25, 2016; Berkeley Workshop in Moral, Political, and Legal Theory, Feb. 5, 2016; Princeton University, Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Dec. 17, 2015; Washington University Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, March 20, 2015; Harvard Law and Philosophy colloquium, March 4, 2015.

“Aristotle and the Judgment of the Many.” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 12, 2016 ; Hunter College Political Theory Colloquium, Oct. 21, 2015; Duke University Political Theory Workshop/“Democracy: Ancient and Modern.” Feb. 5, 2015.

“Supermajority Rule and Democracy.” UCLA Marschak Colloquium, Jan. 8, 2015; Brandeis University Department of Politics, March 5, 2015; Ethics, Law, and Public Policy Seminar, CIDE/ITAM, March 20, 2014; Democracy Studies Speakers Series, Moritz College of Law and Mereson Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University, Nov. 30, 2012.

“Judgment and Voting in Classical Athens.” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 12, 2016; Hellenic Studies, New York University, Oct. 30, 2013. History of Political Ideas seminar, Institute of Historical Research, University of London School of Advanced Study, May 22, 2013.

“Equality, Majority Rule, and Supermajorities.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 6, 2011; Rutgers University, Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy, Sept. 20, 2011.

“The Arbitrariness of Supermajority Rules.” New York University School of Law, Colloquium on Law, Economics, and Politics, December 7, 2010.

“Unanimity and Supermajority Rule in Eighteenth-Century France.” Remarque Institute, New York University, October 15, 2010.

“Judgment and Voting in the Assembly and the People’s Courts in Classical Athens”/ “Shouts, Murmurs, and Votes: Aggregation and Acclamation in the Ancient World.” Harvard Law School, January 6, 2010.

“Democracy, Judgment, and Juries.” Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Illinois, March 14, 2011; Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, April 9, 2010; Political Theory Workshop, University of North Carolina, February 25, 2010; Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University, March 12, 2009.

“Shouts, Murmurs, and Votes: Aggregation and Acclamation in the Ancient World.” Political Philosophy Workshop, Brown University, March 19, 2009; Colloquium in Public Law, Princeton University, April 29, 2008; Department of Classics, Columbia University, November 20, 2007; Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, November 15, 2007; Political Theory Workshop, New York University, November 2, 2007.

“John Stuart Mill.” Guest speaker at Contemporary Civilization Core Lecture Series. May 1, 2016; April 5, 2011; and March 3, 2009.

“Thinking through ancient texts in today’s classroom.” Guest speaker at “The Origins of Political Values in Ancient Greece and Their Continuation into Modern Political Thought,” Faculty Resource Network Summer Seminar, Center for Ancient Studies, New York University, June 11-15, 2007.

“Against Entrenchment.” Institute for Constitutional Studies, March 24, 2006; Georgetown University Law Center Colloquium on Constitutional Law and Theory, February 14, 2006.

“Voting the General Will: Rousseau’s Use of Supermajority Rules.” Riker Seminar, University of Rochester, February 3, 2006.

“Political Theory and the Conceivable Future.” Political Science Honors Convocation, Washington University in St. Louis, April 29, 2004.

“Infallibility in Bentham’s Political and Legal Thought.” University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium, Feb. 13, 2004; NYU Political Theory Colloquium, Nov. 13, 2003.

“The Political Theory of Jean-Jacques Rousseau.” Catholic University, Nov. 12, 2003.

Thematic Conference Presentations

“Protecting Interests Under Majority Rule.” Balancing Majority and Minority Rights: The Dilemma of Majority-Constraining Institutions in an Age of Democratic Backsliding, Harvard University Center for European Studies, February 28, 2025.

“The Cross-Sectional Jury and Democratic Judgment.” IWORD 2024 (International Workshop on Reimagining Democracy), December 10-11, 2024.

“The Democratization of Legal Judgment in Athens.” Ancient Philosophy of Law Conference, University of Hull, Jan. 20, 2023.

“The Democratic Consequences of the New Public Sphere.” With Henry Farrell. Digital Technology and Democratic Theory Workshop, Stanford University, Dec. 11, 2018.

“Voters and Jurors.” Demarcating the Demos, Justitia Amplificata Postdoctoral Conference, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Germany, July 12-13, 2018.

“The Moral Limits of Bargaining.” With Jack Knight. Political Equality in Mass Democracy. Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University, Lyon, France, July 3-4, 2018; Political Theory In/And/As Political Science conference, McGill University, May 10-12, 2018.

