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**Academic Appointments**

University of Oxford 2015-present

Professor of Political Theory (2021-present)

Associate Professor of Political Theory (2015-2021, tenured 2019)

Tutorial Fellow in Politics, Oriel College (2015-present)

McGill University 2020-2021

Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Constitutional and Political Theory

University of Toronto 2014-2015

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto-Mississauga

Assistant Professor, Graduate Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

Columbia University 2013-2014

Mellon Research Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Humanities

Lecturer, Department of Political Science

**Education**

Yale University, Ph.D. with Distinction, Department of Political Science 2013

Thesis: *Mere Civility: Toleration and its Limits in Early Modern England and America*

**Winner of the 2015 APSA Leo Strauss Award in Political Philosophy**

University of Cambridge, M.Phil., Political Thought and Intellectual History 2007

Dissertation: *The Political Thought of John Milton’s* Of Education

University of Chicago, B.A. with Honors, Fundamentals: Issues and Texts 2006

**Publications**

Books

1. *Mere Civility: Disagreement and the Limits of Toleration* (Harvard University Press, 2017; paperback edition 2019)

* Scholarly Reviews and symposia published in *Political Theory*, *Review of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies Review, Political Science Reviewer*, *American Historical Review*, *Early American Literature*, *Journal of Public Deliberation*, *Studies in Christian Ethics*, *Society for Contemporary Thought in the Islamicate World Review*, *Exemplaria*, and *The Immanent Frame*.
* Popular Reviews in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Choice*, *The Hedgehog Review*, *The Claremont Review of Books*, *Literary Review of Canada*, *First Things*, *The Wanderer*, *Medium*, *Law and Liberty*, *Five Books*.
* Subject of special issue: “Conflicts between Religious Freedom and Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination: Should ‘Mere Civility’ Suffice?” (ed. John Adenitire), *Oxford Journal in Law and Religion* 9:2 (2020).
* **Named a *New Statesman* and *Church Times* Best Book of 2018**

1. *First Among Equals: A History of Equality in Theory and Practice*, book manuscript in progress. Under contract with Harvard University Press.

1. *John Locke: Four Letters on Toleration*, 2 vols., for *The Clarendon Edition of the Works of John Locke.* Under contract with Oxford University Press.
2. *Locke and Liberalism: An Introduction*. Under contract with Penguin UK.

Edited Collections

1. “Special Forum: The Historical Rawls,” co-edited with Sophie Smith and Annette Zimmermann, *Modern Intellectual History* (2021) 18: 899-1080.
2. *The Political Thought of John Locke Revisited*, co-edited with Felix Waldmann, in preparation for submission to Oxford University Press.

Refereed Articles

1. “Hobbes and Hats,” ***American Political Science Review*** (forthcoming).
2. “Hobbes Against Hate Speech,” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* (online first, Feb 2022), <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09608788.2022.2027340>.
3. “What *Was* the Point of Equality?,” ***American Journal of Political Science*** 66(2022): 604-616, <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ajps.12667>.
4. “Rawls’s Teaching and the ‘Tradition’ of Political Philosophy,” *Modern Intellectual History* (2021) 18: 1058-1079. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1479244320000505>.
   * Most-read article in *Modern Intellectual History* online, June 2021.
5. “The Historical Rawls,” with Sophie Smith and Annette Zimmermann, *Modern Intellectual History* (2021) 18: 899-905. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1479244320000438>.
6. “Free Expression or Equal Speech?” *Social Philosophy & Policy* 37 (2020): 153-169. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0265052521000091>.
7. “Reconsidering Tolerance: Insights from Political Theory and Three Experiments,” co-authored with Calvert W. Jones. ***British Journal of Political Science***(online first November 2019), <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123419000279>.
8. “‘Since all the World is Mad, Why should not I be so?’ Equality, Hierarchy, and Ambition in the Thought of Mary Astell.” *Political Theory* (online first May 2019), <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0090591719852040>.
9. “John Locke on Toleration, (In)civility, and the Quest for Concord,” *History of Political Thought* 37 (2016), 556-587.
10. “Difference without Disagreement: Re-thinking Hobbes on ‘Independency’ and Toleration,” *Review of Politics* 78 (2016), 1-25.
11. “Evangelical Toleration,” ***The Journal of Politics***77 (2015), 1103-1114.
12. “‘The Bond of Civility’: Roger Williams on Toleration and its Limits,” *History of European Ideas* 37 (2011), 409-420.
13. “Teaching the *Leviathan*: Thomas Hobbes on Education,” *Oxford Review of Education* 36:5 (2010), 607-626.

* Reprinted in the collection, *Ideas of Education: Political and Philosophical Perspectives from Plato to the Nineteenth Century*, edited by C. Brooke and E. Frazer (Routledge, 2013).
* Reprinted in the Norton Critical Edition of Hobbes’s *Leviathan* (2nd edition), ed. D.C. Johnston (Norton, 2020).

