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# *Employment*

**University of Virginia**

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, 2015-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics. 2008-2015.

**Princeton University**

Cotsen-Link Postdoctoral fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts and lecturer in Politics, 2005-2008.

# *Education*

**University of Chicago**

Ph.D. in Political Science, August 2005.

M.A. in Political Science, June 2000.

Dissertation: “Just Samaritans? The Politics and Ethics of International Private Aid.”

Committee: Iris Marion Young, Charles Larmore, Jacob Levy, Patchen Markell, Lisa Wedeen.

**University of Oxford, Nuffield College**

Enrolled visiting student, Trinity term, 2003.

**Williams College**

B.A. with Honors in Political Science and Environmental Studies (*Magna Cum Laude)* June 1996.

**School for International Training**

Semester Abroad in Cameroon, spring 1995.

# *Publications*

# Book

*Between Samaritans and States: the Political Ethics of Humanitarian INGOs* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).

* Winner of the 2016 International Studies Association Ethics Panel Book Award.
* Winner of the 2016 APSA-IPSA Theodore J. Lowi First Book Award.
* Reviewed (or review forthcoming) in *Humanity*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics, International Affairs, Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric*
* Subject of an online symposium (four reviews and an author response) sponsored by the Buffett Institute, Northwestern University.

# Peer-reviewed articles

“Small-money Donations as Democratic Politics.” *Perspectives on Politics 20*(3), 965-982 (2022).

“The Virtuous Cycle Argument, Political Judgment, and Citizens’ Political Resistance” *Journal of Intervention and State-building* Volume 12, Issue 4, p. 584-602 (2018).

## “Emergency Claims and Democratic Action,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* Vol. 32, Issue 1, p. 101-126 (2015).

["The Misuse of Power, Not Bad Representation: Why it is Beside the Point that No One Elected Oxfam."](http://weebly-file/1/2/9/0/12902783/advocacy_article_final_for_jpp_11.9.12.docx)  *The Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol. 22 No 2 (2014) pp. 204-230.

* Reprinted in a joint special issue of *Journal of Political Philosophy/Philosophy, Politics, and Society* on “Duties Beyond Borders” (September 2014) and in book form by Wiley-Blackwell (2015).

“Pluralism about Global Poverty.” *British Journal of Political Science* Vol. 43 no. 4 (September 2013), pp. 775 - 797.

 “Humanitarian NGOs’ Duties of Justice.” *Journal of Social Philosophy* Vol. 40 No. 4 (Winter 2009) pp. 524-541.

“Distribution and Emergency.” *The Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol. 15 No. 3 (Sept. 2007) pp. 296-320.

* Reprinted in Emergency Ethics, Law and Policy, ed. A.M. Viens and Michael J. Selgelid, (England: Ashgate Publishing, 2012).

“Accountability in an Unequal World.” *The Journal of Politics* Vol. 69 No. 3 (August 2007) pp. 616-632.

**Chapters in edited volumes**

“From Influence for the Affected to Accountability for Influence: INGOs, the All-Affected Principle, and the Social Justice Organization Alternative” in *Empowering Affected Interests: Democratic Inclusion in a Globalized World* Eds. Archon Fung and Sean W.D. Gray (Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 202X [in production]).

“The Political Legitimacy of International NGOs” in *Political Legitimacy NOMOS XLI* eds. Melissa Schwartzberg and Jack Knight (New York: NYU Press, 2019).

“The Distributive Commitments of International NGOs” in *Humanitarianism in Question*, eds., Michael Barnett and Thomas Weiss. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2008.

**Other writing (symposia, review essays, *etc*.)**

Joint review of *Future Publics* by Michael MacKenzie and *Democratizing Global Justice* by John Dryzek and Ana Tanasoca. *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming).

"The Complexity of Democratic Exclusion." Contribution to a "Critical Exchange" on Rainer Baubock's Democratic Inclusion: A Pluralistic Theory of Citizenship. Contemporary Political Theory March 2019, Volume 18, Issue 1, pp 95-99.

“Introduction” to a critical exchange on “Political and Ethical Action in the Age of Trump” in *Contemporary Political Theory* (2018). [I also edited this exchange.]

“The Lessons of Effective Altruism” (review essay on Peter Singer, *The Most Good You Can Do* and William MacAskill, *Doing the Most Good*) *Ethics and International Affairs* (Winter 2016) Vol. 30 No. 4 pp. 511-526.

