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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**McGill University**

R.B. Angus Professor of Political Science, July 2023–present
Full Professor, Department of Political Science, Nov. 2018–present
Associate Member, Department of Philosophy, June 2009–present
Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Political Science, June 2007–Oct. 2018
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Political Science, July 2003–May 2007

**Interuniversity**

Director, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique de Montréal (GRIPP),
     Sept. 2017–present

**Université de Montréal**

Chercheur invité, Centre de recherche en éthique, Sept.–Dec. 2021
Chercheur invité, Centre de recherche en éthique, Sept.–Dec. 2019
Chercheur invité, Centre de recherche en éthique, Sept.–Dec. 2014

**Princeton University**

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Sept. 2007– June
     2008

**Wesleyan University**

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Government, Jan. 2002–June 2003
Instructor (tenure-track), Department of Government, July 2000–Dec. 2001

**Wilmette Institute** (Illinois)

Instructor in Political Theory, July 1998

**Universidad Núr** (Bolivia)

Visiting Instructor, June 1998

**Harvard University**

Instructor, Department of Government, Fall 1997
Teaching Fellow, Department of Government, Fall 1996

## EDUCATION

**Harvard University**

PhD, Department of Government, Sept. 1994–Nov. 2001
Dissertation: *Rhetoric, the Passions, and Difference in Discursive Democracy*
> APSA Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political philosophy
> Harvard's Toppan Prize for best dissertation in political science
Committee: Seyla Benhabib (chair), Richard Tuck, Pratap Mehta

**Oxford University (Queen's College)**

MPhil, Sub-faculty of Politics, 1992–94
Thesis: *Power and Community, Here and Now: The Global Context of Political Morality*
Thesis advisor: G. A. Cohen; MPhil supervisor: Alan Ware

**University of Winnipeg**

BA (Honours), Double Major in Economics and Political Science, 1988–92

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

**[1]** Drafted monograph in progress. *Power, Subjection, and Democracy.*

Subject of day-long manuscript workshops at Brown University (March 26, 2023) and McGill University (Aug. 15, 2022).

**[2]** 2018. *Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics.* Cambridge University Press.

Winner 2019 Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize (English): "An outstanding book, one of the best books on early modern philosophy in the past 10 years. It exemplifies how history of philosophy should be done these days, combining mastery of Hobbes's works and a sophisticated use of the conceptual apparatus of contemporary work on metaethics…No serious scholar of Hobbes and early modern moral philosophy can ignore this book and it should become an instant classic." — Jury citation

"Probably the most rigorous and philosophically sophisticated treatment of Hobbes's work in existence."— *Hobbes Studies*

Reviews & Forums:
> Mary Peterson, *Philosophy in Review* 42.4 (2022): 1–3.
> S.A. Lloyd, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 58.1 (2020): 174–75.
> Devin Stauffer, *Political Theory* 48.3 (2020): 401–415.
> Paul Sagar, *Hobbes Studies* 32.2 (2019): 248-52.
> Ioannis Evrigenis, *Perspectives on Politics* 17.3 (2019): 869-70.
> Manuel Lencastre Cardoso, *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* 75.1 (2019): 727–32.
> Éric Marquer, *Archives de philosophie*, 82 (2019): 424–427.
> Luc Foisneau, *La Vie des idées* (May 8, 2019) (English version in *Books & Ideas*).
> Daniel Eggers, *Online Colloquium of the European Hobbes Society* (Jan. 4, 2019).
> Michael LeBuffe, *Online Colloquium of the European Hobbes Society* (Dec. 28, 2018).
> Sandra Field, *Online Colloquium of the European Hobbes Society* (Dec. 21, 2018).

### Refereed Journal Articles

**[3]** Forthcoming. "What Toleration Is Not." **Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy**.

**[4]** 2023. "The Blocker Postulates for Measures of Voting Power." **Social Choice and Welfare** 60.4: 595-623. (Co-authored: Arash Abizadeh and Adrian Vetta)

**[5]** 2023. "The Grammar of Social Power: Power-to, Power-with, Power-despite, and Power-over." **Political Studies** 71.1: 3-19.

*Response by Niko Kolodny. "Partners and Patients: A Revised Grammar of Social Power." *Political Studies* 7.1: 20-29.

**[6]** 2022. "A Recursive Measure of Voting Power with Partial Decisiveness or Efficacy." **The Journal of Politics** 84.3: 1652–66.

**[7]** 2021. "The Scope of the All-Subjected Principle: On the Logical Structure of Coercive Laws." **Analysis** 81.4: 603-610.

**[8]** 2021. "Representation, Bicameralism, Political Equality, and Sortition: Reconstituting the Second Chamber as a Randomly Selected Assembly." **Perspectives on Politics** 19.3: 791-806.

**[9]** 2021. "Counter-Majoritarian Democracy: Persistent Minorities, Federalism, and the Power of Numbers." **American Political Science Review** 115.3: 742-756.

**[10]** 2021. "The Power of Numbers: On Agential Power-With-Others Without Power-Over-Others." **Philosophy & Public Affairs** 49.3: 290-318.

**[11]** 2020. "Glory and the Evolution of Hobbes's Disagreement Theory of War: From *Elements* to *Leviathan*." **History of Political Thought** 41.2: 265-298.

**[12]** 2019. "Subjectivism, Instrumentalism, and Prudentialism about Reasons: On the Normativity of Instrumental Transmission." **European Journal of Philosophy** 27.2: 387-402.

**[13]** 2017. "Hobbes's Conventionalist Theology, the Trinity, and God as an Artificial Person by Fiction." **The Historical Journal** 60.4: 915-941.

*Excerpt reprinted in *Leviathan*. Ed. David Johnston. Second Norton Critical Edition. New York: W. W. Norton, 2020.

