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EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, RI

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, May 2014 (expected)

Graduate Advisor: Prof. Corey L. Brettschneider

Comprehensive Exams passed in Political Theory (Primary Field, High Pass) and American Politics (Secondary Field, Distinction), October 2011

A.M., Political Science, May 2011

Cardiff University, Cardiff, Wales, UK

M.A., Ethics and Social Philosophy (with Distinction), July 2006

M.A. Dissertation: *Beyond Pax Occidentae: The Pragmatic Promise of Political Liberalism*

Supervisor: Dr. Andrew Edgar, Director, Cardiff Centre for Applied Ethics

B.A., Politics with Social Philosophy and Applied Ethics (with First Class Honours), July 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Main Research Interests: Democratic Theory; Liberalism; Civic Education; Citizenship; Political Ethics; Leadership; Open Source/Open Access Participation.

Other Interests: Ancient & Modern Political Thought; American Political Thought; American Political Development (APD); Constitutionalism; American Constitutional Law and its interfaces with Political Theory; Judicial Review; Courts and Judicial Politics; International Political Theory; Critical Theory; Human Rights; Deliberation and the Public Sphere; Education; Direct Democracy; Applied Ethics; Bioethics and Technology; Pragmatism; Philosophy of Law; British Politics; Devolution and Federalism; Political Rhetoric; Higher Education Governance.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Brown University Graduate Student Fellowship/Assistantship Package, 2009-present

Georgetown University (Washington, DC), Full Fellowship/Assistantship Package*, 2009 (Declined)

* offered to a limited number of total admitted applicants

Cardiff University (Wales, UK), D.M. Phillips (Tylerstown) M.A. Scholarship (full tuition remission), 2003

Cardiff University, First Year Politics Prize (highest exam average in undergraduate year group), 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brown University, Graduate Teaching Assistant (Section Leader, Grader)

Political theory classes:

Introduction to Political Thought, Lecture course, Prof. Sharon R. Krause, Spring 2011

Prosperity: the Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation, Lecture course, Prof. John O. Tomasi, Fall 2011

Other classes:

Constitutional Law: Governmental Powers, Lecture course, Prof. Steven G. Calabresi (visiting faculty, Northwestern Law), Fall 2010

PUBLISHED WORK

The Long Journey: 100 Years of Democracy in Britain (co-authored with Anthony Cutler)

Bridgend, UK: Kestrel Books, 2005 (ISBN: 0-954-8840-2-7).

An educational resource (for audiences aged 16-18 years) designed to raise awareness and stimulate discussion on the democratic process and the right to vote, using a historical role-play exercise illustrating previous limitations on the electoral franchise in Britain.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (2009-present)

Association for Political Theory (Jan 2010-present)

Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought (May 2010-present)

American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (Oct 2010-present)

UK Political Studies Association (2008-2009)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATION)

Brown University

Social Sciences Representative, Graduate Library Advisory Committee (Oct 2011-present)

Graduate Student Representative, Student Conduct Board (Sept 2011-present)

Departmental Representative, Brown Graduate Student Council (Feb 2011-present)

Secretary, Brown Graduate Student Council (term begins Jan 2012)

Cardiff University

Staff Service

Secretary, Postgraduate Open Day Steering Group (2008-2009)

Member, Oversight Group, Online Application Service Development Team (2007-2009)

Officer Attending, Graduate Development Committee (2007-2009)

Student Service

M.A. Departmental Representative, Philosophy (2003/2004)

Student Representative, Academic Quality Assurance Committee (2002-2004)

Student Representative, Politics and Philosophy Staff-Student Panels (2002/2003)

Students' Union Council Departmental Representative (2000-2003)

Chair of Students' Union Council (2001-2003, twice elected)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT

Cardiff University, Strategic Development Directorate

Postgraduate Recruitment and Widening Participation Officer

Aug 2006 - Jul 2009 (departed to commence graduate work at Brown University)

Operational deputy to the Head of Postgraduate Recruitment (and temporary promotion to Acting Head—see below). Responsibilities included: full management of the University's online information provision for prospective postgraduates (website, course database, development and roll-out of an online funding and scholarship search); developing the University's strategies for widening participation at postgraduate level among under-represented groups; project-management and editorial oversight in the production of print publications; lead executive and buying authority for the placement of online and print advertising for postgraduate programmes; lead postgraduate recruitment contact for half of the University's academic schools, providing recruitment support and market research advice, particularly in the development of new postgraduate programmes and strategic development to increase market share of high-quality applicants.

Acting Head of Postgraduate Recruitment

Oct 2007 - Apr 2008 (temporary promotion)

Appointed temporarily to team leadership and managerial responsibility for Cardiff's core UK/EU postgraduate recruitment activities on the departure of the previous head of section. Responsibilities expanded to full management of the Postgraduate Recruitment Team, including: line management responsibility for two other permanent members of staff and one temporary, full-time project assistant; responsibility for the section's financial activity (total budget: £109k p.a.); contributing to strategic leadership in efforts to expand the University's postgraduate community; full editorial responsibility for the production of the University's 2009 Entry Postgraduate Prospectus (completed June 2008).

Executive Assistant, Postgraduate Recruitment Office

Jan 2005 - Jul 2006 (promoted)

Responsible for: day-to-day enquiry management and relationship-marketing to admitted students (offer-holders) for the purposes of admission-to-acceptance conversion; review of the website for prospective postgraduates; assistance with core outreach and representational activities (e.g. Postgraduate Open Day, attendance at external recruitment events).

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Copies of references for administrative employment at Cardiff University are available on request.