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**Education**

Ph.D. political science, U.C. Berkeley, December, 1995.

Dissertation: *Love is a Sweet Chain: Liberal Subjectivity and the Dilemma of Interdependence.* (Michael Rogin, chair).

MA. political science, U.C. Berkeley, May, 1987.

Thesis:  *Jiang Qing and the Gang of Four: Factional Politics in*

*China 1966-1976.*

B.A. political science, Williams College, Williamstown, MA., May, 1986.

**Research Interests and Teaching Fields**

American and European political theory

Continental philosophy

Legal theory, sovereignty and jurisprudence

Anarchist politics and philosophy

Critical race studies

Postcolonial studies

Comparative literature

Gender and sexuality studies

Literary criticism

Cultural studies

**Teaching/ Administration**

*Professor,* San Francisco State University, department of political science, 2011-

*Associate Professor,* San Francisco State University, department of political science, 2007-2011

*Assistant Professor*, San Francisco State University, department of political science, 2002-2007

*Department chair,* SFSU department of political science,Fall 2007- Spring 2016 (reelected Spring ‘10, ‘13).

Interim chair, Spring ’17.

*Presidential Leave Award (*pre-tenure sabbatical*), SFSU,* Fall 2006.

*Sabbatical leaves,* Fall, 2010, Spring 2018.

Courses taught:

*Assistant, Associate and Full Professor,* SFSU

a) Introduction to American Politics Spring 03, 04, Fall 03.

b) Political Theories of Sexuality Fall 03, 04, 05, 08, Spring 07.

c) Foundations of Political Theory (graduate core course) Fall 04, 05, 11

Spring 07, 09, 16, 20. 21, 23.

d) Postmodern Political Theory (graduate seminar) Spring 03 and 04.

e) Seminar on Walter Benjamin (graduate seminar), Spring 06, 22, Fall 07, 12, 16.

f) Classical Political Theory, Fall 02, 05, Spring 11 (GWAR), Spring 13 (GWAR), Fall 14 (GWAR), Fall 2023.

g) Modern Political Theory, Spring 06, 10 (GWAR), Fall 19.

h) Politics and Literature, Spring 04, 14, 23, Fall 18, Fall 20, Fall, 21.

i) American Political Thought, Fall 02.

j) Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 02, 03, 04, 09, 23, Spring 06, 07, 08,

k) Introduction to Critical Social Thought, Fall 15, Spring 12.

l) Anarchist Political Theory, Fall 13.

m) Political Theories of Opposition and Struggle (senior seminar) Fall 16, 18, Spring 15, 17, 19.

n) The Political Theory of Franz Kafka (graduate seminar), Spring 19, Fall ‘22.

o) Political Theories of Authority (senior seminar) Fall 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. Spring 20, 21, 22.

*Visiting Assistant Professor/Lecturer*, U.C. Berkeley, department of rhetoric, 2000-2002.

Courses taught:

a) Nineteenth Century American Philosophy and Literature Fall 01.

b) Great Theorists: Kant, Hegel, Heidegger, Fall 01.

c) Rhetoric of Political Theory, Fall 01.

d) Rhetoric of the Novel, Fall 00, Spring 02.

e) Rhetoric of Constitutional and Legal Discourse, Fall 00.

f)Advanced Argumentative Writing, Spring 01.

g) Political Theory 1500-1700, Spring 01, Spring 02.

h) Autobiography and American Individualism, Spring 02.

*Visiting Assistant Professor,* Amherst College, department of political science, 1997-2000.

Courses taught:

a) Political Theory from Plato to Machiavelli, Fall 1997, 98, 99.

b) Liberalism and its Critics, Fall 1997, 98, 99.

c) Political Theory from Hobbes to Nietzsche, Spring 1998, 99, 00.

d) Contemporary Political Theory, Spring 1998, 99, 00.

*Visiting Assistant Professor,* Wellesley College, department of political science, 1996-1997.

Courses taught:

a) Introduction to Political Science: American and European Government, Fall, Spring 1996-7.

b) Issues in Political Theory: Anglo-American Liberal Theory, Fall, 1996.

c) Introduction to Feminist Political Theory, Spring, 1996.

d) Theories of Political Economy, Spring, 1996.

Other teaching:

NEH *Summer School on Punishment,* “Archism, Punishment and Civil Disobedience,” Amherst College, Amherst, MA., July 26th 2022.

*Adjunct faculty, School of Law and Justice, Southern Cross University,* Lismore, NSW, Australia, 2019-2022

*PhD methods class* “How Introductions can (and should) subvert the main text” Birkbeck College School of Law, London, UK, October, 2019.

*Summer School,* Southern Cross University, School of Law and Justice Summer School, Byron Bay, New South Wales, Australia. Course title: **“**Why the state needs to kill: law, violence and the production of political authority,” January, 2018.

*Summer School,* University of Kent, Paris Summer Schools, Paris, France. Course title: “How to be a bad subject: misinterpellation and the anarchizing of the soul,” June, 2016.

*Visiting Professor,* Deep Springs College (summer courses)

1997 (with David Neidorf), 2010 (with Keally McBride).

**External committee member/examiner, Ph.D. students**

Geoffrey Leane, “Limiting Constraints on a Global Climate Change Regime: Neoliberalism and the Global Order of States.” University of Adelaide Law School, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia, Fall, 2021.

Stavroula Soukara, "Love as a Political Concept: Hannah Arendt, Martha Nussbaum and Hegel’s Affective Recognition" Department of Political Science, University of Kent, UK Fall, 2021.

Hayden Simon Weaver, (MA in religious studies) “Divine Violence as Emancipation for Walter Benjamin,” Faculty of the Humanities, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, Summer, 2021.

Lucy Benjamin (PhD), “Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Place: Exile, History and the Climate Crisis,” department of Comparative Literature and Culture, Royal Holloway, University of London, Summer 2021.

William Carter (PhD), UC Berkeley department of Geography, Berkeley, California. 2020-

Ellen Kirkpatrick (Masters of Research), Identity in the Age of COVID-19: The Myth of 'Togetherness',’” Macquarie University, Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relation, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 2020.

Lisa Wintersteiger (PhD), “Pedagogies of Justice: Critical approaches to public legal education,” Birkbeck College School of Law, London, UK, September 2019.

James Stewart (PhD), “Demystifying Critical Legal Studies,” University of Adelaide Law School, Adelaide, SA, Australia. Spring, 2019.

Tiffany MacLellan (PhD), “Painting Pasts and Futures: Transitional Justice, Museums, and Aesthetic Interruptions,” Law and Legal Studies Program, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, December, 2017.

Başak Ertür (PhD), “Spectacles and Spectres: Political trials, performativity and scenes of sovereignty ,”Birkbeck College School of Law, London, UK, January, 2015.

Jennifer Hardes (PhD), “Law, Immunization and the Right to Die,” University of Alberta, Edmonton, AL, Canada, department of sociology. Summer, 2014.

Brian Bernhardt (PhD), “Beyond the Democratic State: Authoritarian Interventions in Democratic Theory,” University of Colorado, department of political science, Boulder, CO., May, 2014.

**Visiting scholars/Postdoctoral students**

Nura Hosseinzadeh, Spring 2023-Spring 2024.

Nicholas Thacker, Spring 2023.

Tobias Smith, PhD., University of California, Berkeley, Fall/Spring 2020-2021.

Veronika Zablotsky, PhD., University of California, Santa Cruz, postdoctoral scholar, Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Naveed Mansoori, PhD., University of California, Los Angeles, postdoctoral scholar, Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Silindiwe Sibanda, University of Pretoria, South Africa, (affiliated scholar), Fall 2018

Emanuele Edilio Pelilli, La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, Fall, 2018

K.B. Burnside-Oxendine, Duke University, Fall, 2016.

Mauricio Oportus Preller, Diego Portales University, Chile, Fall, 2016.

Richard Joyce, Monash University School of Law, Melbourne, Australia, Fall, 2014.

**Publications**

**Books:**

*Published or forthcoming*:

1) *Anarchist Prophets: Disappointing Vision and the Power of Collective Sight,* Courtney Berger, ed.,Duke University Press. August, 2022.

Reviewed by Loren Goldman, *Perspectives on Politics*, vol. 21, no 1. (March, 2023), pp. 354-356.

2) *Unburied Bodies: Subversive Corpses and the Authority of the Dead.* Public Works series, Amherst College Press, Mark Edington, ed., October, 2018.   
Reviewed by Osman Balkan, *Theory & Event,* Volume 22, no. 4, October, 2019.

*3) The Misinterpellated Subject*. Courtney Berger, ed., Duke University Press.

February, 2017.

Reviewed by Keisha A. Brown, Journal for the Study of Radicalism, Volume 14, Number 2, Fall 20202; Claudia Leeb (with my accompanying review of her book and responses by both of us), *Perspectives on Politics,* Vol 16, issue 1, March 2018; Smita A. Rahman, *Theory & Event,* 20.4; Lasse Thomassen, *Political Theory,* Online first, December 28th, 2017; Michaela Brangan, *Boundary 2 Online,* March, 2018; Warren Montag, *Postmodern Culture,* Volume 27, Number 3, May, 2018; Matthew Lampert, *Contemporary Political Theory,* online first, March, 2018.

Trilogy on Walter Benjamin (single author):

4) *The One and Only Law: Walter Benjamin and the Second Commandment,* University of Michigan Press. Melody Herr, ed., September, 2014.

Reviewed by Panu Minkkinen, *Law Culture the Humanities*, Vol. II, Issue 3, 2015: 493-496.

5) *Divine Violence: Walter Benjamin and the Eschatology of Sovereignty.*

GlassHouse/Routledge, Colin Perrin, ed., October, 2011.

