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Current Position

| Associate Professor of Political Science • Brown University | 2017-Present |
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| Director of Graduate Studies of Political Science | 2020-Present |
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| Previous Permanent Positions | |
| Scott Waugh Associate Professor • Department of Political Science | 2014-2017 |
| • African American Studies Department • University of California, | |
| Los Angeles | |
| Assistant Professor • Department of Philosophy • Emory University | 2012-2014 |
| Assistant Professor • Department of Politics • University of Virginia | 2007-2012 |
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| <u>Visiting Positions</u> | |
| Distinguished Visiting Scholar • Kluge Center at the Library of Congress | Summer 2019 |
| Visiting Assistant Professor • Department of Political Science | 2010-2011 |
| Swarthmore College | |
| Scholar-In-Residence • Department of Political Science • Carleton College | 2005-2007 |
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| Education | |
| Ph.D/M.Phil • Yale University • Political Science | 2006/2004 |
| Exchange Student • Princeton University • Department of Religion | 2004-2005 |
| M.Phil. • University of Cambridge • Political Thought and Intellectual History | 2000 |
| B.A. • Amherst College • Political Science | 1999 |

Current Projects

• The Darkened Light of Faith: Race, Democracy, and Freedom in African American Political Thought is a book project that engages the puzzle of how African Americans engaged American democracy amid their social exclusion in the 19th and 20th century. How did they understand democracy such that their understanding justified appealing to the

- nation? I argue that focusing on this question gives us new insight into the tradition of African American political thought and enriches our understanding of democracy as a way of life. <u>(Under Contract: Princeton University Press: Seven of Eight Chapters Complete)</u>
- Oxford New Histories of Philosophy is a book series with Oxford University Press that publishes collections of primary materials and collections of critical essays and monographs on topics and figures that have been unstudied or understudied in the history of philosophy. https://www.oxford-new-histories.com

Book

1. The Undiscovered Dewey: Religion, Morality, and the Ethos of Democracy (Columbia University Press, 2009; Pb., October, 2012), 328 pages

Reviewed By: Darren Walhof, Contemporary Political Theory 11.3 (2012): 12-14; Jason Frank, Political Theory 40.3 (2012): 379-86; James C. McCollum, Education and Culture: The Journal of the John Deney Society 27.2 (2011): 101-05; Benjamin T. Craig, Contemporary Pragmatism 8.1 (2011): 211-25; Mladen Turk, American Journal of Theology and Philosophy 32.2 (2011): 193-96; Matthew S. Hedstrom, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 79.1 (2011): 236-47; Michael Eldridge, Transactions of Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy 46.3 (2010): 508-12; Colin Koopman, Perspectives on Politics 8.4 (2010): 1219-20; Robert W. King, Journal of American Studies 44.1 (2010): 227-29; Shane Ralston, Journal of Politics 72.1 (2010): 258-71; Jim Garrison, Teachers College Record (2009): online; Paul Fairfield, Notre Dame Philosophical Review (2009): online

Edited Books

- Co-Editor, African American Political Thought: A Collected History (with Jack Turner) (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021)
 Includes: Introduction; 30 Chapters on Figures in African American Political Thought
- 2. Editor, John Dewey, The Public and Its Problems (Swallow Press/Ohio University Press, 2016)
 - Includes: Annotations; Critical Introduction; Bibliographical Essay; Biographical Outline
- 3. Editor, *John Dewey, The Public and Its Problems* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2012-2015), 190 pages: Out of Print

Includes: Annotations; Critical Introduction; Bibliographical Essay; Biographical Outline **Reviewed In:** Shane Ralston, *Philosophy in Review*, 34.1-2 (2014): 11-13; Eldon J. Eisenach, *American Political Thought*, 4.1 (2015): 172-176; Ava Becker, *Education and Culture*, 31.1 (2015): 101-104

Journal Issues Edited

1. *Theory and Event*, "Ferguson and the Tragic Presence of the Past," Supplement, 17.3 (October, 2014), with an Introduction by Melvin Rogers: "Introduction: Disposable Lives": ONLINE http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory and event/toc/tae.17.3S.html Essays by: Dora Apel, Utz Lars McKnight, Michelle Smith, Patchen Markell, Tommy J. Curry, Lisa L. Miller, Vesla M. Weaver, Steven Johnston, and Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

2. Contemporary Pragmatism, "Revisiting The Public and Its Problems," Special Issue, 7.1 (June, 2010), with an Introduction by Melvin Rogers: "Introduction: Revisiting The Public and its Problems," 1-9

