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**EDUCATION**

- PhD, 2005**                    **Princeton University**, Department of Politics  
 Dissertation Title: *Political Theory and Transitional Justice*  
 General exams: political philosophy, public law and comparative politics  
 Committee: Amy Gutmann, George Kateb, Stephen Macedo, Gary Bass  
 • Dissertation nominated for the American Political Science Association’s  
 Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation in Political Philosophy
- BA(Hons), 1996**            **University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg, South Africa, Department  
 of Political Studies  
 • Degree with distinction, top grade in the Faculty of Arts
- BA, 1995**                    **University of the Witwatersrand**, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 Majors in Political Studies, Philosophy and English with distinction  
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**DISSERTATION ABSTRACT**

The dissertation applies insights derived from several canonical political theorists to the problem of transitional justice: how to deal with those who committed human rights abuses under authoritarian regimes once those regimes democratize. The dissertation begins with Machiavelli and Kant, roughly standing in for radically pragmatic and radically deontological perspectives respectively, and shows both to be instructive but wanting. Locke, I argue, can be regarded as splitting the difference between the two, integrating a defense of rights with a sensitivity to the compromises that politics requires, but the balance he suggests between the two is ultimately inadequate: he proves to be overly concerned with the security interests of the state. The dissertation defends a modification of the Rawlsian original position, called the interval position because it involves a theoretical “time-out” between an authoritarian past and a democratic future. The inhabitants of a recently democratized polity deliberate from behind a veil of ignorance about transitional justice policy. The deliberators know the history of their polity, but not what role they played in it: that is, whether they were ordinary citizens or victims or perpetrators of human rights abuses. I argue that the conclusion reached at in the interval position, informed by the insights of Machiavelli, Kant and Locke, represents both a morally and practically satisfactory approach to the problem of transitional justice.

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Civil Society and Violence: A Research Agenda,” *Journal of Civil Society*, 1(2), September 2005, pp. 81-90 (with Megan Meyer)
- “A Lockean Approach to Transitional Justice,” *The Review of Politics*, 65(1), Winter 2004, pp. 55-81
- “Contextualizing Peace and Conflict-Resolution Organizations in South Africa, Northern Ireland, and Israel/Palestine,” in Benjamin Gidron, Stanley N. Katz and Yeheskel Hasenfeld (eds.), *Mobilizing for Peace: Conflict Resolution in Northern Ireland, Israel/Palestine and South Africa* (New York: OUP, 2002), pp. 39-66
- “The Foundations of Democracy? US Foundation Grant-Making to Civil Society in South Africa,” *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 12(4), December 2001, pp. 373-397 (with Sada Aksartova)
- ““Healing the Nation?” The Symbolic Function(ing)s of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission,” in Martin Terre Blanche, Kum-Kum Bhavnani and Derek Hook (eds.), *Body Politics: Power, Knowledge and the Body in the Social Sciences* (Johannesburg: Histories of the Present Press, 1999), pp. 172-180
- *New Capacities for Old? The Implications of Public-Private Partnerships for Service Delivery in South Africa, Angola and Mozambique: Prospects and Challenges* (Johannesburg: Centre for Policy Studies, 1997)

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Thomas Carothers, ed., *Promoting the Rule of Law Abroad: In Search of Knowledge*, for *Ethics and International Affairs*, 21(3), Fall 2007
- Nicholas Guilhot, *The Democracy Makers: Human Rights and the Politics of Global Order* and Ann Florini, *The Coming Democracy: New Rules for Running a New World* for *Perspectives on Politics*, 4(1), March 2006

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Political Theory and Transitional Justice* (in preparation for submission to Princeton University Press)
- “A Theory of Transitional Justice” (in preparation for submission to *Philosophy and Public Affairs*)
- “The Efficacy of Political Violence” (with Megan Meyer)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Acting Associate Director, The Honors College**
  - HONR 300C: Social and Political Violence (Fall 2007)
- **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Political Science Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (Fall 2005- )
  - POLI 210: Introduction to Political Philosophy (Fall 2005, 2006, Spring 2007)
  - POLI 210H: Introduction to Political Philosophy: Honors Seminar (Fall 2005, 2006)
  - POLI 320: American Political Thought (Fall 2006)
  - POLI 401: Grassroots Political Campaigns (Fall 2006; Independent Study)
  - POLI 419: Selected Topics in Political Philosophy: Democracy and its Critics (Fall 2006)

