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Education

Princeton University, Philosophy Department, Princeton, NJ

Candidate for Doctor of Philosophy, in progress

Dissertation: *Perfection: The Metaphysics and Politics of Virtue in Spinoza*

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Juris Doctor, May 2019

First Generation Professionals, President, 2017-2018

Advanced Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Team Leader

KU Leuven, Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte, Leuven, Vlaams-Brabant, Belgium

Master of Arts in Philosophy, magna cum laude, June 2014

Haverford College, Haverford, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, High Honors, May 2012

Charles Schwartz Memorial Prize for Excellence in Thesis Work

Employment

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

Assistant Professor of Law, 2023–

Faculty Fellow, Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration

Teacher of the Year 25-26, NUSL

Second Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, NY

Law clerk to the Honorable Barrington D. Parker, Jr., 2019-2020

Research Interests

Procedure, federal courts, law and philosophy

Teaching

Law

Civil Procedure, Federal Courts, Jurisprudence

Additional: Philosophy of Law, Professional Responsibility, Contracts, Family Law

Philosophy

Kierkegaard in Copenhagen, University of Copenhagen and Princeton University, *Assistant in Instruction*
(with Professor Hans Halvorson) Summer 2023

Department of Philosophy, New York University, *Recitation Instructor* Spring 2021
Early Modern European Philosophy, Professor Don Garrett (Spring 2021)

Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, *Teaching Assistant/Preceptor* 2015–2016
Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Professor Daniel Garber (Spring 2016)
Philosophy of Law, Professor Gideon Rosen (Fall 2015)

Publications

Not Like Other Contracts: The Supremacy and Exceptionalism of Arbitration, 59 Idaho L. Rev. 1 (2023).

“Essence, Virtue, and the State” in *The Blackwell Guide to Spinoza’s Ethics*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed.
Oxford: Blackwell (2020).

Works-in-Progress

Breaking Banc
The Entitled Child
Banc Shots: En banc denial opinions as judicial sermons
Kuhnian Constitutionalism

Selected Academic Presentations (*indicates comments)

“The Entitled Child,” Poverty Law Conference, USC, March 2026
“Speech and Doctrine in Private Arbitration,” Law and Humanities Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center, June 2025
“En Banc Entendre,” Tenth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Richmond School of Law, June 2025
“En Banc Entendre,” Richmond Junior Faculty Forum, University of Richmond School of Law, May 2025
“Arbitration’s Anti-Erie Doctrine,” Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, February 2025
“Arbitration’s Anti-Erie Doctrine,” Ninth Annual Civil Procedure Workshop, UC Law San Francisco, May 2024
“Arbitration’s Anti-Erie Doctrine,” Michigan Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 2024
“Equitable Estoppel in the Age of Adhesive Arbitration,” LEGS Workshop, Princeton University, April 2023

“Facilitating Family Resilience,” Poverty Law Conference, UC Berkeley, March 2023
 “Algorithms in California’s Family Welfare System,” Transition-Aged Youth Coalition, San Francisco, January 2023
 “Drop Out: Legal Realism for Legal Education,” LEGS Workshop, Princeton University, December 2022
 *Early Moderns on the Power of Philosophy, University College Dublin (Comments on “Spinoza and the Problem of Imperfect Rationality”), October 2022
 “Subjectivity and Subversion: Satire as Philosophy in Mandeville and Du Châtelet,” University of Copenhagen, European Society for Early Modern Philosophy, September 2022
 “The Politics of Monism,” Graduate Workshop in Modern Philosophy, University of San Diego, May 2022
 “The Arbitration Supremacy Doctrine,” LEGS Workshop, Princeton University, March 2022
 “*Ingenium*: Rational Persons and the Rational State,” Atelier Franco-Américain d’Histoire de la Philosophie Modern, Oxford University, July 2021
 “Proprietary Algorithms in Local Governance,” LEGS Workshop, Princeton University, March 2021
 “Algorithmic Promise and Peril: Black-box Algorithms and the Law,” Yale Law School, March 2019
 “Minor Injustice: The Absence of Habeas Rights in Juvenile Justice,” Yale Law School, December 2018
 “Resolving a Paradox for Natural Laws,” Princeton University, August 2016
 *Cognition and Causality Conference, Humboldt University, (Comments on “Hume’s Conception of a Person”) June 2016
 “What’s Natural About Spinoza’s Natural Laws?” Atelier Franco-Américain d’Histoire de la Philosophie Modern, Princeton University, May 2016
 “Hobbesian Democracy and How Spinoza Can Save It,” Princeton-Bucharest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Bran, Romania, July 2015
 “Epistemic Dimensions of Democracy and Judicial Review,” Comparative Constitutional Cultures, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, June 2015
 “Attribute Neutrality & Actual Essence,” Identity and Individuation in Early Modern Philosophy, Universität Zürich, June 2015
 “Formal and Actual Essence in Spinoza’s *Ethics*,” 3e Atelier Franco-Américain d’Histoire de la Philosophie Modern, École Normale Supérieure (Séminaire Descartes et Centre d’Études Cartésiennes), May 2015
 “Spinoza and Formal Essence,” Princeton-Penn-Columbia-Johns Hopkins Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University, March 2015
 “*Essentia*: Spinoza’s *Ethics*,” Early Modern Philosophy Initiative, Texas A&M, November 2013

Legal Experience and Field Research

Latham & Watkins, Summer Associate, *San Francisco, CA*
 Summer 2018

Received employment offer.

Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Yale Law School, *Bosnia and Herzegovina, Italy*
 January 2017–May 2019

Conducted interviews, co-wrote and submitted a report to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Truth, Justice, Reparations, and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence detailing the use of statutes of limitations and fines to prevent victims of war crimes in Bosnia from seeking civil remedies in court.

Streicker Fund, Yale Law School, *Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe*

December 2018–January 2019

Youth Law Center, Summer Law Clerk, *San Francisco, CA*

Summer 2017

Thomas J. Watson Foundation, *Fellow*

2012–2013

Center for Peace and Global Citizenship, Haverford College, *Independent Researcher*

Summer 2011 & 2012

Senior Independent Research Grant, *Brussels, Belgium*

Independent Summer Research Grant, *Bucharest, Romania*

Grants and Funding

Faculty Fellow, Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration (CPIAC)

2023–present

Northeastern University School of Law

Department of Philosophy Travel Grant, Princeton University

May, September, October 2022

Graduate Workshop in Modern Philosophy, UCSD, *San Diego, California*

New Perspectives on Early Modern Philosophy, ESEMP, *Copenhagen, Denmark*

Early Moderns on the Power of Philosophy, *Dublin, Ireland*

Streicker Fund, Yale Law School

December 2018–January 2019

Field research, *Gaborone and Kasane, Botswana; Lusaka and Kazungula, Zambia; and Hwang and Harare, Zimbabwe*

Ancient Philosophy in Early Modern Europe (conference co-organized with Tom Davies)

May 2017

Obtained funding to organize and run a major international conference, sponsored by: Departments of Classics and Philosophy (Princeton), Center for Collaborative History, Postclassicisms (Princeton), Stanley J. Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Council of Humanities (Princeton)

Humboldt University Philosophy Grant, Humboldt Universität

June 2016

Cognition and Causality Conference, Humboldt University, *Berlin, Germany*

Department of Philosophy Travel Grant, Princeton University

June 2016

Legal Philosophy Workshop at Queen's University, *Kingston, Ontario*

Political Philosophy Research Grant, University Center for Human Values

July 2015

Collegium Spinozanum, University of Groningen, *Groningen, the Netherlands*
Princeton-Bucharest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, *Bran, Romania*

Law and Public Affairs Grant, Princeton University

June–July 2015

Comparative Constitutional Cultures; participated in an intensive, month-long
Humboldt University Law School seminar, *Berlin, Germany*

Department of Philosophy Travel Grant, Princeton University

June 2015

Tracing the Path of Tolerance: Storia e critica di un concetto politico, Università di
Padova, *Padua, Italy*
Identity and Individuation in Early Modern Philosophy, Universität Zürich, *Zurich, Switzerland*

CRNAP Grant, Princeton University

May 2015

Atelier Franco-Américain d'Histoire de la Philosophie Modern, *Paris, France*

Philosophy Department Travel Grant, KU Leuven

November 2013

Early Modern Philosophy Initiative, Texas A&M, *College Station, Texas*

Center for Peace and Global Citizenship, Haverford College

Summer 2011 & 2012

Senior Independent Research Grant, *Bucharest, Romania (2011)*

Independent Summer Research Grant, *Brussels, Belgium (2012)*

Grant for Independent Scholarship, Haverford College

August–December 2011

Hurford Humanities Center, to attend a graduate seminar on Spinoza

Philosophy Department Grant, Haverford College

February 2011

New York City Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, *New York, NY*

Snider Family Endowment for Excellence in European Studies, University of Notre Dame

June–July 2010

Nanovic Institute for European Studies grant to attend the Princeton-Bucharest Seminar
in Early Modern Philosophy, *Bucharest and Bran, Romania*

Center for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement Grant, University of Notre Dame

March 2010

Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science at Boston University

Additional Honors

Teacher of the Year 2025-2026, Northeastern University School of Law

High Honors, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Haverford College

Charles Schwartz Memorial Prize for Excellence in Thesis Work, Haverford College

Invited Speaker, Celebration of Scholarships, Haverford College

Kafker Scholar, Haverford College

Quest Scholar, Quest Scholars Network, University of Notre Dame and Haverford College

Selected Non-Legal Employment

Research Assistant, Yale Law School (2017–2019)

Editor, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University (2014–2015)

Freelance Editor, Leuven, Belgium (2013–2014)

Consultant, Van Dijk Management Consultants, Brussels, Belgium (Spring 2014)

Tutor, Haverford, PA (2010-2012)

Project Manager, QuestBridge and Quest Scholars Network, Palo Alto, CA (Summer 2010)

Barista, Starbucks, LaFortune Student Center, Notre Dame, IN (2008-2010)

Secretary, Political Science, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (2009-2010)

Childcare provider, International Student Services, Notre Dame, IN (2009-2010)

Intern, Quest Scholars Network, Palo Alto, CA (Summer 2009)

Service

Editor, PhilPapers (2023-present)

Research & Faculty Development Committee, Northeastern University School of Law (2023-present)

Watson Fellowship Committee, Haverford College, *Committee Member* (2015-present)

Youth Law Center, San Francisco, *Volunteer Attorney* (2021-2023)

York Prison, Connecticut Department of Corrections, *Volunteer Teacher* (2018-2019)

First Generation Professionals, Yale Law School, *President* (2017-2018)

Graduate Student Government, Princeton University, *Philosophy Representative* (2014-2016)

Bar Admission

California