Invited Articles and Book Chapters

1. “On the Historical Emergence of Basic Equality,” in *How Can We Be Equals*, eds. G. Floris and N. Kirby (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
2. “Roger Williams,” with Matthew Young, in *The* *Princeton Anthology of American Political Thought*, eds. N. Buccola, S. McWilliams, and R. Montas (Princeton University Press, forthcoming).
3. “No Respecter of Persons,” contribution to symposium on “Social Inclusion and the Ethics of Citation” for *The Journal of Biblical Literature* (2021) 140: 831-836.
4. “In Search of an Established Church,” *Roger Williams University Law Review* 26 (2021): 284-335. <https://docs.rwu.edu/rwu_LR/vol26/iss2/3>.
5. “Civility” in *Women of Ideas*, edited by Suki Finn (Oxford University Press, 2021), 157-168.
6. “What’s the Use? Rainer Forst on the History of Toleration,” in *Toleration, Power, and the Right to Justification: Rainer Forst in Dialogue*, ed. David Owen(Manchester University Press, 2020).
7. “Two Concepts of Freedom (of Speech),” *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society* 163(2019), 95-107, <https://www.amphilsoc.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/attachments/Bejan.pdf>.
8. “First Impressions: Hobbes on Religion, Education, and the Metaphor of Imprinting,” invited chapter for *Hobbes on Politics and Religion*, edited by Robin Douglass and Laurens van Apeldoorn (Oxford University Press, 2018).
9. “‘When the Word of the Lord Runs Freely’: Roger Williams and Evangelical Toleration,” invited chapter for *The Lively Experiment: The Story of Religious Toleration in America, from Roger Williams to the Present*, edited by Christopher Beneke and Christopher Grenda (Rowman and Littlefield, 2015).
10. “The Difficult Work of Liberal Civility,” co-authored with Bryan Garsten, invited chapter for *Civility, Legality, and the Limits of Justice*, edited by Austin Sarat (Cambridge University Press, 2014).
11. “Quentin Skinner: the *Art of Theory* interview” (2011), [www.artoftheory.com](http://www.artoftheory.com).

Reviews and Symposia

1. Review of Michael Rosen’s *In the Shadow of God: Kant, Hegel, and the Passage from Heaven to History*, in *Review of Politics* (forthcoming).

1. Review of Tae-Yeoun Keum’s *Plato and the Mythic Tradition in Political Thought*, *MIND* (2021), <https://doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzab056>.
2. “The Troubling Ambiguity of Peace,” review of Murad Idris’s *War for Peace*, in *The Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology* 21 (2020): 124-126.
3. “Liberalism’s Parish: On Cecile Laborde’s *Liberalism’s Religion*,” *Syndicate Theology* (Oct. 2019), <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/liberalisms-religion/>.
4. “Reply to my Critics,” Review Symposium on *Mere Civility*, *Political Science Reviewer* 42 (2018), 533-539.
5. “Review Essay: Recent Works on Toleration,” *The Review of Politics* 80 (2018), 701-708.
6. “A Reply to my Readers,” Review Symposium on *Mere Civility*, *Review of Politics* 80 (2018), 528-532.
7. “Critical Dialogue: Teresa M. Bejan and Andrew R. Murphy,” *Perspectives on Politics* 16 (2018), 487-491.
8. “Of Moderns and Masters,” review of Steven B. Smith’s *Modernity and its Discontents: Making and Unmaking the Bourgeois from Machiavelli to Bellow* in *Review of Politics* 79 (2017), 7-9.
9. “The Past in the Present,” post on *The Immanent Frame*, Sep 2017. <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/09/06/history-and-theorizing-the-secular/>.
10. “*Mere Civility*: An Introduction” and “*Mere Civility*: A Reply,” posts on *The* *Immanent Frame*, <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/>, Jan/Feb 2017.
11. Review Forum on Saba Mahmood’s *Religious Freedom in a Secular Age: A Minority Report*, in *The* *Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology* (2016), 1-3.
12. “Review of J. Judd Owen’s *Making Religion Safe for Democracy*,” *Review of Politics* 78 (2016), 469-472.
13. “Review of John Coffey’s *Exodus and Liberation*,” *Politics and Religion* (2014), 1-3.

Works in Progress

1. Untitled article using empirical methods to measure tolerance and ideological polarization, with J. Tilley (Oxford) and S.B. Hobolt (LSE).
2. “Negative Egalitarianism,” article co-authored with Sam Bagg (USC).
3. “For the Want Whereof this Nation Perishes: John Milton’s *Of Education*.”

