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EDUCATION

Harvard University

September 2019 - Present

MA in Government

PhD in Government, secondary in African & African-American Studies

(Expected August 2025)

Dissertation: *Intimately Bound: Injustice and the Foster System*

Dissertation Committee: Danielle Allen (chair), Katrina Forrester, Brandon M. Terry, Tommie Shelby, Shatema Threadcraft

McGill University

December 2018

BA in Political Science & German Studies

Minor in Economics

First Class, Joint Honours

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Theory: Normative theory, black political theory, feminist theory, theories of justice, history of social movements, democratic theory, the state, institutions, applied ethics.

Political Methodology: Democratic representation, congressional redistricting, gerrymandering, institutional policy reform.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“Injustice, Relational Violence, and the Foster System,” *Under Review*.

“Redistricting Reforms Reduce Gerrymandering by Constraining Partisan Actors,” *Working paper*, with Cory McCartan, Christopher T. Kenny, Tyler Simko, Michael Y. Zhao, and Kosuke Imai.

Works in Progress

“How Should Universities Ethically Engage with the Direct Descendants of those Enslaved by their Faculty, Leaders, and Staff?”
with Christopher Hopson and Danielle Allen.

“From Republican to Bipartisan Gerrymandering: Comparing Partisan Bias in Congressional Redistricting Cycles from 2010 to 2020,”
with Cory McCartan, Christopher T. Kenny, Tyler Simko, Michael Y. Zhao, Melissa Wu, Aneetej Arora, and Kosuke Imai.

“Parenting in Poverty: Injustice and Contemporary Definitions of Child Neglect”

“Racial Ideology, Welfare, and the Value of Black Intimate Bonds”

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

Harvard Griffin GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Harvard University, 2024-2025

Graduate Fellow in Ethics, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics

Harvard University, 2023-2024

Democracy Doctoral Fellow, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation (*Declined*)

Harvard Kennedy School, 2023-2024

James M. and Cathleen D. Stone PhD Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy

Harvard Kennedy School, 2020-2021

Policy and Data Science Fellow, Center for Social and Cultural Data Science

McGill University, 2018

Research Group on Constitutional Studies Student Fellow

McGill University, 2018

Awards & Grants

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Grant, Harvard University (2024)

Awarded in support of external research presentation.

Society for Political Methodology Travel Award (2024)

Awarded in support of external research presentation.

Race and Ethnic Politics Research Award, Department of Government, Harvard University (2023-2024)

Awarded to support research in women and politics and race, ethnicity, migration and politics.

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Fall 2021, Spring 2022)

Awarded on the basis of student feedback by the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning.

Stone PhD Research Fund (2020-2021)

Awarded with the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration fellowship.

Saul & Freda Frankel Prize (2019)

Awarded to a graduating Honours or first-year MA McGill student for an outstanding research paper in the "history of ideas." Thesis: Theodor Adorno & a Postcolonial Universal History.

Research Group on Constitutional Studies Writing Prize (2019)

For an outstanding research paper in political thought by a McGill University Arts undergraduate.

Ambassador for Germany Book Prize (2018)

Awarded for excellence in German Studies at McGill University.

Ambassador for Switzerland Book Prize (2018)

Awarded for excellence in German by a non-native German speaker at McGill University.

CONFERENCES & TALKS

"The Legacy of Slavery and the Ivory Tower: Reparative Engagement and the Obligations of Universities Towards Direct Descendants of Enslaved People"

Safra Center for Ethics, Ethics Monday, Co-presenter with Christopher Hopson (2024)

“Injustice, Relational Violence, and the Foster System”

Harvard Political Theory Workshop, Presenter (2024)

Harvard Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop, Presenter (2024)

American Political Science Association, Dissertation Workshop (2024)

Safra Center for Ethics, Graduate Fellows Workshop, Presenter (2023)

“From Republican to Bipartisan Gerrymandering: Comparing Partisan Bias in Congressional Redistricting Cycles from 2010 to 2020”

Society for Political Methodology, Annual Meeting, Poster Presentation (2024)

Feminist Political Theory Summer School, Participant, Princeton University (2024)

Workshop theme: “Black Feminism: With, Without and Beyond Consent”

“Democratic Loneliness and the Politics of Belonging”

Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Presenter (2022)

Harvard Graduate Political Theory Workshop, Presenter (2021)

“**Hakunetsu Kyoshitsu**”, *NHK*, Televised Discussions (2022-2023)

Nationally broadcast multi-part debate series on democracy and gender equality.

TEACHING

Teaching Fellow

Gov 1041/ DPI 247: Justice by Means of Democracy, Professor Danielle Allen (Spring 2023)

Teaching evaluation: 4.94/5

Gov 10: Foundations of Political Theory, Professor Eric Beerbohm (Spring 2022)

Teaching evaluation: 4.9/5

Gen Ed 1041: How Did We Get Here? From Slavery to #MeToo, Dr. Linda Chavers (Fall 2021)

Teaching evaluation: 4.9/5

Senior Thesis Advising

Advisor for joint thesis in History & Literature and Government.

Harvard College, 2022-2023

Advisor for award-winning joint thesis in African and African American Studies and Government.

Harvard College, 2023-2024

Academic Advising

Concentration advisor for all students majoring and minoring in political science in Quincy House.

Harvard College, 2021-present

Concentration advisor for students majoring and minoring in political science in Leverett House.

Harvard College, 2021-2022

SERVICE

Faculty of Arts Civil Discourse Advisory Group

Harvard University, 2024-present

Government Department Curriculum Committee Member

Harvard University, 2023-present

Co-cordinator, Black Political Thought Project Reading Group

Harvard University, 2023-present

Conference Assistant, “Struggles in/ over/ against the State” Workshop
Harvard University, 2024

Government Department Peer Student Mentor
Harvard University, 2021-2022, 2023-2024

Resident tutor and mentor at Quincy House in Consent, Advocacy and Relationships Education, and BGLTQ advocacy
Harvard College, 2021-present

McGill’s Students’ Nightline, Vice-President External, Treasurer, and Volunteer for student-run mental health support phone line
McGill University, 2016-2018

OTHER RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Archival research assistant for Professor Katrina Forrester, Government Department
Harvard University, 2022-2023

German translation research assistant for Professor Michael Rosen, Government Department
Harvard University, 2020-2021

Political theory research assistant for Professor Jacob T. Levy
McGill University, 2017-2018

Digital Humanities research assistant for Professor Andrew Piper
McGill University, 2018

Buisness and technical analyst, Accenture plc.
London, UK, 2014-2015

AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Association for Global Political Thought, Harvard University

Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University

Center for European Studies, Harvard University

Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University

Society for Political Methodology

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology