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**Academic Appointments**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Alaska, Fairbanks	2012-Present
Residential Research Fellow, “Necropolitics in the Era of Late Capitalism” University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) University of California, Irvine	2011-2012
Lecturer, Department of Political Science Northeastern University	2009-2011
Lecturer, Department of American Studies University of Massachusetts, Boston	2009-2010
Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics University of California, Santa Cruz	2005-2009

**Education**

Ph.D., Politics (with Parenthetical Emphasis in History of Consciousness) University of California, Santa Cruz	2011
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*Dissertation:* “Enlarging the Democratic Possible: Decolonization, Resurgence, and Survivance in Native American Cultural Politics”

*Committee:* James Clifford, Dean Mathiowetz, John Schaar,  
Vanita Seth (chair), Michael J. Shapiro

M.A., Politics University of California, Santa Cruz	2007
B.A. ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ), Social Thought and Political Economy University of Massachusetts, Amherst	2004

## Teaching

### 1) Courses Taught

#### A) University of Alaska

- *Ethics & Society*
- *American Political Thought: Race, Religion, and Revolution*
- *Modern Political Thought: Liberalism and its Discontents*
- *Political Ideologies: Worlding and the Manifesto*
- *Environmental Political Theory*
- *Contemporary Political Theory*
- *Classical Political Philosophy*
- *After Evil: Ruination, Redemption, and Renewal*
- *Politics of the Possible: Active Citizenship & Everyday Life*
- *Comparative Political Thought*

#### B) Northeastern University

- *Politics and Religion* (Fall, 2009)
- *Political Theory and Administrative Politics* (Spring, 2010)

#### C) University of Massachusetts, Boston

- *Post-War American Political Thought* (Spring, 2010)

### 2) Teacher's Assistant

#### A) University of California, Santa Cruz

- *Ancient Political Thought* (Fall 2005)
  - *Modern Political Thought* (Spring 2007)
  - *American Political Thought* (Spring 2008)
  - *Late Modern Political Thought* (Fall 2006)
  - *International Law* (Spring 2006, Fall 2008)
  - *Law and Society* (Winter 2006)
  - *European Politics* (Winter 2008)
  - *Post-Soviet Politics* (Winter 2007, Spring 2009)
  - *Modern American Literature* (Winter 2009)
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## Publications

### 1. Books

ed., *Theorizing Post-Conflict Reconciliation: Agonism, Restitution & Repair*, New York: Routledge, December 2011.

Now Translated into Indonesian, with Pustaka Pelajar Publishing.

Contributors: Bonnie Honig, Andrew Schaap, Paul Muldoon, Thomas Brudholm, Sonali Chakravarti, Michael J. Shapiro, James Martel, Erik Doxtader, Ernesto Verdeja, Adrian Little, Alexander Keller Hirsch, Valerie Rosoux.

### 2. Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

“Articulating Secession: Self-Determination, Decolonization, and Stateless Independence Amongst the Kanaka Maoli,” *Social Identities: Race, Nation, Identity* 21 (2), 2015.

“Hope, Without Guarantees: Mourning, the Politics of Natality, and the Will to Chance,” *Theory & Event* 18 (1), 2015.

“Sovereignty Surreal: Bataille and Fanon Beyond the State of Exception,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 13, 2014.

“The Promise of the Unforgiven: Violence, Power, and Paradox,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 39 (1), 2013.

“Like So Many Antigones: The Politics of Recognition and the Afterlife of Native American Funerary Remains,” *Law, Culture & the Humanities* 10 (3), 2011.

“Fugitive Reconciliation: The Agonistics of Respect, Resentment, and Responsibility,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 10, 2011.

### 3. Essays (editor reviewed)

“Too Hard to Keep,” *The Contemporary Condition*, June 3, 2015.

“Living On,” *The Contemporary Condition*, September 3, 2013.

### 4. Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Indigenous Decolonization,” in Burke Hendrix and Kirby Brown, eds.,

*Alternative Sovereignties: Decolonization Through Indigenous Vision and Struggle*, forthcoming.

“Fugitive Reconciliation,” in *Theorizing Post-Conflict Reconciliation*, 2011.

“The Agon of Reconciliation,” in *Theorizing Post-Conflict Reconciliation*, 2011.

## 5. Review Essays

“Judgment, Imagination, and Critique in the Politics of Reconciliation,” review of Bronwyn Leebaw, *Judging State-Sponsored Violence, Imagining Political Change*, and Yasco Horsman, *Theaters of Justice: Judging, Staging and Working Through in Arendt, Brecht, and Delbo*, in *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 7(1), 2013.

“Tragic Democracy and Political Theory,” review of Derek Barker, *Tragedy and Citizenship*, and Peter Ahrens Dorf, *Greek Tragedy and Political Philosophy*, in *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 38 (6), 2012.

## 6. Book Reviews (solicited)

Review of Glen Coulthard, *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition*, in *American Indian Journal of Culture & Research* 39(4), 2015.

Review of P.J. Brendese, *The Power of Memory in Democratic Politics*, in *Contemporary Political Theory*, forthcoming.