**Selected Awards & Honors**

1. Philip Leverhulme Prize in Politics (£100,000), recognizing and celebrating the achievement of exceptional researchers whose work has already attracted international recognition and whose future careers are exceptionally promising.
2. Senior Research Associate, Institute for Ethics in AI, University of Oxford, 2021-26.
3. APT Early Career Prize for the greatest overall contribution to research and teaching in political thought, Britain & Ireland Association for Political Thought, 2020.
4. Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Constitutional and Political Theory, McGill University, 2020-21.
5. Shortlisted for Elaine and David Spitz Prize, International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, 2019.
6. Visiting Senior Fellow, Department of Government, LSE, summer 2018.
7. Leverhulme Research Fellowship (£49,992) for teaching buyout and research on *Acknowledging Equality* during the 2018 calendar year.
8. John Fell Fund Small Award (£3,062.18) for “Historical Rawls” conference, 2017.
9. Balzan Skinner Fellowship in Modern Intellectual History, CRASSH, University of Cambridge. Support for one term teaching buyout, lecture and colloquium, 2016.
10. Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge, Lent Term, 2016.
11. Leo Strauss Award for the best dissertation in Political Philosophy, awarded by the American Political Science Association, 2015.
12. Connaught New Researcher Award ($10,000), University of Toronto, 2015.
13. Mellon Research Fellowship, Society of Fellows in the Humanities, Columbia University, 2013-2014.
14. Leylan Fellowship, for exceptional work in the Humanities, Yale University, 2012-2013.
15. Falk Fellowship, for the study of American Politics, Yale University, 2010-2012.
16. Fox Fellowship, for research at Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, 2010-2011.

**In the Public Sphere**

Essays and Talks

1. “What is Free Speech Fundamentalism?,” *The Ruffian* (Sep. 2022), <https://ianleslie.substack.com/p/flashpoints-8-what-is-free-speech>.
2. “Just Give Me My Equality,” *Boston Review* (Feb. 2022), <https://bostonreview.net/articles/just-give-me-my-equality/>.
3. “The Problem with *Problematic*,” *The Atlantic* (Oct. 2021), <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/10/problem-with-word-problematic/620289/>.
4. “Divided We Stand,” *New Statesman* (Nov. 2020), <https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/2020/11/what-us-democracy-can-learn-ancient-greek-philosophy>.
5. “The 1612 Project,” *Liberty Matters* (May 2020), <https://oll.libertyfund.org/pages/lm-smith-1620#response3>.
6. “What Quakers Can Teach Us about the Politics of Pronouns,” *The New York Times* (16 Nov. 2019), <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/16/opinion/sunday/pronouns-quakers.html>.
7. “Can’t We All Just Disagree?” *Australia Broadcast Corporation: Religion & Ethics* (Aug. 2019). <https://www.abc.net.au/religion/teresa-bejan-mere-civility-as-the-basis-of-a-tolerant-society/11373126>
8. “Mary, Quite Contrary,” DPIR *Inspires* Magazine (July 2019), <http://bit.ly/2OFLwYG>.
9. “Is Civility a Sham?” TED Talk (Nov. 2018), with over 1.7 million views. <https://www.ted.com/talks/teresa_bejan_is_civility_a_sham>
10. “The Two Clashing Meanings of Free Speech,” The Atlantic (2 Dec. 2017). <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2017/12/two-concepts-of-freedom-of-speech/546791/>

* Translated and reprinted as ‘“Free Speech” *et la liberte d’expression*,’ in *Books* no. 100 (Sep 2019). <https://www.books.fr/free-speech-liberte-expression/>.
* Reprinted in *The Norton Reader* (15th edition), eds. M. Goldthwaite et al. (Norton, 2020).

1. “Wars of Words,” Oxford DPIR *Inspires* magazine (June 2017).
2. “You don’t have to be nice to political opponents. But you do have to talk to them,” *The Washington Post* (8 March 2017). <https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2017/03/08/you-dont-have-to-be-nice-to-political-opponents-but-you-do-have-to-talk-to-them>

Interviews (Newspaper, Magazine, Radio, TV, Podcast)