Essays by: James Bohman, Eric MacGilvray, Eddie Glaude, and Melvin Rogers

Book Chapters

- 1. "Political Theorizing in Black: An Introduction" (with Jack Turner), in African American Political Thought: A Collected History, eds. Melvin Rogers and Jack Turner (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021): 1-29
- 2. "David Walker: Citizenship, Judgment, Freedom, and Solidarity," in African American Political Thought: A Collected History, eds. Melvin Rogers and Jack Turner (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021): 52-76
- 3. "Race, Domination, and Republicanism," in Difference without Domination: On Justice and Democracy in Conditions of Diversity, ed. Danielle Allen and Rohini Somanathan (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2020): 59-90
- 4. Reprint: "The People, Rhetoric, and Affect: On the Political Force of Du Bois's *The Souls of Black Folk*," A Political Companion to W. E. B. Du Bois, ed. Nick Bromell (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2018): 123-158
- 5. "Race and the Democratic Aesthetic: Jefferson, Whitman, and Holiday on the Hopeful and the Horrific," Festschrift for J. Peter Euben, Radical Future Past: Untimely Essays in Political Theory, eds. Mark Reinhardt, George Shulman, and Rom Coles (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2014): 249-282
- 6. "Democracy, Piety, and Faith: A Reading of Dewey's Religious Outlook," Secular Faith, eds. Vincent Lloyd and Elliot Ratzman (Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2010): 126-152
 Revised reprint of Chapter 3, "Faith and Democratic Piety," of The Undiscovered Dewey

Journal Articles

- 1. "David Walker and the Political Power of the Appeal," Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy, 43.2 (April, 2015): 208-233
- 2. "The People, Rhetoric, and Affect: On the Political Force of Du Bois' The Souls of Black Folk," American Political Science Review, 106.1 (February 2012): 188-203
- 3. "The Fact of Sacrifice and Necessity of Faith: Dewey and the Ethics of Democracy," Transactions of Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy, 47.3 (November 2011): 274-300
- 4. "John Dewey and His Vision of Democracy," Contemporary Pragmatism: Special Issue, "Revisiting The Public and Its Problems," 7.1 (June, 2010): 69-92
- 5. "Re-reading Honneth: Exodus Politics and the Paradox of Recognition," European Journal of Political Theory 8.2 (April, 2009): 183-206
- "Democracy, Elites and Power: John Dewey Reconsidered," Contemporary Political Theory, 8.1 (February, 2009): 68-89
 Selected for Journal's Feature Article: Political Theory Revisited Section Revised version of Chapter 5, "Constraining Elites and Managing Power," of The Undiscovered Dewey

- 7. "Republican Confusion and Liberal Clarification," *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 34.7 (September, 2008): 799-824
- 8. "Action and Inquiry in Dewey's Philosophy," Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy, 43.1 (2007): 90-115
- 9. "Rorty's Straussianism; Or, Irony Against Democracy," Contemporary Pragmatism, 1.2 (December, 2004): 95-121
- 10. "Liberalism, Narrative, and Identity: A Pragmatic Defense of Racial Solidarity," *Theory and Event*, 6.2 (2002): http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/theory_&_event/