Reviewed in Marc de Wilde, “Walter Benjamin’s anti-Idolatry: Martel’s *Textual Conspiracies* and *Divine Violence” Theory & Event,* 15.4, September, 2012;

Kathleen Birrell, *Law, Culture and the Humanities* 2012, vol. 8 no. 3: 515-517;

Matías Bascuñán, *Revista de Ciencia Política,* Vol. 33, no. 3, 2013: 721-727;

Seán Fox, Marx & Philosophy Review of Books, November 27, 2014.

6) *Textual Conspiracies: Walter Benjamin, Idolatry and Political Theory.*

University of Michigan Press, Melody Herr, ed., July, 2011.

Reviewed in Marc de Wilde, “Walter Benjamin’s anti-Idolatry: Martel’s *Textual Conspiracies* and *Divine Violence” Theory & Event,* 15.4, September, 2012;

Hannah Franzki, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 2103, Vol 9, no. 2: 398-99;

M. Christopher Sardo, *Contemporary Political Theory* (2014) 13.

Other single author books:

7) *Subverting the Leviathan: Reading Thomas Hobbes as a Radical Democrat*

Columbia University Press, Wendy Lochner, ed., September, 2007.

Reviewed by Richard Parrish CHOICE, May, 2008; Deborah Baumgold, *Perspectives on Politics,* Vol. 7 Issue 01, March 2009, pp. 176-8; Stewart Duncan, *Restoration: Studies in English Literary Culture 1660-1700*, Vol. 33, No. 1, Spring 2009; Christian R. Donath, *European Integration*, Vol. 14, No. 4. July 2009; Arash Abizadeh, “The Radical Hobbes,” *Political Theory*, Volume 37, No. 5. October 2009; Samantha Frost, “Hobbes’s Politically Subversive Messianism,” *Theory & Event,* issue 13.1, March, 2010; Renaud Picaud, *Ithaque: Revue de Philosophie de L’Université de Montréal*, No. 7., Autumn, 2010); Nina Juretić, Croatian Political Science Review, Vol. 48 No. 1, June 2011.

8)  *Love is a Sweet Chain: Desire, Autonomy and Friendship in Liberal Political Theory* Routledge, Eric Nelson, ed., June, 2001.

Finalist for best first book in Political Theory, APSA 2001

Reviewed by*,* Jill Locke, *Political Theory,* Vol. 31 No. 1, February 2003 157-163;Filip Kovacevic*, “Amore per tutti” Theory & Event,* Vol. 6, Issue 4, 2003; Christina Hendricks, *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy,* Vol. 20, No. 3, 2006 (New Series), pp. 245-247.

Edited volumes:

1. *Routledge Handbook on Ecological Law and the Anthropocene* (edited volume with Peter Burdon, co-editor), Routledge Press, Colin Perrin, supervising ed., May 18th 2023.
2. *How not to be governed: Readings and Interpretations from a Critical Anarchist Left* (edited volume, Jimmy Casas Klausen, co-editor). Lexington Press. Joseph Parry, supervisor ed., January, 2011.

Future edited volumes:

1. *Routledge Handbook on the Lived Experience of Ideology* (with Başak Ertür, Connal Parsley and Naveed Mansoori).

New book project:

1. *Material Rights: A Law for the Living*

**Articles/Book chapters/Encyclopedia entries:**

Published or forthcoming:

1. “Anarchists Should Not be Lonely (but they Are)” book chapter in Hjalmar Jorge Joffre-Eichhorn, Patrick Anderson, eds. *Left Alone: On Solitude and Loneliness amid Collective Struggle,* Daraja Press, May 2023.

1. “When the Killing State Stops Killing: Thoughts About Furman,” in Austin Sarat, ed. *The Death Penalty in Decline: A Half Century of Change*, Temple University Press, forthcoming
2. “Another Law of the Dead,” in Marc Trabsky and Imogen Jones, eds. *Routledge Handbook of Law and Death*, Routledge, forthcoming.
3. “How to Stop A Dialectic: Furio Jesi and the Revolt Against Time,” co-authored with Emanuele Edilio Pelilli, *Pólemos* special issue: Mitopolitica, (in Italian and English) February 2nd, 2023 <https://www.rivistapolemos.it/call-for-paper/polemos-no-2-2022-furio-jesi-mitopolitica/?lang=en>
4. “For Democratic Governance of Universities: The Case for Administrative Abolition,” co-authored with Blanca Missé. *Theory & Event,* forthcoming.
5. “Material and Immaterial Rights,” *Jindal Law and Humanities Review* 2022 2 JLHR 2, forthcoming.
6. “My Kingdom for a Shirt: Untrammeled Atheism and Anarchism in Benjamin and Kafka,” in Brendan Moran and Paula Schwebel, eds, *Benjamin and Political Theology,* Bloomsbury Press, forthcoming.
7. “Derrida, Arendt, and the Undecidable,” in *Hannah Arendt/Jacques Derrida: Politics, Language, Writing,* Nassima Sahraoui and Jana Schmidt, eds, SUNY Press, forthcoming.
8. “Why we need Benjamin more than ever: 7 Lessons from Benjamin’s ‘Critique of Violence’ and 1 from Mariátegui,” Special Issue on 100th anniversary of the “Critique of Violence,” *Contexto Internacional*, forthcoming.
9. “Point of View,” in *Routledge Research Handbook in Law and Literature*, Daniela Gandorfer and Peter Goodrich, eds, forthcoming.
10. “Hobbes Reading Hobbes: Applying Hobbes’s Instructions for Reading Scripture to a Reading of *Leviathan* Itself,” in Keith Topper, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Rhetoric and Political Theory,* forthcoming.
11. “Interrupted by Death: The Legal Personhood and Non-Personhood of Corpses,” in *Interrupting the Legal Person,* Studies in Law, Politics and Society, Vol. 878, Austin Sarat, ed., (Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing, 2022).
12. “How to Make Concrete Laws Out of Thin Air: Peter Fitzpatrick on the Myths and Groundings of Legality” in Ben Golder and Sara Ramshaw, eds, special issue “Dangerous Supplements: The Work and Significance of Peter Fitzpatrick,” *Law and Critique,* Vol 32, issue 3, Nov 2021.
13. “Como Interrompere una Dialettica: Walter Benjamin, Furio Jesi e la rivolta contro il tiempo” (“How to Interrupt a Dialectic: Walter Benjamin, Furio Jesi and the Revolt Against Time”) co-authored with Emanuele Edilio Pelilli. *Laboratorio Archeologia Filosofica*, August 14th, 2021. https://www.archeologiafilosofica.it/come-interrompere-una-dialettica-walter-benjamin-furio-jesi-e-la-rivolta-contro-il-tempo/

1. “The Law of Rules: Hyperlegalism, Emergency and the Violence of Procedure,” Special Issue on the work of Nasser Hussain, Adam Sitze, ed., *Law, Culture and the Humanities,* Volume 17, Issue 1. 2021.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1743872117741817>

1. “Why We Should All Read Benjamin Today,” in Brad Evans and Adrian Parr, eds., *Conversations on Violence: An Anthology,* (London, UK: Pluto Press, 2021). (Reprinted from Los Angeles Review of Books)
2. “Derrida on the ‘Slow and Differentiated’ Deconstruction of Sovereignty,” in Stella Achilleos and Antonis Balasopoulos, eds., *Reading Texts on Sovereignty: Textual Moments in the History of Political Thought*, Bloomsbury, 2021.
3. “How to undo truths with words:” Reading Texts both Sacred and Profane in Hobbes and Benjamin,” in Kyle Jensen and Michael Bernard-Donals, eds., *Responding to the Sacred,* Penn State Press, April 19th 2021.
4. “Resisting the Neoliberal University via a General Strike,” in Kenneth R. Roth and Zachary S. Ritter, eds., *Whiteness, Power, and Resisting Change in US Higher Education: A Peculiar Institution.* Palgrave Studies in Race, Inequality and Social Justice in Education, January 11th, 2021.
5. “Nietzsche, Revelation and the Materiality of Metaphor,” in Daniela Gandorfer and Zulaikha Ayub, eds., *Matterphorical*, special issue of *Theory & Event,* Volume 24, issue 1, January, 2021.
6. “Kant’s Unexpected Materialism: How the Object Saves Kant—as well as the rest of us—from the Moral Law.” In *Nothing Absolute:* *German Idealism and the Question of Political Theology,* Alex Dubilet and Kirill Chepurin, eds., Fordham University Press, January 2021.
7. “The magic of matter: bodies, together and apart in a time of pandemic,” Special issue on philosophy in a pandemic, *Philosophy Today*, 64:4 (Fall 2020).
8. Tribute to Peter Fitzpatrick, Special Issue on Peter Fitzpatrick, *Law, Culture and the Humanities,* Volume 16, Issue 3, 2020.
9. “Haunted by Derrida: Reading Benjamin’s ‘Critique of Violence’ and Derrida’s ‘Force of Law’ in Constellation” inGavin Rae and Emma Ingala, eds., *Historical Traces and Future Pathways of Poststructuralism: Aesthetics, Ethics, Politics.* Routledge, November, 2020.
10. The Law is Not a Thing: Kafkan (Im)Matererialism and Imitation Jam” Legal Materialism, Hyo Yoon Kang and Sara Kendall, eds., *Law Text Culture*, volume 23, December 2019.
11. “In Search of Atheism” in *Political Theology in a Post Secular World.* Diego Rossello, editor. SÍNTESIS. REVISTA DE FILOSOFÍA II (2) 2019; pp. 149-172.
12. “An Anarchist Power Amidst Pessimism: The Overcoming of Optimism in

José Saramago’s *Blindness* and *Seeing,*” Special issue on Pessimism, Zahi Zalloua, ed. in *The Comparatist*, December, 2019*.*

1. “How to Think Hemispherically,” symposium on Juliet Hooker’s *Theorizing*

*Race in America*. *Contemporary Political Theory*, online first October, 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-019-00345-9>.