“Democratic Equality in the Age of Trump.” The Crisis of Democracy: Conceptual and Institutional Perspectives, Yale University, January 25-26, 2018.

“Uncompromising Democracy.” Keynote, Compromise and Representation Conference, University of Copenhagen, December 14, 2017. [cancelled due to illness]

“Relational Equality and Democratic Institutions.” Political Equality Workshop, New York University, Nov. 18, 2017.

“Insomnia and other constitutional pathologies.” Commentary on Richard Tuck’s *The Sleeping Sovereign*, Yale University, April 7, 2017.

“Juries and Democratic Legitimacy,” Oxford Political Thought conference, January 6, 2017.

“Democratic Legitimacy and Attitudes About Information-Aggregation Procedures.” With Hugo Mercier. Collective Problem-Solving, Santa Fe Institute, Nov. 10, 2016.

“Democratic Theory and Referendums.” Referendums and Democratic Politics, NYU, Nov. 3-4, 2016.

“Epistemic Democracy and the Jury.” Collective Intelligence Conference, NYU, June 1, 2016; Workshop on Cognitive Democracy, Stanford University, May 29-30, 2015.

“Compromise and Negotiation.” Commentator on principal paper (law), Amy Cohen, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy Conference, American Philosophical Association’s Central Division, Chicago, IL, Feb. 27-28, 2014.

“Equality, Majority Rule, and Supermajorities.” Epistemic Democracy in Practice, Yale University, October 20-22, 2011.

“What is Democratic about Progressive Constitutionalism?” *Ohio State Law Journal* Symposium: Reflections on Progressive Constitutionalism: Theory, Practice, and Critique. Columbus, OH, April 15, 2011.

“Democracy, Judgment, and Juries.” Conference on Majority Decision, Collège de France, May 13-14, 2009.

“Shouts, Murmurs, and Votes: Aggregation and Acclamation in the Ancient World.” Conference on the Greek *Polis* and the Invention of Democracy, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, October 6-8, 2006.

“Bentham and J.S. Mill on Infallibility.” John Stuart Mill Bicentennial Conference, London, England, April 5-7, 2006.

Selected Annual Meeting Presentations

Keynote, “Toward a Utilitarian Theory of Democracy.” International Society for Utilitarian Studies, University of Macao, July 23-25, 2026.

“The Cross-sectional Jury and Democratic Judgment.” PPE Society Eighth Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 14-16, 2024.

Roundtable on “Rethinking Citizen Competence In Democratic Theory and Practice.” American Political Science Association. Philadelphia, PA, September 5-8, 2024.

“Medieval Juries and the Emergence of Political Rights in England.” American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

Roundtable on “Democracy in a Post-Truth World.” APSA, Boston, MA, August 30-September 2, 2018.

“Relating as Equals in the Age of Trump.” APSA, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3, 2017.

Roundtable on “Prospects for Constitutional Change and Reform in the U.S.” APSA, San Francisco, CA, September 3-6, 2015.

“Aristotle and the Judgment of the Many (Or ‘Politics III.11 Jumps the Shark’).” APSA, Washington, DC, August 28-31, 2014.

“Voting and Judgment in Assemblies and Juries in Classical Athens.” American Society for Legal History, Dallas, TX, Nov. 14, 2009.

“Supermajority Rules, Arbitrariness, and Democratic Legitimacy.” APSA, Toronto, ON, September 3-6, 2009.

“Norms, Minorities and Collective Choice in Wikipedia and Daily Kos.” With Henry Farrell. APA, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.

“Decision Rules and Our New Constitutional Convention.” APSA, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.

“Shouts, Murmurs, and Votes.” Association for Political Theory, University of Western Ontario, October 11-14, 2007; APSA, Chicago, IL, August 30-September 2, 2007.

“Minority (Group) Rights in the Modern Liberal Democratic State: A Roundtable Discussion.” Invited plenary session participant. APT, University of Western Ontario, October 11-14, 2007.

“Voting the General Will: Rousseau and the Origin of Epistemic Majorities,” APSA, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005; APT, Washington University, October 21-23, 2005.

“Bentham on Fallibilism and Legal Change.” APSA, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004;
 “Utilitarianism, Human Rights, and Globalization 2003,” the 7th International Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Lisbon, Portugal, April 10-13, 2003.