Popular Press, Reviews, and Other Writing

- 1. "We Should Be Afraid, But Not of the Protesters," Boston Review, May 20, 2020: ONLINE: http://bostonreview.net/race/melvin-rogers-we-should-be-afraid-not-protesters
- 2. "Democracy is a Habit: Practice It," Boston Review, July 25, 2018: ONLINE: http://bostonreview.net/politics/melvin-rogers-democracy-habit-practice-it (1500 words)
- 3. "The Many Dimensions of Black Panther," Dissent, February 27, 2018: ONLINE: https://www.dissentmagazine.org/online-articles/marvel-black-panther-review-race-empire-tragic-heroes (2031 words)
- 4. "Keeping the Faith: Review of Ta-Nehisi Coates' We Were Eight Years In Power," Boston Review, November 1, 2017: ONLINE: http://bostonreview.net/race/melvin-rogers-keeping-faith (2500 words)
- 5. "White Identity and Terror in America: Thinking about the Events of Charlottesville," *Public Seminar*, August 16, 2017: ONLINE: http://www.publicseminar.org/2017/08/white-identity-and-terror-in-america/#.We8vm62FTGI (575 words)
- 6. "White Supremacy, Fear and the Crises of Legitimation: Reflections on the mistrial in the murder case of Walter Scott and the election of Donald Trump," *Public Seminar*, January 1, 2017: ONLINE: http://www.publicseminar.org/2017/01/white-supremacy-fear-and-the-crises-of-legitimation/#.WG2ifLGVRZ0 (1690 words)
- 7. **"On Diamond Reynolds after Dallas,"** *Public Seminar*, July 8, 2016: ONLINE: http://www.publicseminar.org/2016/07/on-diamond-reynolds-after-dallas/ (590 words)
- 8. "What Good is History for African Americans?," Boston Review, May 17, 2016: ONLINE: https://www.bostonreview.net/us/melvin-rogers-what-good-history-african-americans (1534 words)
- 9. "Race and Dignity: Freedom Can't Be Left to Chance," Boston Review, December 7, 2015: ONLINE: http://bostonreview.net/us/melvin-rogers-race-dignity (1500 words)
- 10. Review of Ta-Nehisi Coates, Between the World and Me (published in long and short form):
 - Critical Exchange: "Coates is a Realists, Not a Pessimist: Lester Spence Responds to Melvin L. Rogers"; "Coates Isn't Hopeful: Melvin Rogers Responds to Lester Spence," *Dissent Magazine*, August 13, 2015: ONLINE: http://www.dissentmagazine.org/blog/ta-nehisi-coates-isnt-hopeful-melvin-rogers-lester-spence
 - "Between Pain and Despair: What Ta-Nehisi Is Missing," *Dissent Magazine*, July 31, 2015: ONLINE: https://www.dissentmagazine.org/online articles/between-world-me-ta-nehisi-coates-review-despair-hope (2300 words)
 - The Atlantic, ed. Chris Bodenner, "Between the World and Me Book Club: Your Critical Thoughts," July 26, 2015: ONLINE:

 http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2015/07/readers-critical-between-world-me-ta-nehisi-coates/399641/ (1000 words)

- 11. "Social Equality and the Afterlife of White Supremacy," *The Contemporary Condition*, January 16, 2015: ONLINE: http://contemporarycondition.blogspot.com/2015/01/social-equality-and-afterlife-of-white.html#links (1000 words)
- 12. Review of Contemporary Pragmatism, Volume 8, Issue 2, December 2011, Special Issue on "Obama and Pragmatism," Transactions of Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal In American Philosophy, 48.4 (2013): 558-62
- 13. **Review of George Yancy, Black Bodies, White Gazes**, Journal of Speculative Philosophy, 24.2 (2010): 192-94
- 14. "Dewey, Pluralism, and Democracy: A Response to Robert Talisse," Transactions of the Charles Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal In American Philosophy 45.1 (June, 2009): 75-79 Symposium on Robert Talisse's A Pragmatist Philosophy of Democracy (Routledge, 2007)
- 15. **"Republicanism,"** International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, 2nd edition. Ed. William A. Darity, Jr. 9 vols. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008): vol. 7, 188-89

Media Appearances/Interviews

- 1. How Do We Begin Again? James Baldwin's America and Our Own. With Eddie S. Glaude. Linfield College, September 22, 2020
- 2. Is Reason Overrated? Rethinking the Whole History of Western Thought. With Christia Mercer. Interviewed by June Cross, Columbia University: SPS, June 17, 2020: https://summer.sps.columbia.edu/summer-ideas-exchange
- 3. Early 19th Century Political Thought: David Walker, Maria Stewart, and Hosea Easton. Interviewed by Peter Adamson, History without Any Gaps, February 16, 2020, episode 46: https://historyofphilosophy.net/politics-rogers
- 4. Race and Democracy, Voices of America. Interviewed by Carol Castiel, Ashley Obuljen, and Jessica Von Zastrow, July, 2019: https://www.voanews.com/episode/melvin-rogers-race-and-democracy-3941261
- 5. Truth and Faith, The Democracy Test. Interviewed by Neal Conan and Heather Cox Richardson, November, 2018: https://soundcloud.com/truth-politics-power/truth-and-faith-the-sixth-and-final-episode-of-the-democracy-test
- 6. The Habits of Democracy. Interviewed by Kerri Miller and Elizabeth Stockman, MPR, August 20, 2018: https://www.mprnews.org/story/2018/08/20/democracy-habits
- 7. "Ta-Nehisi Coates and the End of Black Faith." Interviewed by Robert J. Benz, *Huffington Post*, December, 4, 2017: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/ta-nehisi-coates-and-the-end-of-black-faith-us-5a21f982e4b0545e64bf9357
- 8. John Dewey and the Ideal of Democracy. Interviewed by John Perry and Ken Taylor, *Philosophy Talk*, September 25, 2016
- 9. https://soundcloud.com/philosophytalk/john-dewey-and-the-ideal-of-democracy
- 10. Rare Recordings of James Baldwin. Interviewed by Brian DeShazor, From the Vault, July 14, 2016: http://lfla.org/event/live-from-the-vault-rare-recordings-of-james-baldwin/