1. “‘A true enough self:’ Winnicott, object relations theory and the bases of

identity”in *Transitional Subjects:* *Critical Theory and Object Relations,* Amy Allen and Brian O’Connor, eds., Columbia University Press, August, 2019.

1. Forward to Marc Crépon’s *Murderous Consent,* Michael Loriaux and Jacob

Levi, trans., Tom Lay, editor, Fordham University Press, 2019.

1. “Are we out of time? Thinking about Neoliberalism and Fascism in an Age of Radical Transition.” Commentary for *Law, Culture and the Humanities,* Vol 15 issue 1, January, 2019.
2. “Walter Benjamin and the General Strike: Nonviolence and the Archeon,” in *The Meanings of Violence: From Critical Theory to Biopolitics*, Gavin Rae and Emma Andrea Ingala Gomez, eds. Routledge, October, 2018.

“A Response to Étienne Balibar’s ‘Philosophies of the Transindividual’,” Australasian Philosophical Review, Vol. 2, 2018 (first published December, 2018).

1. )  »Ahora todos somos profetas: Hobbes, la profecía Hebrea y la subversíon de la autoridad interpretativa » (We are all Prophets Now: Hobbes, Hebrew Prophecy and the Subversion of Interpretive Authority), Rodrigo Oscar Ottonello, translator, in *Hobbes el hereje: teología, política y materialismo,* Cecilia Abdo Ferez, Diego Fernández Peychaux and Gabriela Rodríguez Rial, eds., (Buenos Aires, Argentina: Eudeba, 2018).
2. “Why Does the State Keep Coming Back?” Neoliberalism, the State and the Archeon.” For special issue of *Law and Critique,* Chris Butler and Karen Crawley, eds., online first, Oct. 5th, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10978-018-9234-y>
3. “Arendt and the Pilgrims: Individualism, Community and American Exceptionalism” In Special Issue: “In the Present Tense: Contemporary Engagements with Hannah Arendt,” Charles Barbour and Ari-Elmeri Hyvönen, guest eds., *Philosophy Today,* Volume 62, Issue 2, Spring, 2018.
4. “Must the Law be a Liar? Walter Benjamin on contracts, conferences and the techniques of nonviolence” in *Routledge Research Handbook on Law and Theory,* Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos and Maria Javed eds., July, 2018.
5. “A Messianic Pedagogy? Benjamin's 'Educative Power' and the Subversion of the Possible” special issue of *boundary 2*, *Walter Benjamin, Pedagogy and the Politics of Youth* Howard Eiland, ed.*,* May, 2018.
6. “Who Speaks When We Answer the Call of Interpellation?” for “Who Speaks?” special issue, *Qui Parle*, 26.2, December, 2017.
7. “Hobbes and Spinoza on Scriptural Interpretation, the Hebrew Republic and the Deconstruction of Sovereignty.” in *Spinoza’s Authority Volume II: Resistance and Power in the Political Treatises,* Kiarina Kordela and Dimitris Vardoulakis, eds., Bloomsbury Publishing, December, 2017.
8. “Environmentalism and an Anarchist Research Method,” co-authored with Peter Burdon, University of Adelaide Law School. For *Handbook of Research Methods in Environmental Law*, Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos and Victoria Brooks, eds., November, 2017.
9. “A Weak Anti-Foundationalism: Law at the Vanishing Point,” in *No Foundations: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Law and Justice*, Julen Extabe and Mónica López Lerma, eds., No. 14 (2017).
10. “What Kind of Love is Nietzsche’s *Amor Fati*?” in *The Radicalism of Romantic Love.* Ashgate Press, Renata Grossi and David West, eds., April, 2017.
11. “Walter Benjamin,” chapter for an edited volume, *Histories of Violence: Post-war Critical Thought,* Brad Evans, ed., Zed Books, February 2017.
12. Introduction to symposium on Neil Roberts’ *Freedom as Marronage*. *Theory &* *Event*, 20.1 January, 2017.
13. “El individualismo antiliberal de Hobbes” (Hobbes’s anti-liberal Individualism) in “Dossier: Hobbes: Poder, Imagen y Soberanía,” *Las Torres de Lucca: Revista Internacional de Filosofía Política,* Vol. 5, no. 9, December 2016.
14. “Guilty without accusation: Legal Passions and the Misinterpellation of Subjects in Althusser and Kafka.” in *Accusation, Criminality and the Legal Subject*, George Pavlich, ed., University of British Columbia Press. November, 2016
15. Entry on Political Science for “Language—Culture--Communication: An International Handbook of Linguistics as Cultural Study/Sprache—Kultur—Kommunication: Ein Internationales Handbuch zu Linguistik als Kulturwissenschaft,” September, 2016.
16. “The Dark Double: Political Demonology and Sovereignty.” in “The Political Theory of Michael Rogin,” Keally McBride and James Martel eds., *Political Theory*, April 2016 44:2.
17. “Something is Rotten in the State” introduction co-written with Başak Ertür for supplemental issue on Turkey, *Theory & Event,* Issue 19.1, 2016

reproduced in Jadaliyya:

http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/23900/something-is-rotten-in-the-state

1. “Are we Post-Democratic or have we not (yet) been democratic at all?” Special issue on Post-democracy, *Juncture*, Winter 2015, Volume 22, Issue 3, 210-215.
2. “Hobbes’ Political Thought,” entry for *Oxford Bibliographies,* November 2015.
3. “When the Call is Not Meant for You: Misinterpellation, Subjectivity and the Law” for special issue on representation in *Philosophy & Rhetoric*, Vol 48, no. 4, 2015.
4. “Conspiracy*.*” *Political Concepts: A Critical Lexicon*, <http://www.politicalconcepts.org>. October, 2015
5. “Broken by God: Fate and Divine Interference in Lars von Trier’s ‘Breaking the Waves’*”* Symposium--Breaking the Rules: Gender, Power, and Politics in the Films of Lars von Trier*,* Bonnie Honig and Lori Marso, eds*.,* *Theory & Event,* Volume 18, Issue 2, 2015.

Reprinted in *Politics, Theory, and Film: Critical Encounters with Lars von Trier*, Bonnie Honig and Lori Marso eds., (Oxford University Press, 2016),

1. “The Anarchist Life We are Already Living: Benjamin and Agamben on Bare Life and the Resistance to Sovereignty” in *Towards the Critique of Violence: Walter Benjamin and Giorgio Agamben.”* Brendan Moran and Carlo Salzani, eds., Bloomsbury Press, 2015.
2. “Against Thinning and Teleology: Politics and Objects in the Face of Catastrophe in Lear and von Trier,” response to Bonnie Honig’s “The Fight for Public Things,” (along with Jason Frank), University of Utah’s Maxwell Lecture in *Political Research Quarterly,* September 2015 68: 642-646.
3. “Benjamin’s Black Flashlight: Promoting Misreading over Persuasion to Decenter Textual and Political Authority.” *Political Theory*, 2015, Vol. 43(5) 575-599.
4. “Comments on Andrew Benjamin’s *Working with Walter Benjamin*,” *Philosophy Today* 59, Issue 1, Winter 2015: 139-146.
5. “A more exact criterion: Law’s Violence and the Possibility of nonviolence in the work of Walter Benjamin,” in *“*The Law as Violence,” 49 *Wake Forest Law Review* 757, Fall, 2014.
6. “Anarchist all the Way Down: Walter Benjamin's subversion of authority in text, thought and action,” in Special Issue: Continental Philosophy in Australasia, *Parhessia* 21, 2014: 3-12.
7. “Division is Common” in “Communist Currents,” *Atlantic Quarterly*, Vol. 113, No. 4, Fall, 2014.
8. Entry on Reason. Encyclopedia of Political Thought, Michael Gibbons, Editor in Chief. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
9. “The One and Only Law: Walter Benjamin, Utopianism and the Second Commandment,” in Austin Sarat, Lawrence Douglas, and Martha Merrill Umphrey, eds. *Law and the Utopian Imagination,* Stanford University Press, 2014.
10. "Disobedient objects: Benjamin, Kafka, Poe and the revolt of the fetish." in Elena Louizidou, ed. *Disobedience: Concept and Practice*, Routledge, 2013.
11. “Can the Law Ever Transcend its own Violence?” (special issue on the work and thought of Austin Sarat), 31 *Quinnipiac Law Review* 551, 2013.
12. “‘Nothing Exists Besides an Earthenware Pot’: Resisting Sovereignty on Robinson’s Island.” Special issue on Derrida’s *The Beast and the Sovereign.* George Pavlich, guest ed,, *Societies.* 2012; 2 (4): 372-387.
13. “Nietzsche’s Cruel Messiah.” *Qui Parle,* 20-2. No. 2, Spring/Summer 2012: 199-224.
14. “Hobbes, Prudence and Neuroscience: Early Modern Strategies for Negotiating Contemporary Subjectivity,” in Frank Vander Valk, ed., *Essays on Neuroscience and Political Theory.* Routledge, May, 2012.
15. Reading Thomas Hobbes: Peter Fitzpatrick’s Gentle Deconstructionist Style,” in Ruth Buchanan, Stewart Motha and Sundhya Pahuja, eds., *Reading Modern Law*: *Critical Methodologies and Sovereign Formations (Essays in Honour of Peter Fitzpatrick),* Routledge/Cavendish. May, 2012.
16. “Can Human Beings Forgive? Ethics and Agonism in the Face of Divine Violence,” in Alexander Keller Hirsch, ed., *Theorizing Post Conflict Reconciliation: Agonism, Restitution and Repair*, Routledge. February, 2012.