1. “The Elusive Civil Classroom” by Sylvia Goodman, *Chronicle of Higher Education* (Aug. 2022), <https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-elusive-civil-classroom>.
2. “Teresa Bejan: It’s not good to be alone,” *Meditations with Zohar* podcast (June 2022).
3. “Uncivil Discourse: A Conversation about Civility with Teresa Bejan,” *Public Discourse* (May 2022), <https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2022/05/82157/>.
4. Podcast Interview, *Closer Consideration* with Jay Caruso (Nov. 2021).
5. Interview with Chilean *La Tercera* newspaper(Oct 2021), <https://www.latercera.com/la-tercera-domingo/noticia/entrevista-a-teresa-bejan-autora-de-mere-civility-en-los-desacuerdos-politicos-hoy-se-repiten-las-dinamicas-de-las-sectas-religiosas/O2FP4P2ADFGE3D2DI4ILWM6COQ/>.
6. Podcast Interview, “We the Students” Claremont McKenna podcast (September 2021).
7. Podcast Interview, “Our American States” podcast (July 2021).
8. “The World as it Is,” interview with *The Signal* (April 2021), <https://www.thesgnl.com/2021/04/viewpoint-diversity-teresa-bejan/>.
9. Panelist, “50 Years of *A Theory of Justice*,” *Free Thinking*, BBC Radio 3 (Jan. 2021).
10. Panelist, “Mary Astell,” *In Our Time*, BBC Radio 4 (Nov. 2020).
11. Podcast Interview, *Mindscape* with Sean Carroll (Sep. 2020).
12. Panelist, “The Thinker’s Edition: Politics and Risk,” *The Monocle Weekly* (July 2020).
13. Panelist, “Start the Week,” BBC Radio 4 (March 2020).
14. Podcast Interview, “Half Hour of Heterodoxy,” *Heterodox Academy* (May 2019).
15. Interview for Timothy Garton Ash’s *Free Speech Debate* (Dec 2018). <https://freespeechdebate.com/media/mere-civility-and-the-limits-of-toleration-a-discussion-with-teresa-m-bejan/>
16. “Teresa Bejan,” Podcast Interview with Ulrich Baer, *Think About It!* (Nov. 2018).
17. Radio Interview for *Information Morning* and *Maritime Noon*, CBC New Brunswick, September 2018. <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/podcasts/new-brunswick/nb-info-morning-fred/>
18. “Expert Opinion: Teresa Bejan,” Interview with Jacob Mchangama for *Clear and Present Danger: A History of Free Speech* podcast (Aug 2018). <http://www.freespeechhistory.com/2018/08/23/episode-12-expert-opinion-teresa-bejan/>
19. “Civility,” Interview with Nigel Warburton for *Philosophy Bites* podcast (Aug 2018). <http://philosophybites.com/2018/08/teresa-bejan-on-civility.html>
20. “Teresa Bejan,” Interview with *The Sacred* podcast (Aug 2018). <https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/comment/2018/09/19/the-sacred-22-teresa-bejan>
21. “Religion in Early America” and “Civility and Tone Policing,” Two-part Interview for *The Political Philosophy Podcast* (Aug 2018). <https://www.politicalphilosophypodcast.com/civility-and-tone-policing>
22. “Polite Oppression,” Radio Interview for *On the Media*, WNYC/NPR (June 2018). <https://www.wnycstudios.org/story/on-the-media-2018-06-29/>
23. “Mere Civility,” Interview with *Law & Liberty* podcast (April 2018). <http://www.libertylawsite.org/2018/04/17/mere-civility-a-conversation-teresa-bejan-free-speech-toleration/>
24. “Tolerating Intolerance,” Television Interview for *The Open Mind*, PBS (May 2017). <http://www.thirteen.org/openmind/free-speech/tolerating-intolerance/5717/>
25. Interview with *The Virginia Review of Politics* (April 2017). Undergraduate journal at UVA. <https://www.uvapolitics.com/interviews/2017/4/11/interview-teresa-bejan>
26. “Off the Cuff” Interview with *Oberlin Review* (April 2017). Undergraduate newspaper at Oberlin College. <https://oberlinreview.org/13451/news/off-the-cuff-teresa-bejan-professor-of-political-theory/>
27. “The Disagreeableness of Disagreement,” Interview with Runnymede Society podcast (April 2017). <http://runnymedesociety.ca/teresa-bejan-the-disagreeableness-of-disagreement/>
28. “Do you bite your thumb at us, sir?” Radio interview for *Interchange*, IndianaWHFB radio (21 March 2017). <http://wfhb.org/news/interchange-do-you-bite-your-thumb-at-us-sir-on-mere-civility/>
29. Interview on “Steele & Ungar: Rational Radio,” *SiriusXM POTUS radio* (17 March 2017). <http://steeleandungar.com/2017/03/20/rational-radio-daily-with-steele-and-ungar-13/>
30. Interview, *The Moncrieff Show*, NewsTalk Radio Ireland (23 January 2017).

**Invited Talks & Seminars**

2023

1. Invited Speaker, Charles E. Test Lectures, Princeton University (March 2023).
2. Invited Speaker, Yale Law School Legal Theory Workshop (April 2023).
3. Invited Speaker, W. David Baird Distinguished Lecture Series, Pepperdine University (Jan. 2023).

2022

1. Invited Speaker, Notre Dame Political Theory Workshop (April 2022).
2. Invited Speaker, Center for Citizenship and Constitutional Government, University of Notre Dame (April 2022).
3. Invited Speaker, Open University “Keywords” Workshop (January 2022).

2021

1. Invited Speaker, NYU Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy (Nov. 2021).
2. Invited Speaker, UC-Berkeley Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory (Oct. 2021).
3. Invited Speaker, PPE Seminar, Chapman University (Sep 2021)
4. Invited Speaker, Salvatori Center, Claremont McKenna College (Sep 2021)
5. Invited Speaker, Work in Progress Workshop, McGill University (April 2021).
6. Invited Speaker, Roundtable on Civility (with Cornel West and Andrew Sullivan), Baylor University (March 2021).
7. Public Lecture, “Equality before Egalitarianism,” Research Group on Constitutional Studies, McGill University (Feb 2021).
8. Invited Speaker, *Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique de Montréal*, McGill University (Jan 2021).

