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EDUCATION: **Columbia University**, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Ph.D. in Political Science (with distinction), May 2004
Dissertation: “A General Theory of Political Domination”
Committee: Brian Barry, David Johnston, Philip Pettit, Nadia Urbinati,
and Jeremy Waldron
M.Phil. in Political Science, May 2000
Comprehensive exams: Theory (with distinction), American
M.A. in Political Science, February 2000
President’s Fellow, Fall 1998–Spring 2000

Princeton University, A.B. in Philosophy (cum laude), June 1995
Senior Thesis: “The Social Contract after Metaphysics,” awarded
the Class of 1869 Prize in Ethics

PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS:

- “Milton’s Case for a Free Commonwealth,” forthcoming, *American Journal of Political Science*. Argues that Milton has a consistent and appealing political philosophy centered on the concept of freedom as non-domination.
- “Can Justice Be Based on Consent?” *Journal of Political Philosophy* 12 (2004): 79–101. A critique of consent-based theories of justice.
- “A Positivist Account of the Rule of Law,” *Law and Social Inquiry* 27 (2002): 41–78. Imposes analytical rigor on the rule of law debate by grounding the principles traditionally associated with the rule of law in a version of legal positivism.
- “Domination: A Preliminary Analysis,” *The Monist* 84 (2001): 98–112. A prospectus of sorts for my dissertation project.
- “Rational Choice Theory and Explanation,” manuscript presented at the Social Theory Conference, Tampa Bay 2003, and currently under review. Advances the debate by correcting important misunderstandings concerning the sorts of explanations rational choice theories provide.
- “Domination and Distributive Fairness,” manuscript presented at Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia 2003. Argues that minimizing domination entails the public provision of a universal basic income.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- **Instructor**, “Contemporary Civilization” (Fall 2000–Spring 2004). Devised syllabus, taught course, administered all grades. This year-long course, part of Columbia’s Core Curriculum, seeks to develop the students’ skills of reflection and argumentation as preparation for active participation in a democratic society through the critical study of classic texts in ethical, political, and philosophical thought.
- **Lecturer**, “Introduction to Political Thought” (Fall 1999), at Columbia University. Devised syllabus, delivered all lectures, administered all grades. This first-year course offers a lightning tour of the history of political thought, covering the classics from Plato to Marx.
- **Teaching Assistant**, for Professor Greg Wawro’s course “Introduction to American Politics” at Columbia (Spring 2000), and for Professor Steven Wall’s course “Political Theory I” at Barnard (Fall 1998).

Areas of teaching competence include: history of political thought (ancient and modern), contemporary normative theory, analytical jurisprudence, introductory game theory, American politics, American constitutional law.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

- **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for Clinical Bioethics, at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD (September 2004–present).
- **Editor**, online newsletter for the Conference for the Study of Political Thought (July 2001–present).
- **Rapporteur**, Columbia University Seminar in Political and Social Thought (June 1998–May 2004). Helped organize meetings, distribute papers, take minutes of discussion session, and so forth.
- **Research Assistant**, for Professor David Johnston (June 1998–May 2004). Among many other research projects, I assisted Professor Johnston in putting together the anthology *Equality* (Hackett, 1999).
- **Center for Communitarian Policy Studies**, at The George Washington University, a small non-profit think tank in Washington D.C. (June 1995–July 1997). Performed research, edited quarterly journal (*The Responsive Community*), published communitarian report *National Parks: Individual Rights and the Common Good* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1998), 136 pp.

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Civic republicanism, the Rule of Law, judicial politics, analytical jurisprudence, theories of justice, game theory and social choice theory, social science epistemology, others.