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Academic Positions

2022–	Lecturer in Political Theory and Philosophy, Newcastle University
2021–22	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Ethics in Society, Stanford University

Education

2021	PhD, Political Science, University of Toronto
2018	Visiting Student, Normative Orders Excellence Cluster, Goethe University Frankfurt
2013	MPhil, Politics: Political Theory, University of Oxford
2009	BA, Politics, Philosophy and Economics, University of Oxford

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Online first	"Decolonizing Democratic Theory: A Democratic Case for Unelected Indigenous Governments", *Canadian Journal of Political Science*
Online first	"Should We Use Citizens' Assemblies to Make Health Policy?", *Bioethics*
Online first	"Deliberative Responsiveness: The Philosophical Limits of the Median Voter Theory and the Value of Ranked Choice Voting in a Polarized United States", *Journal of Politics*
2025	"Lottocracy or Psephocracy? Democracy, Elections, and Random Selection", *European Journal of Political Theory* 24 (3)
2024	"Centripetal Representation", *American Journal of Political Science* 68 (2)
2023	"Democratic Peace Beyond Westphalia: Kang and Kant", *Comparative Political Theory* 3 (1)
2019	"Civic Virtue in the Deliberative System", *Journal of Deliberative Democracy* 15 (1)

Other Writing

2026	"Ottawa doesn't have a monopoly on First Nations democracy", *Policy Options*, 25 November
2025	"How Zohran Mamdani's 'talent for listening' spurred him to victory in the New York mayoral election", *The Conversation*, 5 November. Republished by *Newsweek Japan*, *Channel News Asia*, and others
2025	Review of Simone Chambers, *Contemporary Democratic Theory*, *Review of Politics* 87 (1)
2024	"Kang Youwei: the Revolutionary Thinker behind Modern China's Transformation", *The Conversation*, 4 July

Grants, Prizes, and Scholarships

Grants

2026	Swiss National Science Foundation travel grant, Open Constitutional Democracy Workshop, Lausanne
2025	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada travel grant, Political Theory in/and/as Political Science Early Career Scholars Workshop, Montreal

2025	Open Philanthropy travel grant, Critical Perspectives on Democratic Deliberation in Health and Science Policy, Oxford

Prizes and Scholarships

2017	Robert C. Vipond Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto
2016	University of Frankfurt Exchange Award, University of Toronto
2012–13	Department of Politics and International Relations Studentship, University of Oxford
2011–12	Pollock Graduate Scholarship, University of Oxford
2009	Mary Somerville Prize, University of Oxford
2008	Coombs Exhibition, University of Oxford

Selected Presentations

Invited Talks and Workshop Participation

2026	Paper on minipublics, Open Constitutional Democracy Workshop, Lausanne
2026	"Democratic Responsiveness", MANCEPT Seminar Series, University of Manchester
2025	"Should We Use Minipublics to Make Health Policy?", Critical Perspectives on Democratic Deliberation in Health and Science Policy Workshop, Oxford
2025	"Democratic Responsiveness", Political Theory Group, University of Edinburgh
2024	"Decolonizing Democratic Theory", Indigenous Politics and Democratic Theory Workshop Series, Ziibing Lab, University of Toronto
2022	"Centripetal Representation", Political Science Seminar Series, Stanford University

Discussant

2022	Goodman and Jackson, "Representation Beyond the Constructivist Turn", Political Theory in/and/as Political Science Workshop, Stanford University
2022	Tracing Political Boundaries panel, Western Political Science Association
2021	Democratic Theory panel, Canadian Political Science Association
2019	Walton, "Moral Bootstrapping: The Conservative Buddhist Political Thought of Aung San Suu Kyi", Political Theory Research Workshop, University of Toronto

Workshops and Panels Organised

2026	"Deliberative Democracy Beyond the Minipublic", workshop, Newcastle University
2024	"Reimagining Democracy through Comparative Democratic Theory", American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
2022	"Centripetal Democracy in America", APSA, Montreal
2019	"Dispersed Representation and Its Discontents", APSA, Washington, D.C.

Teaching

2024–	A Global History of Political Thought (undergraduate), Newcastle University
2022	Moral Theory and Current Debates in Society (graduate), Stanford University
2019–20	Modern Political Thought (undergraduate), University of Toronto

Professional Service

Administration, Newcastle University. Degree Programme Director for Politics; Employability Officer; Open Day Convenor; Political Theory Research Cluster Convenor

Peer review. *American Journal of Political Science*, *Bioethics*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Journal of Deliberative Democracy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Noûs*, Oxford University Press, *Parliamentary Affairs*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Polity*, *Representation*, *Res Publica*, Sage, *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory*

Languages

Chinese (intermediate, HSK 4)

References

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