(translated and published in Indonesian, 2016).

1. “Art and the Fetish: Seventy-Five Years on.” Essay for special issue on Benjamin’s work of art essay, *Krisis*: *Journal for Contemporary Philosophy* (Netherlands). 2011, Issue 3.
2. “Taking Benjamin Seriously as a Political Thinker.” Introduction to special issue on Walter Benjamin for *Philosophy and Rhetoric,* 44.4. Fall, 2011.
3. “Waiting for Justice” in special issue on sovereignty, *Republics of Letters*. 2, n5.2, July, 2011.
4. “The Ambivalent Anarchism of Hannah Arendt” in Jimmy Casas Klausen and James Martel, eds., *How Not to be Governed: Readings and Interpretations from a Critical Anarchist Left,* January 2011, Lexington Press.
5. “States of Indifference: Rousseau, Whitman, Bersani and the Publicization of Love,” *Quinnipiac Law Review*, Vol. 28 No. 3, 2010,
6. “Can there be Politics without Sovereignty? Arendt, Derrida and the Question of Sovereign Inevitability,” in special issue on “Why Sovereignty?” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 6 (2), June, 2010.

Reprinted in *Critical Legal Theory* (printed in four volumes), Costas Douzinas, Colin Perrin eds., Routledge, October 2011.

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2. “Walter Benjamin and the eschatology of sovereignty” in Charles Barbour and George Pavlich, eds., *After Sovereignty: On the Question of Political Beginnings*, New York: Taylor and Francis, October, 2009.
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7. “Strong Sovereign, Weak Messiah: Hobbes and the rhetoric of the Christian Commonwealth.” in *Theory & Event*, Volume 7, Issue 4, 2004.
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2. "The Aesthetics of the Void: On Brad Evans’s ‘Ecce Humanitas,” Los Angeles Review of Books, October 30th, 2021.

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1. “Rethinking Politics in Bad Times” Review of Davina Cooper’s *Feeling Like a State* and Noëlle McAfee’s *Fear of Breakdown. Political Theory,* forthcoming.
2. Review of Ira J. Allen’s *The Ethical Fantasy of Rhetorical Theory, Philosophy and Rhetoric,*  Volume 54. No. 1, 2021.

1. Review of Max Tomba’s *Insurgent Universality: an alternative legacy of modernity, Theory & Event,* Vol 24, No. 1, January, 2021.
2. Review of Marinos Diamantides and Anton Schütz’s *Political Theology: Demystifying the Universal. Law, Culture and the Humanities*, Vol. 16, Issue 1, 2020.
3. Review of Scott Henkel’s *Direct Democracy, Collective Power, the Swarm, and the Literature of the Americas, Anarchist Studies,* 28.1, 2020.
4. Review of Neil Roberts’ *Freedom as Marronage*. *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies,* forthcoming.
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6. Review of Judith Butler’s *Notes Toward a Performative Theory of Assembly,* *Law and Literature,* Vol 30, Issue 2 2018.
7. Review of Claudia Leeb’s *Power and Feminist Agency in Capitalism: Toward*

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4. Review of Jill Stauffer’s *Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard, Perspective on Politics*, Volume 15, Issue 1. March 2017.
5. Review of *Radio Benjamin*, Lecia Rosenthal, ed. *Contemporary Political Theory*, 6 October 2015.
6. Review of Maria Aristodemou’s *Law*, *Psychoanalysis, Society: Taking the Unconscious Seriously,* in *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, February 2016 12: 159-160.
7. Law, Culture and the Humanities Bookshelf: “Resisting Law: Books that teach us how to avoid, subvert and tangle with law and authority,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities,* February, 2015, 11: 147-148.
8. Review of Andrew Benjamin’s *Working with Walter Benjamin: Recovering a Political Philosophy*, *Political Theory,* forthcoming.
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10. Review of *The Marx Machine: Politics, Polemics, Ideology* by Charles Barbour. *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 2013, Vol 9, no. 2: 402-5.
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12. Review of *The Politics of Sexuality in Latin America,* Javier Corrales and Mario Pecheny, eds. in *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America.* Fall 2010/Winter 2011.
13. “Hobbes’s ‘Thinking Bodies,’” Review of *Lessons from a Materialist Thinker: Hobbesian Reflections on Ethics and Politics* by Samantha Frost. *Theory & Event,* issue 13.1, March, 2010.
14. “Who Am I to Judge?” Review essay of *The Heart of Judgment* in *Political Theory* by Leslie Paul Thiele and *Expert Political Judgment: How Good is it? How can we know?* by Philip E. Tetlock. *Political Theory* 2009 37: 290-295.
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2. “The Role of Emotion in Political Life.” Review essay of *The Sentimental Citizen: Emotion in Democratic Politics*, by George Marcus and *Feminism and Emotion: Readings in Moral and Political Philosophy* by Susan Mendus. Political Theory, Vol. 32 No. 1, February, 2004

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2. “Anarchism and the Internet,” talk with Metagov, <https://archive.org/details/martel-metagov-20221109>
3. The page 99 test: *Anarchist Prophets*: <https://page99test.blogspot.com/2022/10/james-r-martels-anarchist-prophets.html> (also on Campaign for the American Reader: <https://americareads.blogspot.com/2022/10/pg-99-james-r-martels-anarchist-prophets.html> )
4. “Anarchist Prophets.” Interview with C.S. Soong, *Against the Grain,* KPFA*,*  August, 2022. <https://kpfa.org/episode/against-the-grain-august-16-2022/>
5. “Why we need Benjamin more than ever,” Talking Violence, episode 2 hosted and introduced by Brad Evans. <https://talkingviolence.podbean.com/e/walter-benjamin-now/>
6. “Get the Police out of the neighborhood, the city, the planet and the solar system: A conversation with James Martel about the Insurrection in the US.” Interview with Emanuele Edilio Pelilli, *Not Neroeditions* (In Italian)<https://not.neroeditions.com/fuori-la-polizia-dai-quartieri-dalle-citta-dal-pianeta-e-dal-sistema-solare/> June 11th, 2020.
7. “Integrity: Conversations on the Integrities of the Body,” with Matthias Pees and Nora Wroblewski, curated by Sandra Noeth and Künstlerhaus Mousonturm. May 20th, 2020.
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1. *Philosophy Talk* (radio show), “Authority and Resistance,” February 17th, 2019.
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Coalition, the Omni, Oakland, CA., March 4th, 2018.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kfVAzuk7KwPimN9tlJwUXdVlvcuk9KaR>.

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1. “Is Democracy Working?” One Question, stateofnatureblog, Cihan Aksan and Jon Bailes.

<http://stateofnatureblog.com/one-question-democracy/> February 19th, 2018.

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2. “The Power of Misinterpellation” (guest blog post in conjunction with release of *The Misinterpellated Subject*) March 7th, 2017. <https://dukeupress.wordpress.com/2017/03/07/the-power-of-misinterpellation/>
3. Podcast for Theory & Event 20th anniversary issue, with Kennan Ferguson.

[**https://www.press.jhu.edu/news/blog/groundbreaking-journal-celebrates-**](https://www.press.jhu.edu/news/blog/groundbreaking-journal-celebrates-)**anniversary**

1. “Stages of Freedom,” response to Neil Roberts’ *Freedom as Marronage,*  for the African American Intellectual History Society, <http://www.aaihs.org/stages-of-freedom/>
2. Interview on Spanish Anarchism with C.S. Soong, *Against the Grain*, KPFA, October 5th, 2015. <http://againstthegrain.org/program/1227/mon-100515-lessons-anarchist-spain>
3. *Philosophy Talk* (radio show)*, “*Anarchy: Dream or Nightmare?” discussion of anarchism, January 25th, 2015: <http://www.philosophytalk.org/shows/anarchy-utopian-dream-or-dystopian-nightmare>

Live blog: January 30th archive: <http://www.philosophytalk.org/community/live->chat/live-chat-james-martel

1. “Who is afraid of anarchism? An Interview with James Martel” in Truth is a Beaver blog.<http://truthisabeaver.blog.com/2013/07/08/who-is-afraid-of-anarchism-an-interview-with-james-martel/>
2. “Anti-fetishism: Notes on the Thought of Walter Benjamin.” Critical legal Thinking—Law & the Political, April, 22nd 2013. On line essay: <http://criticallegalthinking.com/2013/04/22/anti-fetishism-notes-on-the-thought-of-walter-benjamin/>
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**Film projects :**

1. *Take Five*, with Ash Verwiel, filmed in San Francisco and Oakland, California. Spring and Summer, 2022 (sponsored by , Künstlerhaus Mousunturm, Frankfurt am Main, Germany).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WJRDED6ByuY>

1. *Juju (Bodies of Belief): A Film about Nasser Hussain*, with Ash Verwiel, filmed in Mumbai, India, Karachi, Pakistan, Berkeley, California, and Amherst, Massachusetts. Spring and Summer, 2022. (sponsored by Künstlerhaus Mousunturm, Frankfurt am Main, Germany)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rmp3nDzy2Bs&t=43s>

## Editorial work

**Editor or editorial board:**

Co-Editor (first with Davide Panagia and then with Kennan Ferguson), *Theory & Event*, January, 2014-January, 2019.

Editorial Board, *Law, Culture and the Humanities,* 2005-

Editorial Board, *Walter Benjamin Studies* (Continuum), 2013-

Editorial Board, *Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics and Culture* (book series)

Editorial Board, *Philosophy Today,* 2014-

Editorial Board, *Counterpress* 2013-

Editorial Council, *Reclamations*, 2010-

Editorial Board, *New Politics of Autonomy* (book series) 2013-

Advisory Board, *Advances in Democratic Theory* (book series) 2018-

Advisory Board, *Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory,* 2023-

**Series editor**

“Decrypting Power from and through the Global South,” series for Lexington Books, (with Ricardo Sanín Restrepo, Marinella Machado Araujo, and Angus McDonald)

“Advances in Critical Thought,” book series in conjunction with Anthem Press and the Centre for Critical Thought, University of Kent.

