

James Lindley Wilson
Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL. Assistant Professor of Political Science and the College.
Starting July 2015.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL. Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences and
Harper Fellow in the Society of Fellows, September 2011 – June 2015.
Collegiate Co-Chair of the Society of Fellows, 2012-13 (elected by the fellows).

EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, N.J.; Ph.D., Politics, 2011; M.A., 2005. Committee: Charles
R. Beitz (adviser); Philip Pettit; Stephen Macedo.

Major subfield: Political Theory; *Minor subfields:* Ethics; International Relations

Selected Honors: University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship
Association for Princeton Graduate Alumni Excellence in Teaching Award

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, Conn.: J.D., June 2007

Selected Honors: Articles & Essays Editor, *Yale Law Journal*
Jerome Sayles Hess Prize for International Law

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Mass.: A.B., *summa cum laude* in Social Studies, June 2002

RESEARCH

Manuscript: “Finding Time for Democracy: A Theory of Political Equality”

*Nominated by the Princeton Department of Politics for the American Political Science Association’s Leo
Strauss Award for Best Political Theory Dissertation*

The book develops a theory of political equality: a theory explaining which institutional arrangements are compatible with the democratic ideal of equal rule by all citizens. I argue that this ideal requires the maintenance of equal rule over time—in particular, fair consideration over time of all citizens’ judgments—rather than merely equal sharing in rule at individual moments. This understanding illuminates a number of issues in democratic theory, including the nature and aim of representation and deliberation. I also explore implications for the design of democratic institutions, including judicial review, electoral systems, and the legal regulation of the political process.

Publications (Copies or abstracts available upon request)

“Deliberation, Democracy, and the Rule of Reason in Aristotle’s *Politics*.” *American Political Science Review* 105 (2011): 259-74.

“Does Kant Justify Liberal Intervention?” *Review of Politics* 73 (2011): 633-47 (with Jonathan Monten).

“Getting Personal with Citizens and Criminals: Comments on *Democratic Rights* and Punishment.”
Representation 47 (2011): 39-49.

“Inclusion, Exclusion, and Democracy.” Invited contribution to an online symposium on Danielle Allen’s
Our Declaration at the blog Crooked Timber. (Forthcoming; not peer-reviewed).

Working Papers (Abstracts or drafts available on request. Manuscript chapters not included.)

“The Complexity of Majority Rule in *The Federalist Papers*.” (under review)

“Democracy and Equality of Political Status.”

“Democratic Theory in a Racially Unjust Reality”

“Consequentialism and Publicity.”

Research Interests

Democratic theory and constitutionalism; international political theory, particularly just war theory and global democratic theory; the history of political philosophy, particularly democratic thought; moral philosophy; sexual ethics and feminist thought; constitutional law; election law.

Other Research Experience

Research Assistant, Yale Law School

Summer 2005 – Summer 2007

Professor Oona A. Hathaway

Researched legislative and treaty ratification procedures established by all national constitutions; surveyed literature on comparative political institutions, international law, and international relations; constructed database to document this research in preparation for statistical analysis; developed variable coding scheme; developed standardized procedures for data gathering and analysis; managed nine undergraduate research assistants.

TEACHING

Courses Taught (evaluations available upon request)

Democracy and Equality. Course head, University of Chicago, Winter 2014.

Classics of Social and Political Thought I-III. Course head, University of Chicago, Fall-Spring, 2011-14. Led 2 sections each year. Supervised graduate student teaching interns.

As Assistant Instructor at Princeton University: **Global Justice** (Charles Beitz); **Modern Political Theory** (Charles Beitz); **Democratic Theory** (Philip Pettit); **Modern Political Theory** (Leif Wenar).

PRESENTATIONS

(Invited) “Finding Time for Democracy: A Theory of Political Equality.” **University of Chicago Political Science Department**, December 2014; **Columbia University Political Science Department**, November 2014; **Harvard University Government Department**, November 2013; **University College London Political Science Department**, February 2012.

(Invited) “Majority Rule and the *Federalist Papers*: Democracy, Equality, and Constitutionalism.” Conference on “Three Revolutions? Remaking Political Society in Britain & America, 1640-1865,” **Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, Yale University**, June 2012.

Invited Panel Chair and Participant, “Utopia: Promise or Peril?” Conference, **Bowling Green State University Philosophy Department**, April 2014.

“Democratic Theory in a Racially Unjust Reality,” **Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago**, May 2015; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

“Political Equality and Fair Aggregation Procedures.” **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2014; **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Workshop**, Chicago, February 2013.

Discussant and Chair, “Immigration and Justice” panel. **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2013

“Rejecting the Favoritism of the Few: Political Equality and the Regulation of Democratic Processes.” **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Annual Symposium**, Chicago, October 2013; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, August 2013.

Presentation on Bonnie Honig’s “Toward an Agnostic Feminism.” **University of Chicago Gender & Philosophy Workshop**, May 2013.

“Majority Rule and the *Federalist Papers*: Democracy, Equality, and Constitutionalism.” **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2013.

Discussant and Chair, “Global Justice” panel. **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2013.

“Democracy and Equality of Political Status.” **University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop**, Chicago, December 2012; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, August 2012. (On program and paper circulated; meeting canceled); **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Workshop**, Chicago, March 2012.

“A Theory of Fair Democratic Deliberation.” **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Annual Symposium**, Chicago, October 2012; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

“Finding Time for Democracy: A Theory of Political Equality” **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Annual Symposium**, Chicago, September 2011; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Toronto, September 2009.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate School Honors and Awards

Departmental Nominee, American Political Science Association Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political theory (2012)

Princeton University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship (2008-2009)

Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence (2008)

Princeton University Fellowship (2002-2004, 2007-2008, 2009-2010)

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Law School Honors and Awards

Highest-scoring or model exams in Administrative Law, Business Organizations, Civil Procedure, Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Introduction to Transnational Law, and Property Law.
Jerome Sayles Hess Prize for International Law, awarded annually to one student who demonstrates excellence in international law (2007)
William K.S. Wang Prize for superior performance in the introductory course in corporate law (2007)
Yale Law School Summer Public Interest Fellowship (2006)
Harlan Fiske Stone Prize Semifinalist and Thurman Arnold Prize Semifinalist, Morris Tyler Moot Court of Appeals, Yale Law School (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (detailed job descriptions available upon request)

Passed New York State Bar Exam, July 2007.

Philosophy & Public Affairs, Acting Managing Editor, March – August 2011; Editorial Assistant, July 2008 – February 2011

The Yale Law Journal, Articles & Essays Editor, Spring 2006 - Spring 2007

American Civil Liberties Union, Women's Rights Project, Summer 2006
Law Clerk (National Department, New York, NY)

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization, Yale Law School, Summer 2005-Fall 2005
Community Lawyering & Immigration Legal Services Clinics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Collegiate Co-Chair, University of Chicago Society of Fellows, Summer 2012-Summer 2013
Elected by the Fellows to organize Society events and to represent the interests of the Society.

Journal Submission Reviewer for *American Political Science Review* (twice); *Political Theory*; *Theoria*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Acta Politica*.

REFERENCES

*For letters of recommendation from Princeton professors, contact Danette Rivera at poldossier@princeton.edu (for use of a dossier service).

Charles R. Beitz

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Philip Pettit

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Heather Gerken

J. Skelly Wright Professor of Law
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Oona A. Hathaway

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