“Inducing Democracy in the Age of Eric Garner” Solicited response for a symposium, “Illiberal views in Liberal States” on Corey Brettschneider’s book *When the State Speaks What Should it Say?* in *Philosophy and Public Issues* 2016 Vol. 6 No 1).

Review of *Ethics in Action: The Ethical Challenges of International Human Rights Nongovernmental Organizations* Eds. Daniel A. Bell and Jean-Marc Coicaud. *Ethics and International Affairs* 21 (3) 2007.

Combined review of *Condemned to Repeat? The paradox of humanitarian action by Fiona Terry and Rethinking Humanitarian Intervention* by Brian Lepard, *Ethics* 115 (2005).

“Book Note” on *Political Forgiveness* by P.E. Digeser in *Ethics* 113 (2003).

**Work in progress**

“Making the Political Personal: Non-Profits, Injustice, and Multi-tasking”

“The Purposes of Empirical Data in Empirically-Engaged Normative Political Theory” (for Oxford Handbook of Grounded Normative Theory).

Comment on Lucia Rafanelli’s *Promoting Justice Across Borders: The Ethics of Reform Intervention* (for CRISSP), in press.

Urgency Without Emergency: Emergency Politics and its Alternatives” (book manuscript in progress).

## *Fellowships, Awards & Grants*

University of Virginia summer grant 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020, 2023 ($5000 each).

Director of Diversity Initiatives (DDI) Diversity Grants, 2017, 2018, 2019 (internal grants in varying amounts for diversity-related initiatives in the UVa Politics department).

Global Humanitarian Initiative, Batten School, University of Virginia, 2018 ($5,000).

Mellon Fellow, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia, 2018-9.

"Supporting Politics Department Faculty Involvement in Pilot Summer Program for Undergraduate Students from Under-represented Groups*”* ($18,000), University of Virginia College of Arts and Science Diversity and Inclusion grant (2018-9).

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2017-2018 (declined).

Faculty Fellowship at the Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University 2017-8 (declined).

CUNY Advanced Research Collaborative Distinguished Visiting Fellowship 2018 (declined).

Pavilion Seminar grant (2013-14). A competitive grant to develop and teach a small seminar to a select group of UVa Undergraduates (course title: “Emergencies”). (Won again to teach a revised version of the same class in 2015-16).

Mead Honored Faculty (2013-14). (Awarded to 10 UVa faculty members annually, provides funding to implement a “dream idea” involving informal interactions with undergraduates.)

Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, spring 2012 (in-residence faculty fellow).

University of Virginia Sesquicentennial leave grant (fall 2012).

Richard Donchian Fellowship in Ethics, University of Virginia, 2011 ($10,000).

“Professors as Writers” book conference grant, University of Virginia, 2011 ($1500).

Grant, Center for International Studies, University of Virginia, 2011 ($2500).

University of Virginia summer grant 2010 ($5000).

University of Virginia summer grant 2009 ($5000).

American Academy of Arts and Sciences Visiting Scholars Program fellowship, 2005-6 (declined).

Mellon post-doctoral fellowship, University of Toronto, 2005-7 (declined).

University of Chicago Grodzins Prize Lectureship, 2005 (declined).

Aspen Institute, Nonprofit Sector Research Fund (full-year write-up grant), 2004-5.

United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Program Peace Scholar Award, 2003-4.

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Field Research Grant, 2002-3.

Departmental Grant. Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, 1998-2002.

Council for Advanced Studies in Peace and International Cooperation 2000 Summer Research Travel Award.

University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies 2000 Summer Field Research Award.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship honorable mention, 1998.

***Selected presentations and invited talks***

“Just in Time: Urgency, Emergency, and Justice” (Association for Political Theory Annual Conference 2023)

“Urgency without Emergency in the Fight Against Anti-Black Violence” (APSA 2022).

Roundtable on Lucia Rafanelli’s *Promoting Justice Across Borders* (APSA 2022).

“It’s an Emergency…Let’s Deliberate!: How Climate Activists Reconfigure Emergency Politics” (UVA REPAIR Lab, Spring 2022).

“Democratic Climate Emergency Claim-making” Association for Political Theory (November 2020), Western Political Science Association (April 2021), University of Groningen (May 2021), Environmental Political Theory workshop (June 2021).

Discussant, Book Manuscript conference, Eric Cheng “Hanging Together” (2020).