**[14]** 2017. "Hobbes's Agnostic Theology before *Leviathan*." **Canadian Journal of Philosophy** 47.5: 714-737.

**[15]** 2017. "Hobbes on Mind: Practical Deliberation, Reasoning, and Language." **Journal of the History of Philosophy** 55.1: 1-34.

**[16]** 2015. "The Absence of Reference in Hobbes' Philosophy of Language." **Philosophers' Imprint** 15.22: 1–17.

**[17]** 2015. "Wage Competition and the Special-Obligations Challenge to More Open Borders." **Politics, Philosophy & Economics** 14.3: 255–269. (Co-authored: Arash Abizadeh, Manish Pandey, & Sohrab Abizadeh)

**[18]** 2013. "A Critique of the "Common Ownership of the Earth" Thesis." **Les Ateliers de l'éthique** 8.2: 33–40.

**[19]** 2013. "Publicity, Privacy, and Religious Toleration in Hobbes's *Leviathan*." **Modern Intellectual History** 10.2: 261–291.

**[20]** 2012. "On the Demos and its Kin: Nationalism, Democracy, and the Boundary Problem." **American Political Science Review** 106.4: 867–882.

**[21]** 2011. "Hobbes on the Causes of War: A Disagreement Theory." **American Political Science Review** 105.2: 298–315.

**[22]** 2008. "How Baha'i Voters Should Vote." **The Journal of Baha'i Studies** 18.1–4: 77–94.

*Persian translation in 2016 آسو <http://aasoo.org/articles/83/>

**[23]** 2008. "Is There a Genuine Tension between Cosmopolitan Egalitarianism and Special Responsibilities?" **Philosophical Studies** 138.3: 348–365 (Co-authored: Arash Abizadeh & Pablo Gilabert.)

*Response by Patti Tamara Lenard and Margaret R. Moore. "Ineliminable Tension: A Reply to Abizadeh and Gilabert's 'Is There a Genuine Tension between Cosmopolitan Egalitarianism and Special Responsibilities?'" *Philosophical Studies* 146.3 (2009): 399–405.

**[24]** 2008. "Democratic Theory and Border Coercion: No Right to Unilaterally Control Your Own Borders." **Political Theory** 36.1: 37–65.

*Reprint in *Global Justice*. Ed. Christian Barry & Holly Lawford-Smith. London: Ashgate, 2012.

*Response by David Miller. "Why Immigration Controls are not Coercive: A Reply to Arash Abizadeh." *Political Theory* 38.1 (2010): 111–120.

*Spanish translation in *Migración, Territorio y Fronteras: Perspectivas éticas del fenómeno migratorio*. Ed. Luis Xavier López-Farjeat & Cecilia Coronado. El Marqués, Querétaro: Aliosventos Ediciones, 2023.

**[25]** 2007. "Cooperation, Pervasive Impact, and Coercion: On the Scope (not Site) of Distributive Justice." **Philosophy & Public Affairs** 35.4: 318–358.

**[26]** 2007. "On the Philosophy/Rhetoric Binaries, or, Is Habermasian Discourse Motivationally Impotent?" **Philosophy & Social Criticism** 33.4: 445–472.

**[27]** 2006. "Liberal Egalitarian Arguments for Closed Borders: Some Preliminary Critical Reflections." **Ethics & Economics** 4.1. < http://ethique-economique.net>

**[28]** 2005. "Democratic Elections without Campaigns? Normative Foundations of National Baha'i Elections." **World Order** 37.1: 7–49.

**[29]** 2005. "Was Fichte an Ethnic Nationalist? On Cultural Nationalism and its Double." **History of Political Thought** 26.2: 334–359.

**[30]** 2005. "In Defence of the Universalization Principle in Discourse Ethics." **The Philosophical Forum** 36.2: 193–211.

**[31]** 2005. "Does Collective Identity Presuppose an Other? On the Alleged Incoherence of Global Solidarity." **American Political Science Review** 99.1: 45–60.

**[32]** 2004. "Historical Truth, National Myths, and Liberal Democracy: On the Coherence of Liberal Nationalism." **The Journal of Political Philosophy** 12.3: 291–313.

**[33]** 2004. "Liberal Nationalist versus Postnational Social Integration: On the Nation's Ethno-Cultural Particularity and 'Concreteness'." **Nations and Nationalism** 10.3: 231–250.

**[34]** 2002–2003. "Introduction to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court." **World Order** 34.2: 19–27.

**[35]** 2002. "The Passions of the Wise: Phronêsis, Rhetoric and Aristotle's Passionate Practical Deliberation." **The Review of Metaphysics** 56.2: 267–296.

*Reprint in *Politics and the Passions in the History of Political Thought*. Ed. Leonard Ferry and Rebecca Kingston. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2008.

**[36]** 2002. "Does Liberal Democracy Presuppose a Cultural Nation? Four Arguments." **American Political Science Review** 96.3: 495–509.

**[37]** 2002. "Amnesia, Obsession, Cinematic U-Turns: On Mulholland Drive." **Senses of Cinema** 19. (Co authored: Kirsten Ostherr & Arash Abizadeh) <http://sensesofcinema.com/2002/19/mulholland_amnesia>

**[38]** 2001. "Ethnicity, Race, and a Possible Humanity." **World Order** 33.1: 23–34.

*Russian translation in Неприкосновенный запас [Neprikosnovenniy Zapas: NZ] 69 (2010). <http://magazines.russ.ru/nz/2010/69/aa10.html>

**[39]** 2001. "Banishing the Particular: Rousseau on Rhetoric, Patrie, and the Passions." **Political Theory** 29.4: 556–582.

**[40]** 2001. "Informational Constraint and Focal Point Convergence: Theoretical Implications of Plurality-Rule Elections for the New Institutionalism." **Rationality and Society** 13.1: 99–136.

