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### **EDUCATION**

PhD, Political Science, The University of Chicago, 1995  
BA, Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY), 1988  
(Honors in Political Science and Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Professor, Political Science Department, The University of Chicago, 1 July 2006  
Associate Professor, with tenure, Political Science Dept., University of Chicago, 1 July 2003  
Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Yale University, 1 July 2002  
Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Yale University, 1 July 1998  
Assistant Professor, Political Science Dept., University of New Hampshire, 1 July 1997

### **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship, Harvard University, 2008-09  
Remarque Institute Senior Visiting Scholar, New York University, Fall 2001  
Mellon-Morse Junior Faculty Fellowship, Yale University, 2001-02  
Jean Monnet Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 1995-96  
Fulbright Grant, Center for European Law & Politics, Universität Bremen, Germany, 1994-95  
Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowships: 1992-93, 1993-94

### **BOOKS**

Machiavellian Democracy (Cambridge University Press, under contract).

Weber, Habermas and Transformations of the European State: Constitutional, Social and Supranational Democracy (Cambridge University Press, 2007) 320 + xiii.

Carl Schmitt's Critique of Liberalism: Against Politics as Technology (Cambridge University Press, 1997) 352 + xii.

### **PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

"Machiavelli's Political Trials and the 'Free Way of Life,'" Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy 35, no. 4 (August 2007) 385-411.

"Rousseau's Rome and the Repudiation of Populist Republicanism," Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy (CRISPP) 10, no. 1 (March 2007) 3-27.

"Contain the Wealthy and Patrol the Magistrates: Restoring Elite Accountability to Popular Government," American Political Science Review 100, no. 2 (May 2006) 147-163.

"Machiavelli against Republicanism: On the Cambridge School's 'Guicciardinian Moments,'" Political Theory 31, no. 5 (October 2003) 615-643.

"Machiavellian Democracy: Controlling Elites With Ferocious Populism," American Political Science Review 95, no. 2 (June 2001) 297-314.

"Derrida on Law; Or, Poststructuralism Gets Serious," Political Theory 29, no. 3 (June 2001) 395-423.

"Three Ways of Thinking 'Critically' about the Law," American Political Science Review 93, no. 2 (June 1999) 413-28.

"Transcending Weber's Categories of Modernity?: Left and Right 'Weberians' on the Rationalization Thesis in Interwar Central Europe," New German Critique 75 (Fall 1998) 133-77.

"Dangers of Mythologizing Technology and Politics: Nietzsche, Schmitt and the Antichrist," Philosophy and Social Criticism 21, no. 4 (July 1995) 55-92.

"Fear, Technology and the State: Carl Schmitt, Leo Strauss and the Revival of Hobbes in Weimar and National Socialist Germany," Political Theory 22, no. 4 (November 1994) 619-52.

"Addressing the Political Exception: Machiavelli's 'Accidents' and the Mixed Regime," American Political Science Review 87, no. 4 (December 1992) 888-900.

#### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

"Habermas, Supranational Democracy and the European Constitution," European Constitutional Law Review 2, no. 3 (Winter 2007) 398-423; and in Klaus Günther and Christian Joerges, eds., Habermas's Theory of Law: Deliberation, the Nation-State and the Postnational Constellation (Ashgate, forthcoming 2008).

"Max Weber and the Legal-Historical Ramifications of Social Democracy," Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence 17, no. 1 (January 2004) 143-84.

"Schmittian Positions on Law and Politics?: CLS and Derrida," Cardozo Law Review 21, no. 6 (June 2000) 1693-1722.

"The Sociology and Philosophy of Law during Crises of the State: Max Weber and Jürgen Habermas," Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities 9, no. 2 (June 1997) 297-344.

"The Dilemmas of Dictatorship: Toward a Theory of Constitutional Emergency Powers," Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence 10, no. 1 (January 1997) 163-87

[abridged versions appear in Law as Politics, David Dyzenhaus, ed. (Duke UP, 1998): 217-51.

#### **EDITED VOLUMES**

Civic Liberty and Republican Government: Selected Political Writings of Francesco Guicciardini (Princeton University Press, under review)

Confronting Mass Democracy and Industrial Technology: German Political and Social Thought from Nietzsche to Habermas (Duke University Press, 2002) 368 + xi.

