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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Barnard College, 2005-
Visiting Associate Professor, Barnard College, 2004-2005.
Adjunct Associate Professor, Columbia University, Fall 2003.
Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University, 1995-2002.
Assistant Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University, 1994-1995.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. June 1994	Harvard University, Government
M.A. June 1990	Harvard University, Government
B.A. May 1987	Yale University, Political Science (<i>Magna cum laude</i> ; Distinction in the Major)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Political Development, European Politics and History, Globalization, Social Theory, History of the Left.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Primacy of Politics: Social Democracy and the Ideological Dynamics of the Twentieth Century (NY: Cambridge University Press, 2006).

The Social Democratic Moment: Ideas and Politics in the Making of Interwar Europe (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998).

Academic Articles

“The Primacy of Politics versus the Primacy of Economics: Understanding the Ideological Dynamics of the Twentieth Century,” Perspectives on Politics, 7, 2, 2009.

“Co-opting Revolutionaries: The Lessons from European Communism,” Journal of Democracy, 18, 5, January 2008.

“How Democracies Emerge: Lessons from Europe,” Journal of Democracy, 18, 1, January 2007.

A debate on the issues raised in this and other articles was held in a subsequent issue of the Journal of Democracy (18, 3, July 2007). I contributed an essay entitled “The Vain Hope for ‘Correct’ Timing.”

“Violence, Conflict and Civil Society,” Mittelweg 36, Spring 2006.

“Islamism, Revolution and Civil Society,” Perspectives on Politics, 1, 2, June 2003.
Reprinted in Bernard Brown and Roy Marcrdis, eds., Comparative Politics: Notes and Readings (NY: Harcourt, Brace, 2005).

“The Hidden History of Social Democracy,” Social Philosophy & Policy, 20, 1, 2003.
Reprinted in Ellen Frankel Paul, Fred Miller, and Jeffrey Paul, eds., After Socialism (NY: Cambridge University Press, 2003).

“Modernization in Historical Perspective: The Case of Imperial Germany,” World Politics, 53, 3, April 2001.

“Ideas, Norms, and Culture in Political Analysis,” Comparative Politics, 33, 2, January 2001.

“Path Dependency and Political Action: Re-examining Responses to the Depression,” Comparative Politics, 30, 4, July 1998.

“The Life of the Party,” Comparative Politics, 30, 1, October 1997.

“Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic,” World Politics, 49, 3, April 1997.
Reprinted in Patrick O’Neill and Ronald Rogowski, eds., Essential Readings in Comparative Politics (NY: W. W. Norton & Co., 2004).

“Civil Society and Political Institutionalization,” American Behavioral Scientist, 40, 5, March/April 1997.
Another version of which is reprinted in Michael Foley and Bob Edwards, eds., Beyond Tocqueville: Civil Society and the Social Capital Debate in Comparative Perspective (Boston: University Press of New England, 2001).

Book Chapters

“Social Democracy’s Historic Achievement,” in Jim Cronin, George Ross, and James Shoch, eds., Politics After Keynes and Communism: Liberalism and Social Democracy in a Globalized World, Duke University Press, forthcoming.

“Understanding the Origins of Ideology: The Case of European Social Democracy,” in Daniel Bèland and Robert Cox, eds., Ideas and Politics in Social Science Research, forthcoming, Oxford University Press.

“Understanding Civil Society’s Role in Political Development,” in Zoltan Barany and Robert Moser, eds., Is Democracy Exportable?, forthcoming.

Book Reviews and Short Essays

“Review of Richard Sandbrook, Marc Edelman, Patrick Heller, and Judith Teichman, Social Democracy in the Global Periphery. Origins, Challenges, Prospects,” Perspectives on Politics, forthcoming.

“Review of Mary Hilson, Political Change and the Rise of Labour in Comparative Perspective,” Journal of Social History, Spring 2008.

Reply to a review of The Primacy of Politics, in Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions, 9, 1, June, 2008.

“Boom and Bust” A review of Barry Eichengreen’s The European Economy Since 1945, The New York Times, March 25, 2007.

“Review of Alexander George and Andrew Bennett, Case Studies and Theory Development in the Social Sciences,” Perspectives on Politics, 5, 1, 2007.

“Review of Gavriel D. Rosenfeld, The World Hitler Never Made, German Politics and Society, Spring 2006.

“Understanding Social Democracy,” Occasional Papers, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 2005.

“Review of The Nation-State in Question, T. V. Paul, G. John Ikenberry, and John A. Hall, eds., Foreign Affairs, March/April 2004.

“Review of Gerassimos Moschonas, In the Name of Social Democracy,” Perspectives on Politics, 1, 2, March 2003.

“The Future of Europe,” New York Consortium for European Studies Newsletter, February 2003.

