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## **CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION**

- 2018-Present Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellow,  
Department of Philosophy, Queen's University
- 2017-present Lecturer, Arts and Science Program, University of Guelph  
"Society and Inquiry I", Fall 2017; Fall 2018  
"Use of Knowledge". Fall 2017

## **EDUCATION**

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- 2016 Ph.D., Political Science, University of California-Irvine  
Dissertation: "*Economies of Ignorance: Genealogical Study of Political Ignorance in Late  
Modernity*"  
Committee: *Keith Topper (Chair), Simone Chambers, Kevin Olson, Daniel Brunstetter,  
Dan Avnon*
- 2009 M.A., Political Science, University of Toronto
- 2008 B.A., Political Science and Social and Political Thought, York University  
*Summa cum laude*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Refereed Publications**

- 2018 "Refugees Are Not Weapons: The 'Weapons of Mass Migration' Metaphor and Its  
Implications". *International Studies Review*. DOI: 10.1093/isr/vix055.
- 2017 "Rethinking Homo-Economicus in the Political Sphere", *Constellations: An  
International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. DOI: 10.1111/1467-8675.12295. p.  
1-15.
- 2017 "Adam Smith: So What If The Sovereign Shares In Ignorance?", *Journal of  
International Political Theory*. DOI: 10.1177/1755088217705893. P. 1-21.
- 2016 "Examination of Practices of Ignorance Conducive to Democracy Based on  
Rancierian Thought and Rortian Pragmatism". *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 42.8:  
797-814.

### **Non-refereed Publications**

- 2017 "Review of *Against Democracy* by Jason Brennan". *Journal of Politics*.

- 2015 “Democracy and Practices of Ignorance”. In Matthias Gross and Linsey McGoey., eds. *Routledge International Handbook of Ignorance Studies*, p. 282-293.
- 2010 “The Limits of Historiography”. *Telos: Journal of Contemporary Theory*. TelosThreads Project
- 2010 “Putting The Theorists on Trial: Cross-examining Benjamin’s and Arendt’s Accounts in Light of Totalitarianism”. *Telos: Journal of Contemporary Theory*. TelosThreads Project
- 2010 “Critical Theory as Religion” *Telos: Journal of Contemporary Theory*. TelosThreads Project
- 2009 “Recovering Identity in the World: From Hegel and Critical Theory to Ricoeur and Rasmussen”. *Telos: Journal of Contemporary Theory*. TelosThreads Project

### **Other Publications**

- 2017 “Allowing the destruction of residential school records — how the Supreme Court missed a chance to help in reconciliation”, *Ottawa Citizen*, October 30. <http://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/columnists/marder-destroying-residential-school-records-how-the-supreme-court-missed-a-chance-to-help-in-reconciliation>.
- 2017 Minor Contributing Author. “Editorial”. *Journal of Performance Philosophy*, 2.2 (2017). <http://www.performancephilosophy.org/journal/article/view/132/145>.
- 2016 “Does Draining The Swamp Mean What The Kremlin Thinks It Means?”. *Washington Post*, December 22. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/12/22/does-draining-the-swamp-really-mean-what-the-kremlin-thinks-it-means/?utm\\_term=.b4318417fa90](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/12/22/does-draining-the-swamp-really-mean-what-the-kremlin-thinks-it-means/?utm_term=.b4318417fa90).
- 2012 “Review: Hermeneutic Communism: From Heidegger to Marx”. *Ceasefire Magazine*, March 18. <https://ceasefiremagazine.co.uk/review-communist-manifesto-21st-century/>.

### **Under Review**

“Do employers know too much or can ignorance protect women at the workplace”

## **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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### **Teaching Positions**

- 2016-2017 Special Graduate Faculty, Wilfrid Laurier University  
“Cultural Analysis and Social Criticism”, Fall 2016 [Graduate course]
- 2012-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of California-Irvine  
“Media Writing”, Winter 2015; Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Summer 2016  
“International Studies Public Forum”, Summer 2015; Summer 2016  
“Introduction to International Relations”, Fall 2014

“Introduction to Political Analysis”, Spring 2013  
“Introduction to Political Theory”, Winter 2013  
“Seminar on Conflict Resolution”, Fall 2012

2014-2015 Adjunct Faculty, Political Science, Loyola Marymount University  
“Foundations of Political Thought”, Fall 2014; Winter 2015

2009-2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science, York University  
“Media, Identity, and Citizenship”, Fall 2010  
“Introduction to Business and Society”, 2009-2010

2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of Toronto  
“Ideas and Ideologies”, Fall 2008

### **Research Positions**

2014 Research Assistant, Political Science, University of California-Irvine  
Completed a literature review on absorption and immigration in Israel for Dr. Sarah Goodman’s “Immigration and the Challenge of Inclusion” Project

### **Other Positions**

2009-2010 Intern, *Telos: A Quarterly Journal for Critical Thought*

2006-2008 Editor-in-Chief, *Social and Political Thought Undergraduate Journal*, York University

### **INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2018 [forthcoming] “Do employers know too much or can ignorance protect women at the workplace”, Philosophy Department Colloquium Series, Queen’s University, Nov. 22