#### REVIEW ESSAYS, EXCHANGES, MISC.

"Irrational Choice and Mortal Conflict as Political Fate: The Essential Carl Schmitt," Annual Review of Political Science 10 (June 2007) 315-39

[Review of new editions of Schmitt's *Political Theology* (Chicago U.P., 2005) and *The Concept of the Political* (Chicago U.P., 2007)].

"Democratic Theory Confronts the EU: Prospects for Constitutional and Social Democracy in the Supranational Sektoralstaat," Political Theory 34, no. 1 (February 2006) 121-31.

[Review of books by Fritz Scharpf, Philippe Schmitter, Larry Siedentop, and Joseph Weiler].

"The Business of Democracy is Democracy," I\*CON: International Journal of Constitutional Law 3, no. 4 (October 2005) 706-22 (with Arthur J. Jacobson).

[Review of Richard Posner, *Law, Pragmatism and Democracy* (Harvard U.P., 2004); and Tom Campbell and Adrienne Stone, eds., *Law and Democracy* (Ashgate, 2003)].

"Remarks on Robert Dahl's *How Democratic is the U.S. Constitution?*" Cardozo Law Review 26 (2005) 2535-39.

"The Crisis of Constitutional-Social Democracy in the Weimar Republic," European Journal of Political Theory 1, no. 1 (2002) 121-28.

[Review of Bernhard Schlink and Arthur Jacobson, eds., *Weimar: A Jurisprudence of Crisis* (California U.P., 2000)].

"Justice, Interpretation and Bloodless Violence: A Rejoinder to Corson," Political Theory 29, no. 6 (December 2001) 876-82.

"Political Philosophy and Political Science: Return to the Classics—No, Not Those!" PS: Political Science and Politics XXXIV, no. 1 (June 2000) 194-97

"Political Theory and Political Theology: The Second Wave of Carl Schmitt in English," Political Theory 26, no. 5 (December 1998) 830-55. [Review of works by Schmitt, Meier and Drury].

"Habermas' Discourse Theory of Law: Bridging Anglo-American and Continental Legal Traditions," Modern Law Review 60, no. 5 (Sept. 1997) 734-43.

[Review of Habermas, *Between Facts and Norms: Contributions to a Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy* (MIT Press, 1996)].

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

"A New Foreword," Carl Schmitt, Roman Catholicism and Political Form, trans. G.L. Ulmen (U. Chicago Press, forthcoming 2008).

- "Preface To the Italian Edition," Thomas Hobbes, Three Early Discourses, ed. & trans. D. Coli (Florence: Le Lettere, forthcoming 2008).
- "Carl Schmitt's Exception as Discrete Event and Historical Epoch," in Peter E. Gordon, ed., Weimar Thought: A Critical History (Princeton UP, forthcoming 2008).
- "People and Elites in Republican Constitutions, Traditional and Modern," in Neil Walker and Martin Loughlin, eds., The Paradox of Constitutionalism: Constituent Power and Constitutional Form (Oxford UP, 2007) 107-28.
- "Tempering the Grandi's Appetite to Oppress: The Dedication and Intention of Machiavelli's *Discourses*," in Victoria Kahn, Neil Saccamano, and Daniela Coli, eds., Politics and the Passions, 1500-1850 (Princeton UP, 2006) 7-29.
- "Habermas's Reconstruction of West Germany's Law and the Sozialstaat Controversy," in German Ideologies Since 1945: Studies in the Political Thought and Culture of the Bonn Republic, Jan Müller, ed. (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004) 61-75.
- "Identifying or Exploiting the Paradoxes of Constitutional Democracy? An Introduction to Carl Schmitt's *Legality and Legitimacy*," in Carl Schmitt, Legality and Legitimacy, trans. J. Seitzer (Duke UP, 2004) xiii-xliii.
- "From Constitutional Technique to Caesarist Ploy: Carl Schmitt on Dictatorship," in Dictatorship in History and Theory: Bonapartism, Caesarism, and Totalitarianism, Peter Baehr & Melvin Richter, eds. (Cambridge UP, 2004) 197-220.
- "Carl Schmitt's Europe: Cultural, Imperial and Spatial Proposals for European Integration, 1923-1955," in The Darker Legacy of European Law: Legal Perspectives on a "European Order" in the Fascist Era and Beyond, Christian Joerges & N. S. Ghaleigh, eds. (Hart, 2004) 133-42.
- "Introduction: Democracy and Technology in the Intellectual Life of the Ill-Fated 'German Century,'" in McCormick, ed., Confronting Mass Democracy and Industrial Technology, 1-12.
- "Critical versus Genealogical 'Questionings' of Technology: Notes on How Not to Read Adorno and Horkheimer," in McCormick, ed., Confronting Mass Democracy and Industrial Technology, 267-94.
- "Feudalism, Fascism, and Fordism: Weimar Theories of Representation and Their Legacy in the Bonn Republic," in From Liberal Democracy to Nazism: Political and Legal Theory in the Weimar Republic, Peter. C. Caldwell & William E. Scheuerman, eds. (Humanities P., 2000) 47-73.
- "Supranational Challenges to the Rule of Law: The Case of the European Union," in Recrafting the Rule of Law, D. Dyzenhaus, ed. (Hart, 1999) 267-82.
- "Introduction to Carl Schmitt's 'The Age of Neutralizations and Depoliticizations,'" Telos: A Quarterly Journal of Critical Thought 96 (1993).