**[41]** 1995. "'Because Baha'u'llah Said So': Dealing with a Non-starter in Moral Reasoning." **Baha'i Studies Review** 5.1: 83–85.

## Other Articles

**[42]** 2022. "Consequences, Conscience, and Fallibility: Early Modern Roots of Toleration." **Critical Review** 34.1: 16-27.

[Adapted from "Les signes religieux, la laïcité et la mentalité médiévale." In *Les Conditions du dialogue au Québec*, Québec Amérique, 2016.]

**[43]** 2019. "Reply to Critics of Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics." **Online Colloquium of the European Hobbes Society** (Jan. 11).

**[44]** 2018. "Introduction to Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics." **Online Colloquium of the European Hobbes Society** (Dec. 14).

**[45]** 2015. "The Rights of Migrants and the Protection of Fundamental Human Interests: On Carens's The Ethics of Immigration." **Political Theory** 43.3: 380–387.

**[46]** 2013. "Démocratie, nation et ethnie : le problème des frontières." **Raison publique** (Dec. 18, reprinted Jan. 18, 2022). <https://raison-publique.fr/2098/>

**[47]** 2010. "Democratic Legitimacy and State Coercion: A Reply to David Miller." **Political Theory** 38.1: 121–130.

**[48]** 2009. Response to Joseph Carens's "The Case for Amnesty." **Boston Review** 34.3.

## Book Chapters

**[49]** 2021. "Hobbes's Theory of the Good: Felicity as Anticipatory Pleasure," in *A Companion to Hobbes*. Ed. Marcus P. Adams. Pp. 109-124. Wiley Blackwell.

[Adapted from chapter 4 of *Hobbes & the Two Faces of Ethics*.]

**[50]** 2019. "In Defence of Imperfection: An Election-Sortition Compromise." In *Legislature by Lot*. Ed. John Gastil & Erik Olin Wright. Pp. 249-255. London & New York: Verso.

*Adapted French translation: "Un compromis entre élections et tirage au sort." *Raison publique* 26.1, 2023.

**[51]** 2017. "Which Procedure for Deciding Election Procedures?" In *Should We Change How We Vote? Evaluating Canada's Electoral System*. Ed. Andrew Potter, Daniel Weinstock, & Peter Loewen. Pp. 188-196. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

**[52]** 2016. "Les signes religieux, la laïcité et la mentalité médiévale: du débat public sur la Charte des valeurs." In *Les Conditions du dialogue au Québec : Laïcité, réciprocité, pluralisme*. Ed. Alain-G. Gagnon & Jean-Charles St-Louis. Pp. 29-41. Montréal: Québec Amérique.

**[53]** 2016. "Sovereign Jurisdiction, Territorial Rights, and Membership in Hobbes." In *The Oxford Handbook of Hobbes*. Ed. A.P. Martinich & Kinch Hoekstra. Pp. 397-431. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**[54]** 2016. "The Special-Obligations Challenge to More Open Borders." In *Migration in Political Theory: The Ethics of Movement and Membership*. Ed. Sarah Fine & Lea Ypi. Pp. 105–124. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**[55]** 2013. "The Representation of Hobbesian Sovereignty: *Leviathan* as Mythology." In *Hobbes Today: Insights for the 21st Century*. Ed. S. A. Lloyd. Pp. 113–152. New York: Cambridge University Press.

**[56]** 2010. "Closed Borders, Human Rights, and Democratic Legitimation." In *Driven From Home: Human Rights and the New Realities of Forced Migration*. Ed. David Hollenbach. Pp. 147–66. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.

 *German translation: "Geschlossene Grenzen, Menschenrechte und demokratische Legitimation." *polylog: Zeitschrift für interkulturelles Philosophieren* 30 (Winter 2013): 5–23.

**[57]** 2010. "Citizenship, Immigration, and Boundaries." In *Ethics and World Politics*. Ed. D. S. A. Bell. Pp. 358–76. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

**[58]** 2008. "Thomas Hobbes et le droit naturel." In *Droit naturel, relancer l'histoire ?* Ed. Xavier Dijon. Pp. 331–78. Brussels : Bruylant.

## Reviews

**[59]** 2019. Review of Matthew Longo, *The Politics of Borders: Sovereignty, Security, and the Citizen after 9/11* (Cambridge University Press, 2017). In **Perspectives on Politics** 17.1: 233–235.

**[60]** 2014. Review of Joseph H. Carens, *The Ethics of Immigration* (Oxford University Press, 2013). In **Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews**.

 <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/47933-the-ethics-of-immigration/>

**[61]** 2009. "The Radical Hobbes." Review essay of Jeffrey R. Collins, *The Allegiance of Thomas Hobbes* (Oxford University Press, 2005) and James Martel, *Subverting the Leviathan: Reading* Thomas Hobbes as a Radical Democrat (Columbia University Press, 2007). In **Political Theory** 37.5: 706–712.

**[62]** 2008. Review of David D. Laitin, **Nations, States, and Violence** (Oxford University Press, 2007). In **Nations and Nationalism** 14.3: 616–617.

**[63]** 2004. "Politics beyond War: Ulrich Gollmer's Contribution to Baha'i Political Thought." **World Order** 35.3: 19–23. [Review of chapter 5 of Udo Schaefer, Nicola Towfigh, & Ulrich Gollmer, *Making the Crooked Straight* (George Ronald, 2000), originally published as *Desinformation als Methode* (Georg Olms Verlag GmbH, 1995).]

**[64]** 2004. Review of Keven Brown & Eberhard von Kitzing, *Evolution and Baha'i Belief: Abdu'l Baha's Response to Nineteenth-Century Darwinism* (Kalimat Press, 2001). In **International Journal of Middle East Studies** 36.1: 148–149.