**Book review editor**

Book Review Editor, *Theory & Event*, January 2011- January 2014

Book Review Editor, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, June 2007-January 2012

**Special issues editor (or co-editor):**

Special issue, “Furio Jesi. Mythopolitics” with Emanuele Edilio Pelilli, *Pólemos: Materials of Philosophy and Social Criticism”* (in Italian and English) February 2nd, 2023.

Special supplement, “Something Is Rotten in the State,” *Theory & Event.* 19.1, Co-edited with Başak Ertür, January, 2016, <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_and_event/toc/tae.19.1S.html>.

Special issue editor, “Taking Benjamin seriously as a political thinker.” *Philosophy and Rhetoric,* Spring, 2011.

Special supplement, Occupy Wall Street, *Theory & Event* 14.4, (with Jodi Dean and Davide Panagia), Fall 2011, <http://muse.jhu.edu/issue/24512>

**Various peer reviewing (books and articles).**

Journals: APSR, *New Political Science, Political Theory,* *American Political Thought, Philosophy Today, Philosophy and Rhetoric, Constellations, Contemporary Political Theory,* PRQ, *Theory & Event*, *European Journal of Political Theory, Review of Politics*, *Political Theology,* *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Cultural Politics, Law and Critique*, *Hypatia*, *Hobbes Studies, Journal of Politics, Radical Philosophy, Critical Times, Culture, Theory & Critique*, *Contexto, Distinktion,* etc.

University and other Presses:Cambridge, Oxford, Columbia, Edinburgh, Minnesota, Routledge, GlassHouse, Duke, Rowman and Littlefield, SUNY, Palgrave, McGill, McGill, MIT, NYU, Penn State, Fordham, Michigan, Stanford, etc.

## Conference papers/talks

Invited talk. “Authoritarian populism, neoliberalism, and 18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte,” with Richard Joyce, part of “International Law and the Challenge of Populism,” Australian Research Council sponsored project, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA., May 24th, 2023.

“Living a Double Life: Anarchist Subjectivity in the Face of Archist Power” WPSA, San Francisco, CA., April 7th, 2023

Invited presentation, “Anarchist Prophets” for department of rhetoric speaker series, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA., March 1st, 2023.

Invited comments on Gary Wilder’s *Concrete Utopianism*, History of Consciousness Winter Lecture Series, U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA.,

January 25th, 2023

Invited talk. “Can Capitalism Ever Not Be Evil?” Evil Corporation Symposium, Penny Crofts, organizer, University of Technology Sydney, Sydney, Australia, December 11th—12th, 2022.

Invited talk. “When the Killing Law Stops Killing: Thoughts About Furman.” Conference on *Furman* at50, Amherst College, Amherst, MA., October 22nd and 23rd 2022 (online).

Comments on “The Future of Policing” roundtable

And

“Lessons from the Spanish Revolution: the limitations of anarchosyndicalism”

And

“My Kingdom for a Shirt: Untrammeled anarchism and atheism in Benjamin and Kakfa”

APSA, Montreal, Canada, Sept 14th-18th, 2022.

Invited talk: “Why we need Benjamin (and Mariátegui) more than ever,” Study of Religions Seminar Series, Louis Blond, organizer. University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa, August 24th, 2022 (online).

“An analysis of Marx’s *18th Brumaire* applied to the January 6th insurrection,” part of panel on International Law and the Challenge of Populism, Law and Society, Lisbon, Portugal, July 16th, 2022 (online).

Invited arts festival: “Juju (Bodies of Belief)” and “Take Five,” films presented in conjunction with Bharati Kapadia and Abeer Khan’s film “How do I show the ocean space you carried inside you?” for “Bodies Un-Protected,” Künstlerhaus Mousunturm, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, July 8th and 9th 2022

Invited Conference: “A Law for the Living” for a panel on “What do the Legal Humanities Have to say about the current crisis?”

And: “Legal Beginnings: Thinking about the ‘Dawn of Everything’”

And: “Peter Fitzpatrick: bending but not breaking the law” for Plenary panel on the life, work and legacy of Peter Fitzpatrick.

ASLCH, Emory School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia, June 16th-17th, 2022

Invited conference: “How Plagues Deal Out Life as Well as Death” Living with Pandemics conference, co-sponsored by Northwestern University and the École Normale Supérieure, Evanston, IL., May 27th, 2022

Invited conference: “Legal Furniture: Kafka on nightstands, benches and the Law”

“Law, Technology and the Human,” conference, Kent Law School, Canterbury, UK, April 6th-7th, 2022 (online)

Invited performance: “Bodies Unclosed,” in collaboration with Bharati Kapadia, G5A Warehouse performance space, Mumbai, India, March 29th, 2022.

Invited talk: “Material and Immaterial Rights,” presented to the CUNY Graduate Center Political Theory colloquium, March 4th, 2022 (online)

Invited talk: “Organizing Principles from the Spanish Revolution,” Communist Caucus, DSA February 20th, 2022. (online)

Invited conference: “Hobbes and the Power of Collective Prophecy,” for “*Leviathan* Unbound: Hobbes Across the Disciplines” conference, Keith Topper and Victoria Silver, conference organizers, UC Irvine, Friday, December 10th, 2021 (online). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrKUKVp4zTk>

Invited conference: “In the Beginning: Arche, Anarchism and Arendt,” part of the Politics of Beginning: Hannah Arendt Today conference, Facundo Vega, conference organizer. Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Santiago, Chile, December 2nd, 2021 (online).

Invited performance: “Bodies Unclosed,” with Bharati Kapadia, part of Bodies, Un-protected, Künstlerhaus Mousunturm, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, November 10-15, 2021. [https://youtu.be/TG5n\_GZq0Bw](https://youtu.be/TG5n_GZq0Bw?fbclid=IwAR0XwA6h_IcTs8uAADQ4690lMM7HRi5aHSI28XLNX5O1A6lXaYEbxz7FpsU)

“The Stench of the Law” How the Law Makes itself ‘Real’ via the Transfer of Material Properties”

And

“Affect, Material Rights, and the Miasmas of Law,” American Political Science Association (online), Seattle, WA., October 2nd  and 3rd, 2021.

Author meets readers panel on Ricardo Sanín Restropo’s *Being and Contingency* (With Stacy Douglas), Critical Legal Conference, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland, UK (online), September 3rd, 2021.

“Material and Immaterial Rights,”

and

Author meets readers: Miguel Vatter’s *Divine Democracy,*

Midwestern Political Science Association (online), April 17th, 2021.

“Right-Wing Populism and International Law,” co-authored with Richard Joyce, Monash University. Western Political Science Association (online), April 3rd, 2021.

Invited conference on democracy and the future, with Michaele Ferguson (host), Ainsley LeSure and Lisa Disch (co panelists). Center for Critical Thought, C.U. Boulder, Boulder, CO. (online) February 26th, 2021.

Conference co-host with Peter Burdon, conference on Handbook of the Anthropocene, Northern Hemisphere (Berkeley, CA., USA), (online) January 19th, 2021. Southern Hemisphere (Adelaide, SA., Australia) (online). January 17th, 2021.

Invited conference, “Singularity and the commandment: another form of law,” in “Singularities-abilities: a celebration of Samuel Weber’s 80th Birthday” (conference, co-host, along with Julia Ng and Jörg Kreienbrock), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (online), December 1st, 2020.

Invited class “Can Archism ever die?” with commentary by Richard Janda, hosted by Mark Antaki, McGill University School of Law, Montreal, Canada (online). November 17th, 2020.

Invited conference: “Anarchism and Archism,” Meeting III of International Law and the Challenge of Populism Group, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia (online), October 28th, 2020 Recording: [Workshop 3](https://monash-panopto.aarnet.edu.au/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=62c1239b-7d57-4ec6-b0b3-ac6a00356666).

Invited talk: CHI Salon: Amherst College Press Authors in Conversation. James Martel’s *Unburied Bodies* and Carlos Sánchez’s *A Sense of Brutality,* Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, Amherst MA (online), October 21st, 2020.

“Anarchist Prophets and the Spanish Revolution”

And: Author meets readers Robert Nichols’ *Theft is Property*

And: Author meets readers, Lida Maxwell’s *Insurgent Truth*

American Political Science Association (online) September, 2020

“Rethinking Peruvian Reality: Mariátegui and Material Rights.”

WPSA (online) May 23rd, 2020.

Comments on Sonali Chakravarti’s *Radical Enfranchisement in the Jury Room and Public Life*, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Quinnipiac Law School, North Haven, CT., March 7th, 2020.

Invited conference, “Law and Other (Im)material Miasmas,” Legal Materiality

Research Network, concluding conference.

Birkbeck College, University of London, London, UK, January 9th-10th, 2020.

Invited talk. “Comments on Marc Crépon’s *Murderous Consent,* Chapter Four (“Truth”)”Goldsmiths, University of London, London, UK, October 25th, 2019.

Invited talk. “Anarchist Prophecy and the Revelations of Law” University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, October 23rd, 2019.

"Affect, material rights and the miasmas of law," Critical Legal Conference, Università degli Studi di Perugia, School of Jurisprudence, Perugia, Italy, September 12th-14th, 2019.

Invited conference, "Interrupted by death: the legal personhood and non-personhood of corpses." for “Interrupting the Legal Person” symposium, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, June 25th and 26th, 2019.

