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## EMPLOYMENT

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**Brandeis University, Department of Politics**  
Assistant Professor

Waltham, MA  
January 2014 - Present

**Nuffield College, University of Oxford**  
Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow

Oxford, UK  
September 2012 – December 2013

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**  
Ph.D, Department of Political Science  
Dissertation: *Why Ratification? Questioning the Unexamined  
Constitution-Making Procedure* (passed with distinction)  
Advisors: Jon Elster; Melissa Schwartzberg  
Fields: Political Theory; International Relations (minor)

New York, NY  
February 2013

**University of Virginia**  
B.A., Political & Social Thought Honors Program, Philosophy (minor)  
Thesis: *Questioning the Moral Justification for Posner's Normative Law and Economic Theory*  
Advisors: Colin Bird; Michael J. Smith.

Charlottesville, VA  
May 2005

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Lenowitz, Jeffrey A. "A Trust that cannot be Delegated': The Invention of Ratification Referenda." *American Political Science Review* 109, no. 4: 2015. *Forthcoming*.

Lenowitz, Jeffrey A. Review of *A Theory of Militant Democracy: The Politics of Combatting Political Extremism*, by Alexander Kirschner. *Journal of Politics* 77, no. 4: 2015. *Forthcoming*.

"Why Ratification? Constituent Power & the Unexamined Process." *Le Pouvoir Constituant et l'Europe*, edited by Olivier Cayla and Pasquale Pasquino. Paris: Dalloz Press, 2011.

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Democratic theory; constitutional theory and design; legitimacy; history of political thought; punishment; jurisprudence; representation; obligation; global justice; decision-making procedures

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**AWARDS & OTHER FELLOWSHIPS**


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Norman Award for Faculty Research, Brandeis University	Summer 2015 & 2014, Fall 2014
Warden's Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, University of Oxford	Summer 2014
MA Degree, University of Oxford	September 2014
Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellow, ISERP, Columbia University	Fall 2010 – Spring 2012
Edith C. Black Fellow, Columbia University	Fall 2010 – Spring 2012
Katerina Alevizaki Dracopoulos Summer Fellowship, Columbia University	Summer 2011
Teaching Fellow, Columbia University	Spring 2008 – Fall 2011
Faculty Fellow, Columbia University	Fall 2007 – Spring 2009
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia	2005
Raven Honors Society, University of Virginia	2004

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**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**


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"Creating Legitimate Constitutions: The Possible Role of Procedures." Submitted, September 2015.

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**WORKING PAPERS**


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"The People Say 'No': Understanding the Popular Rejection of U.S. State Constitutions."

"Doing what doesn't Work: the Use and Justification of Ineffective Crime-Reduction Policies." With Amy Nivette, Universiteit Utrecht.

"Rejecting Kant and Luther: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Alternative Theory of Resistance"

"Trapped within the Nation-State: the Incompatibility of Habermas' Conception of Human Rights and the International Sphere"

Indian Constitutional Entrenchment: Loophole or Accidental Democratic Innovation (with Sandipto Dasgupta, Kings College, London)

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**INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**


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<i>Can We Operationalize Constituent Power?</i>	Hamburg, Germany
Universität Hamburg Political Theory Colloquium	June 22, 2015

<i>Creating Legitimate Constitutions: The Possible Role of Procedures</i>	Copenhagen, Denmark
Facts & Norms in European Political Theory: Conference	August 22, 2013

<i>Creating Legitimate Constitutions: The Possible Role of Procedures</i>	Oxford, UK
Nuffield Political Theory Workshop	January 28, 2013

<i>Justification from Representation</i>	New York, NY
Columbia University Political Theory Workshop	October 6, 2010

<i>Justifying Constitutional Ratification through Representation</i> Mellon Graduate Fellows Seminar, Columbia University	New York, NY December 3, 2010
<i>Trapped Within the Nation-State: Problems in the International Use of Jürgen Habermas' Conception of Human Rights</i> Recent Continental Theory Seminar, Columbia University	New York, NY April 8, 2010
<i>Why Let the People Speak Twice? Ratification and the Constituent Power</i> Le Pouvoir Constituant et l'Europe, Collège de France	Paris, France December 12, 2008

