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Education:

2008 – Present Ph.D., McMaster University, Department of Political Science
Dissertation: *Internalizing the International: The Affect of the Political*

Supervisor: J. Marshall Beier Committee: Peter Nyers, John W. Seaman

Examination Fields: International Relations Theory, Classical Political
Philosophy, Global political Economy

2007 November M.A., McMaster University, Department of Political Science
Major Field: Political Theory / Minor Field: International Relations

2006 June B.A. Honours, University of Toronto
Specialist: Political Science / Major: Bioethics / Minor: Philosophy

Awards & Scholarships:

2012 – 2013 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, \$15,000
2012 (March) Department of Political Science Travel Award, \$800
2010 – 2012 Social Science and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Scholarship, \$40,000
2010 – 2011 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, \$15,000 (declined)
2008 – 2012 McMaster Graduate Scholarship, \$9000 / yr
2006 – 2007 McMaster Graduate Students Association Teaching Award
2006 – 2007 Keith Leppman Teaching Award, \$150

Edited Journal Issues:

Forthcoming. *Affective Citizenship: Producing Citizens in Theory and Practice*, special issue of *Citizenship Studies*, Ed. w/ J. Merolli.

Under Review:

"The Ancients and the Moderns as a New Great Debate, or why I.R. Theorists should start reading Leo Strauss" submitted to *International Theory*, November 2014

"The Spirit of International Relations: Thumos and the Beginning of IR Philosophy", special issue of *Politics*, Resurrecting International Relations Theory (accepted by issue editor)

Books Reviews:

Leo Strauss: Man of Peace" by R. L. Howse, for E-International Relations, Dec 2014

<http://www.e-ir.info/2014/12/07/review-leo-strauss-man-of-peace/>

Just War and International Order: The Uncivil Condition in World Politics, by N. Rengger, *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, 12 (3) 2014, pp.78-9.

Works in Progress:

"Writing Citizenship: Affect, Ideology, Security" (accepted as part of special issue for *Citizenship Studies*)

"Human Nature or Natural Humans: How Schmitt Reads Rousseau"

"Periclean Biopolitics: Bare Life and the Limits of Politics in the First Democracy"

The Biopolitics of Religion: The Catholic Church and Global Governmentality

– next major research project, first chapter already written

Other Publications:

"Our Hope For Justice: Aristotle, Hobbes, and the War on Terror" in *Le Panoptique*, No.8, April 2008. <http://www.lepanoptique.com/sections/politique-economie/our-hope-for-justice-aristotle-hobbes-and-the-war-on-terror/>

Conference Presentations:

June 2, 2015 "Writing Citizenship: Affect, Ideology, Security" Canadian Political Association, Ottawa, ON. Panel: *Feeling Like a State, I*

April 16, 2015 "The Spirit of International Relations: Thumos and the Beginning of IR Philosophy", Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. Panel: *Resurrecting International Relations Theory: Interventions in IR Thought Traditions*

March 27, 2014 "A Perpetual Piece? The ethics of aesthetics and the self in IR", International Studies Association, Toronto, ON. Panel: *Peace, Theory, Agency, Ethics*

August 2013 "Aristotle's Political Psychology: Rhetoric, Affect, and International Relations", American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. Panel: *Persuasion and Judgment in Tragedy and Theory*

- April 3, 2013 "The Bond Among the Beings': Rousseau, Schmitt, and the Political Psychology of Sovereignty", International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA. Panel: *Theorizing Sovereignty*
- April 3, 2013 "On the Greek and German Inheritance of I.R. Theory: Lebow and Fukuyama on Statecraft and Soulcraft", International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA. Panel: *Identity and Conflict in World Politics*
- April 3, 2012 "Leo Strauss and the Socratic Formulation of the Security Problem", International Studies Association, San Diego, CA. Panel: *Leo Strauss, and the Theory and Practice of International Relations*
- May 16, 2011 "Sovereignty, Security, and the Affect of the Political", Canadian Political Science Association, Waterloo, ON. Panel: Critical Security Studies Network 2: Affect & Security
- March 31, 2011 "Speech & Spectacle: Rousseau's Understanding of the Passions during the Birth of Nations", Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. Panel: *The Philosophy and Rhetoric of Violence in Political Founding*
- March 16, 2011 "From Biopower to Psyche-Power: The Catholic Church and Global Governmentality", International Studies Association, Montreal, QC. Panel: *Religion, Values, and Common Faith as Facilitators of Governance Mechanisms*
- June 1, 2010 "The Ancients and the Moderns as a New Great Debate, or Why IR Theorists should start reading Leo Strauss", Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, QC. Panel: *At the Interface of IR and Political Thought*
- April 24, 2010 "Why IR Theorists should start reading Leo Strauss", Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL. Panel: *Strauss and Hobbes*

Other Conference Participation:

- June 2, 2015 Co-convenor (w/J. Merolli), *Feeling Like a State: Producing Citizens in Theory and Practice* (two panels for CPSA 2015)
- May 27, 2014 Discussant & Chair. Panel: *Epistemology*. CPSA Annual Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.
- Discussant & Chair. Panel: *Ancients and Justice*. CPSA Annual Meeting, Brock University, St. Catharines, ON.
- April 1, 2011 Discussant. Panel: *Aristotelian Perspectives of Modern Politics*. MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Teaching Experience:

- Jan – Apr 2015 McMaster University, PS 4JJ3 Cosmopolitanism
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- This seminar covers main approaches to cosmopolitanism, and being a “citizen of the world” beginning with two pictures of world order in the post-Cold War era, moving on to classical and enlightenment conceptions of cosmopolitanism, and then turning its attention to modern theories and practices of world citizenship.
- Sept – Dec 2013 McMaster University, PS 4NN3 Issues in GPE: Neoliberalism and its Critics
- This course covers the relationship between politics and economics in what is commonly called our Neoliberal world. We begin by considering theoretical approaches and explanations for the current global economic order. We then move on to discuss issues such as the Financial Crisis of 2008, the Occupy Wall Street movement, and the competing demands of the free market and democratic legitimacy.
- Nov 27, 2013 Guest Lecture, McMaster PS 3W3, Theory of Democracy, “Global Democracy”
- Sept – Dec 2012 McMaster University, PS 4QQ3 Political Psychology and International Relations
- This course considers how an understanding of individual decision-making affects international politics. We will consider the role of emotions in politics, trauma and memory, motivation in political decision-making and foreign policy, the psychology of security and anxiety, and other related and relevant issues. Our goal is to use political psychology to broaden our horizon for interpreting, explaining, and understanding contemporary events in international politics.
- Sept – Apr 2012 Graduate Student Political Theory Comprehensive Exam Preparation Workshops
- This bi-weekly workshop was a supplement to the subfield of political theory and geared toward graduate students preparing for comprehensive examinations, with the specific intention of covering material that was outside of the year’s available courses.
- 2008 – 2013 Teaching Assistant, PS 2O06, Introduction to Political Theory
- Jan – Apr 2008 Teaching Assistant, PS 2J03, Global Political Economy
- Languages: Ancient Greek (reading)
- Affiliations: ISA (*Theory, International Political Sociology, Religion*),
CPSA
APSA (*Foundations of Political Theory*)

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