**BOOK REVIEWS**

David Held, *Democracy and the Global Order: From the Modern State to Cosmopolitan Governance* (Stanford UP, 1995), Constellations: An International Journal of Critical Democratic Theory 4, no. 3 (January 1998).

Stephen K. White, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to HABERMAS* (Cambridge UP, 1995), The Journal of Politics 59, no. 2 (May 1997).

David Dyzenhaus, *Judging the Judges, Judging Ourselves: Truth, Reconciliation and the Apartheid Legal Order* (Oxford UP, 1997), New York University Review of Law and Social Change 25, no. 1 (1999).

Maureen Ramsay, *What's Wrong with Liberalism?: A Radical Critique of Liberal Political Philosophy* (Leicester UP, 1997), Political Science Quarterly 113, no. 4 (Winter 1998-99).

James Herget, *Contemporary German Legal Philosophy* (U. of Pennsylvania Press, 1996), University of Toronto Law Journal 47, no. 3 (July 1997).

William E. Scheuerman, *Between the Exception and the Norm: The Frankfurt School and the Rule of Law* (MIT Press, 1994), History of Political Thought XVII, no. 4 (Winter 1997).

**TRANSLATIONS**

Jürgen Habermas, "Remarks on 'Does Europe Need a Constitution?'" European Law Journal 1, no. 3 (November 1995) (with I. L. Fraser); and in Habermas, The Inclusion of the Other: Studies in Political Theory, Ciaran Cronin and Pablo De Greiff, eds. (MIT Press, 1998) [revised by the editors].

Carl Schmitt, "The Age of Neutralizations and Depoliticizations," Telos: A Quarterly Journal of Critical Thought 96 (Summer 1993) (with M. Konzett).

**FOREIGN EDITIONS**

"Irrational Choice and Mortal Conflict as Political Fate"; Polish translation will appear in a special issue of Przegląd Polityczny devoted to Schmitt and subsequent book (Proszynski, 2008).

"Contain the Wealthy and Patrol the Magistrates"; Italian translation, Il Ponte, LXIII, nos. 8-9 (2007) 6-44; special issue on "Democrazia partecipativa," with a commentary by Filippo del Lucchese, pp. 127-42.

Carl Schmitt's Critique of Liberalism; Chinese translation with new Preface (Hua Xia, 2006).

"Machiavelli Against Republicanism"; Chinese translation in Ying Qi and Liu Xun Lian, eds., The Republican Revival and its Effect (Shanghai Sanhui, forthcoming).