Review of Berber Bevernage, *History, Memory, and State-Sponsored Violence: Time and Justice*, in *Rethinking History*, April, 2012.

Review of Ernesto Verdeja *Unchopping a Tree: Reconciliation in the Aftermath of Political Violence*, in *Law, Culture & the Humanities* 7, February 2011.

Review of Andrew Schaap, ed., *Law and Agonistic Politics*, in *Law, Culture & the Humanities* 5, October 2009.

## 7. In Progress and Under Review

*Autoethnography and Counter-Actualization in Native American Political Thought*, book manuscript, under construction

“Irony in William Apess’ Native American Jeremiad,” under review at *Political Research Quarterly*.

“The Procreant Urge of the World: Witnessing in Whitman’s Sensual Ethnography of Care,” under review at *Theory & Event*.

“The Pocahontas Exception: Whit Autochthony, Miscegenation, and the Racial/Sexual Contract,” under review at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*.

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Nominated, “Best Paper at the WPSA,” for “The Procreant Urge of the World,” April 2015.

Nominated, Faculty of the Year, ASUAF (student government), Spring 2015.

Nominated, Robert Piacenza Outstanding Teaching Award, UAF, Spring 2015.

Awarded, “Artist in Residence,” Skagway, Alaska, Fall 2014 - ongoing.

Nominated, Robert Piacenza Outstanding Teaching Award, UAF, Spring 2014.

Nominated, Faculty of the Year, ASUAF (student government), UAF, Spring 2013.

Awarded, Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Activity Faculty Adviser Fellowship, Fall 2013.

Awarded, Residential Research Group Fellowship, University of California Humanities Research Institute, 2012.

Nominated, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence Award, Northeastern University, 2011.

Nominated, Center for Teaching Excellence Award, University of California, Santa Cruz, Fall 2011.

Awarded, Online Teacher’s Award, Northeastern University, Spring 2011.

Politics Department Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2009.

Division of Graduate Studies Sabbatical Fellowship Award, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2008.

National Student Honors Society, 2004.

## Service Activities (Selection)

UAF Faculty Senate, Unit Criteria Committee, Fall 2015.

Artist in Residence, Skagway, AK: delivering lectures on philosophical themes to town on a regular basis, and hosting philosophy workshops with school system, K-12, Fall 2014 – ongoing.

Executive Officer, Board of Directors, Stone Soup, Non-Profit Organization that works to prevent Hunger and Poverty in Fairbanks, AK, Fall 2013 – present.

Faculty Editorial Board Member, Clarity Magazine, College of Liberal Arts, UAF, Spring 2013 – ongoing.

Faculty Advisory Board, Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity, UAF, Fall 2013 – ongoing.

Participant, Emerging Scholars Academy Faculty Panel, August 24, 2015.

Faculty Advisor to UAF Campus Democrats, Fall 2014 – ongoing.

Faculty Adviser to Socratic Society, UAF Philosophy Club, Fall 2014 – ongoing.

Faculty Adviser to Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society, Fall 2013 – ongoing.

Search Committee, Political Science Department, University of Alaska, Comparative Political Scientist, Summer, 2015.

Search Committee, Political Science Department, University of Alaska, Administrative Assistant hire, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015.

Moderator, debate between Rep Scott Kawasaki (D) and Greg Bringhurst (R), candidates for Alaska House District 1, October 24, 2014.

Member, UAF Faculty Learning Community (“Writing Across the Curriculum”), Fall 2014 – Spring 2015.

Member, UAF Faculty Learning Community, (“Teaching Strategies for Early Career Tenure Track Faculty”), Fall 2013 – present.

Member, UAF Faculty Learning Community, (“Communication Across the Curriculum”), Fall 2013, Fall 2013 – present.

Faculty Advsier and Judge, Ethics Bowl, Spring 2013, Spring 2014.

MA / MFA Thesis Committee Member in English Department: Derek Hinkley, Eric Notaro, Caitlin Scarano, Christopher Moran, Zackary Medlin, Vanessa Raymond, Ryan Hallsten, Victoria Smith, Tara Knight.

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Chair in Political Science: Jonathan Quinones, Jackson Willard, Daniel Strigle, Margot Adams, Lachlan Gillespie, Silvan Schuttner, Matthew West, Matthew Ryan Harris.

Search Committee, Political Science Department, International Relations Political Scientist, University of Alaska, Fall 2012-Spring 2013.

Academic Senate Planning and Budget Committee, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2011.

Politics Department Representative to the Graduate Student Association, 2011.

Co-Chair, Indigenous Studies Research Cluster, Center for Cultural Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2009-2010.

Coordinator, Politics Department Colloquium Speaker Series, University of California Santa Cruz, 2005-2006.

### **Conference Participation**

Discussant, “Unpacking Complicity,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Ernesto Verdeja, Bronwyn Leebaw, Mihaela Mihai, and Stephen Esquith, Sept., 2015.