## Working Papers

**[65]** "Agential Power and Structural Power, Causal and Non-Causal."

**[66]** "Sorry, Not Sorry: The Practice of Conditional Apologies." (Co-authors: Andrée-Anne Cormier, Valéry Giroux, Mauro Rossi)

**[67]** "A Recursive Measure of Voting Power that Satisfies Reasonable Postulates." (Co-author: Adrian Vetta)

**[68]** "A General Framework for a Class of Quarrels." (Co-author: Adrian Vetta)

**[69]** "Popular Sovereignty versus Democracy: Or, How Rousseau Killed Democracy."

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Papers

"Power, Costs, Collective Action, and Solidarity."
- King's College London: Political Theory Group Workshop, Nov. 8, 2023
- Australian National University: Philosophy Seminar Series, Aug. 10, 2023

"Agential Power and Structural Power, Causal and Non-Causal."
- University of Sydney: Philosophy Seminar Series, Aug. 14, 2023
- Australian National University: Conference in Honour of Robert Goodin, Aug. 8-9, 2023
- City University of New York: Center for Global Ethics & Politics, and Graduate Center Political Theory Workshop, Oct. 13, 2022
- Hebrew University (online): Jerusalem Seminar in Moral and Political Philosophy, April 27, 2022
- King's College London (online): Department of Political Economy Seminar, Sept. 29, 2021
- Université de Montréal: Centre de recherche en éthique, Sept. 21, 2021
- Columbia University (online): Political Theory Workshop, March 31, 2021
- Stanford University (online): Political Theory Workshop, Feb. 19, 2021

"What Normative Basis for Voting Rights for Migrants?"
- KU Leuven: Research in Political Philosophy & Ethics Leuven (RIPPLE) Workshop on migrant voting, Dec. 8-9, 2022

"The Burdens of Jurisdiction and the Alleged Right to Exclude Unwanted Migrants."
- University of Toronto: Workshop in Honour of Joseph Carens, June 3, 2022

"Popular Sovereignty vs Democracy."
- University of California-Berkeley: Political Theory Workshop, April 18, 2022
- Concordia University (online): Political Theory of Populism Workshop, April 16–17, 2021
- University of Toronto (online): Political Theory Seminar, May 28, 2020

"Counter-Majoritarian Democracy."
- McGill University (online): Constitutionalism and a Free Society Conference, Research Group on Constitutional Studies, Apr. 28–May 1, 2021
- Goethe-Universität Frankfurt (online): Research Colloquium of Political Theory, May 26, 2020
- Université de Montréal: Centre de recherche en éthique, Dec. 3, 2019
- Queen's University: Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy, Nov. 25, 2019
- NYU: Deliberation, Representation, and the Limits of Democracy Conference, Nov. 1–2, 2019

"Glory and the Evolution of Hobbes's Disagreement Theory of War."
- Georgetown University: Political Theory Speaker Series, Apr. 11, 2019
- University of Amsterdam: European Hobbes Society Workshop, Feb. 25, 2019
- University of Wisconsin-Madison: Political Theory Workshop, Feb. 23, 2018
- George Washington University: Political Science Department Speaker Series, Feb. 28, 2014

"Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics."
- École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales: Inaugural Hobbes@Paris Seminar, March 5, 2019

- Université de Montréal, Département de philosophie: Montreal Early Modern Philosophy Round Table, Feb. 7, 2014

"Representation, Bicameralism, Political Equality, and Sortition."
- Sciences Po Théorie Politique Seminar, March 4, 2019
- KU Leuven: Research in Political Philosophy & Ethics Leuven (RIPPLE) Workshop, March 1, 2019
- University of Ottawa: Ottawa Political Thought Research Network, Dec. 6, 2018
- University of Chicago: Political Theory Workshop, Nov. 5, 2018
- Duke University: Political Theory Workshop, Apr. 12, 2018
- Yale University: Conference on The Crisis of Democracy, Jan 25–26, 2018
- Brown University: Political Philosophy Workshop, Nov. 30, 2017
- University of Wisconsin-Madison: Legislature by Lot Conference (Real Utopias Project), Sept. 14–17, 2017

"The Democratic Legitimacy of Border Coercion."
- Leiden University: Centre for Political Philosophy Colloquium, Feb. 28, 2019
- Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City: Workshop on Migration and Territory, May 24–25, 2018
- Ohio State University, Mershon Center, Apr. 20, 2015
- Osgoode Hall, Nathanson Centre: Conference on Wrongs Across Borders, Apr. 4–6, 2014
- University of Toronto, Centre for Ethics, Apr. 18, 2012
- University of Zurich: Workshop on Immigration, Integration & Membership, Feb. 24–25, 2012
- Princeton University Center for Human Values: Territorial Rights Conference, Apr. 1, 2011
- Queen's University: Territorial Rights Workshop, June 4–5, 2010
- University of California, Berkeley, Feb. 16, 2010
- Novi Vinodolski, Croatia: Territory and Justice Network Workshop on Justice, Territory and Migration, Oct. 8–11, 2009

"Hobbes on Reasoning, Conceivability, Maker's Knowledge and Natural Science."
- University of Toronto: Québec-Ontario Conference in Early Modern Philosophy, Nov. 2–3, 2018

"Reflexive Political Philosophy: Theories that Makes Themselves Feasible."
- Australia National University: Feasibility and Immigration Workshop, Apr. 23–24, 2018

"Hobbes's Theory of the Good: Felicity by Anticipatory Pleasure."
- Princeton University: Political Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University, Feb. 16, 2017
- University of York, Department of Politics, June 16, 2016
- University of Edinburgh, Just World Institute, June 15, 2016
- UCLA Political Theory Workshop, Jan. 29, 2016