- “Discussion of EPS at APSA,” EPS Newsletter, May 2002.
- “Review of Margaret Lavinia Anderson, Practicing Democracy,” German Politics and Society, Summer 2001.
- “Review of Jonah D. Levy, Tocqueville’s Revenge,” PSQ, Summer 2000.
- “Euthanasia, Eugenics and Fascism: How Close are the Connections?,” German Politics and Society, 17, 3, Fall, 1999.
- “Can Corporatism Survive?” International Labor and Working Class History, 56, Fall 1999.
- “Ideas and Culture in Political Analysis: The State of the Field,” (with Kathleen McNamara), European Studies Newsletter, May 1998.
(Reprinted in Historische Sozialforschung, 23, 4, 1998.)

Non-academic Writings

- "What to Read on Modernization Theory," Foreign Affairs (online), March 12, 2009.
- “A Reply to David Duhalde,” The Activist (online, Feb. 2009).
- „Response to Joanne Barkan,“ Dissent, Summer 2009.
- “Unheralded Battle: Capitalism, the Left, Social Democracy and Democratic Socialism,” Dissent, Winter, 2009.
- “The Once and Future Ideology,” Renewal, 15, 2/3, 2007.
- “Hizbollah is rearing an uncivil society,” with Gideon Rose, Financial Times, September 1 2006.
- “Capitalism and Poverty,” World Policy Journal, Spring 2006.
- “Europe’s Choice,” Dissent, Winter 2006.
- “The Three Faces of Fascism,” World Policy Journal, Fall 2004.
- “‘We Didn’t Start the Fire’: Capitalism and its Critics, Then and Now,” Foreign Affairs, 82, 4, July/August 2003.
- “The Left and Democracy: The Triumph of ‘Realo-Politik’,” Dissent, Winter 2003.
- “Rediscovering Social Democracy,” Dissent, Fall 2000.
(Reprinted in Lettera Internazionale, 2001.)

“För Sverige—i tiden,” Dagens Nyheter, December 22, 1999. (Reprinted in Kay Glans, ed., Den svenska framgångssagan (Stockholm: Fisher & Co., 2001)).

“Bank on Democracy: Why Central Banks Need Public Oversight,” (with Kathleen McNamara), Foreign Affairs, 78, 2, April/May 1999.

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Honorary Doctorate, Uppsala University Sweden, 2008.

Visiting Scholar, Center for European Studies, NYU, 2003.

Senior Visiting Fellow, Remarque Institute, NYU, 2002.

Visiting Scholar, University of Göteborg, Sweden, Spring 2000.

William G. Bowen University Preceptorship, Princeton University, 2000.

Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, 1997-1998.

Recipient of grants from the SSRC, Council for European Studies, and Princeton’s Center of International Studies, Council on Regional Studies, and Council on the Humanities.

ACLS fellowship (declined).

Russell Sage Foundation fellowship (declined).

Georgetown University, European Studies Center Fellowship (declined).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Participant in Roundtable on “The End of Neoliberalism?” ISA, New York, Feb. 2009.

Participant and commentator at workshop on democracy and democratization at George Washington University, January 2009.

Talk at Uppsala University, Sweden, “Understanding Democratization Yesterday and Today,” October, 2008.

Talk at the Swedish Social Democratic party headquarters on “Contemporary Problems of Social Democracy in Historical Perspective,” October, 2008.

Talk at NYU on “Understanding Democratization Yesterday and Today,” September 2008.

Participant in workshop on civil society at Harvard University’s Center for European Studies, May 2008.

Participant and paper presenter at workshop on contemporary problems of social democracy at Harvard University’s Center for European Studies, May 2008.

Talk at Rutgers on “Rethinking Political Development,” April 2008.

Talk at University of Maryland, College Park on “Rethinking Political Development,” April 2008.

Talk at SAIS on “Understanding European Social Democracy,” April 2008.

Talk at the University of Pennsylvania on “Lessons from Europe’s Political Development,” October 2007.

Talk on “What Europe’s Political Past Has to Teach Us about the Current State of Democratic Development,” Middlebury College, May 2007.