Invited Talk, "Disappointing Vision: The Angel of History and Zarathustra as Anarchist Prophets,"

And: “Comments on Mick Dillon’s ‘After Infinity: Towards the Government and Politics of Transfinite Life?,’”

And: “Comments on Marc Crépon’s *Murderous Consent*,  Northwestern University, Evanston, IL., May 8th-10th, 2019.

Invited Talk “Resisting Bodies: How the unburied dead can bring down a state.” Department of Political Science, UCLA, Los Angeles, May 3rd, 2019.

Keynote address (along with Ricardo Sanín-Restrepo, Andreas Kalyvas and Angus McDonald), “The one who made the lock also made the key: Thomas Hobbes on encryption and decryption in the face of sovereign power and authority,” for Seminario Internacional. Teoría Crítica Constitucional: La Teoría de la Encriptacíon del Poder, ITAM, Mexico City, Mexico, April 24th-25th, 2019.

“When the attachment goes rogue: Frankenstein’s monster and the anarchism of nature”

And: Author meets Critics Roundtable on *The Ethical Fantasy of Rhetorical Theory*, by Ira Allen

And: Comments on Samantha Frosts *Biocultural Creatures*.

WPSA, San Diego April 18-20th, 2019.

“Frankenstein: Challenging the Transhuman” talk at Working group on Posthumanism mini conference (with Daniela Gandorfer and Ellen Peel), San Francisco State University, April 3rd, 2019.

“The Law is Not a Thing: Kafkan (Im)materialism and Imitation Jam.

ASLCH, Ottawa, Canada, March 22nd and 23rd, 2019.

Invited talk “A Constellation of Moments: Walter Benjamin on the Middle Ages, Sanctuary and the Current Emergency” part of Sanctuary Practices Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz, February 8th, 2019.

“We are all prophets now: Prophecy and speech in a post truth age,”

And: Comments on Jodi Dean’s *Crowds and Party*

American Political Science Association, Boston, MA., August, 2018.

Invited conference, “Disappointing Vision: Prophecy, anarchism and the Archeon,” for “Political Theology and the Contemporary Moment: Beyond the Christian and the Secular,” Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, July 5th and 6th, 2018.

Invited conference, Comments on “’Green Imperialism’ in Law” by Pavithra Tantrigoda, 2018 Law & Humanities Interdisciplinary Junior Scholars Workshop, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA, June 4-5, 2018.

Invited conference ““Nietzsche Doesn’t Play; Contingency, Agency and Repurposing of Fate in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*” for “Play, Creativity and Imagination,” Yale/National University of Singapore, Singapore, April 20th and 21st, 2018.

Roundtable panel, “Should people who oppose injustice believe in neoliberalism?”

Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA., March 29-31, 2018.

“Decolonizing the Dead: How Corpses help the Living Resist Subjugation,”

And “comments on Ethos,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Georgetown Law School, Washington, D.C., March 16-17, 2018.

Invited talk, “The Misinterpellated Subject,” University of Hawaii, Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii, December 8th, 2017.

Keynote address, “Why does the state keep coming back?” for conference, “Forms of Authority Beyond Neoliberalism: Legality, Politics, Aesthetics.” Law’s Futures Centre, Griffiths University, Brisbane, Australia. December 4th, 2017.

Invited talk “A Weak Anti-Foundationalism: Law at the Vanishing Point,” talk for Centre for Critical Thought, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, October 1st, 2017.

Invited talk “Unburied Bodies: The Power and Vulnerability of the State.” Part of “After Benjamin” with Andrew Benjamin and Julia Ng, Goldsmiths, University of London, London, UK, September 28th, 2017.

“What kind of prophet doesn’t believe in the future? Walter Benjamin on prophecy, teleology and fate.” For “Walter Benjamin and Method: Re-Thinking the Legacy of the Frankfurt School” Conference, Worcester College/Taylor Institute, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, September 25-27th, 2017.

Invited talk. “The Weaponization of Free Speech: Liberal Rights and Political Decision,” part of Constitution Day, San Francisco State University, September, 2017.

Invited paper, “How Bad Literature Can Make for Good Politics: Walter Benjamin on the Subversive Power of Failed Texts,” Politics and Literature Conference, UC Berkeley, CA., September, 2017.

Roundtable: Author meets critics: *The Misinterpellated Subject*.

APSA, San Francisco, CA., September, 2017.

Comments on *Decolonizing Dialectics* by George Ciccariello-Maher, Caribbean Studies Association, New York, NY, June 24th, 2017.

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Invited chair, “Schreber’s Law” Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, May 16th, 2017.

Invited talk “The Misinterpellated Subject,” Pomona College, Claremont, CA. April 27th, 2017.

Roundtable: Critical Reflections on Juliet Hooker’s *Theorizing Race in America*.

And: Author meets critics: Ivan Ascher’s *Portfolio Society*

Author meets critics: Keally McBride’s *Mr Mothercountry: The Man Who Made the Rule of Law*

WPSA, Vancouver, Canada, April 13-15, 2017.

Invited conference: “Are we out of time? Thinking about Neolberalism and Fascism in a Time of Radical Transition.” Whitlam Workshop in Chicago: The Dialectical Relationship between Social Democracy and Neoliberalism. DePaul University, Chicago, IL. April 7-8th , 2017.

Panel co-convener, Symposium in Law and Humanities, Townsend Working Group on Law & Contemporary Theory, U.C. Berkeley, April 3, 2017.

Invited commentary. Commentary on paper by Genevieve Painter, “Law As… Minor Jurisprudence in Historical Key”: Berkeley Law Symposium, UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, California, December 2-3, 2016.

Invited talks. “Messianism of What Kind?”

And: “The violence of words: Hobbes and Benjamin on reading texts both sacred and profane,” University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, November, 2016.

Invited conference. “The Law of Rules: Hyperlegalism, Emergency and the Violence of Procedure,” for the “Thinking with Nasser Hussain,” conference

Amherst College, Amherst, MA. November 5-6, 2016.

“Machiavelli and the Subversion of Civil Religion,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September 1-4, 2016.

Invited lecture: “Unburied Bodies: Sovereign Authority, Human Rights and the Subversive Power of the Corpse,” part of the Kent Summer School School in Critical Theory, Reid Hall, Paris, France, June 23rd, 2016.

Invited roundtable: “Stages of Freedom,” part of online roundtable on Neil Roberts’ *Freedom as Marronage,* African American Intellectual History Society, June 13-18, 2016.

Invited workshop, “Stasis against the State,” The Radical Critical Theory Circle Seminar, Nisyros, Greece, June 6-10, 2016.

“Anarchist Time”

And: Roundtable on the work of Nasser Hussain.

ASLCH, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT. April 1-2, 2016.

Author meets reader panel: Jeanne Morefield’s *Empires without Imperialism*

And: Author meets reader panel: Jill Stauffer’s *Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice*

*of Not Being Heard.* Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.,

March 24-26, 2016.

Co-organizer, commentator, Conference on Michel de Certeau and “La

Perruque.” University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, February 26th and

27th, 2016.

Invited workshop. Annmaria Shimabuku’s *Seductions of Sovereignty* book workshop. Palm Springs, CA., January 10, 2016

“Betrayed by the Messiah: Nietzsche’s anti-theological theology and the emergence of the anarchic subject” Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy, University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia, December 2-4, 2015.

Invited conference. “Hobbes and Spinoza on the Hebrew Republic,” for a conference of contributors to the volume *Spinoza’s Authority,* Columbia University, New York, November 9th, 2015

Invited conference “Post-Democracy,” Brown University, Providence, RI,

October 1-2, 2105.

Commentary on Neil Roberts’ *Freedom as Marronage*, APSA, San Francisco, CA., September, 2015

Invited workshop, “Does the public need an externality to believe in itself? Machiavelli, Althusser and the foundations of political authority”

Part of “Reclaiming the Public,” conference, Whitlam Institute, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia, August 10-11, 2015.

Invited talk “Can there be law without violence?” (with Peg Birmingham and Anna Yeatman), part of the Sydney Seminar for the Arts and Philosophy, State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, August 12, 2015.

Invited talk “The Misinterpellated Subject,” University of Technology, Sydney, Faculty of Law August 13th, 2015.

Invited talk “Nietzschean messianism and the anarchic subject” Presented at Goldsmiths, University of London, London, UK, May 11th, 2015.

Invited writer in residence, Birkbeck College, London, UK, May 4-15, 2015.

“Misinterpellated Messiahs: The Dream-wish of redemption in Bartleby the Scrivener.” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 2-4, 2015

Invited Talk “The Anarchist Moment,”

And: “Misinterpellation and Resistance to Authority: Revisiting Althusser via Butler and Berlant” Williams College, Williamstown, MA, March 9-10th, 2015

“Agamben, Benjamin and the Sovereignty of the Subject”

And: Author meets Readers: Maria Aristodemou’s “Law, Psychoanalysis, Society.”

And: Author meets Readers: James Martel’s “The One and Only Law: Walter Benjamin and the Second Commandment) (with Panu Minkkinen, Mark Antaki, Jill Stauffer and Adam Thurschwell) ASCLH, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC, March 6-7th, 2015

Invited conference. “The Location of Amor Fati: Occupying the place where we

already are,” for conference on “Law and the Local,” John Hopkins University,

Baltimore, MD. February 14th, 2015.

Invited response. Comments (along with Jason Frank) on Bonnie Honig’s 2014 Maxwell lecture “The Fight for Public Things: Catastrophe and Resilience in Jonathan Lear’s *Radical Hope* and Lars von Trier’s Melancholia.” University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT., November 20th, 2014.

Invited conference. “Broken by God: Fate and Divine Interference in Lars von Trier’s ‘Breaking the Waves’*”* in “Breaking the Rules: Gender, Power and Politics in the Films of Lars von Trier,” conference, Brown University, Providence, RI., November 7th and 8th, 2014.