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#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<i>Procedural Legitimacy and Constitution-making</i> Association for Political Theory 2014 Conference	Madison, Wisconsin October 17, 2014
<i>Creating Legitimate Constitutions: The Possible Role of Procedures</i> Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy IV	Braga, Portugal May 21, 2013
<i>The Domain of Constituent Power: The Berkshire Constitutionalists Explain Ratification</i> Association for Political Theory 2011 Conference	Notre Dame, IN October 14, 2011
<i>The Domain of Constituent Power: The Berkshire Constitutionalists Explain Ratification</i> American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Seattle, WA September 3, 2011
<i>Rejected by the People: U.S. State Constitutional Conventions in the 1960s &amp; 1970s</i> Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting	Vancouver, BC March 2009
<i>Rejected by the People: U.S. State Constitutional Conventions in the 1960s &amp; 1970s</i> Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University	New York, NY April 2008
<i>Obedience at the Time of Necessity: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Theory of Resistance</i> Western Political Science Association	San Diego, CA March 2008

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Brandeis University**

Civil Liberties in America (undergraduate)	Fall 2015
Constitutional Theory & Design Seminar (undergraduate/graduate)	Spring 2014, Fall 2015
Legal Theory Seminar (undergraduate/graduate)	Spring 2015
The Supreme Court Colloquium (undergraduate)	Fall 2014, Spring 2015
Global Justice Seminar (undergraduate/graduate)	Fall 2014
Introduction to Political Theory (undergraduate)	Spring 2014, 2015

**Columbia University**

Judicial Politics, T.A. for Professor Jeffrey Lax	Fall 2011
Modern Political Thought, T.A. for Professor Melissa Schwartzberg	Spring 2010
Global Justice & Democracy, T.A. for Professor Jean Cohen	Fall 2009
Problems in Democratic Theory, T.A. for Professor Melissa Schwartzberg	Spring 2009
History of Human Rights, T.A. for Professor Itai Sneh	Summer 2009
Introduction to Human Rights, T.A. for Professor Andrew Nathan	Spring 2008, Fall 2008
Constitutional Law (Summer Program), Instructor	Summer 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012

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**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE**


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**Reviewer for:**

Journal of Politics; Polity; Political Research Quarterly; American Politics Research

**Brandeis University**

	Waltham, MA
History of Ideas Program, Board Member	Spring 2014 - Present
Politics Major and First Year Advisor	Fall 2014 - Present
Graduate Supervisor (Christine Choudri)	Present
Dissertation Committee Member (Yasser Kureshi)	Present
Kay Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee Member	Spring 2015
Conference Organizer, <i>Threats, Free Speech, &amp; Law in the Internet Age: Elonis V. US</i>	December 2, 2014
Honors Thesis Committee Member (David Miller, Julian Cardillo)	May 2014
Dissertation Committee Member (Jinmin Lee)	April 2014

**APSA Annual Conference**

	Washington, D.C.
Discussant, <i>Constitutions, Elections, and the Legitimacy of Non-Democratic Regimes</i>	August 31, 2014

**Association for Political Theory Annual Conference**

	Madison, WI
Discussant, <i>Constitutionalisms and Law</i>	October 18, 2014

**Nuffield College, University of Oxford**

	Oxford, UK
Deputy Dean of Degrees	Michaelmas 2013
Personnel & Domestic Committee, Member	Michaelmas 2013

**Columbia University Political Theory Workshop**

	New York, NY
Graduate Student Coordinator	Spring 2011-Spring 2012
Discussant for Papers presented by John McCormick, Dale Jamieson, Simone Chambers, Andrew Rehfeld, and Mathias Risse	2008 - 2011

**Zuckerman Conference at the Mellon Biennial, ISERP**

	New York, NY
Discussant, <i>Panel 5: What Constitutes Work? Social and Individual Welfare</i>	April 8, 2010

**“Varieties of Majority Rule,” Maison Français, Columbia University**  
Graduate Student Conference Coordinator

New York, NY  
November 7 - 8, 2008

**Melissa Schwartzberg, Columbia University**  
Research Assistant

New York, NY  
June 2007 - September 2007

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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American Political Science Association; American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy;  
Association for Political Theory; International Conference for the Study of Political Thought