Author and Presenter, “‘The Procreant Urge of the World:’ Witnessing and Touch in Whitman’s Song of Myself,” on the “Genres of Theorizing the Political” panel, *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Michael J. Shapiro, Davide Panagia, George Shulman, Briane Gallagher, and Chad Shomura, April, 2015.

Discussant, “Listening to Anger after Mass Violence” Roundtable, *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Holloway Sparks, John McCormick, Sonali Chakravarti, and Shatema Threadcraft, April, 2015.

Discussant, “Mourning and Melancholia” panel, *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with David McIvor, Simon Stow, Heather Pool, and Samantha Hill, April, 2015.

Author and Presenter, “Promising and Forgiveness,” *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, “The Political Significance of Democratic Tragedies” panel, with Robert Pirro, Heather Pool, and Larissa Atkinson, November, 2014.

Author and Presenter, “Hope, Without Guarantees,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, “Politics of Death” panel, with Mark Button, David McIvor, Simon Stow, Christina Tarnopolsky, and Sara Rushing, 2014.

Discussant, “American Idioms in Political Theory,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Brian Weiner, Nathan Gies, and Chad Lavin, April, 2014.

Author and Presenter, “The Politics of Public Mourning, Natality, and Hope,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, “Frames of Redemption” panel with Michaele Ferguson, Steven Johnston, Jade Schiff, Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, 2014.

Author and Presenter, “William Apess and Native American Tragic Mourning,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, panel with George Shulman, Lawrie Balfour, Steven Johnston, and David McIvor, March, 2013.

Author and Presenter, “Anger and the Magic of Reconciliation After Atrocity,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Bonnie Honig, Mina Suk, Sonali Chakravarti, and Grace Hunt, March, 2012.

Author and Presenter, “The Necropolitics of Recognition and Redistribution,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, March, 2012.

Author and Presenter, “Fugitive Reconciliation: Democracy and Transitional Justice in the Postcolonial World,” *Radical Democracy Conference*, Columbia University and New School for Social Research, April, 2011.

Author and Presenter, “White Autochthony in Western Settler States,” *Honoring Indigenous Thought and Survivance Symposium*, University of California, Santa Cruz, April, 2010.

Chair and Discussant, “Faultlines of Contestation: Justice, Order and Repair in Post-Conflict Political Society,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Andrew Schaap, Adrian Little, Erik Doxtader, and Jason Frank, 2010.

Author and Presenter, “The Afterlife of Indigenous Funerary Remains,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2010.

Chair and Discussant, “Justice, Politics, Ethics,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, November, 2009.

Author and Presenter, “Fugitive Reconciliation,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, November, 2009.

Author and Presenter, “Indigenous Repatriation and the Tragedy of Reconciliation,” *American Studies Research Symposium*, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 2009.

Author and Presenter, "Public Mourning and Political Tragedy," *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, March 2008.

Author and Presenter, "To Be Held Out Into the Nothing: Spinoza and Heidegger on the Politics of Violence," *Cultures of Violence Conference*, University of California, Irvine, April 2007.

Chair and Discussant, "Violence, Resentment, Reconciliation," *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October, 2006, with Anne Norton and Robert Meister.

Author and Presenter, "Collective Voice and Political Violence," *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October, 2006.

### **Invited Public and Guest Lectures (sample)**

Artist in Residence Fellowship Lecture and Workshop, Skagway, AK, November 10, 2014.

"10 Theses on Aesthetics and Politics," First Annual Joseph Thompson Memorial Lecture, UAF, October 15, 2014.

"Political Elections as Performance," Anthropology Society faculty roundtable, UAF, October, 2014.

"Native Responsiveness to Catastrophe," UAF, July 15, 2014.

"Deontological Ethics," Socratic Society Public Lecture, UAF, April 14, 2014.

"Poststructuralist Motifs in Contemporary French Feminisms," Women and Gender Studies Public Lecture, UAF, February 2, 2014.

"Living On, Without Redemption," Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Association Public Lecture, UAF, 2014.

"Utilitarian Thought: From Bentham to Mill," Socratic Society Public Lecture, UAF, 2013.

"Methods in Political Theory," Guest Lecture, UAF, March, 2013.

"Power and Violence," Public Lecture in Social and Political Thought, University of California, Santa Cruz, Spring 2012.

Author and Presenter, "The Pocahontas Exception: Negotiating Rousseau's Founding

Paradox,” Public Lecture to the Political Science Department, University of Claifornia, Irvine, 2012.

**Professional Memberships and Editorial Service**

Member, American Political Science Association.

Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.

Member, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy.

Ongoing Peer Reviewer for original book manuscripts: Cambridge University Press, Routledge Press, Ashgate Press.

Ongoing Peer Reviewer of article manuscripts: *Political Theory*, *New Political Science*, *American Indian Journal of Culture and Research*; *Theory & Event*; *International Journal of Transitional Justice*; *International Theory: A Journal of International Politics*; *Law and Philosophy*; *Law and Society*; *American Political Thought*; *Citizenship Studies*; *Security Studies*.

**Letters of Reference (available upon request)**

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