“The Logic and Legitimacy of Hereditary Succession.” Co-authored with Jennifer Gandhi. MPSA, April 15-18, 2004.

“Rights, Revision, and Democracy.” APSA, Boston, MA, August 26-September 1, 2002.

“Exploring Legal Change: The Athenian Case.” Northeast Political Science Association 2000 Annual Meeting, Albany, NY, November 9-11, 2000.

“The Particular Problems of Absolute Entrenchment.” APSA, Washington, DC, August 31-September 3, 2000.

“Explaining Entrenchment.” MPSA, Chicago, IL, April 27-30, 2000.

Selected thematic conference participation (as discussant):

- Parties, Partisans, Movements, CSPT 2019 Annual Conference, Yale University, May 11, 2019.
- Ancient Greek Political Ideas: Plato and Aristotle, Princeton University, May 17, 2017.
- What is Populism? Princeton University, Nov. 17, 2016.
- Conference on Republican Theories of Criminal Law, Cardozo Law and NYU, Sept. 19-20, 2014.
- Rousseau and Republicanism, Columbia University, September 21, 2012.
- Desiring the Good in Plato, Columbia University, February 6, 2010.
- The Ethics of Military Intervention: What Can We Learn from the Modern European Classics? Columbia University, Sept. 18-19, 2009.
- Beyond Elections: The Democratic Legitimacy of New Forms of Representation. University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, December 5, 2008.

Chair or discussant: Association for Political Theory 2018, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010; American Political Science Association 2024, 2022, 2020, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2010, 2006, 2005, 2003, 1999; Midwest Political Science Association 2005.

Professional Service

To the Discipline:

- Editorial Committee, *Annual Review of Political Science* (2023-)
- Vice President, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (2025-)
- Associate Editor, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (CRISPP) (2018-2025)
- Chair, APSA Commission on Planning for the Annual Meetings (2023-2024)
- Member, Future of the Senate Project, Brookings Institute (2022-)
- Lead, Political Theory Editorial Team, *Journal of Politics* (2022)
- Member, Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review* (2020-)
- Member, Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science* (2014-)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics* (2019-2025)
- Member, Editorial Board, *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (2023-) (Associate Editor, 2019-2023)
- Co-creator, Political Theory In/And/As Political Science Junior Scholars Forum (2018-)
- Editor, *NOMOS*, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (2014-2021)
- Member, David Easton Award committee (APSA Foundations of Political Thought book award), 2024.
- Task force member, Moral Political Economy project, CASBS, Stanford (2019-2022)
- Chair, Robert A. Dahl Award committee (APSA award for the untenured scholar who has produced the scholarship of the highest quality on democracy), 2019.
- Chair, David and Elaine Spitz Prize committee for the best book in liberal/democratic theory (2014); committee member, 2011, 2013.
- Executive Co-Director (Co-President) of the Association for Political Theory (2010-2013); creator and chair, First Book Manuscript Workshop (2013-2015).
- Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships program, Political Science and Jurisprudence panel (2014).
- APSA Task Force on Negotiating Agreement in Politics (contributor to working group chapter on “Deliberative Negotiation”) (2012-2013).
- APSA Task Force on Electoral Rules and Democratic Governance (2011-2012).
- Division Chair, Normative Political Theory, American Political Science Association 101st Annual Meeting and Exhibition, Washington, DC, September 1-4, 2005.
- Manuscript reviewer, Cambridge University Press, University of Oklahoma Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Yale University Press, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Constellations*, *Constitutional Political Economy*, *CRISPP*, *Economics and Politics*, *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Political Theory*, *Transactions of the American Philological Association*.

To NYU:

- Convener, “Civic Questions” courses, 2025-2026.
- Convener, “Complexities” Core Course, 2023-25.
- Chair, Foundations of the Core Curriculum Steering Committee, 2023. (member, 2015-16; 2017-18; 2018-19; 2021-2022); Core revisions Realization Committee, 2023

- Co-organizer, Political Philosophy Workshop, spring 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2025.
- Chair, Department of Politics Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2022-2023, 2023-2024.
- Member, Department of Politics Graduate Admissions Committee, 2014, 2023.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (2017-2020) (chair, 2018-19, 2019-2020).
- Member, Department of Politics Faculty Search Committee, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019.
- Co-organizer, Inequality: Ancient and Modern (Ranieri Colloquium on Ancient Studies). March 7-8, 2019.
- Departmental representative, Faculty Assembly (2015-2016).