- POLI 315: Political Philosophy since 1600 (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)
- POLI 439: Selected Topics in Public Law: Transitional Justice (Spring 2006)
- POLI 412: Ethics and Public Policy (Spring 2006)
- POLI 401: The Federalist Papers (Spring 2006; Independent Study)
- POLI 319: Selected Topics in Political Philosophy: Equality (Fall 2005)
- **Lecturer of Public Affairs**, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University (Spring 2005)
  - POLI 301: Ethics and Public Policy (Professors Stephen Macedo and Philip Pettit)
- **Teaching Assistant and Course Administrator**, Department of Politics, Princeton University (Fall 2004)
  - POLI 210: Introduction to Political Theory (Professor Jennifer Pitts)
- **Teaching Assistant and Course Administrator**, Center for Human Values, Princeton University (Spring 2004)
  - CHV 310: Practical Ethics (Professor Peter Singer)
- **Online Lecturer**, Princeton Project 55, Princeton University (Fall 2002)
  - “Civil Society and Community Building”
- **Teaching Assistant**, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University (Spring 2002)
  - POLI 310: Ethics and Public Policy (Professor Donald Moon)
- **Teaching Assistant**, Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, Princeton University (Spring 2001)
  - POLI 301: Ethics and Public Policy (Professor Oliver Avens)
- **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Politics, Princeton University (Fall 2000)
  - POLI 210: Introduction to Political Theory (Professor Maurizio Viroli)
- **Academic Support Tutor**, Department of Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand (06-12/1996)
  - Helped educationally disadvantaged freshman students develop the academic skills necessary for success in political studies.
- **Lecturer**, Department of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (03-09/1996)
  - “Introduction to Sociological Theory: Marx and Weber”
  - “Industrialization, Colonialism and Social Relations”
- **Lecturer**, Khanya College, Soweto (02-07/1996)
  - “Introduction to Sociology”
- **Lecturer**, Department of Political Studies, Rand Afrikaans University, Johannesburg (01-05/1996)
  - “The Political Economy of State and Society”
- **Tutor**, Department of Political Studies, University of the Witwatersrand (01-11/1995)
  - Supplemented a wide variety of freshman lecture courses with small group discussions of lectured materials and assigned texts.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

- Discussant and Chair, “Reconsidering Democracy and Human Rights in the Emerging Constellation of Transnational Power,” *Annual Meeting* of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia PA, September 2006
- Invited participant, *Learning Democracy* Conference at Bennington College, Bennington VT, October 16-19, 2005
- “The Function of Arnold at the Present Time: Sympathetic Critic of Democracy or (Unwitting) Authoritarian?” presented at the *Annual Meeting* of the American Political Science Association, Chicago IL, September 2004
- “The New Philanthropy: Failure of Vision or Clear-Sighted Pragmatism?” presented at the *6th International Conference* of the International Society for Third-Sector Research, Toronto, July 2004 (with Stanley Katz)
- “The Foundations of Democracy? US Foundation Support for Civil Society in South Africa,” presented at the *7th Researching the Voluntary Sector Conference* of the National Council for Voluntary Organizations, London, September 2001 (with Sada Aksartova)
- “Rights, Duties and the Rule of Law vs ‘A Peaceful Sway’: Locke and Transitional Justice,” presented at the African Studies Association *Annual Meeting*, Nashville TN, November 2000
- “Rawls and Transitional Justice: From the Original Position to the Interval Position,” presented at the *32nd Annual Conference* of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Albany NY, November 2000
- “U.S. Foundation Grantmaking to Civil-Society Strengthening NGOs in South Africa: A Comparative and Critical Study,” presented at the *4th International Conference* of the International Society for Third-Sector Research, Dublin, July 2000 (with Sada Aksartova)
- “U.S. Foundation Grantmaking to NGOs in South Africa: What Impact Did the End of Apartheid Have on Giving by U.S. Foundations?” presented at the *28th Annual Conference* of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Washington DC, November 1999 (with Sada Aksartova)
- “‘Healing the Nation:’ The South Africa Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Vexed Nation-Building Project,” presented at the *Annual Meeting* of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta GA, September 1999
- “Re-membering the New South Africa: Representation, History, Citizenship and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission,” presented at the *12th Annual Meeting: Rebuilding Torn Societies*, of the Academic Council on the United Nations System, New York City NY, June 1999
- “Public-Private Sector Partnerships: Problems and Opportunities,” presented at *Privatisation: Brazil and South Africa in Comparative Perspective*, a Foundation for Global Dialogue conference, Johannesburg, June 1997
- “Structural Adjustment with Regional Integration in Eastern and Southern Africa: A Solution to the Region’s Development Problems?” presented at *Regional Integration in Eastern and Southern Africa*, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, June 1994 (with Duncan Randall)

## SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Nominated for the Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation in Political Philosophy, American Political Science Association (2005)
- Research grant, “The Outcomes of Political Violence,” to the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (\$21,700- unfunded; 2005)
- University Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton University, 1997-98; 1998-99; 2000-2001
- Mellon Foundation and University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University, 1999-2000
- American Political Science Association Foreign Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant, 1999
- Council on Regional Studies language training grant, Princeton University, 1998, 2000
- Mellon Foundation Dissertation Preparation Grant, Princeton University, 1999
- University Council Overseas Scholarship, University of the Witwatersrand, 1997-98
- University Postgraduate Merit Scholarship, University of the Witwatersrand, 1997-98
- Trinity College External Research Studentship, Cambridge University, 1997 (declined)
- Fulbright Scholarship, Institute for International Education, New York, 1997 (declined)
- South African Political Studies Association Award for the best student in political studies in South Africa, 1995
- Yusuf Dadoo Memorial Medal and Award in Political Studies for the best student in the Department of Political Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, 1994
- H.A. Whitecross Scholarship, University of the Witwatersrand, 1994
- E.J.A. Loerincz Scholarship, University of the Witwatersrand, 1993

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Research Assistant**, Professor Stanley Katz, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (01/1999-06/2005)
  - Speech-writing and research for topics including:
    - “Policy Issues: Philanthropy,” forthcoming in Victor Ginsburgh and David Throsby (eds.), *The Handbook of the Economics of Art and Culture*.
    - “Gun Barrel Democracy? Democratic Constitutionalism Following Military Occupation: Reflections on the US Experience in Japan, Germany, Afghanistan and Iraq” (The Bodek Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, May 2004)
    - “Why Technology Matters: The Humanities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (the First Wisbey Lecture, King’s College, London, October 2003)
    - “Constitutionalism and Human Rights” (the Murphy Lecture on American Jurisprudence, Princeton University, February 2002)
    - “What Would It Mean To Be a Just University?” (for the conference on “Higher Education In and For a Just Society,” 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Texas A&M University, October 2001)

- Designed syllabi for courses in the Woodrow Wilson School, including “Policy Issues and Analysis of Nonprofits, NGOs, and Philanthropy,” “The United States and Human Rights” and “Civil Society in the United States and Other Places.”
- Wrote a chapter for *Mobilizing for Peace: Conflict Resolution in Northern Ireland, Israel/Palestine and South Africa* (New York: OUP, 2002) about the history of NGOs in South Africa, Northern Ireland and Israel/Palestine in the last thirty years, edited other chapters in the volume, and wrote book and chapter abstracts for the “OUP Online” version of the book.
- **Researcher**, Aspen Institute’s *Comparative Study of Peace and Conflict Resolution Organisations in the South African Transition*, Johannesburg and Cape Town (03/1997-08/1998)  
 Researched South African peace organizations to determine whether similarities exist between such organizations in different countries. Research involved interviews, archival work, review of secondary literature, and study meetings with international research partners.
- **Researcher**, International Development Research Centre’s *Public-Private Sector Participation in Service Delivery Research Project*, Centre for Policy Studies, Johannesburg (11/96-05/97)  
 Investigated potential of public-private sector partnerships for universal service delivery in South Africa, Angola and Mozambique. Project involved a comprehensive literature review, interviews in each country, publication, dissemination and conference presentation of report.
- **Researcher**, Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria (03-11/1995 and 11/1996-05/1997)
  - Assessed the capacity of local government councils in the province of Mpumalanga to provide services to their citizens. Administered large-scale questionnaire, conducted interviews, and examined municipal records and documents.
  - Investigated levels of political tolerance, conceptions of democracy, expectations about upcoming elections in a socio-economically diverse South African community.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
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 International Society for Third Sector Research

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press, *The Review of Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Journal of Global Ethics*

## REFERENCES

Princeton University References:

1. Professor Amy Gutmann (formerly Department of Politics and Center for Human Values, Princeton University; now President of the University of Pennsylvania)
2. George Kateb (Professor Emeritus, Department of Politics, Princeton University)
3. Professor Stanley Katz (Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University)

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