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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Politics, September 2005
Princeton University
Fields: Political Theory, Public Law, Comparative Politics
- M.A. Politics, 2003
Princeton University
- B.A. Social Studies, 1998
Harvard University
Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

The Roots of American Individualism: Political Myths of Jacksonian Democracy
Princeton University Press, 2022

Winner, Best Book in American Political Thought (2022), awarded by the American Political Thought section of the American Political Science Association

Individuality and Mass Democracy: Mill, Emerson, and the Burdens of Citizenship
New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.

J.S. Mill's Political Thought: A Bicentennial Retrospective, with Nadia Urbinati. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Nature, Religion, and the Market in Jacksonian Political Thought," *Journal of the Early Republic*, Vol. 39, No. 1 (Spring 2019), 123-33.

"Complicity and Coercion: Toward an Ethics of Political Participation," *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy*, 4 (Jan. 2018), 12-28.

Winner of the 2016 Mc Sanders Prize for best essay in political philosophy.

Winner, Best Book in American Political Thought for *The Roots of American Individualism*
see above awarded in August 2023 by the American Political Thought section of the
American Political Science Association

Recipient of a year-long faculty fellowship from the UVM Humanities Center, AY 2019-
2020.

Recipient of the 2016 Marc Sanders Prize for best essay in political philosophy (for
“Complicity and Coercion: Toward an Ethics of Political Participation”—see above).

Recipient of a grant from the BDC -326 ntgrent (9N8-1.13 TD ()Tj EMC /P <</MC)5Tc 09 0 Td 5*

“The Rise of Free Market I

"Virtue and Democracy in Jacksonian Political Thought," invited paper presented to the Georgetown Political Theory Workshop, Washington, DC, November 2015

"A Natural Order: Labor, Property, and Equal Rights," paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.

"Personal Independence in the Early Republic," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2014

"Republican Legacies in Jacksonian America: The Ideal of Personal Independence" paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, April 2014.

"Republican Legacies in Jacksonian America: The Ideal of Personal Independence" paper presented to the Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, March 2014.

"Democracy, Future Generations, and Commons Trusts" paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Hollywood, CA, March 2013

Guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's Kathleen Dunn Show for a long discussion of Thoreau's essay "Civil Disobedience," December 9th, 2012.

"The Hanford Advisory Board: A Case Study in Democracy, Technology, and Representation," paper scheduled for presentation at the American Political Science Association Conference in New Orleans, LA, September 2012 (conference cancelled by hurricane).

Guest on National Public Radio's On Point, hosted by Tom Ashbrook, for an hour-long discussion of Emerson's "Self-Reliance" (the show was titled "Too Much Self-Reliance?"), January 4th, 2012.

"Complicity and the Ethics of Democratic Participation," invited paper presented to the political theory colloquium at Washington University in St. Louis on Sept. 2011.

"Individualism and Social Order in American Political Thought," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, September 2011.

"A Liberal Pluralism: Isaiah Berlin and John Stuart Mill," paper presented at the New England Political Science Association Conference, Hartford, CT, April 2011.

"A Liberal Pluralism: Isaiah Berlin and John Stuart Mill," paper presented at the International Symposium on Isaiah Berlin and Contemporary China, Beijing, China, March 2011.

"Complicity and the Ethics of Participation" paper presented to the University of Vermont moral philosophy colloquium, November 2010

Author-meets-critics roundtable on my book, Individuality and Mass Democracy at the New England Political Science Conference, Newport, RI, April 2010.

"Individuality, Radical Politics, and the Metaphor of the Machine," paper presented at the Western Political Science Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2010.

"Lot and Democratic Representation," paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC, March 2009.

"Lot and Democratic Representation," paper presented at conference titled "Beyond Elections: the Legitimacy of New Forms of Representation," Princeton, December 2008.

"Expensive Speech, Illegitimate Power," paper presented to the Princeton Political Philosophy Colloquium, February 2008.

"Citizenship, Rationality, and Complicity," paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, March 2007.

"Why Participate?" paper presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Boston, Mass., November 2006.

"Publicity and Public Opinion in J.S. Mill's Political Thought," paper presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., September 2005.

"Varieties of Political Freedom," talk delivered to politics and history panel at the Institute for Humane Studies annual conference, Arlington, Virginia, May 2004.

"J.S. Mill and the Active Citizen," paper presented at Western Political Science Association conference, Portland, Oregon, March 2004.

"Isaiah Berlin's Cosmopolitan Ethics," paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association conference, New Orleans, January 2004.

"Emerson and the Vulnerability of the Democratic Individual," paper presented at American Political Science Association conference, Philadelphia, August 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Secretary/Treasurer, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy (2011-2014)

LANGUAGES

French (native speaker)
German (reading knowledge)