To Columbia University:

- Co-organizer, “Responsiveness, Representation, and Democracy” conference, March 2013.
- Governing Board, Society of Fellows, 2008-2011.
- Chair or co-chair, Columbia Seminar in Political and Social Thought, 2007-2011.
- Chair or co-chair, Columbia Political Theory Workshop, 2007-2011.
- Member, Political Theory Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2009-10.
- Co-organizer, “Varieties of Majority Rule” conference, Nov. 7-8, 2008.
- Advisory Board, Consortium for Intellectual and Cultural History, 2007-2013.
- Member, American Politics Senior Search Committee, 2007-08.
- Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2006-07, 2009-10.

Courses Taught

At NYU:

- Is Democracy Worth It? (University one-credit Civic Questions course). Fall 2025.
- Introduction to Political Theory, Spring 2016, Spring 2024, Spring 2026.
- Democracy, Knowledge, and Equality (undergraduate core), Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2023.
- Ancient Political Theory (undergraduate), Spring 2017; Fall 2021; (graduate), Spring 2024.
- Political Equality (undergraduate), Spring 2023; Fall 2024.
- Political Equality (graduate), Fall 2021 (with Daniel Viehoff).
- Representation in Theory and Practice, Spring 2020, spring 2023 (with Patrick Egan).
- Political Theory Field Seminar, Spring 2020 (with Ryan Pevnick).
- Modern Political Theory (graduate), Spring 2019 (with Ryan Pevnick); fall 2023.
- Democratic Theory (graduate), Spring 2014; Fall 2015 (with Bernard Manin); Spring 2017 (with Ryan Pevnick); Fall 2025 (with Ryan Pevnick).
- Dissertation Workshop. (With Sanford Gordon, Spring 2014; With Peter Rosendorff, Fall 2017).

At Columbia University:

- Democratic Theory (graduate), Fall 2013.
- Problems in Democratic Theory (undergraduate), Fall 2012, Spring 2009.
- Contemporary Civilization, Fall 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012; Spring 2007, 2010, 2011.

- Dissertation Workshop. (With Jeffrey Lax.) Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2011.
- Modern Political Thought (graduate/undergraduate), Spring 2010.
- Political Thought – Classical and Medieval (graduate/undergraduate), Fall 2006, 2008; Spring 2011, 2013.
- Constitutional Theory and History (graduate). (With Jon Elster.) Fall 2007.

At The George Washington University:

- Theories of Majority Rule. Undergraduate, Spring 2006.
- Theories of Democracy. Graduate, Fall 2003, Fall 2005; Undergraduate, Fall 2004; Dean's Seminar for Freshman, Fall 2005.
- Western Political Thought I: Plato to Aquinas. Spring and Fall 2003; Fall 2004; Spring 2006.
- Constitutionalism. Undergraduate, Spring 2005.
- Comparative Constitutionalism. (With Nathan Brown.) Spring 2004.
- Dean's Seminar for Freshmen: Human Rights. Fall 2002; Spring 2004.
- Rights. Spring 2003.

Graduate students

As dissertation chair/sponsor

- Sam Boren Reast (NYU), 2024. Placement: Visiting Lecturer, NYU.
- Arina Cocoru (NYU), 2020. Placement: Visiting Lecturer, NYU-Abu Dhabi.
- Kevin Elliott (co-sponsor with David Johnston), 2015. Placement: assistant professor (tenure-track), Murray State University; now Lecturer in Ethics, Politics, and Economics at Yale University.
- Andreas Avgousti (co-sponsor with David Johnston), 2015. Placement: postdoctoral fellow, Simon Fraser University; now private high school educator.
- Jeffrey Lenowitz (co-sponsor with Jon Elster), 2012. Placement: Prize Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Nuffield College, Oxford; now associate professor, Brandeis University.
- Felix Gerlsbeck (co-sponsor with Jon Elster). Placement: Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Hamburg, 2013; now private sector.

As committee member (all at Columbia)

Nathan Feldman; Rob Goodman; Bjorn Gomes; Johannes Hemker; Lara Nettlefield; Sirine Shebaya (philosophy); Andrew Franklin-Hall (philosophy); Ariadna Pop (philosophy, outside examiner).

Languages

French and ancient Greek (proficient); elementary German, Hebrew, and Latin.