Presentation and Lectures

"The Darkened Light of Faith: An Introduction,"

- Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, October 11, 2021
- Political Theory Workshop, Brown University, October 7, 2021

"Thinking About Black Republicanism: An Introduction,"

- Cambridge Contemporary Political Thought Seminar, University of Cambridge, November 20, 2020
- History of Political Ideas Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London, November 18, 2020
- Political Philosophy Colloquium, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, October 15, 2020

"Delany, Douglass, and the Danger of Political Pessimism"

- Frederick Douglass Conference, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA, September 25, 2020
- Why Douglass Matters: A Bicentennial Symposium, Linfield College, McMinnville, OR, April 27, 2018

"The Spectacle of Lynching Redeployed: On the Performance of Democratic Regard"

- Robert T. Harris Memorial Lecture, Miami University, Oxford, OH, September 26, 2019
- Media Ethics Speakers Series, University of Texas-Austin, TX, April 9, 2019

"Race, Domination, and Republicanism,"

- The Ethics Project, University of Texas-Austin, TX, April 8, 2019
- Victoria Colloquium, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, March 8, 2019
- Philosophy Colloquium, Philosophy Department, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, January 24, 2019
- Politics Across Borders Series, Political Science, Yale University, New Haven, CT, September 13, 2018
- American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 31, 2018
- Keynote: Ida B. Wells Philosophical Conference, Philosophy Department, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, April, 2018

"Running Ahead of the Evidence: A Meditation on Delany's Pessimism and Douglass' Faith"

• Rethinking the Black Intellectual Tradition: Pessimism as an Interpretative Frame, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, March 30, 2019

"Democratic Faith in Dark Times"

- "The Orators," Honors College, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, February 20, 2019
- "Democracy in Dark Times: Keeping the Faith in the Face of White Supremacy,"
- Annual Undergraduate Lecture, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, April 11, 2018

"The People's Two Bodies: Toward a Reading of W. E. B. Du Bois' The Souls of Black Folk"

- Philosophy Workshop, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, April 12, 2018
- Political Theory Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, January 24, 2018

"Being a Slave of the Community: Democratic-Republicanism and Racialized Domination"

- Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 29, 2017
- Political Theory Workshop, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, September 21, 2017
- Political Theory Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, January 20, 2017

"Is Liberal Democracy Our Future,"

 "Crises of Democracy: Thinking in Dark Times" Conference, Annadale-On-Hudson, NY, October 12-13, 2017

"Democratic Faith: Thomas Jefferson, the People, and Early Black Politics"

- Constitution Day Lecture, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, October 18, 2017
- "My Judgment Makes Me Political: David Walker's Transformative Appeal,"
- Lecture, Department of Religion, Brown University, Providence, RI, October 19, 2016

"Race and Republicanism: Reflections on Early African-American Political Thought,"

- Political Theory Workshop, University of California-Irvine, Irvine, CA, April 29, 2016
- *Keynote:* Law and Philosophy Conference, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, April 10, 2016

"The Demandingness of Freedom: Walker and Racial Domination,"

- Political Philosophy Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI, October 20, 2016
- Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 13, 2015
- Political Theory Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, October 30, 2015
- Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, September 16, 2015
- Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory, UC-Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, September 11, 2015
- The Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy, New York, NY, March 15, 2015
- Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 10, 2015
 "David Walker,"
- African American Political Thought: Past and Present Conference, Seattle, WA, April, 2014

"Performing One's Dignity: Walker, Race, and the Rhetorical Re-founding of the Republic,"

- American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 2013
- Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, West Lafayette, IN, October 2013
- American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, August 2013
- Series on Political Philosophy in Atlanta, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, February 27, 2013

"Race and the Democratic Aesthetic: Jefferson, Whitman, and Holiday on the Hopeful and the Horrific,"

- Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA, March 2013
- Philosophy Colloquium, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 16, 2012

"From Saints to Citizens: Abolitionist Rhetoric and Democratic Faith,"

• The Racial Saint: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, December, 2011

"Race and Democracy,"

 Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October, 2011

"The People, Rhetoric, and Affect: On the Political Force of Du Bois' *The Souls of Black Folk*,"

- Philosophy Department, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, February, 2012
- Political Science, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 10, 2011
- WISER Distinguished Lecture, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, October 10, 2011
- Political Science, University of Maryland, College Park, April 8, 2011
- Political Science, Law and Society Series, Rutgers University, March 25, 2011
- Political Science, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, February 8, 2011
- Works-in-Progress Series: Political Theory Colloquium, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 22, 2010

- Political Science, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, October 14, 2010
- Jefferson Society, University of Virginia, September 24, 2010
- American Political Science Conference, Washington, DC, September, 2010
- Political Science, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, April 14, 2010
- Affect, Imagination, and Democratic Values Conference, University of Virginia, April, 2010 "Pragmatism and Democratic Faith,"
- Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference, Arlington, VA, October, 2009

"The Fact of Sacrifice and Necessity of Faith: Dewey, Maine, and the Ethics of Democracy"

- American Studies Conference, Washington, DC, October, 2009
- Political Science, Works-in-Progress Colloquia, MIT, Cambridge, MA, March 5, 2009
- Political Science, William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 3, 2009
- University of Virginia, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, Charlottesville, VA, April 10, 2009
- Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, April 30, 2009

"The Limits of Sympathy: Grisham, Du Bois, Tocqueville and the Habits of Race Prejudice,"

 Association for Political Theory Conference, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, October, 2008

"Two Iterations on a Theme: Sympathy and Race,"

• American Philosophies Forum, "Words, Bodies, War," Nashville, TN, April, 2008

"Dewey, Pluralism, and Democracy: A Response to Robert Talisse,"

Pacific American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pasadena, CA, March, 2008

"Democracy, Elites, and Power: Dewey Reconsidered,"

• American Political Science Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September, 2006

"Dewey's Neo-Aristotelianism,"

• Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, December, 2005

"Faith and Democratic Piety,"

• Political Theory Workshop, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October, 2005

"Rorty, Strauss, and Irony,"

• Northeastern Political Science Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2003

"Liberalism and Identity: A Pragmatic Defense of Racial Solidarity,"

 New School University Conference, "Crisis and Opportunity: Rethinking the Political," New York, NY, May, 2002

"Dewey, Democracy, and the Fragility of Deliberation,"

• American Political Science Conference, San Francisco, CA, September, 2001

Author Meets Critics

1. The Undiscovered Dewey and William James on Ethics and Faith (by Michael Slater)
Participants: John Stuhr, Stuart Rosenbaum, Randy Friedman
American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October, 2010

2. The Undiscovered Dewey

Participants: Rogers Smith, Jim Johnson, Robert Peppermen Taylor, Eric MacGilvray Annual Canadian Political Science Conference, Montreal, Canada, June, 2010

Conferences Organized

- 1. **Seeing Beyond the Veil: Race-ing Key Concepts in Political Theory**, Brown, Providence, RI, November 8-9, 2018 (Raised 35K)
- 2. **Race and the Imagination in African American Political Thought,** UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April, 2017 (Raised 15K)
- 3. **African American Political Thought: Past and Present,** UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, May 14-17, 2015 (Raised \$45K)
- 4. **Political Theory and Aesthetics**, Western Political Science Conference, Hollywood, CA, March, 2013
- 5. Affect, Imagination, and Democratic Values, University of Virginia, April, 2010

Fellowships and Awards

| Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America | 2017-2018 |
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| Faculty Fellowship • Brown University | |
| Safra Center Ethics Fellowship • Harvard University, Declined | 2015-2016 |
| Sesquicentennial Fellowship • University of Virginia • \$42,000 | 2010-2011 |
| Summer Grant • University of Virginia | Summer 2009 |
| Consortium for Faculty Diversity at Liberal Arts College Fellowship | 2005-2007 |
| John F. Enders Fellowship • Yale University, | Summer, 2005 |
| Dissertation Fellowship • Yale University | 2004-2005 |
| Memorial Fellowship • Amherst College | 2003-2004 |
| Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship | 1999-2002 |
| Keashey Memorial Foundation Scholarship • Cambridge • | 1999-2000 |
| Selwyn College | |
| Ralph J. Bunche Fellowship • University of Virginia | Summer, 1998 |

