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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2012
M.A. Political Science, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2007
B.A. Political Science, University of California, Davis, 2002, *honors*

Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Politics, Washington and Lee University, 2021-
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, Washington and Lee University, 2015-21
Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, 2014-2015
Charles & Amy Scharf Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins
University, 2012-2014

Publications

Book

A Defense of Rule: Origins of Political Thought in Greece and India (Oxford University Press, 2017)

- Reviewed in: *Political Theory*, *The Review of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*

Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters

“Decolonizing the Universal *Bhagavad-Gītā*: Reexamining Peter Brook and Transnational Orientalism,” *Journal of World Philosophies* 6, no. 2 (2021)

“The *Bhagavad Gītā* and Paradox of Death,” in eds. Erin Dolgoy, Bruce Peabody, and Kimberly Hurd Hale, *Political Theory on Death and Dying* (Routledge Press, 2021)

“History, the Hindu Right, and Subversion of Brahmanical-Hindu Political Thought,” in eds. L. Jenco, M. Idris, and M. Thomas, *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory* (Oxford University Press, 2020)

“Kautilya: Centrifugal Purism and the Expansion of Power,” in eds. R. Schuett and M. Hollingsworth, *The Edinburgh Companion to Political Realism* (Edinburgh University Press, 2018)

“Cross-Cultural Intelligibility and the Use of History: From Democracy and Liberalism to Indian Rajanical Thought,” *The Review of Politics* 78, no. 2 (2016): 251-283.

“Gandhi’s Devotional Political Thought,” with Thomas Hughes, *Philosophy East and West* 65, no. 2 (2015): 375-400.

“Reexamining Kautilya and Machiavelli: Flexibility and the Problem of Legitimacy in Brahmanical and Secular Realism,” *Political Theory* 42, no. 6 (2014): 635-657.

“The State of Nature and Domesticated Differences in Ancient Indian Political Thought: A Historical-Comparative Approach,” in *The “State of Nature” in Comparative Political Thought: Western and Non-Western Perspectives*, eds. J.D. Carlson and R.A. Fox (Lexington Books, 2013)

“A Historical-Comparative Approach to Indian Political Thought: Locating and Examining Domesticated Differences,” *History of Political Thought* 31, no. 3 (2010): 383-406.

Book Reviews

“*After Law*, by Laurent de Sutter,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*” (forthcoming, 2022)

“*Elementary Aspects of the Political: Histories from the Global South*, by Prathama Banerjee,” *Perspectives on Politics* 19, no. 3 (2021): 973-74.

“*Indian Political Theory: Laying the Groundwork for Svaraj*, by Aakash Singh Rathore,” *Political Theory* 47, no. 4 (2019): 598-603.

Works in Progress

Dharma in Chaotic Times: The Political Philosophy of the Bhagavad-Gītā (book manuscript, tentative title)

Honors, Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2022-23	Lenfest Sabbatical Fellowship, Washington and Lee University
2016-21	Lenfest Summer Research Grant, Washington and Lee University
2020	Washington and Lee University’s nominee for the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia’s Outstanding Faculty “Rising Star” Award
2016	Artinian Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association
2012	Outstanding Teaching Award, UCSB Academic Senate
2012	Outstanding Teaching Award, <i>honorable mention</i> , UCSB Graduate Student Association
2011	Prestage-Cook Travel Grant Award, Southern Political Science Association
2010-11	Dean’s Fellowship, UCSB
2009	Manzer-Wesson Award for Best Conference Paper, Department of Political Science, UCSB
2009	Academic Senate Graduate Student Travel Grant, UCSB
2008	Departmental Summer Language Grant, UCSB. Used for Sanskrit study, South Asian Summer Language Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison
2008	Manzer-Wesson Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus, Department of Political Science, UCSB
2007	Outstanding Teaching Award, UCSB Residence Hall Association
2005-09	Doctoral Scholars Fellowship, UCSB

Papers, Talks, and Conferences

“A Decolonial Paradox and the *Bhagavad-Gītā*: Reexamining Huxley, Brook, and Transnational

Orientalism,” paper presented (virtual) at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, April 2021

“Plato’s *Apology* and Democratic Education,” talk given for undergraduate course, “Democracy and Education,” Washington and Lee University, October 2020

“A Decolonial Paradox and the *Bhagavad-Gītā*: Reexamining Huxley, Brook, and Transnational Orientalism,” paper accepted at Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2020 (conference canceled due to COVID)

“Re-Turning to the *Mahābhārata*: Peter Brook and Political Theory,” paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2019