2020

1. Invited Speaker, Yale Political Theory Workshop (June 2020).
2. Invited Speaker, Colloquium in Legal, Political, and Social Philosophy, NYU (Sep 2020, rescheduled)
3. Invited Speaker, Johns Hopkins University Intellectual History Seminar, Baltimore, MD (Fall 2020, rescheduled).
4. Invited Speaker, Notre Dame Political Theory Seminar, South Bend, IN (Fall 2020, rescheduled).
5. Invited speaker, “Symposium: Is this a Christian Nation?,” Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI (September 2020).
6. Invited Speaker, Political Theory Seminar, University of Milan (June 2020, rescheduled).
7. Public lecture, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond (Feb. 2020).
8. Invited speaker, Humanities Center, Virginia Commonwealth University (Feb. 2020).

2019

1. Keynote Speaker, Harvard Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Cambridge, Mass. (Oct. 2019).
2. Invited Speaker, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT (Oct 2019).
3. Plenary Speaker, “Public Law in Times of Change,” International Society of Public Law (ICON-S) annual meeting, Santiago, Chile (July 2019).
4. Keynote Lecture, Conference on “Civility and Incivility in Early Modern Britain,” University of Oxford (June 2019).
5. Keynote Lecture, 10th Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, St Andrew’s (May 2019).
6. Invited Speaker, “Tolerance and Religious Freedom in the Early Modern and Contemporary Worlds,” CRASSH, University of Cambridge (March 2019).
7. Invited RGCS Lecture, Research Group on Constitutional Studies, McGill University (March 2019).
8. Invited Speaker, *Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique de Montréal*, McGill University (March 2019).
9. Invited Speaker, “Civility and Tolerance,” Duke University (March 2019).
10. Invited Speaker, “Polarization and Civil Disagreement,” Arizona State University (Feb. 2019).
11. Invited Speaker, “Inequality, Religion, and Society: John Rawls and After” Conference, Harvard University (Jan. 2019).

2018

1. ‘Parity and the Point of Equality,’ Stanford Political Theory Seminar (Dec. 2018).
2. ‘Hobbes and Hats,’ Stanford History of Political Thought Seminar (Dec. 2018).
3. Plenary Speaker, ‘Toleration and the Law’ Conference, Morrell Centre for Toleration, University of York (Sep. 2018).
4. Invited Speaker, ‘Negative Sociability in Early Modern Britain’ Workshop, University of Cambridge (Sep. 2018).
5. “Two Cheers for Mere Civility,” Invited lecture, St. Thomas University, New Brunswick, Canada (Sep. 2018).
6. Invited Speaker, Roger Williams University, Providence, RI (Sep. 2018).
7. Invited speaker, Symposium on Cecile Laborde’s *Liberalism’s Religion*, University of Oxford (May 2018).
8. Invited speaker, Research Colloquium of Political Theory, Goethe Universitaet-Frankfurt (May 2018).
9. Invited Speaker on ‘Free Speech and Democracy,’ The American Philosophical Society annual Meeting (April 2018).
10. Invited speaker, Center for Ethics, Policy, and Public Affairs (CEPPA), University of St Andrews (April 2018).
11. Invited speaker, Institute for Intellectual History, St Andrews (April 2018).
12. Invited speaker, Provost’s Forum on Speech, Freedom, and Civility, Duke University (March 2018).

2017

1. Invited speaker, Political Theory Workshop, University of Exeter (Nov. 2017)
2. Invited speaker, Centre for Intellectual History, University of Sussex (Nov. 2017)
3. Invited speaker, KJuris Legal Philosophy Workshop, King’s College London (Nov. 2017)
4. “William Prynne, Polemical and Pure,” guest sermon, Oriel College (Oct. 2017)
5. Roundtable discussion on *Mere Civility* with Onora O’Neill, Chandran Kukathas, Tom Poole and others, LSE legal theory seminar (Oct. 2017)
6. Invited speaker, Conference on “Free Speech and Civil Discourse,” Kenyon College, Kenyon, Ohio (Sep. 2017).
7. “Liberty of Conscience, Freedom of Speech,” invited lecture to The Academy, Institute of Ideas, Wyboston, UK (July 2017)
8. Workshop on Kinch Hoekstra, *Thomas Hobbes and the Politics of Philosophy* (OUP) King’s College, Cambridge (July 2017).
9. “Acknowledging Equality (or, Hobbes and Hats)”

* Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University (April 2017)
* Political Theory Workshop, University of Virginia (March 2017)
* Political Philosophy Seminar, London School of Economics (Jan. 2017)

1. “Mere Civility?”