2018 [forthcoming] “Do employers know too much or can ignorance protect women at the workplace”, Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Nov. 8-10

2018 “Reflections on the destruction of archives”, Centre For Memory and Testimony Studies. Wilfrid Laurier University, Mar. 7

2017 “Regulation of human embryo editing in Canada: justifications and omissions”. Canadian Science and Technology Historical Association Conference. University of Western Ontario, Nov. 4-5

2016 “‘We Call Upon’: Who Are We? Who Could We Be?”. Integrating Knowledges Summit: Truth and Reconciliation Summit. University of Waterloo, Oct. 15

2016 “How To Represent The People’s Ignorance”. Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois, Apr. 7-10

2016 “John Rawls Against Algorithms”. Political Science Colloquium. University of California, Irvine, April 15

- 2016 “Racial In/Justice: Revisiting The Charles Mills—Tommie Shelby Debate”. Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities. Harford, Connecticut, Apr. 1-2
- 2016 “How To Represent The People’s Ignorance”. Braga Colloquium In The History of Moral and Political Philosophy. Braga, Portugal, Jan. 14-15
- 2015 “Ignorance of the Signification of Words in Thomas Hobbes’s *Leviathan*”. London Conference in Critical Thought. London, UK, Jun. 27-28
- 2014 “The Epistemic Dimension of the Critical Theory and Pragmatic-Hermeneutic Approaches to Democracy”. London Conference in Critical Thought. London, UK, Jun. 27-28
- 2014 “Foucauldian Intervention in the Study of Political Ignorance”. 2014 Western Political Science Association Conference. Seattle, Washington, Apr. 17-19
- 2013 “Concept of Reasonableness in Rawls”. International Society of Political Psychology. Hertzeliya, Israel, Jul. 8-11
- 2013 “Performative Formula of Representation: Hanna Pitkin meets Jacques Derrida through J.L. Austin”. Western Political Science Association Conference. Hollywood, California, Mar. 28-30
- 2013 “What can be learned from the Medieval Theorization of Ignorance?”. 2013 Medieval Association of the Pacific Conference. San Diego, California, Mar. 21-22
- 2012 [Paper accepted] “On Hegel’s State: From Representational Epistemology to Existential Being”. 2012 American Political Science Association Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, Aug 30-Sep.2
- 2011 “Buberian Epistemological Update and the Concept of the Person”. Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy in Memory of the late Yitzhak Rabin. Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel. Dec. 14-16
- 2011 [Invited Talk] “Starting with the Person: The Shift Towards Hermeneutical Political Consciousness”. Royal Society of Canada Annual Symposium: Literacy and Citizenship in the 21st Century. Royal Society of Canada. Ottawa, Canada. Oct. 14
- 2010 “Mis-Taking History and Fiction in the Thought of Paul Ricoeur”. 15th Annual Graduate Student Conference in French and Francophone Studies. University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles. CA. Oct. 21-22

- 2009 “Understanding the Secret of Perpetual Peace: Kant on International Relations Theory in General and the Middle East in Particular”. Israel/Palestine in Perspective Conference. University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario. May 1
- 2009 “Looking at Obscurity: A Gadamerian Approach to Arendt’s Political Subject”. (Inter)disciplinaries: Theory and Crisis Conference. University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C. Mar.7-8

## **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

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- 2016 School of Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of California-Irvine
- 2016 Assn. for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities Graduate Workshop Grant
- 2016, 2015 Graduate Research Fellowship, Political Science, University of California-Irvine  
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- 2015, 2014 Summer Research Fellowship, Political Science, University of California Irvine  
2013, 2012
- 2011-2013 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), The Government of Canada
- 2011 Canada Graduate Scholarship-Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), The Government of Canada
- 2010-2011 Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), The Government of Canada
- 2011 Visiting Research Fellowship in Political Science, Hebrew University
- 2010 Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University Scholarship for Conducting Research at Hebrew University. Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University
- 2008-2009 Master’s Canadian Graduate Scholarship. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), The Government of Canada
- 2008-2009 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Government of Ontario (declined to accept SSHRC)
- 2008-2009 C.B. McPherson Scholarship. University of Toronto, Political Science
- 2005 The Rudolph Family Award in Political Science, York University
- 2007-2008 Continuing Student Scholarship, York University  
2005-2006

2004-2008 Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship, The Government of Canada

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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2015 London Graduate School  
Summer Academy in the Critical Humanities

2008-2009 Teaching Assistants' Training Program, University of Toronto  
Attained Teaching Fundamentals Certificate

2009 Forum on Contemporary Theory, University of Baroda, India  
VII Theory Praxis Course

2009 French Immersion Explore Program-Intermediate level, Collège de Jonquière  
Certificate of Successful completion

2008 Cours de civilisation françaises, University of Paris at the Sorbonne Certificat de langue et civilisation françaises

## **DISCIPLINARY MEMBERSHIP**

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Assn. for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

European Hobbes Society

## **LANGUAGES**

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English, Russian: Fluent

Hebrew: Near Fluency

German, French: Reading Proficiency and Research Knowledge

## **REFERNECES**

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### **Keith Topper**

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