"Subjectivism, Instrumentalism, and Prudentialism about Reasons."
- University of Edinburgh: Foundations of Normativity Workshop, June 13-14, 2016
- Washington University in St. Louis: Workshop in Politics, Ethics, & Society, Nov. 13, 2015
- Université de Montréal: Centre de recherche en éthique, Dec. 18, 2014

"The Special-Obligations Challenge to More Open Borders."
- Osgoode Hall, Nathanson Centre, Feb. 5, 2016

- Princeton University Center for Human Values: 25th Anniversary Conference, Apr. 17–18, 2015
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco: Invited Symposium, March 27–31, 2013
- Cornell University: Immigration Speaker Series, March 8, 2013
- University of Cambridge, Conference on Migration in Legal and Political Theory, CRASSH, Oct. 28–29, 2011

"Hobbes's Conventionalist Theism: God as an Artificial Person by Fiction."
- King's College London: Conference on Thomas Hobbes and the Politics of Religion, Apr. 7–8, 2015

"Hobbes on Mind."
- UC-Berkeley, Center for British Studies: Symposium on Thomas Hobbes on Reason and Passions, Law and Politics, Nov. 7–8, 2014

"Democracy, Self-Determination, and Borders."
- UQAM: Colloque départemental, Transports : Penser la circulation et la sécurité, Apr. 28–29, 2014

"Carens and the Ethics of Immigration."
- International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto: Roundtable, March 26–29, 2014

"L'État tolérant et laïc face au monde symbolique."
- UQAM : Série Dialogue de la CREQC, Jan. 27, 2014

"Démocratie, nation et ethnie: Le problème des frontières."
- UQAM : Colloque annuel de la CRIEC, Les nationalismes québécois face à la diversité ethnoculturelle, May 15–17, 2013

"Une alternative démocratique à la démocratie libérale? La démocratie éthique et les élections."
- Université de Montréal, CREUM : Les ateliers de la démocratie, May 1, 2013

"Sovereign Jurisdiction, Territorial Rights, and Membership in Hobbes."
- Yale Political Theory Workshop, Apr. 10, 2013

"Can Interstate Agreements Produce Democratically Legitimate Regimes of Border Control?"
- American Society for Legal and Political Society, NOMOS, New Orleans, Jan. 4, 2013

"A Critique of the "Common Ownership of the Earth" Thesis."
- Université de Montréal, CREUM: Symposium sur la justice globale, Dec. 10, 2012

"Words versus the Public Thing: Verbal Threats to the Rousseauist Republic."
- Columbia University: Meeting of the International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, on Rousseau and Republicanism, Sept 21, 2012
- Workshop on Language Ethics as a Field of Inquiry (Montreal), Nov. 11–12, 2011
- Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Toronto Chapter, Oct. 27, 2005

"A Democratic Alternative to Liberal Democracy? Ethical Democracy and Elections."
- Academia Sinica, Tapei, Conference on Democracy, Empires and Geopolitics, Dec. 10–12, 2011

"Publicity, Privacy, and Religious Toleration in Hobbes's *Leviathan*."
- Harvard Political Theory Colloquium, Oct. 6, 2011
- University of Western Ontario: Workshop on Hobbes on Law, May 20–21, 2011
- Princeton Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Nov. 18, 2010
- McGill Political Theory Workshop, Sept. 24, 2010

"On the Demos and its Kin: Nationalisms and Democratic Legitimation."
- London School of Economics: Global Demos Conference, July 1–2, 2011
- Stanford University Program on Global Justice Research Workshop, May 6, 2011

- ECPR Joint Sessions, St. Gallen: Workshop on "We the People," Apr. 12-17, 2011
- Stockholm University: Dynamics of Citizenship in the Post-Political World, May 26–28, 2010
- New York University, Department of Politics, March 30, 2010
- University of Aarhus, Denmark: NORFACE Seminar on Religion, Public Culture, and the New Immigration, Apr. 24–25, 2008
- University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop, Nov. 10, 2003
- New School University, Janey Conference on Political Institutions and the Politics of Identity, Apr. 25, 2003

"Commentary on Christopher Wellman's 'Immigration and Freedom of Association'."
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Diego: Kavka Prize Session, Apr. 20–23, 2011

"The Representation of Hobbesian Sovereignty: *Leviathan* as Mythology."
- University of California, Davis, Feb. 12, 2010
- University of Pennsylvania Law School: Hobbes Today Conference, Apr. 30–May 2, 2009

"Mental Inspection and Linguistic Convention in Thomas Hobbes."
- McGill Philosophy Department Colloquium, Jan. 30, 2009
- UQAM, Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Sept. 26, 2008

"Closed Borders, Human Rights, and Democratic Citizenship."
- Boston College Center for Human Rights & International Justice: Conference on Forced Migration, Nov. 20-22, 2008

"The Oscillations of Thomas Hobbes."
- Montreal Political Theory Workshop, Oct. 31, 2008
- Princeton University Center for Human Values, March 10, 2008

"Democratic Theory and Border Coercion."
- Columbia University: Center for the Study of Human Rights, Apr. 29, 2008
- University of Copenhagen: Centre for Equality and Multiculturalism, Apr. 23, 2008
- Columbia University: Seminar on Political and Social Thought, Feb. 7, 2008
- New School for Social Research Political Theory Workshop, Oct. 2, 2007
- Queen's University: Department of Political Science Speaker Series, Jan. 12, 2006
- University of Toronto: Department of Political Science Speaker Series, Oct. 28, 2005
- Canadian Philosophical Association, London, Ontario: Symposium on Borders, Culture and Justice, May 28–31, 2005
- Université de Montréal: CREUM, Apr. 16, 2005
- Montreal Political Theory Workshop, Jan. 23, 2004

"Is There a Genuine Tension between Cosmopolitan Egalitarianism and Special Responsibilities?" (Co-author: P. Gilabert)
- University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science, Apr. 22, 2008

"Hobbes on the Ideological Causes of War."
- Concordia University Political Theory Speaker's Series, Oct. 26, 2006

"Passion, Action, and the Myth of Concreteness."
- Princeton University Program in Law and Public Affairs: Constitutional Patriotism Workshop, Apr. 8–9, 2006

"Distributive Justice, the State, and Border Coercion: Comment on Blake."
- Université de Montréal: CREUM, Apr. 16, 2005

"Heath on Discourse Ethics."

- Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg: Symposium on Joseph Heath's *Communicative Action and Rational Choice*, May 29–June 1, 2004

"Pragmatic, not Metaethical: A Critique of the Habermas/Günther 'Justification vs. Application' Distinction."
- Wesleyan Ethical and Political Theory Workshop, May 6, 2003

"Does Liberal Democracy Presuppose a Cultural Nation?"
- Universitat Pompeu Fabra: Fòrum de Recerca, May 8, 2002
- Yale Political Theory Workshop, Oct. 30, 2001

"Engaged Detachment, Comic Detachment: Modernity and the Mystic's Last Laugh."
- Harvard Political Theory Workshop, Feb. 10, 2000

## Academic Conference Papers & Roundtable Presentations

"Power, Costs, Collective Action, and Solidarity."
- American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meeting, Montreal, Jan. 1-4, 2023

"Agential Power and Structural Power, Causal and Non-Causal."
- Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Nov. 3-5, 2022

"A Recursive Measure of Voting Power that Satisfies Reasonable Postulates."
- TARK 2021: 18th Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge (online), Tsinghua University, Beijing, June 25-27, 2021 (Co-author: Adrian Vetta)

"Popular Sovereignty versus Democracy: Or, How Rousseau Killed Democracy."
- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, 2019

"Representation, Bicameralism, and Sortition."
- American Political Science Association, Boston, Aug. 30–Sept. 2, 2018

"The Promise of Sortition."
- American Political Science Association, Roundtable, Philadelphia, Sept. 1–4, 2016

"Ethical Democracy: A Democratic Alternative to Liberal Democracy?"
- Association for Baha'i Studies–North America 36th Annual Conference, Montreal, Aug. 9–12, 2012

"Border Coercion and Democratic Legitimacy."
- American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, Sept. 2–5, 2010

"The Representation of Hobbesian Sovereignty."
- American Political Science Association, Toronto, Sept. 3–6, 2009

"Democratic Elections without Campaigns?"
- North American Baha'i Conference on Law, American University, Washington, D.C., Oct. 9–11, 2008

"On the Demos and its Kin: Democracy, Nationalism, and Legitimacy."
- Canadian Political Science Association, Vancouver, June 4–6, 2008

"Mysticism Meets Modernity: Politics, Detachment, and Comedy."
- Middle East Studies Association, Montreal, Nov. 17–20, 2007
- McGill University, Newman Centre, International Symposium on Religion and Public Reason, Sept. 13–15, 2007
- International Political Science Association, Durban, South Africa, June 29¬–July 4, 2003

"How Baha'i Voters Should Vote."
- Association for Baha'i Studies (North America), Mississauga, Ontario, Aug. 16–19, 2007

"Rousseau, Sieyès, and the Founding Paradox."
- Twelfth International Enlightenment Conference, Montpellier, July 8–15, 2007

"Hobbes on the Conflict Between Science and Politics."
- New York State Political Science Association, Manhattan, Apr. 21–22, 2006

"Liberal Democracy and Border Coercion"
- Philosophy and Social Sciences Conference, Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, May 19–22, 2005

"Pragmatic, not Metaethical: A Critique of the Habermas/Günther 'Justification vs. Application' Distinction."
- Critical Theory Roundtable, Concordia University, Montreal, Oct. 15–17, 2004

"Words versus the Public Thing: Verbal Threats to the Rousseauist Republic."
- American Political Science Association, Chicago, Sept. 2–5, 2004
- Canadian Political Science Association, Winnipeg, June 3–5, 2004

"Can Habermasian Discourse Shake the Charge of Motivational Impotence? On Constitutional Patriotism, Rhetoric, and Affect."
- American Political Science Association, Boston, Aug. 29–Sept. 1, 2002
- Canadian Political Science Association, Toronto, May 29–31, 2002

"Banishing the Particular: Rousseau on Rhetoric and the Founding."
- American Political Science Association, Atlanta, Sept. 2–5, 1999
- Canadian Philosophical Association, Sherbrooke, Quebec, June 4–7, 1999

"Rhetoric and Phronêsis: Aristotle's Passionate Practical Reason."
- Canadian Philosophical Association, Sherbrooke, Quebec, June 4–7, 1999

## Book Manuscript Workshops

"Power, Subjection, and Democracy."
- Brown University, Philosophy Department, March 26, 2023
- McGill University, Research Group on Constitutional Government, Centre de recherche en éthique, and Groupe de recherche en philosophie politique, Aug. 15, 2022.

"Hobbes and the Two Dimensions of Normativity."
- QMUL, Queen Mary Centre for the Study of the History of Political Thought and the European Hobbes Society, June 17, 2016.
- McGill University, Centre de recherche en éthique and Groupe de recherche en philosophie politique, Dec. 15, 2015

"The Oscillations of Thomas Hobbes: Between Insight and the Will."
- McGill University, Research Workshop on Thomas Hobbes, April 21–22, 2009
- Princeton University, University Center for Human Values, James A. Moffett Research Workshop on Thomas Hobbes, April 18, 2008.

## Public Lectures and Presentations

"Democracy, Nationalism, Boundaries, and Colonialism." Lectures in the Migración, Territorio e Identidades Seminar, Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City, Feb. 21-22, 2020.