Ph.D. Committee Membership

- Jared Loggins (Brown University, Chair), "W. E. B. Du Bois and the Religious Upheaval Against Racial Capitalism," Defended 2021, Assistant Professor of Black Studies and Political Science Amherst College (Fall 2021)
- Michelle Rose (Brown University, Chair), "The Art of Living: Recovering Alain Locke's Political Aesthetics," Defended 2020, now Visiting Assistant Professor Brown University (Fall 2020); Visiting Assistant Professor Providence College (Fall 2020)
- Anuja Bose (UCLA), "Frantz Fanon and the Politics of Solidarity: On the Practice of Third World Intercontinentalism," Defended 2017, now Assistant Professor of Political Science University of Minnesota

- Jonathan Edward Collins (UCLA), "Talking in the Halls: Deliberative Democracy, Local Institutions, and School Board Governance," Defended 2017, now Assistant Professor of Education at Brown University
- Mark Fagino (Emory University), "The Meanings and Values of Race: Pluralism and Social Melioration," defended 2013, now Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at University of Central Florida
- Joshua Zaslow (McMaster University), "Epistemic Defense of Democracy," defended 2013
- Justin Rose (UVA), "The Drum Major Instinct: Martin Luther King Jr's Theory of Democratic Service," defended 2014, now Associate Professor of Political Science at Rhodes College and Dean for Faculty Recruitment, Development, and Diversity
- Katharine Schweitzer (Emory University), "Principled Compromise in Theorizing about Justice," defended 2014, now Assistant Professor in Department of Philosophy at University of Nevada Reno

Editorial, Peer-Review Activities, and Professional Participation

| Book Review Editor, Political Theory: An International Journal | 2015-2020 |
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| of Political Philosophy | |
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| Editorial Board Member, American Political Science Review | 2020-Present |
| Editorial Board Member, Polity | 2020-Present |
| Editorial Board Member, Contemporary Pragmatism | 2017-Present |

Referee for the following publishing houses: Polity (18; 20); Princeton University Press (17; 20); Columbia University Press (10; 17; 20); Oxford University Press (15; 20); Rowman and Littlefield (14; 20); Cambridge University Press (13); MIT (18)

Referee for the following journals: American Political Thought (13; 16; 17); Du Bois Review (13); Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society: A Quarterly Journal in American Philosophy (07; 08; 09; 12); Polity (12); The Good Society (11); European Journal of Political Theory (10); Political Science Quarterly (10); American Political Science Review (09); Journal of Politics (09); Political Studies (09); Journal of Speculative Philosophy (09); Philosophy & Rhetoric (08); Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory (07)

American Political Science Association

| • | Member, Foundations of Political Thought Committee | 2013-2016 |
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| • | Co-Chair: Political Thought and Philosophy Section Organizer | 2014-2015 |

Conference for the Study of Political Thought

| • Spitz Prize Committee Member 2010 | 6-2019 |
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Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

• Sawyer Seminar Selection Committee 2020-

Administrative Service

Brown University and Department of Political Science

- Director of Graduate Studies, (2020-)
- Member: Committee on Faculty Equity and Diversity Board, (2018-2021)
- Member: Diversity and Inclusion Oversight Board, (2017-2020)

UCLA and Departments of African American Studies and Political Science

- Member: Executive Committee, Department of Political Science, 2015-2017
- Faculty Coordinator: Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, 2015-2017
- Member: Admissions Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2015-2016
- Member: University of California President's Faculty Fellowship Committee, 2015-2016
- Member: Interim Governance Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2015
- Member: Executive Committee, Department of African American Studies, 2014-2016
- Member: Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2014-2015
- Member: Peer Review Committee on Teaching, Department of Political Science, 2014-2015

Emory University and Department of Philosophy

- Member: Department Graduate Studies Committee, 2013-2014
- Member: Laney Graduate School Appointments Committee, 2013-2014
- Member: Department Colloquium Committee, 2012-2014
- Member: Law, Ethics, and Society Search Committee, 2012-2013

University of Virginia and Department of Politics

- Member: Dean Ad-Hoc Department Chair Search Committee, Fall, 2009
- Faculty Coordinator: Political Theory Colloquium, 2008-2010 (Managing 15K Operating Budget)
- Member: Carter G. Woodson Pre- and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Committee, 2008-2009
- Member: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Politics, 2007-2010
- Member: African-American Studies Curriculum Committee, Carter G. Woodson Institute: 2007-2010