Invited talk. “Making and Unmaking the Self-made Man in America: Alger and Kafka” talk for the German Fulbright Scholars, SFSU, San Francisco, CA., September 22nd, 2014.

Invited conference. “Guilty without accusation: Legal Passions and the Misinterpellation of Subjects.” For “Accusation, Criminality and the Legal Subject” conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, September 19th and 20th, 2014.

“It’s not about the Lighthouse: Virginia Woolf and the Poetics of Object Relations,” APSA, Washington, DC, September, 2014.

Invited conference. *“*The Misinterpellated Messiah: the Political Theology of Failure and Subversion,” for “The Actuality of the Theologico-Political” conference, Birkbeck College, London, UK, May 23-24th, 2014

And: class on “The One and Only Law,” Birkbeck College, London, UK, May 27th, 2014

And: invited lecture, “The Misinterpellated Messiah,” University of Kent, Canterbury, UK. June 2nd, 2014

And: class on “The One and Only Law,” University of Kent, Canterbury, UK. June 3rd, 2014

“Don Quixote and the Misinterpellation of Authority,” WPSA, Seattle, WA., April 17th, 2014

Invited conference: “’A More Exact Criterion:’ Law’s violence and the possibility of nonviolence in the work of Walter Benjamin. “Law and Violence,” Wake Forest University School of Law, Winston-Salem, NC, April 11th, 2014.

“Disappointing Law: Nietzsche and Benjamin and the avoidance of legal fetishism via failure.” for ALSCH, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA., March 10-11th, 2014.

Invited commentary. Comments on Andrew Benjamin’s *Working with Walter Benjamin: Recovering a Political Philosophy*, DePaul University, Chicago Illinois, February 12, 2014.

Invited conference (by skype) “Making the fetish explode! Walter Benjamin as a Thinker of Art and Struggle,” Sciences Po, College Universitaire de Reims, Reims, France January 27th, 2014.

Invited talk, “The One and Only Law: Walter Benjamin and the Second Commandment,” Griffith University Law School, Brisbane, Australia, December 9th, 2013.

Keynote speaker (along with Elizabeth Rottenberg, Gianni Vattimo and Graham Harman) “Anarchist all the way down: Walter Benjamin’s subversion of authority in text, thought and action.”

And: Author meets readers panel on Dimitris Vardoulakis’ *Sovereignty and Its Other.*

And: Author meets readers panel on Charles Barbour’s *The Marx Machine,*

The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy (ASCP) annual conference, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia, December 3-5, 2013.

Invited conference. “Division is Common” for “Communist Currents,” Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, November 2nd, 2013.

Invited talk. “Wrestling with God: Benjamin, Rozensweig and Cohen on the constellation of law, messianism and divine commandments." Talk in conjunction with Annika Thiem, Society for Continental Philosophy in a Jewish Context (SCPJC) at annual meeting, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEP), University of Oregon, Eugene, October 24th, 2013.

Invited conference, “The translator,” in “Rhetoric’s Conceit”: Conference on Rhetorical Theory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, October 10-12, 2013.

Invited talk “The One and Only Law: Walter Benjamin and the Second Commandment.” Townsend Group on Law and Contemporary Theory. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA., October 7, 2013.

"Benjamin’s Black Flashlight: Promoting Misreading over Persuasion"

and “"Hart, Benjamin and the Subversion of Legal Positivism.” APSA, Chicago, IL., August 29th-September 1st, 2013.

Keynote speaker, “Divine Violence,” SFSU Humanities Conference, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA. April 13th, 2013

"The Misinterpellated Subject: the radical kernel of the Haitian revolution" WPSA, Hollywood, CA., March 30, 31st, 2013.

“Another Abraham: Misinterpellated Subjects and the Law,”

and: “The Haitian Revolution and Resistance by Misinterpellation"

and: Commentator, author meets reader panel for Jodi Dean’s *The Communist*

*Horizon.* ASLCH annual conference, Birkbeck College, London UK. March 22nd-23rd, 2013.

Invited talk. “The Misinterpellated Subject: anarchy resistance and the Haitian Revolution.” Colorado University, Boulder, CO., February 8th, 2013

Invited talk and workshop. "The Sublime Passage: Kant, Benjamin and the iconoclasm of law." Northwestern University, Evanston, IL., November 26th, 2012.

Invited talk and workshop. University of South Carolina Lectures on Social Advocacy and Ethical Life, Columbia, SC., October25th-26th, 2012.

Invited talk. “A Revolution no one believed in: The Haitian Subversion of the Ideals of the French Revolution.” Center for Cultural Studies, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA., October 17th, 2012.

Invited conference. “Can the Law Ever Transcend its own Violence?” Conference in honor of Austin Sarat, Quinnipiac Law School, Hamden, CT., Oct. 5th-6th, 2012.

Invited conference: “Rediscovering Tocqueville’s Democracy in America.” Liberty Fund, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 20-23rd  2012.

“Badiou and Benjamin on idolatry, law and the universal.”

WPSA, Portland OR. March 22-25, 2012

Author meets readers panels: Comments on *Human Rights and Constituent Power: Without Model or Warranty* by Illan rua Wall

and: Comments on *Transnational Torture: Law, Violence and State Power in the United States and India* by Jinee Lokaneeta

and: respondent on author meets reader panels on *Textual Conspiracies* and *Divine Violence*, with Panu Minkkinen, Illan rua Wall, and Mark Antaki as readers.

ASLCH, Fort Worth, TX., March 15th-17th, 2012

Invited talk. “A Ferocious Spectacle: Machiavelli and the Art of the Political,” Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey. February 28th 2012.

Invited talk/seminar. “The One and Only Law: Walter Benjamin, Utopianism and the Second Commandment.” Law and the Utopian Imagination*,* Amherst College, Amherst, MA., November 30, 2011.

Invited conference. “Emergenc(y)” paper for Rhetorical Questions Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC., October 13-15, 2011.

Invited conference. “*Hobbes and Spinoza on the Hebrew Republic*

*and the Deconstruction of Sovereignty.*”The Politics of Interpretation and the Interpretation of Politics. Oxford University, Oxford, UK, Sept. 23rd-24th, 2011.

"What Equality Would Actually Look Like: Lessons from Anarchist Spain on Equality, Temporality and the Art of the Possible." APSA, September 3rd, Seattle, WA.. 2011.

Invited conferences. "Disobedient objects: Benjamin, Kafka, Poe and the revolt of the fetish." Conference on Disobedience, Birkbeck College, London, UK., May 20-21, 2011.

Invited conference. “Benjamin’s Law,” Birkbeck College, London, UK., May 23rd 2011.

“Did Someone say Communism?” Roundtable discussion, WPSA, San Antonio, TX, April 21-23, 2011.

“Nietzsche’s Cruel Messiah,” Association for Political Theory conference Portland, OR, October, 21-23rd, 2010.

Keynote speaker (along with Bonnie Honig) “When Idols become Allies: Walter Benjamin’s Conspiracy with Language.” at a conference entitled “Dangerous Crossing: Politics at the Limit of the Human.” John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. October 1-2, 2010.

“Waiting for Justice,” APSA, Washington DC, September, 2010.

“Reading Hobbes and Spinoza: Scriptural Interpretation and Political Authority in Early Modern Thought.” Paper presented for the International Hobbes Association at the American Philosophy Association, Pacific Division meeting, San Francisco CA., April, 2010.

Also: presented at California Renaissance and Early Modern Sodality, UC Berkeley April 7th, 2010.

“Can Human Beings forgive? Ethics and Agonism in the Face of Divine Violence,” WPSA, San Francisco, CA., April, 2010.

“Subverting the Leviathan? A debate, mainly amicable, on Hobbes, religion, law and life,” with Peter Fitzpatrick.

And: “Do the Humanities Subvert the Law or is it the Other Way Round?”

ASLCH, Providence, RI. March, 2010

Invited conference. Rhetorical Questions Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC., October, 2009.

Invited conference. “States of Indifference: Rousseau, Bersani, Whitman and the Publicization of Love.” “Law and Love,” Quinnipiac Law School, Hamden, CT. October, 2009.

Invited talk. “Kafka’s De-centered Democracy,” Department of rhetoric, UC Berkeley. September, 2009.

“Ethics and the democratic drive: The case of George W. Bush*.*” Co-written with Mark Andrejevic, University of Queensland, Australia. APSA, Toronto, Canada, September, 2009.

Invited conference. “Hobbes Reading Hobbes: Applying Hobbes’ instructions for reading Scripture to a reading of Leviathan itself*.*” Possibility and Paradox: On Rhetoric and Political Theory, Northwestern University, Chicago, April, 2009

“Divine Violence: Walter Benjamin, Sovereignty and the Eschatology of Power,” WPSA, Vancouver, Canada, March, 2009.

Invited talk. “Hobbes and the "error of separated essences:” Rhetoric, authority and sovereignty in Leviathan.”Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Pittsburgh Medieval and Renaissance Consortium. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.*,* February, 2009.

“Satanic allegories: Benjamin’s theology of the antidote.” APSA, Boston MA, Sept. 2008.

Also: presented at the Radical Philosophy Conference, SFSU, San Francisco, CA., November, 2008.

“Arendt and Foucault, anarchists.” Co-written and presented with Jimmy Casas Klausen at APSA, Boston, MA, September, 2008.

“Trusting in Franz Kafka: the ‘Connection without Connection*,*’” WPSA, San Diego, March, 2008 and ASLCH, Berkeley, March, 2008

“Critical Social Thought: Author’s conference.” SFSU, San Francisco, CA., November, 2007.