"Citizen Assemblies." Extinction Rebellion Workshop, Montreal, Sept. 7, 2019.

"Parliaments by Lottery: A Randomly Selected Second Chamber." Public Ethics Talks Series, Leiden University, Feb. 26, 2019.

"Migration, Refugees, Borders." HANY Summit on Refugees, Montreal, Feb. 5, 2017.

"Replacing the Senate by a Randomly Selected Assembly." Public Forum on Senate Reform, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship, Montreal, Dec. 9, 2016.

"Democracy, Nation, and Ethnicity: The Problem of Boundaries." Humanities & Public Life Conference: Thinking about Identity, Dawson College, Sept. 19–23, 2016.

"Public Visibility versus Public Representativeness: The Life and Times of a Distinction."
Media@McGill public panel on The Long Eighteenth Century's Public Spheres, McGill
University, Nov. 17, 2015.

"Ethnicity, Nation, and the State." World Human Rights Day, Union for Advancement of
Secular Democracy in Iran, North York Civic Centre, Toronto, Dec. 15, 2013.

"Agreeing to Agree/Disagree: Publicity, Privacy, and Religious Toleration in Hobbes's
*Leviathan*." Nicholson Center for British Studies, University of Chicago, Nov. 19, 2010.

"Mysticism meets Modernity: Politics, Detachment, and Comedy." Danish Baha'i Centre,
Copenhagen, April 26, 2008.

"Spectres of Nationalism: On the Demos and Its Kin." Center for Humanities, Wesleyan
University, Oct. 28, 2002.


## MEDIA

### Print

"Mode de scrutin: une assemblée citoyenne pour une réforme légitime." *Le Devoir.* Oct. 9, 2018.

"Let's Replace Canada's Senate with a Randomly Selected Citizen Assembly." *Montreal Gazette.*
Dec. 7, 2016.

"Take Electoral Reform Away from Politicians and Let Citizens Decide." *The Globe & Mail.*
April 26, 2016.

"Do Prosperous Democracies Have a Right to Keep out Desperate Foreigners?" *The Critique.*
Jan. 1, 2016.

"La Charte des valeurs et sa mentalité médiévale." *Le Huffington Post Québec.* Sept. 20, 2013.

"Respecting Civil Rights in Iran." The Harvard Crimson. Oct. 19, 1998.

### Web Sites

"How Much Power Does a Voter Have?" JOP Blogpost. March 2022.

"The Best Thomas Hobbes Books recommended by Arash Abizadeh." Interview with Nigel
Warburton for Five Books. 2021.

### Audio/Visual

"Arash Abizadeh on Thomas Hobbes' Ethics." Podcast interview with Nigel Warburton for
Philosophy Bites, Aug. 23, 2021.

"Season 3: Thomas Hobbes with Arash Abizadeh." Podcast interview with Toby Buckle for
Political Philosophy Podcast, 2020.

"14e Émission: Philodo Reçoit Arash Abizadeh." Podcast interview on Thomas Hobbes with
Christian Nadeau for Philodo, Oct. 9, 2019.

"Senate 6/49: Why a Lottery for Senators is the Best Way to Go." Interview, CBC Radio The
180 with Jim Brown. Dec. 18, 2016.

"Replace Canada's Senate with a Randomly Selected Citizen Assembly." Interview with Mark
Sutcliffe, Ottawa Today radio, Dec. 8, 2016.

"Episode 24. Arash Abizadeh on Immigration." Public Ethics Radio, June 22, 2013.

"Emotions in Public Life." Odyssey, Chicago Public Radio, Invited Guest, Dec. 9, 2002.

## HONOURS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

### Post-doctorate: Honours, Awards, and Prizes

*R.B. Angus Chair in Economics and Political Science*, McGill University, July 2023–present

*McGill Political Science Students' Association Excellence in Teaching Award*, Best Course in Political Theory, April 2023

*Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize (English)*, for *Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics*, June 2019

*McGill Political Science Students' Association Excellence in Teaching Award*, Best Course in Political Theory, March 2014

### Post-doctorate: Fellowships

*Chercheur invité*, Centre de recherche en éthique, Université de Montréal, Fall 2021

*Chercheur invité*, Centre de recherche en éthique, Université de Montréal, Fall 2019

*Chercheur invité*, Centre de recherche en éthique, Université de Montréal, Fall 2014

*Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship*, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2007–08

*Faculty Fellowship*, Wesleyan Center for the Humanities, Fall 2002

### Post-Doctorate: Individual Research Grants

*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant*, "Democracy, Representation, and Sortition," 2018–23

*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Grant*, "The Oscillations of Thomas Hobbes: Between Insight and the Will," 2013–17

*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Standard Research Grant*, "The Demos Unbounded: Democracy, Nationalism, and Globalization," 2009–13

*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Standard Research Grant*, "Rousseau's Melodious Politics: Language, Rhetoric, and the Anti-Democratic Impulse," 2005–09

*Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture, Établissement de nouveaux professeurs-chercheurs*, "La Musique républicaine de Rousseau : langue, éloquence et la tentation antidémocratique," 2005–09

*Christian A. Johnson Endeavor Foundation Research Apprenticeship Grant*, Summer 2002

### Post-Doctorate: Team Grants as Principal Investigator

*Fonds de recherche du Québec – société et culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche*, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique, "Le pouvoir et la domination en contextes normatif, institutionnel et historique," 2022–26

*Fonds de recherche du Québec – société et culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche*, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique, "Les frontières de la politique et de la normativité," 2018–22

*Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche*, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique, "Globalization, Democratic Governance, and Transnational Institutions" (PI: Alan Patten 2004–05; Arash Abizadeh 2005–07)