* Political Theory Seminar, University of Sheffield (May 2017)
* Invited lecture, Oberlin College (April 2017)
* Lilly School of Philanthropy, University of Indiana (March 2017)

1. Invited speaker, “Moderation and Civility” roundtable with Aurelian Craiutiu, Jeffrey Isaac, and Allen Wood, Indiana University at Bloomington (March 2017)
2. Invited speaker, “Cultures of Offense: Offense-taking in the Modern University” roundtable discussion with Stefan Collini and Nick Cohen, University College London (March 2017)

2016

1. “Acknowledging Equality (or Hobbes and Hats)”

* Legal and Political Theory Seminar, University College London (Oct. 2016)
* Political Theory Research Seminar, All Soul’s College, Oxford (June 2016)
* Harvard Political Theory Workshop, Harvard University (March 2016)

1. “Acknowledging Equality” (the 7th Annual Balzan-Skinner Lecture in Modern Intellectual History), Lecture and Colloquium featuring Martin Dzelzainis, Justin Champion, Jon Parkin, and Ross Carroll, CRASSH, University of Cambridge (April 2016)
2. “For the Want Whereof this Nation Perishes’: John Milton on Education”

* Invited talk, Medieval-Renaissance Studies Cluster, Keble College (Oct. 2016)
* Invited lecture, Oriel College, University of Oxford (June 2016)

1. “Mere Civility,” Seminar in Constitutional Thought, Rothermere American Institute, University of Oxford (May 2016)

2012-2015

1. Roundtable on Thomas Poole, *Reason of State* (CUP) with David Wootton and Chandran Kukathas, LSE legal theory workshop (Nov. 2015).

1. “Liberal Toleration: from *Concordia* to *Tolerantia*”

* Invited talk, Symposium on Toleration with Chandran Kukathas, John McCormick, Samuel Fleischacker and others, Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago (Nov. 2015)
* History of Political Thought Seminar, University of Oxford (Oct. 2015)

1. “Mirrors for Citizens: The Political Thought of John Milton’s *Of Education*,” History of Political Ideas Seminar, Institute for Historical Research (Oct. 2015)

1. “Wars of Words: Civility and Toleration in Early Modern Political Thought,” invited Lecture, Department of Political Science, University of California at Davis (May 2015)
2. “Evangelical Toleration,” Ethics at Noon workshop, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto (Feb. 2015)
3. “Difference without Disagreement: Re-thinking the Tolerant Hobbes,” Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University (Jan. 2015)
4. “‘If It Be Without Contention’: Hobbes on Difference without Disagreement,” Political Thought and Intellectual History Seminar, University of Cambridge (Feb. 2014)
5. “Toleration, Difference, Disagreement,” invited talk for “Religious Toleration in the Modern World,” Goettingen Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbuettel, Germany (Jan. 2014)
6. “Mere Civility: Tolerating Disagreement in Early Modern England and America,” Invited Lecture, Society of Fellows, Columbia University (Nov. 2013)
7. “The Difficult Work of Liberal Civility,” invited talk co-authored with Bryan Garsten, invited paper for “Civility, Legality, and the Limits of Justice” conference at the University of Alabama School of Law (Sep. 2013)
8. “Persecution of the Tongue: Roger Williams and John Locke on Toleration and Free Expression,” Political Theory Workshop, Yale University (Oct. 2012)

**Conference Presentations**

2022

1. “Peers and Equals,” paper presentation at APSA annual meeting, Montreal (Sep 2022).
2. Participant, roundtable on Michael Rosen’s *The Shadow of God* (Sep 2022).

2021

1. Invited Speaker, “International Symposium on John Rawls,” University of Girona (Oct. 2021).
2. Speaker, “Quentin Skinner’s ‘Meaning and Understanding’ after 50 Years: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” British Academy conference (July 2021).
3. Speaker and co-organizer (with Jo Wolff and Samuel Bagg), “The Politics of Egalitarianism,” one-day workshop at Nuffield College, Oxford (Feb. 2021).
4. Invited speaker, “Hierarchies” workshop at University of Montreal (Jan. 2021).

2020

1. Speaker and co-organizer (with R. Katz, JHU), “Free Speech: How much is too much?,” European Consortium for Politics Research Annual Meeting, Toulouse, France (April 2020).
2. Discussant, Roundtable on Ross Carroll’s *Uncivil Mirth*, Association for Political Theory of Britain and Ireland Meeting, Oxford, UK (Jan 2020).

2018

1. Discussant, “Democratic Toleration and its Discontents” and “Hobbes and Literary Form,” APSA annual meeting, Boston, MA (Aug/Sep 2018).
2. Speaker and organizer, A Celebration of Alan Ryan, New College, Oxford (March 2018)

2017

1. Conference on “Public Life and Religious Diversity,” Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford (Sep 2017).

* Organized and led conference workshop on “Lockean Toleration”

1. “Author meets Critics” Roundtable on Teresa Bejan’s *Mere Civility*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Aug/Sep 2017).
2. Manuscript workshop on Kinch Hoekstra’s *Thomas Hobbes and the Politics of Philosophy* (OUP), King’s College, Cambridge (July 2017).
3. “Author Meets Critics” Roundtable on Teresa Bejan’s *Mere Civility*, Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (June 2017)
4. Conference on “The Historical Rawls,” Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford (May 2017)

* Gave opening remarks on “Rawls and the History of Political Thought”

