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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023- **BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL**
Drinan Visiting Assistant Professor
- 2021-2022 **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**
Franke Fellow, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities
- 2021 **GRINNELL COLLEGE**
Lecturer, Political Science and History Departments

EDUCATION

- 2024 **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**
M.A., Ph.D. Political Science
Dissertation: “The Spirit of Caste: Recasting the History of Civil Rights”
 - *Recipient of the American Political Science Association’s 2024 Edward S. Corwin Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in the Field of Public Law**Committee:* Erin F. Delaney, Mary G. Dietz (chair), Paul F. Gowder, Alvin B. Tillery, Jr.
Specializations: Political Theory; Law & Politics; American Politics; Critical Theory (certificate)
Honors: Franke Fellow; Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies
Research Assistantships: M. Sara Monoson; Shmulik Nili
- 2024 **NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW**
J.D., cum laude
Honors: Law & Science Fellow (full scholarship)
Research Assistantship: Sheila Bedi
Journal: NW. J. HUM. RTS. (associate editor)
- 2013 **OBERLIN COLLEGE**
B.A. in Politics, high honors
Honors: John D. Lewis Award in Political Theory; John Frederick Oberlin Scholarship

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Primary:** Constitutional Law; Local Government Law; Property Law; Civil Rights Law; Employment Law
Secondary: Labor Law; Race & Law; State Constitutional Law; Education Law; Legal Theory & Jurisprudence

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

- Social Mobility and the Fourteenth Amendment* (Job Talk Paper, in preparation for submission)
Contesting State Capture, 46 CARDOZO L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2025)

Commandeering Section 5, 94 MISS. L.J. __ (currently researching and drafting, forthcoming 2025) (invited contribution to Mississippi Law School's Judicial Symposium on the Fourteenth Amendment)

Zoning Democracy (currently researching to present at the 2025 American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting and Northeastern University School of Law's 2025 Junior Scholars Conference)

Published Work

The Limits of Lochnerism, 32 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 929 (2024) (invited contribution to William & Mary Law School's symposium on *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*)

Law & Order: Rethinking Marcuse's Legacy for Abolitionist Politics, THE MARCUSEAN MIND (Eduardo Altheman C. Santos et al. eds., forthcoming 2024)

W.E.B. Du Bois, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRITICAL POLITICAL SCIENCE (Clyde W. Barrow ed., 2024)

From Love to Care: Arendt's Amor Mundi in the Ethical Turn, 50 POL. THEORY 939 (2022)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-2021 **COMMUNITY JUSTICE & CIVIL RIGHTS CLINIC**, Chicago, IL, **Rule 711 Lawyer**

2019 **CHILDREN AND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER**, Chicago, IL, **Rule 711 Lawyer**

2013-2016 **CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, Chicago, IL, **Special Education Teacher**

2012 **DURKIN & ROBERTS**, Chicago, IL, **Law Clerk**

2011 **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, Washington, DC, **Office of Communications and Outreach Intern**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2025 **Local Government Law**, Boston College Law School

2024 **Reimagining the Reconstruction Constitution**, Boston College Law School

2023 **Reimagining the Reconstruction Constitution**, Boston College Law School

2021 **Black Abolitionist Thought**, Grinnell College

What's Wrong With Rights?: Critical Approaches to Civil and Human Rights, Northwestern University

2013-2016 **3rd-5th Grade Special Education**, Chicago Public Schools

Courses Assisted

2021 **Constitutional Law II**, Northwestern University (Joanna Grissinger)

2020 **Advanced Research Seminar**, Northwestern University (Nicole Bruner)

Policing Chicago's Communities: Examining Historical & Current Practices & Analyzing for Reform, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (Sheila Bedi)

2018 **Introduction to Political Theory: International Contemporary Global Issues**, Northwestern University (Shmulik Nili)

Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought, Northwestern University (James C. Farr)