### Post-Doctorate: Team Grants as Co-investigator

*Fonds de recherche du Québec – société et culture, Regroupements stratégiques*, Centre de recherche en éthique (PI: Christine Tappolet), 2020–27

*Fonds de recherche du Québec – société et culture, Regroupements stratégiques*, Centre de recherche en éthique (PI: Christine Tappolet), 2014–20

*Fonds de recherche du Québec – société et culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche*, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique, "Les idéaux politiques au-delà de la raison, de la justice, et de l'État-nation" (PI: Jacob T. Levy), 2014–18

*McGill Collaborative Research Development Grant*, 2013–14

*Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture, Soutien aux équipes de recherche*, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique, "Nouveaux développements en théorie démocratique: Vers une approche intégrée" (PI: Daniel Weinstock), 2008–12

*Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture, Regroupements stratégiques*, Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité au Québec (PI: Alain-G. Gagnon), 2008–11

## Doctorate (Harvard University): Prizes and Awards

*Leo Strauss Award* for best doctoral dissertation in political philosophy, American Political Science Association, Sept. 2003

*Robert Noxon Toppan Prize* for best doctoral dissertation in political science, Harvard University, June 2002

## Doctorate (Harvard University): Fellowships and Grants

*Harvard Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities*, 1999–2000

*Program for the Study of Germany and Europe Graduate Dissertation Writing Fellowship*, Center for European Studies, 1998–99

*Program on Constitutional Government, Summer Grant for Enlarging Competence* (to study German), 1998

*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship*, 1994–98

*Program on Constitutional Government, Summer Grant for Enlarging Competence* (to study Arabic), 1996

*Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship*, 1994–96

*Judith Shklar Prize Fellow in Government*, 1994–95

*Mackenzie King Open Scholarship* (declined), 1994

## Postgraduate (Oxford University): Scholarship

*Rhodes Scholarship*, 1992–94

## Undergraduate (University of Winnipeg): Prizes, Awards, and Scholarships

### Graduation year (1991–92)

*Governor General's Silver Medal*, university's top graduating Bachelor's degree

*University Gold Medal in Economics (Honours)*, top graduate in honours economics

*University Gold Medal in Political Science (Honours)*, top graduate in honours political science

*O. T. Anderson Award*, distinguished academic and extracurricular performance

### Third year (1990–91)

*Institute of Public Administration (Winnipeg Region) 1991 Student Paper Award*, for "Power Structure in the Advanced Capitalist State: The Hypothesis of Economic Elites in the USA"

*Albert Clifford Mathews Political Science Scholarship*, highest standing third year student in political science

*Economics Honours Prize*, highest standing in honours economics

*Professor Gordon G. Blake Memorial Scholarship*, highest standing advanced economics student

*Senior French Department Scholarship* (declined)

*Academic Proficiency Award*, award point average 4.00+

#### Second year (1989–90)

*Sir William Stephenson Scholarship*, outstanding academic achievement, superior leadership qualities, and potential to make a contribution to Canada

Appointed to *University of Winnipeg Honour Society*

*Excellence in Baha'i Studies Award (University Essay Category)*, Association for Baha'i Studies, for "Liberal Democracy and the Baha'i Administrative Order"

*Albert Clifford Mathews Political Science Scholarship*, highest standing in third year political science (received in second year)

*Academic Proficiency Award*, award point average 4.00+

#### First year (1988–89)

*Principal J. W. Sparling Scholarship*, highest university standing in first year final examinations

*Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship*, top two non-graduating students of Arts and Science

*Academic Proficiency Award*, award point average 4.00+

*University of Winnipeg Special Entrance Scholarship (Board of Regents)*

### Fort Richmond Collegiate: Award

*Member of Parliament Canadian Student Award*, awarded by Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, P.C., M.P., honours standing in Canadian Studies and outstanding display of genuine concern for the improvement of the human condition, June 1988

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## COURSES TAUGHT

### Graduate Seminars

McGill   *Power & Domination*
         *Democratic Theory: Legitimacy, Authority, and Value*
         *Thomas Hobbes: Moral & Political Philosophy*
         *Thomas Hobbes: Epistemology, Language, Religion, & Politics*
         *Thomas Hobbes & Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
         *Rousseau & Modernity: Politics, Language, Music, Gender*
         *History of Western Political Thought* (17th–18th century)

### Undergraduate Seminars

McGill   *Power & Domination*
         *Democracy, Representation, & Sortition*
         *Rhetoric & Representation* (Plato, Aristotle, Hobbes)
         *Descartes & Hobbes: Epistemology, Language, & Politics*
         *Hobbes & Rousseau: Knowledge, Language, & Politics*
         *Rousseau & the Critique of the Enlightenment*
Wesleyan  *International Justice* (co-taught with J. Donald Moon)
         *Globalization, Nationalism, & the Liberal Democratic State*
         *Rousseau & the Critique of the Enlightenment*
         *German Critical Theory* (Kant, Hegel, Marx, Habermas)
         *Nations & Nationalism*
Harvard  *Politics & Language: Rhetoric, the Passions, and Difference*

### Lecture Courses

McGill   *Introduction to Political Theory*
         *History of Western Political Thought II* (Medieval & Renaissance)

> *History of Western Political Thought III* (16th–18th century)
> *Democratic Theory*

Wesleyan　*Moral Basis of Politics*
> *History of Modern European Political Philosophy* (17th–19th century)
> *Social Theory* (Hobbes to Weber)

Wilmette　*Concepts of Governance and Community*

Núr　*Gobernabilidad* (conducted in Spanish)

Harvard　*History of Political Thought I* (ancient/medieval; Teaching Fellow to Richard Tuck)

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## LANGUAGES

Fluent:　　French; Persian
Proficient: Spanish
Basic:　　German (2yrs study); Arabic (3yrs study; completed Middlebury level