“Teaching Black Mirror,” talk presented for the Teaching with Film Faculty Cohort, Washington and Lee University, Fall 2019

“India’s *Mahābhārata*: Political Integration and Federation in an Age of Strife,” invited paper presented at conference, “Unions and Federations in Imperial and Anti-Imperial Political Thought,” Columbia University, New York City, NY, April 2018

A Defense of Rule, New Books in Environmental Political Theory roundtable, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2018

“Rule as Stewardship in Ancient Indian Thought,” invited lecture, January 2018, presented at:

- Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, Delhi University
- Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University

“Indian Epic and Political Philosophy,” invited talk and roundtable, Daulat Ram College, Delhi University, January 2018

“Subverting Brahmanical-Hindu Political Thought,” paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2017

“History, the Hindu Right, and Subversion of Brahmanical-Hindu Political Thought,” paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., April 2017

“Kauṭilyan Realism: Expansion of a Complex Body Politic,” paper presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016

“Healthy Hubris: A Greek Lesson in Turning Subjects into Democratic Citizens,” paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016

Panel Chair and Discussant, “Aristotle,” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016

“Present Desires, Past Realities: Democracy, Liberalism, and Contemporary Indian Political Theory,” paper to be presented at American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2014

“Overcoming Anxieties, Shifting Categories: From Democracy and Liberalism to Indian Rājānical Thought,” paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2014

Discussant, Naturalism: East and West, Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, October 2013

“An Indian Path to Ruling as Stewardship: Polycentrism, Polyarchy, and Response-ability,” paper presented at Political Science Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, April 2013

“An Indian Path to Ruling as Stewardship,” paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 2013

Commentator, *Cosmopolitan Political Thought: Method, Practice, Discipline*, by Farah Godrej, Author Meets Critics, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 2013

Chair, Socialism and Utopianism, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 2013

“Ruling in Ancient Greece and India,” invited lecture, South Asian Religion and Cultures Research Focus Group, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2012

“Homer Versus Hesiod on Ruling: Distinction and Its Critic,” paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2012

“Ancient India and Early Greece: A Historical-Comparative Approach to Political Thought and the Concept of Ruling,” invited lecture, Ancient Studies Colloquia, Borderlands Research Group, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2011

“Global History of Political Thought: Gandhi as a Lesson on Cross-Cultural Ingenuity and Hybridity,” with Thomas Hughes, paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 2011

“Kingly Rule as Distinction in Homeric Political Thought,” paper presented at Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2011

“A Historical-Comparative Approach to Indian Political Thought: Locating and Examining Domesticated Differences,” paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2009

“Domesticating Differences: A Comparative Perspective on India’s Ancient Political Thought,” paper presented at Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada, March 2009

Teaching

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

Introduction to Political Philosophy (100-level)

Classical Political Philosophy (200-level)

Modern Political Philosophy (200-level)

Contemporary Political Philosophy (200-level)
Freedom (300-level)
Gandhi and His Critics (300-level)
Indian Epic and Political Philosophy (200-level, Spring Term)
Black Mirror (200-level, Spring Term)

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Freedom
Non-Western Political Thought
Comparative Political Philosophy
Ancient and Medieval Political Philosophy

Research and Teaching Interests

History of political thought (western and non-western), global-comparative political theory, ancient and medieval political thought, modern political philosophy, South Asian political thought, politics and religion, environmental political theory

Research Languages

Ancient Greek (reading)
Sanskrit (reading)
Hindi (elementary, reading and speaking)

Manuscript Referee

Political Theory, Contemporary Political Theory, The Review of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence

Academic Service

Washington and Lee University

Winter 2021	Chair, Glynn Family Scholarship Committee
Fall 2020-	Member, Intellectual Property Review Committee
Fall 2019-	Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Winter 2019	Member, Values Committee, Williams School
Winter 2019-2020	Member (alternate), Faculty Affairs Committee
Winter 2018-2019	Member, Planning Committee for Science, Society, and the Arts Multidisciplinary Conference
Fall 2017-present	Core Faculty, Middle East and South Asia Studies Program
Fall 2017- 2020	Member, University Library Committee & Diversity and Cultural Awareness Committee
Winter 2017	Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines for Faculty Sufficiency and Deployment for Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics
Fall 2016-18	Member, Williams School Strategic Planning Committee on Facilities
Fall-Winter 2015	Member, Mudd Faculty Fellows, Roger Mudd Center for Ethics
Fall 2015-present	Member, Middle East-South Asia Studies, Faculty Cohort

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, Association for Political Theory

References

Available upon request