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APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Political Science
Assistant Professor 2021–
Director, Centre for Constitutional Law 2022–

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Research Group on Constitutional Studies
Postdoctoral Fellow 2019–21

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Queen's Faculty of Law
Postdoctoral Fellow 2018–19

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford Law School
Fellow, Constitutional Law Center 2017–20
Lecturer 2017–18

EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Department of Politics
PhD 2018
Dissertation: *Dialogue and Domination: A Theory of Judicial Review*
Subfields: Public Law, Political Theory, and Comparative Politics
Committee: Jan-Werner Müller, Keith Whittington, Philip Pettit
MA 2014

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Department of Political Science
MA 2011

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, Department of Political Science
BA (First Class Honours) 2009

EDITED BOOKS

Constitutional Dialogue: Rights, Democracy, Institutions (Cambridge University Press, 2019) (with Grégoire Webber and Rosalind Dixon), xi, 471pp.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Legislated Rights as Trumps: Why the Notwithstanding Clause Overrides Judicial Review (2023) 61:1 *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* (forthcoming)

“Between Populism and Juristocracy: The Republicanism of Rainer Knopff” (2021) 53:3 *Canadian Journal of Political Science* 1–21

“Justice(s) Out of Office: Principles for Former Judges” with M. Mancini. (2021) *Queen's Law Journal*

“Dialogue and Distrust: John Hart Ely and the *Canadian Charter*” (2021) 19(2) *International Journal of Constitutional Law*

“Proportionality’s *Reductio ad Monitum*” (2018) 23:2 *Review of Constitutional Studies* 341–368

“Waldron’s Challenge: On the Political Relevance of Moral Realism” (2018) 4 *Politics and Poetics* 1–23

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Notwithstanding Judicial Review: Legal and Political Reasons Why the Courts Should Not Review Laws Invoking Section 33” in Peter Biro and Nathalie De Rosiers (eds) *The Notwithstanding Clause at 40* (McGill-Queen’s, forthcoming).

“Introduction: The ‘What’ and ‘Why’ of Constitutional Dialogue,” in Geoffrey Sigalet, Grégoire Webber, Rosalind Dixon (eds.) *Constitutional Dialogue: Rights, Democracy, Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), 1–31

“On Dialogue and Domination” in Geoffrey Sigalet, Grégoire Webber, Rosalind Dixon (eds.) *Constitutional Dialogue: Rights, Democracy, Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), 85–125

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

“The Truck and the Brakes: Understanding the *Charter*’s Limitations and Notwithstanding Clauses Symmetrically” (2022) 105 *Supreme Court Law Review* (2nd Edition) 194-227

“American Rights Jurisprudence Through Canadian Eyes” (2021) 23 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 125–192

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Dialogue and Domination: A Republican Theory of Judicial and Legislative Review (book manuscript)

“Republican Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers”

“On Dialogue and Dominion: A Republican Account of the Canadian Charter”

“Purposively Interpreting Not Infringing Rights”

“On Rights against Domination”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Judicialization Comes for the Commonwealth” *Online Journal of Law and Liberty* (August 29, 2022)

“With the Emergencies Act invoked, we wait to see the sledgehammer hit the peanut” *The Hub* (February 27, 2022)

“The Psyche of the Mountains” *Online Journal of Law and Liberty* (December 17, 2021)

“No Housing Plan is Effective Without the Provinces” *The Hub* (October 4, 2021)

“Who settles Rights? Essential Clause in a Democracy” (with Ben Woodfinden) *National Post* (June 15, 2021)

“Rights Against the Rule of Law?” (2021) 101 *Supreme Court Law Review* 315–323

“What constitutes the legitimate use of the notwithstanding clause?” (with M. Mancini) *Policy Options* (January 20, 2020)

“Making the democratic case against Bill 21” (with J. Baron) *Policy Options* (April 11, 2019)

“Saskatchewan’s Brad Wall and the rehabilitation of the Charter” (with J. Baron) *Policy Options* (May 19, 2017)

“The ‘Charter Party’s’ new dance with the judiciary” (with J. Baron) *Policy Options* (September 8, 2016)

“‘Man of Thought’: Review of Robert Howse *Leo Strauss: Man of Peace*” (2016) 42:2 *Interpretation* 325–337