“Habermas, Supranational Democracy and the European Constitution”; Czech translation, Politologická revue VII, no. 1 (2001)

“The Dilemmas of Dictatorship,” Rivista europea di Diritto, Filosofia e Informatica II, no. 7 (June 1995); and Archiv für Rechts- und Sozial-philosophie Beiheft 70, no. IV (1997).

“Dangers of Mythologizing Technology and Politics”; Spanish translation, Debats 55 (March 1996).

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Co-Chair, Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT) [with Kirstie McClure (UCLA) and David Armitage (Harvard)], 2007-present.

Member: American Political Science Association (APSA), Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Foundations of Political Theory, Law and Society Association, Council for European Studies, European Community Studies Association.

Referee: APSR, Political Theory, History of Political Thought, Review of Politics, Polity, Political Studies, Review of Politics, Law & Society Review, AJPS and IOP.

Reviewer: Cambridge, Harvard, Chicago, Oxford, Toronto, Northwestern, Polity and Duke University Presses.

Section Chair: “Historical Approaches to Political Thought” (APSA Meeting, Chicago, 2004).

Spitz Prize Committee (Best Book in Liberal or Democratic Theory, sponsored by CSPT, 2004-07; chair, 2006-07).

### **REPRESENTATIVE COURSES TAUGHT**

Popular Government in Principle and Practice (Democratic Athens, Republican Rome, the Florence Republics, and the Swiss/German City-States and Communes) (Winter 2008)

Democratic Accountability (Dahl, Lijphart, Mansbridge, Powell, O'Donnell, Schmitter, Przeworski, Tilly, Maravall) (Fall 2007)

The Roman Republic (Livy, Polybius, Appian, Sallust, Plutarch, Cicero, Lintott, Nicolet, Fergus, Mommsen) (Winter 2007)

Contemporary Democratic Theory (Dahl, Putnam, Skocpol, Sandel, Young, Przeworski, Pettit, Benhabib, Shapiro, Barber, Goodin, Buchanan, Estlund, Richardson) (Fall 2003)

Florentine Republicanism (Bruni, Savonarola, Machiavelli, Guicciardini, Burckhardt, Chabod, Baron, Rubinstein, Najemy, Gilbert, Brucker, Skinner, Pocock, Viroli) (Fall 2003)

Classics of Social & Political Thought II (Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Constant) (Winter 2007)

Hobbes's *Leviathan*: Text and Interpretation (Hobbes, Warrender, Gauthier, Hampton, Schmitt, Strauss, Tuck, Johnston, Macpherson, Plamenatz) (Spring 1998)

Modernity's "Great Transformations": From the Protestant Ethic to Globalization & European Integration (Weber, Polanyi, Arendt, Habermas, Held, Benhabib, Sassen, Moravcsik, Weiler, Schmitter, Scharpf, Seidentop) (Fall 2002)

Machiavelli's Political Thought (Fall 2002)

Constitutionalism and Democracy (Publius, Kelsen, Friedrich, Sunstein, Ackerman, Michelman, Ely, Holmes, Elster, Hardin, Ferejohn, Posner, Waldron, Dworkin) (Fall 2004)

Max Weber on Politics, Law & Society

Directed Studies (DS): History & Politics II (Machiavelli, Luther, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Emerson, Marx, Nietzsche, Arendt) (Spring 2000)

Modern Political Thought (Machiavelli, Hobbes, Kant, Publius, Marx, Weber, Schmitt, Foucault) (Spring 2000)

Classics of Ethics, Politics & Economics (Aristotle, Smith, Marx, Weber, Hayek, Polanyi, Lindblom, Lowi) (Fall 1999)

The Political Thought of Jürgen Habermas (Spring 2001)

Modernity versus Postmodernity: An Introduction to 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Political & Social Thought (Nietzsche, Weber, Heidegger, Adorno, Arendt, Derrida, Lyotard, Foucault and Habermas) (Fall 1998)

Machiavelli's *Prince* & *Discourses*: Texts and Interpretations (Machiavelli, Wolin, Strauss, Pitkin, Pocock, Mansfield, Skinner, Viroli) (Spring 1999)

Introduction to Political Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, Dante, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Publius) (Spring 1999)

Thucydides's *Peloponnesian War* (Fall 1997)

Contemporary European Politics (Spring 1998)