Invited talk. “Divided American Values: Dickinson and Poe as “anti-transcendentalists.” Presented to German Fulbright scholars in American studies, SFSU, San Francisco, CA., September, 2007.

### “Love, Conspiracy and Benjamin,” APSA. Chicago, August/September, 2007

### Invited conference. “Peter Fizpatrick’s Gentle Deconstructionist Style.” Festschrift for Peter Fitzpatrick, Berlin, Germany, July, 2007.

### “Walter Benjamin’s conspiracy with Language,” ASLCH. Georgetown University, Washington, DC., March, 2007.

### Also: presented at Law and Society conference, Berlin, Germany, July, 2007.

“The Laws of Thomas Hobbes”*,* panel with Peter Fitzpatrick and Jill Stauffer (discussant), ASLCH conference. Georgetown University, Washington DC, March, 2007.

### “Ritual, Conspiracy and Revolution in Walter Benjamin.” Second annual seminar for Critical Social Thought, SFSU, San Francisco, CA., November, 2006

### Invited talk. “Reading Thomas Hobbes as a Radical Democrat.” Amherst College, Amherst, MA., September, 2006.

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### “Machiavelli’s Public Conspiracies,” ASLCH, Syracuse University, March 2006 and APSA conference, Washington DC., September, 2006.

### “Thomas Hobbes on interpretation and the power of the Holy Spirit.” APSA conference, Washington DC., September, 2005.

Invited talk. “Montesquieu’s Rhetorical Republic,” Constitution day conference, SFSU, San Francisco, CA., September 2005.

### “Hannah Arendt’s reluctant embrace of sovereignty.” Law, Culture and the Humanities conference. Austin, TX, March, 2005.

“The Spectacle of the Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes, Guy Debord and Walter Benjamin on Representation and its Misuses.” Western Humanities Association conference “Delusion and Lucidity,” UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA., October, 2004.

“Thomas Hobbes, rhetoric and the Sovereign’s reading.” APSA conference, Chicago, IL., September, 2004.

Invited talk. “Thomas Hobbes and the Allegory of Reading.” Political theory colloquium, UC Berkeley Department of Political Science. March, 2004.

Invited conference. “Amo: Volo ut sis: Hanna Arendt on sovereignty, love, and the human will.” Colloquium on Hannah Arendt, Stanford University, February, 2004.

“The Spectacle of the Leviathan: Thomas Hobbes on Demonology, Sovereignty and Lying,” APSA, Philadelphia, PA., August, 2003.

“’Of the Kingdom of Darknesse’ Hobbes, demonology and the Political Strategy of Rhetoric.” Law, Culture and the Humanities conference. Cardozo Law School and NYU, New York, NY, March, 2003.

Invited talk. “A Foucaultian analysis of the causes of the war in Iraq*.”* SFSU, San Francisco, CA., March 2003

“Strong Sovereign, Weak Messiah: Hobbes and the rhetoric of the Christian Commonwealth.”Law, Culture and the Humanities conference. Philadelphia, PA., March, 2002.

Invited talk. “The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym: Edgar Allen Poe and the Voice of the Sign*,*” Rhetoric Colloquium, Department of Rhetoric, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA., November, 2001.

**“**The Wife without the Sign: Emily Dickinson and the Problem of Categorical Emptiness.” ASLCH. Austin TX., March, 2001.

“The Radical Promise of Thomas Hobbes: the Road not taken in Liberal Theory.”

APSA, Atlanta, GA., September, 1999.

**“**Emerson, Transcendentalism and the Subjugation of Nature.”

APSA. Washington D.C., September, 1997.

**“**Henry David Thoreau, Native Americans, and the Sanitization of Nature.”

APSA. San Francisco, CA., September, 1996.

Invited conference. “Representing Germans and What Germans Represent.”

German Historical Society Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., March, 1995.

Invited talk. “Love is a Sweet Chain: Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Obstacle of Gender*.*” U.C. Berkeley colloquium on Political Theory, Department of Political Science, Berkeley, CA., October, 1994.

“$triking it Rich: Horatio Alger and Nineteenth Century American Ideologies of Value*.*”APSA. Washington DC., September, 1993.

## Research Grant projects

“The Politics of Reason,” PID2020-117386GA-I00. 21st September 2021–20th September 2025, Principal Investigator: Gavin Rae, funded by the  Convocatoria 2020—Proyectos de I+D+I, Ministry of Science and Innovation, Government of Spain.

“Bodies, un-protected,” a project by Künstlerhaus Mousonturm, Frankfurt am Main. Sandra Noeth, curator, Anna Wagner, dramaturgist. Funded by the German Federal Cultural Foundation and Freunde & Förderer des Mousonturm e.V. Supported by Inter-University Centre for Dance Berlin (HZT). November, 2021-July 2022.

“International Law and the Challenge of Populism,” Australian Research Council with Richard Joyce and Sundhya Pahuja, Principle Investigators, Andrew Benjamin and Rose Parfitt, Kojo Koram (and myself), Partner Investigators.

**Political testimonials:**

Comments to California state assembly subcommittee on SB 886 (on the phone) April 27th, 2022

Comments for the Victoria State Parliament Inquiry on Extremism, (with Richard Joyce, Sundhya Pahuja and Elisabeth Lopez Desvars), (online), June 15th, 2022

## Academic Service and membership

**At San Francisco State University:**

**Administration**:

*Department Chair,* Political Science, 2007-2016 (reelected Spring 2010 and Spring 2013), interim chair, Spring 2017.

*Chair’s council*, College of Behavioral and Social Science*,* 2007-2011

*Chair’s council*, College of Liberal and Creative Arts*,* 2011-2016

*Director*, Critical Social Thought Minor, 2002-2016

**Departmental activities**:

*Graduate Coordinator*, Political Science Department 2003-2005 and spring 2007

*Curriculum Committee*, Political Science Department 2003-5.

*Executive Committee*, Political Science Department 2003-5, 2007.

*Executive Committee*, Sexuality Studies Program 2002-2007.

*RTP committee*, Political Science, 2005, 2006, 2018-; Public Administration, 2008, 2009; Women and Gender Studies, 2015, 2016.

**California Faculty Association (union) positions and activities:**

*President*, local chapter California Faculty Association, 2017-2023 (reelected 2019 and 2021)

*Tenure track representative,* CFA-SFSU chapter, 2023-

*CFA* *Bargaining Team,* Academic Freedom, Intellectual Property, 2018

CFA Board of Directors, 2019-2023

Co-chair (with Renée Byrd, then Anthony Ratcliffe and Lesa Johnson) Safety Task Force, 2019-2020

*Faculty rights panel*, December, 2012- (co-chair with Rebecca Carabez, 2015-2017)

*Union conference organizer*: “Resisting the Neoliberal University” (with Blanca Missé and Ron Hayduk), Friday, May 4th, 2018, Seven Hills Center, SFSU.

**Other activities**:

*SFSU Distinguished Service Award,* 2018

*Fulbright American Studies Institute, planning committee,* Robert Cherny, Cristina Ruotolo, former directors, Peter Richardson, current director 2007- (2008 theme: “Understanding US Political Culture: The US Elections in 2008 and Their Historical Context.”; 2010 Theme: “Re-inventing America;” 2012 Theme: “Contested Visions: The United States in 2012”; 2014 theme: “The long shadow of the 1930s.” 2016 theme: “Why Black Lives Matter: Race and Politics in the United States.” 2018 theme: “The 1960s revisited.”

*Conference organizing committee*: The History of American Rights conference, (also served as commentator and chair for panel on “the Federal Judiciary,”) SFSU, 2009-10.

*Faculty Advisor, Pi Sigma Alpha* (political science honors society)*,* 2007-2016, Spring, 2017, 2019-

*Constitution day task force,* 2007-8

*Speech giving* “Rhetoric and the American Republic today,” speech for 60+

group, SFSU, October, 2005.

*Task force on Civil Discourse*, Jerold Coombs, director 2002-2004

*Academic conference co-organizer*

1) “Imagining Justice & Injustice,” with Marianne Constable, department of rhetoric UC Berkeley, 11th annual ASLCH conference, SFSU and UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall, Berkeley, CA., March 28-29, 2008.

2) Conference on Michel de Certeau and “La Perruque” with Keally McBride and Sarah Burgess, USF, San Francisco February 26th-27th. 2016.

3) Mini-conference on Posthumanism, SFSU, April 3rd, 2019.

**Other Academic service/activities awards and grants beyond CSU/SFSU**:

Grant participant Australian Research Council (with Drs. Richard Joyce, Sundhya Pahuja, Andrew Benjamin, and Rose Parfitt) “International Law and Challenge of Populism.”

James Boyd White award for lifetime achievement, ASLCH, 2019.

*President:* *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities* 2013-2016.

*Organizing committee*: *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities* 2005-2007 (also Editorial board, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 2007-).

*Visiting Scholar UC Berkeley*. Department of rhetoric 2003/2004, 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2009/2010, 2010/2011. Institute for European Studies, 2004/2005.

*David Easton Prize Committee,* APSA, 2015, 2021.

*Pamela Jensen Prize Committee*, APSA, 2021.

*California Renaissance and Early Modern Sodality,* 2009-2015

*Townsend Working Group on Law and Contemporary Theory,* 2013-

Tenure case review*,* various universities.

Campus affiliate,Michael D. Palm Center.

**External Reviewing:**

External Reviewer (chair): Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought, Amherst College**,** March, 2017.

External Reviewer: Political Science, CSULB, March, 2013.

External Reviewer*:* International Studies Program, CSULB*,* February, 2011.

**Academic Memberships**:

American Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy

Caribbean Studies Association

Law and Society

Radical Philosophy Association

Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

International Hobbes Association

International Studies Association

American Philosophical Association

Association for Political Theory

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