“Light the Fire” *National Post* (20 March 2015) 1:9

“Political Theology in a New Key” *VoegelinView* (April 2014) (www.voegelinview.com)

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

POLI 356, History of Political Thought II

POLI 402, Law and Politics of the Canadian Constitution

POLI 303, Federalism in Canada

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

POLI 365, Comparative Bills of Rights

POLI 432, Jurisprudence

QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY

LAW 262, Advanced Constitutional Law

LAW 262, Conflict of Laws

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

LAW 2406, Conflict of Laws

INVITED TALKS

“The Sledgehammer and the Peanut: Was Justin Trudeau Right to Invoke the Emergencies Act?” University of Alberta Faculty of Law, March 3, 2022.

“Is Justice the Same as Social Justice?” Thompson Rivers Faculty of Law, February 10, 2022.

“On Comity and Contestation: Justifying the Republican Separation of Powers,” Institute for Liberal Studies, October 2, 2020

“American Rights Jurisprudence Through Canadian Eyes,” Penn State Law School, September 18, 2020

“Proportionality in Individual Rights Cases: A View from Canada,” Stanford Law School, April 2, 2020

“Republicanism and the Separation of Powers,” Concordia University, Department of Political Science, March 11, 2020

“Republican Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers,” University of Ottawa, Ottawa Political Thought Research Network, October 24, 2019

“Dialogue and Commonwealth Bills of Rights,” Queen’s University Faculty of Law, November 26, 2018

“To Use, or Not to Use? A Debate on the Notwithstanding Clause,” McGill Faculty of Law, November 21, 2018

« La clause de dérogation et la *Chartes Canadienne des Droits et Libertés*, » Université de Montréal, Faculté de droit, November 13, 2018

“Invoking Section 33: Democracy or Disaster?” University of Saskatchewan College of Law, March 27, 2018

“Two Cheers for Republican Dialogue,” University of Calgary Department of Political Science, January 11, 2017

“The Right to Assisted Suicide, C-14, and *Charter* Dialogue,” University of Calgary Law School, October 25, 2016

“How Republican Is ‘Dialogue Theory’?” University of Alberta Faculty of Law, August 15, 2016

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

“The Case Against the Judicial Review of the Notwithstanding Clause” The Notwithstanding Clause at 40, University of Toronto (Massey College), April 11-12, 2022.

“Dialogue and Distrust: J.H. Ely and the Canadian *Charter*,” Globalizing Democracy and Distrust: Ely in the World, University of New South Wales Law School, December 16–17 2019

Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy Book Manuscript Workshop, *Dialogue and Domination: A Theory of Judicial Review*, University of Wisconsin, April 28, 2018

“Waldron’s Challenge: On the Political Relevance of Moral Realism,” Ethics and the Conflicts of Modernity: Debating MacIntyre and his Rivals, University of Oxford, June 30, 2017

“Between Populism and Juristocracy: Republicanism and Rainer Knopff,” Workshop Honouring Rainer Knopff, University of Calgary May 30th 2016

“A Socratic Constitution? Dialogical Judicial Review and Constitutionalism” presentation under the auspices of the Princeton-Humboldt Initiative for the Study of Law in Context, *Humboldt-Universität* June 30th 2015

“Prisoner Disenfranchisement and the Fugitive *Demos*,” Protecting Liberal Democracy: Normative and Empirical Perspectives *Humboldt-Universität* June 29th 2014

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member, Law Committee, UBC, 2021–

Member, Canadian Politics/Policy Faculty Search Committee, 2022

Journal Referee: *Law and Social Inquiry*, *American Journal of Jurisprudence*, *Political Science Reviewer*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*

Co-organizer, “The Nature of Rights Revisited” Conference, Stanford Law School, June 2018

Co-organizer, “Constitutional Dialogue: What’s in the Metaphor?” Workshop, Queen’s University, April 2016

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (basic), French (intermediate), Latin (basic)

AWARDS

Queen’s Office of the Vice Principal of Research Grant (2018)

Princeton International Institute for Regional Studies Research Grant for Study Abroad (2012)

William S. Carpenter Fellowship in Political Science (2011)

Joseph-Armand-Bombardier Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council MA scholarship (2009)

REFERENCES

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