1. “Hobbes against Hate Speech,” invited paper for seminar on “Political Pluralism and Religious Conflict,” University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK (May 2017).
2. “Divided We…?” Invited paper for conference on “E Pluribus Unum: Is America Still a Country?”, St Vincent College, Latrobe, PA (April 2017).
3. “John Milton on Education,” paper presented at Oxford Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy annual meeting, Mansfield College, University of Oxford (March 2017).
4. “Mere Civility?” invited paper for Association for Political Thought annual conference, St. Catherine’s College, University of Oxford (Jan. 2017)

2016

1. “Persecution of the Tongue”, invited paper for conference on “Law and Religion,” University of Leiden/Kellogg College, University of Oxford (Dec. 2016).
2. American Political Science Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (Sep. 2016)

* Gave paper on “Reconsidering Tolerance: Theory and Practice for the 21st Century,” co-authored with Calvert W. Jones (University of Maryland)
* Invited participant, “Author Meets Critics: Steven B. Smith, *Modernity and its Discontents*”

1. “The Anti-Utopian Roger Williams,” invited paper for the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Providence, RI (April 2016)
2. “Liberal Toleration? Locke and Rawls on Concord,” paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR (Jan. 2016)

2015

1. Roundtable on Thomas Poole’s *Reason of State* (CUP) with David Wootton and Chandran Kukathas, LSE legal theory workshop (Nov 2015).
2. “Mirrors for Citizens: The Political Thought of John Milton’s *Of Education*,” American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA (Sep 2015)
3. “Hobbes Against Hate Speech,” paper presented at European Hobbes Society Annual Meeting, King’s College, London, UK (April 2015)

2010-2014

1. “Persecution of the Tongue,” paper presented at Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (Oct 2014)
2. “Evangelical Toleration,” paper presented at workshop on “The Toleration of Tolerations,” Columbia Society of Fellows (April 2014)

* Workshop organizer, participants including Andrew Sabl, Ira Katznelson, and

Stephen Holmes.

1. Invited participant in roundtable discussion of Rainer Forst’s *Toleration in Conflict*, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University (April 2014).
2. “‘If It Be Without Contention’: Hobbes on Difference without Disagreement,” paper presented at the European Hobbes Society Annual Meeting, King’s College London (April 2014)
3. “Evangelical Toleration?” Paper presented at the “Spectacle of Toleration,” conference hosted by Newport Historical Society, Rhode Island (Oct 2013).
4. “Persecution of the Tongue: Toleration and Religious Insult in Early Liberal Thought,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL (Aug 2013)

1. “Locke on Toleration, (In)civility, and the Quest for Concord,” paper accepted for presentation at American Political Science Association meeting (Aug 2012)
2. “John Locke on Toleration, Comprehension, and Concord,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (April 2012).
3. Roundtable on Eric Foner’s *The Fiery Trial*, Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions (Oct 2011).
4. “Freedom and Just Punishment in the Thought of John Locke,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (April 2011).
5. “Missionary Toleration: Roger Williams on Conversion and Civility,” paper presented at the New England Political Science Association annual meeting (April 2010).

* Winner of Robert C. Wood Prize for best graduate paper in any field

**Teaching**

Courses Taught

*Political Thought: Plato to Rousseau*, undergraduate lecture series and tutorials, University

of Oxford (2015-present).

*Political Thought: Bentham to Weber*, undergraduate lecture and tutorials, University of

Oxford (2017-2019).

*Theory of Politics*, undergraduate tutorials, University of Oxford (2015-present).

*Politics Part A: Introduction to the Theory of Politics*, undergraduate lectures and seminar,

University of Oxford (2015-present)

*Postgraduate Professionalisation Seminar*, University of Oxford (Spring 2022).

*Equality: History and Theory*, MPhil seminar, University of Oxford (Winter 2019).

*Political Theories from Machiavelli to Burke*, MPhil seminar, University of Oxford (Fall

2015, Fall 2017).

*The Political and Ethical Thought of Plato and Aristotle*, MPhil seminar, University of

Oxford (Fall 2016).

*Civil Discourse in the College Classroom*, summer seminar at Duke University (Summer

2022)

*Research Design Seminar*, MPhil seminar, University of Oxford (Spring 2016, Spring 2017).

*Introduction to Political Theory*, undergraduate lecture series, University of Toronto (2014-

2015).

*Toleration and Its Limits*, graduate seminar, University of Toronto (Fall 2014).

*Foundations of American Political Thought*, undergraduate seminar, Columbia University

(Spring 2014).

*Contemporary Civilization*, undergraduate core seminar, Columbia University (Fall 2013).

*Modern Political Philosophy* (as a Teaching Fellow), Yale University (Spring 2012).

*Ancient Political Philosophy* (as a Teaching Fellow), Yale University (Fall 2011).

*Moral Foundations of Politics* (as a Teaching Fellow), Yale University (Spring 2010).

*Abraham Lincoln at 200* (as a Teaching Fellow), Yale University (Fall 2009).

Faculty Workshops

*Teaching Civil Discourse* (with John Rose), Duke University (August 2022). See *Chronicle*

*of Higher Education* coverage here:

<https://www.chronicle.com/article/the-elusive-civil-classroom>.