“Four Things I’ve Learned, and One thing I haven’t, from Studying International NGOs” invited talk, George Washington University, February 2020.

“Urgency Without Emergency? Emergency Politics and Its Alternatives,” invited talk, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dec. 2019.

“Emergency Politics as Emergency Claim-making,” invited talk, Princeton University, October 2019.

“Not Just How to Look, but Where: Political Theory, Diffuse Phenomena, and Ethnographic Sensibility” APSA 2019.

Commentator, Author meets Critics on Michael Goodhart’s *Injustice: Political Theory for the Real World* (Oxford University Press, 2018), APSA 2019.

Commentator, Author meets Critics on Julie Rose’s *Free Time* (Princeton University Press, 2017) APSA 2018.

“Not Long Without Chains? Small Money Political Donations as Potentially Democratic Political Agency” Association for Political Theory (October 2018).

“Not Long Without Chains? Small Money Political Donations as Potentially Democratic Political Agency” Association for Political Theory (Duke University Political Theory Workshop, March 2019).

“From Influence for the Affected to Accountability for Influence: INGOs, the All-Affected Principle, and the Social Justice Organization Alternative” at Conference on “Ethical Leadership in International Organizations: Concepts, Narratives, Judgment and Assessment” University of Helsinki (June 2018).

Comment on Baubock’s ‘Democratic Inclusion’ APSA (August 2017).

"Advocacy, Donating, and The Politics of Searchable Databases" APSA (August 2016), Association for Political Theory (October 2016), Vanderbilt Political theory colloquium (November 2016).

"Crowdfunding and the All-Affected Principle" Workshop on “Democratic inclusion in a globalized world – debating the all-affected principle,” Harvard University (December 2016 and June 2017).

Panelist, “Navigating International Conflicts: Who Helps the Refugees?” Virginia Festival of the Book (Charlottesville, VA March 2017).

Commentator, ISA book award panel on *Between Samaritans and States* (March 2017).

"Reasons, Relationships, and Robert E. Lee: a comment on Peter," NOMOS conference (March 2017).

"Money as Politics" Invited lecture, University of Toronto (February 2017).

"Trust and verify?: Democratic Accountability, the People, and the 'Virtuous Cycle' Argument" workshop on Legitimacy and Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives organized by Collaborative Research Center 700 Governance in Areas of Limited Statehood, Freie Universität Berlin (June 2016 and April 2017 [latter via skype])

 “Between Samaritans and States: The Political Ethics of Humanitarian INGOs” invited talk at the Center for Global Ethics and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center (April 2016).

“Dilemmas of Rule-making in International Aid” invited talk at a workshop on “Power, Development and Messy Politics: Dilemmas of International Aid,” University College, London (January 2016).

“In Lieu of Flowers: The Politics of Intimate Donating” presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (September 2015). Also presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (January 2016); College of William and Mary (February 2016); Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (March 2016); Columbia University (April 2016), and Dartmouth College (April 2016).

“Why Political Theory is not Emergency-ed Out.” Presentation at Roundtable on “Crisis,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (September 2015).

“Motivating Rich Country Individuals to Help Alleviate Global Poverty: patterns of negative effects across different motivational projects.” “Giving for Global Poverty Relief: Ethical and Empirical Dimensions,” Stanford University (April 2015).

“Emergency Claims and Democratic Politics.” IHSP/GRIPP colloquium, McGill University (March 2015).

“Between Samaritans and States: the Political Ethics of Humanitarian INGOs.” Public lecture, McGill University (March 2015).

“Emergency Claims and Democratic Action,” GALA colloquium, JSP program, UC Berkeley Law School (November 2014).

“Dance-a-thon Politics” presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, Madison, WI (October 2014).

Presented Introduction and Ch. 6 of *Between Samaritans and States*, conference on “Effective Altruism,” University of Virginia (April 2014).

“Institutional Crutches for Weak-Willed Cosmopolitans,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (August 2013) and the University of Virginia conference on cosmopolitanism and the Humanities, (October 2013).

“Between Samaritans and States: Political Ethics for Humanitarian INGOs” public lecture and colloquium presentation at Fordham University (March 2013) and public lecture at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign (April 2013).

“The Misuse of Power, not Bad Representation or Why it is Beside the Point that No one Elected Oxfam” presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, October 2012 and at the University of Virginia Political theory colloquium, November 2012.