- Participant/Presenter at Conference on Understanding Democratic Transitions and Consolidation from Case Studies: Lessons for Democracy Assistance,” Stanford University, March 2007.
- Talk on “What Europe’s Political Past Has to Teach Us about the Current State of Democratic Development,” Stanford University, March 2007.
- Participant/Presenter at Workshop on Europe and the Management of Globalization, Princeton University, February 2007.
- Talk on “Understanding Social Democracy,” Johns Hopkins University, October 2006.
- Participant in a roundtable on Julia Adams, Elisabeth Clemens, and Ann Shola Orloff eds., Understanding Modernity, Council for European Studies Conference, March 2006.
- Participant on roundtable on Edward Mansfield and Jack Snyder’s Electing to Fight, Association for the Study of Nationalities World Conference, New York, March 2006.
- Talk on “Radicalism and Civil Society,” Rutgers University, March 2006.
- Talk on “Understanding Social Democracy,” McGill University, October 2005.
- Talk on “Understanding Social Democracy,” Georgetown University, May 2004.
- Talk on “Violence, Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic,” at a conference on “The Relationship between Violence and Civil Society in Historical and Social Scientific Perspective,” Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, April 2005.
- Presentation of a paper on “Understanding Social Democracy,” at a conference on “Social Justice and the Future of European Social Democracy,” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March 2005.
- Talk on “The Middle Class and the collapse of democracy in Weimar Germany,” Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, November 2004.
- Talk on “The Primacy of Politics: Social Democracy and the Ideological Dynamics of the Twentieth Century,” Remarque Institute, NYU, Fall 2002 and Center for European Studies, NYU, Spring 2003.
- Talk on “The Primacy of Politics: Social Democracy and the Ideological Dynamics of the Twentieth Century,” University of Toronto, November 2002.
- Organizer of, and presenter at, a Roundtable on “European Political Development,” Council of European Studies Conference of Europeanists, Chicago, March 2002.
- Talk on “The Primacy of Politics: Social Democracy and the Ideological Dynamics of the Twentieth Century,” University of Chicago, October 2001.
- Participant in Roundtable on "The Old and the New Left," at a conference on "Politics and Society in the New Germany," The Center for Global Change and Governance, Rutgers University, May 2001.
- Presentation of paper on "Rediscovering Social Democracy," at a conference on "Beyond Markets: Non-Marxist and Post-Marxist Critiques of the Market," September 2000, Princeton University.
- Participant in Conference on “Historical Institutional and the Future of the Welfare State,” May 2000, Department of Political Science, Göteborg University, Sweden.
- Presentation on “Ideas, Norms, and Culture in Political Analysis,” May 2000, Göteborg University, Sweden.
- Presentation on “The Future of the German and European Left,” at a conference on “The New Germany,” The Graduate School, Rutgers University, Newark, April 2000.
- Presentation of paper on “German Political Development in Comparative Perspective,” at a conference on “Conditions for Democracy,” Princeton University, April 2000.

Presentation on “What has Made Sweden Distinctive During the Twentieth Century?” at a conference on “Den svenska framgångssagen?” (“The Swedish Success Story?”) August 1999, Sweden.

Organizer of (with Kathleen McNamara), and paper presenter at, conference on “Ideas and Culture in Political Analysis,” May 1998, Princeton University.

Presentation of paper on “Studying Ideas in Political Analysis,” at the Conference of Europeanists, February 1998, Baltimore.

Participant in conference on “Unemployment’s Effects: The Southern European Experience In Comparative Perspective,” November 14-15, 1997, Princeton University.

Presentation on “The Debate About Civil Society,” Institute for Advanced Study, October 1997, Princeton N.J.

Presentation on “Civil Society and the Collapse of the Weimar Republic,” October 1997, Columbia University.

Presenter/Participant at APSA conventions, 1995-1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Member, Faculty Committee, The European Institute at Columbia University, 2008-
Editorial Advisor, Problems of International Politics (book series), Cambridge University Press, 2007-

Member, Council of European Studies Development Committee, 2006-; Executive Committee, 2007-

Member, Politics and History (section of APSA) dissertation award committee and nominating committee, 2008.

Member, Democratization (section of APSA) book award committee, 2008.

Member, European Politics and Society (section of APSA) dissertation award committee, 2005.

Member, Council of European Studies Book Award Committee, 2005.

Member, APSA Politics and History Section Book Award Committee, 2003.

Officer, European Politics and Society section of APSA, 2002-2004.

Program Chair, European Politics and Society section of APSA, 2002 Annual Meeting.

Screener, SSRC International Dissertation Field Research Fellowship, 2001, 2003, 2008.

Member, APSA Gabriel A. Almond Award Committee, 2000-2001.

Officer, Politics and History Section of APSA, 1999-2001.

Associate Editor, World Politics, 1996-2001.

Article or book reviewer, American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, World Politics, Comparative Politics, Governance, Political Science Quarterly, Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Policy Studies Journal, Review of International Political Economy, German Politics and Society, International Labor and Working Class History, Journal of Social History, Security Studies, Princeton University Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Stanford University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, SUNY Press.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

Taught a senior seminar for students writing theses in comparative politics and courses entitled "Making Democracy Work" and "Democracy and Dictatorship in Europe," 2004-.

Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

Taught graduate seminars on "European Political Development" and "Political Development" in the political science department, 2004-.

Princeton University Princeton, N.J.

Taught "Introduction to Comparative Politics: Democracy and Democratization," Junior Workshop on Comparative Political Economy, Policy Workshop on "Democratization," Graduate seminars on "Democracy in Europe," and "Comparative Politics"; advised junior and senior theses and graduate dissertations, 1995-2002.

George Washington University Washington, D.C.

Taught graduate seminars on "West European Political Economy" and "Comparative Politics and Government, " 1994-1995.