2017 **Classical Political Theory**, Northwestern University (S. Sara Monoson)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2024	Edward S. Corwin Award, Best Doctoral Dissertation in the Field of Public Law, American Political Science Association
2023-2025	Drinan Scholars Program, Boston College Law School
2022-2023	University Fellowship, Northwestern University
2021-2022	Franke Fellowship, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
2020-2021	Teaching Assistantship, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University Associate Editor, Northwestern Journal of Human Rights, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
2019-2020	Law School Scholarship, Northwestern University
2018-2019	Law School Scholarship, Pritzker School of Law
2018-2024	Law and Science Fellowship, Pritzker School of Law
2018	Minar Memorial Summer Award, Northwestern University
2018-2024	Graduate Fellowship in Legal Studies, Northwestern University
2017-2018	Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
2016-2017	University Fellowship, Northwestern University
2013	John D. Lewis Memorial Prize for Work in Political Theory, Oberlin College
2009-2013	John F. Oberlin Scholarship, Oberlin College

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks & Presentations

2024	Commandeering Section 5 , University of Mississippi Law School, Judicial Symposium on the Fourteenth Amendment, Oxford, MS Social Mobility and the Fourteenth Amendment , 2024 Works-in-Progress Junior Scholars Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI The Spirit of Caste , Race, Ethics, and Power Project, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON (available on YouTube & SoundCloud) Constitutionalizing the American Dream , Junior Faculty Roundtable, Boston College Law School, Newton, MA De-Lochnerizing the First Amendment , AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (AALS Hot Topic Program: Judicial Rights and Legislative Equality: The Future of Public Accommodations and the Polycentric Constitution after <i>303 Creative v. Elenis</i>)
2022	"There Is No Caste Here": Civil Rights and Social Mobility , San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste , Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA Frederick Douglass' Caste Theory of Racism , Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Other Selected Conference Participation

2025	The Problem of Caste in Urban Land Use Law , 2025 Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern
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University School of Law, Boston, MA

- Zoning Democracy**, Incubator Roundtable, 2025 American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2024 **Social Mobility and the Fourteenth Amendment**, Summer Workshop Series, Boston College Law School, Newton, MA
- Constitutionalizing the American Dream**, Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA
- 2023 **“There is No Caste Here”**: **Social Mobility and the Equal Protection Clause**, MANCEPT Courts and Politics Workshop, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK
- On Repressive and Non-Repressive Law**, 15th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University, Rome, Italy
- 2022 **Anna Julia Cooper’s Anti-Caste Theory of Human Rights**, American Political Science Association, Montreal, CA
- Law, Rights, and Abolition: Contesting the Discursive Critique of Rights**, 14th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University, Rome, Italy
- 2021 **Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste**, Association for Political Theory, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- Republicanism, Abstract Domination, and Slavery in the Americas**, The Venice World Multidisciplinary Conference on Republics and Republicanism, Venice International University, Venice
- The Politics of Anti-Caste: Rethinking the Political Limits of Equality Before the Law**” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- The Spirit of Caste: Caste Critique and the Contestation of Racial Subjection in the United States**, Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2020 **The Concept of Civil Rights in the 19th Century**, JD-PhD Seminar, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

Invited Reponses

- 2021 **Response to Professor Heinrich Menke’s CRITIQUE OF RIGHTS (2020)**, Critical Theory in Critical Times Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- Response to Professor Ainsley Lesure’s *Another World is Possible: Rereading Black Skin, White Masks Phenomenologically***, Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2018 **Response to Professor Boris Litvin’s *Biography’s Uncertain, Flickering, and often Weak Light: Arendt on Action, Audience, and Authorship***, Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

SELECTED SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service

- 2023-2025 IL Faculty Advisor, Boston College Law School
- 2022 Hurst Prize Committee Member, Law and Society Association
- 2021-2022 Co-Founder, Sylvia Wynter & W.E.B. Du Bois Reading Group, Program in Critical Theory, Northwestern
- 2020-2021 Associate Editor, Northwestern Journal of Human Rights, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern

University

2018-2024 New Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

Journal Referee

American Political Science Review

American Political Thought

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

2023- Association of American Law Schools

2021- Law and Society Association

Midwest Political Science Association

2020- American Political Science Association

2021-2022 Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University

2018-2024 J.D./Ph.D. Seminar, Northwestern University

2016-2024 Critical Theory Cluster, Northwestern University 2016-Present Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker)

Spanish (research, translation, and work proficiency)

French (research, translation, and work proficiency, B2 *Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française*)

Albanian (beginner)

REFERENCES

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