“Humanitarian NGOs in Conflict Settings: The Problem of Spattered Hands” presented at the Brown University Political Philosophy Workshop, February 2012 and at George Washington University, March 2012.

Invited participant to a workshop on Deborah Satz’s Why Some Things Should not be for Sale, University of Richmond, October 2011.

“‘Craving for Extraordinary Incident’: INGOs, Portrayals, and the Paradox of Moral Motivation” presented at the American Political Science Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, August 2011.

“Democracy and Representation: Friends or Enemies in Theory and Practice” Roundtable, American Political Science Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, August 2011.

“Political Ethics for Second-Best Actors: the case of International NGOs” presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, April 2011.

Discussant for panel on “Representing Nature” at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, April 2011.

“Poverty-efficiency, Affective Solidarity, Global Reach: Aid distribution by International NGOs,”

presented at the American Political Science Association Annual meeting, Washington, DC. Sept. 2010.

“Rescuer, Partner, Agent, Club: Four Role-based Arguments and Their Limits,” Presented at the University of Virginia Summer Research Colloquium, July 14, 2010.

“Responding to Humanitarian Harms.” Presented at the Canadian Political Science Association national conference, Montreal, Quebec. June 1-3 2010.

“The Ethics of NGO Advocacy, or Why it is OK that no one Elected Oxfam,” presented at the 2008 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA; the 2008 Princeton University Conference on Non-electoral representation; Wellesley College (invited talk in the philosophy department, April 2009); the University of Virginia political philosophy colloquium (April 2009); Washington University St. Louis political philosophy colloquium (October 2009); invited talk at the Ash Center at Harvard University (November 2009). Presented at the Prato Conference on Political Justice (invitation-only conference), June 21-23, Prato, Italy.

“NGOs and Global Justice” presented at the “Workshop on Human rights and institutional constraints” hosted by the Norwegian Center for Human Rights, Oslo, Norway June 18-20, 2008.

“Pluralism about Global Poverty” presented to seminar on Responsibility and Global Justice, Vanderbilt University, April 15, 2008.

“Just Samaritans? The Politics and Ethics of Humanitarian Office” presented to the Princeton University Society of Fellows in the Humanities, November 27, 2007.

“Nature, Chaos, Bad Guys, Poor People: Aid Narratives and Their Effects” Presented at the 2007 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Also presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, London, Ontario, Canada Oct. 11-15, 2007.

“Three Problems with the Question, ‘Who is Responsible for Alleviating Global Poverty?’” talk at the Princeton University Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, March 9, 2007.

“Distribution and Emergency,” invited talk, Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan, February 10, 2007.

“Distribution and Emergency,” invited talk, Global Justice workshop and political philosophy colloquium, Stanford University, February 2, 2007.

“Accountability in an Unequal World” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Aug. 31-Sept. 3, 2006.

“Accountability in an Unequal World” presented at the New England Political Science Association Annual Conference, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, May 5-6, 2006.

“Accountability in an Unequal World,” presentation at the Columbia University political philosophy colloquium, Oct. 16, 2006.

“Distribution and Emergency,” invited talk at the Mershon Center, Ohio State University, April 3, 2006.

“Political Science and Metapolitics” talk at the Princeton University Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts, October 7, 2005.

“Distribution and Emergency” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., 2005. Paper nominated by discussant for a “best paper” award.

“The Moral Salience of Emergencies” presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2005. Paper nominated by discussant for a “best paper” award.

“Humanitarian Accountability” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 2004.

“Fairness in the Distribution of Humanitarian Aid” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2003.

“Justifying Humanitarian Harms” presented to the Nuffield College (Oxford) political theory workshop, 2003.

“Humanitarian NGOs and Political Theory” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, 2002.

# “Uniqueness and the Construction of Mexican National Sovereignty, 1876-1910” presented to the Workshop on Nations and Nationalism, University of Chicago, 2001.

# “‘Vividly Brought Home’: the nature of cosmopolitan sentiment in Adam Smith’s *The Theory of Moral Sentiments*” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., 2000.

# *Teaching and Advising*

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**Courses taught at the University of Virginia**

Undergraduate

Contemporary Political Theory

Theories of Justice

Global Ethics

Political Representation

Politics of Emergencies

Global Ethics and Politics (significant reboot of Global Ethics)

Refugees, Migration, and Borders: Empirical and Theoretical Dimensions (combined graduate/undergraduate class co-taught with David Leblang)

Graduate

Politics of Social Movements

Introduction to Political Theory

Graduate Development Seminar (co-taught with Lynn Sanders and Rachel Potter)

Democratic Theory and Democratic Practice (co-taught with Denise Walsh).