Graduate Supervision

**MPhil/MSc Students in Politics**:

Julian Pohl (2015-2016), Jamie Ranger (2016-2017), Russell Bogue (2016-2018),

Machmud Mahmudov (2017-2018), Eleanor Shearer (2017-2019),

Jinxue Chen (2018-2019), Hannah Durbin (2018-2020); Julian Goldmann (2019-

2020), Rachel Finlayson (2021-2022), David Frisch (2021-2022), Ming Kit Wong

(2021-2022).

**Ph.D. Students:**

* Rose Brugger, Oxford (Sex, Consent, and Relational Equality)
* Connor Grubagh, Oxford (Locke, Liberalism and Hope)
* Pablo Ortuzar, Oxford (“Subsidiarity: History, Theory, and Current Implementation”), defending 2023.
* Zak Black, University of Toronto (“Minding the Mundane: Rabelais, Montaigne, and Hobbes”), defended 2022.
* Geertje Bol, Oxford (“Partisan Virtue: Mary Astell and Catherine Macaulay”), defended 2022.
* Samuel Bruce, Oxford (“Reflection as a Political Virtue”), defended 2020.
* Russell Bogue, Oxford (“Privacy: A Political Approach”), defended 2020.
* Ryan Berg, Oxford (“Can courage be a liberal virtue?), defended 2018.

**Academic Service & Activities**

Journals

Editorial board, *Hobbes Studies*, 2022-present.

International Advisory board, *Political Studies Review*, 2021-2023.

Editorial board, *Journal of Politics* 2017-2019, reappointed 2020-2021.

Editorial board, *Politics and Poetics*, 2017-2019.

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*,

*Political Theory*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *British Journal*

*of Political Science*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Review of Politics*,

*History of Political Thought*, *Political Studies*, *Locke Studies*, *Hobbes Studies*, *British*

*Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Law, Culture and*

*the Humanities*, *Politics*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Modern Intellectual*

*History*, *Hypatia*, *Political Theology*, *The European Legacy*, *Wesley and Methodist Studies*,Princeton University Press, University of Manchester Press, University of Notre Dame Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press

Conferences, Speaker Series, and Colloquia

Organizer (with Felix Waldmann), “The Political Thought of John Locke Revisited,”

two-day colloquium at Oriel College (April 2023).

Co-Convenor (with Geertje Bol), “The Politics of Sex and Gender Equality in Diverse

Societies,” inaugural David N Lyon speaker series at Oriel College (2022).

Organizer, “The Politics of Egalitarianism” conference, with Samuel Bagg and Jo Wolff,

Nuffield College, Oxford (winter 2021).

Organizer, workshop on Elizabeth Frazer’s *Shakespeare and the Political Way* (OUP, 2020),

New College, Oxford (September 2020).

Organizer, one-day workshop in celebration of Alan Ryan, New College, Oxford (March

2018).

Organizer, “The Face of Future War: A Conversation between David Patrikarakos and Stathis

Kalyvas,” Oriel College (May 2018).

Convener (with Elizabeth Frazer and Simon Caney), conference on “Public Life and

Religious Diversity,” University of Oxford (Sep 2017)

Organizer, conference on “The Historical Rawls,” Department of Politics and International

Relations, University of Oxford (May 2017)

Convener, Oxford Political Thought Seminar (2017-2020)

Convener, Oxford Political Theory Research Seminar (Fall 2016)

Convener, Oxford History of Political Thought Seminar (2016-2017)

Organizer, “The Toleration of Tolerations” workshop, Society of Fellows, Columbia

University (April 2014).

Co-organizer, Roundtable on Rainer Forst’s *Toleration in Conflict,* Heyman Center for the

Humanities, Columbia University (April 2014).

Co-organizer, “Materiality,” invited lecture series, Columbia Society of Fellows (2014)

Convener, “Toleration and its Limits,” speaker series, Yale University (2012-2013)

University and College Administration

Political Theory Representative, Politics Exam Board, DPIR, 2021-2022.

Political Theory Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, DPIR, 2019-2020.

Chair of the Political Theory Panel, Department of Politics and IR, 2019-2020, 2021-2023.

Oxford Political Theory Research Network Coordinator, DPIR, 2019-2020, 2021-2023.

Deputy Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2020.

DPIR Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2019- 2020, 2021-2023.

DPIR Research Committee, 2019-2020, 2021-2023.

Main Organizing Tutor in Politics, Oriel College, 2015-present.

Senior Member, undergraduate PPE Society, 2018-present.

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2015-2016.

PPE Prelims Panel, 2016-present.

PPE Prelims Examiner, 2015-2017.

Political Theory Graduate Conference Coordinator, 2016-2017.

Service to the Profession

Elector, Carlyle Lectures in the History of Political Thought, 2016-present.

Assessor, Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, 2019.

Member of *American Political Science Association, European Hobbes Society*, *Association*

*for Political Theory*, *Association for Political Thought of Britain and Ireland,*

*Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Political Theory Research Network*

(Oxford), *NOMOS*

References

*Available upon request*.