Emergencies, Disasters, Crises, and Catastrophes

**Courses taught at Princeton**

“Political Representation” (workshop for junior Politics majors).

“International Ethics and Humanitarian NGOs” (upper-level undergraduate seminar).

“Imagination and Political Life” (first-year seminar).

“Theories of Justice” (upper-level undergraduate seminar).

### Dissertation advising

**In process**

Ferdinand Flagstad, Politics, UVa. Writing about positional goods (committee member)

Alexis Bibeau-Gagnon, Politics, UVa. Writing about political riots (committee member).

Layla Picard, Politics, UVa. Writing about use of guns by marginalized groups. (Chair)

Amanuel Tsighe Gebremichael, Politics, UVa. Writing about anti-colonial politics in East Africa (co-chair).

Matthew Friedrich, Politics, UVa. Writing about the politics of memory (committee member)

Samantha Koreman, Politics, UVa. Writing about law and social norms (Committee member)

**Complete**

Hayley Elszasz, Politics, UVa. 2023. Writing about climate change politics (committee member).

Andrew Gates, Politics, UVa. 2020. “Reclaiming Rights: Subaltern Praxis and Counterhegemonic Strategy in French and Canadian Social Movement Politics” (chair).

Daniel Henry, Politics, UVa. 2020. “Authoring Otherwise: Race, Writing, and Democratic Possibility Under Jim Crow” (committee member).

Colin Kielty, Politics, UVa. 2018. “The Disenfranchisement Complaint” (committee member).

Ross Mittiga, Politics, UVa, 2017. “Before Collapse: A Political Theory of Climate Catastrophe” (committee member).

Callum Ingram, Politics, UVa, 2015. “Embodying Enfranchisement: The Affective Politics of Urban Social Movements” (Chair).

Claire Timperley, Politics, UVa, 2014. Writing about the politics of indigeneity in New Zealand (committee member).

Evan Pivonka, Politics, UVa. 2012. “The Political Implications of Karl Popper’s Critical Rationalism” (committee member).

Kristina Meshelski, Philosophy, UVa. 2011. “The Structure of Injustice: A New Approach to Non-ideal Theory” (outside reader).

***Service***

**National and international service**

Best Article Award Committee, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2021).

Best Article Award Committee, *Political Research Quarterly* (2018).

Reviewer, Grawemeyer Award (2018).

Editorial Board, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (2018-)

Editorial Board, *Political Research Quarterly* (2016-18).

Editorial Board, *Ethics and International Affairs* (2018-).

Association for Political Theory, First Book Manuscript Workshop committee (2016).

Member, Governance Committee, Association for Political Theory, 2013-14.

Co-chair (with Eric MacGilvray) of the Program Committee for the Association of Political Theory 2013 Annual Conference at Vanderbilt University.

Co-organizer (with Jacob Levy) of the Workshop on Non-ideal and Institutional Theory and the Political Theory section of the 2010 meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association.

Committee member*, Review of Politics* award for best paper in normative political theory at the 2008 MPSA annual meeting.

Article and manuscript reviewer for: *American Political Science Review; Constellations; Ethics and Global Politics; Ethics & International Affairs; Governance; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Global Ethics; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Political Philosophy; Journal of Politics; Oxford University Press; Political Research Quarterly; Political Studies; Political Theory; Politics, Groups and Identities; SUNY Press; Contemporary Political Theory; Res Publica; Princeton University Press; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Ethics and International Affairs; Polity; Cambridge Review of International Affairs.*

**Departmental and University service at UVa**

Political theory Colloquium Co-chair (2019-21, 22-23); Social Science Research Committee (2018-9); Director of Graduate Admissions (2016-2022), Director of Graduate Recruitment (2022-3); Political theory search committee (x2); PPL search committee; Diversity Post-doc search committee; Graduate admissions committee (x4); Chair’s advisory committee (x3); Women’s caucus (ongoing); Chair re-appointment committee; Committee on cross-appointments with the Batten school; Ad-hoc committee on the GRE (chair), Department re-naming committee; Economics Department Chair search committee (2021-2); Page-Barbour lecture committee member (2022-3); Page-Barbour lecture committee co-chair (2023-).

**Affiliations**

American Political Science Association, Association for Political Theory, Foundations of Political Theory.