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Academic Employment

Hamilton Center for Civil and Classical Education, University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida. 2023-present. Professor.

Queen's University. Kingston, Ontario. Professor, Department of History. 2004-2023. Promoted to the status of full professor in 2021).

University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois. Harper Postdoctoral Fellow, Collegiate Division. 2001-2004.

Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts. Lecturer, Departments of History and of History and Literature. 1999-2001.

Education

Harvard University. M.A. and Ph.D. Department of History. June 1999.

Middlebury College. B.A. Department of History. *Summa cum laude*. May 1992.

Publications: Books

In the Shadow of Leviathan: John Locke and the Politics of Conscience, Cambridge University Press, "Ideas in Context" (hardcover, 2020; paperback, 2021).

Winner of the 2021 Morris Forkosch Prize of the American Historical Association for the best book in the history of Britain, the British Empire and Commonwealth, post-1485.

Reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Review of Politics*, *Choice*, *Hobbes Studies*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *National Review*, *Archives de Philosophie*.

The Allegiance of Thomas Hobbes, Oxford University Press (hardcover, 2005; paperback, 2007).

Reviewed in: *Times Literary Supplement*, *English Historical Review*, *Journal of Early Modern History*, *Journal of British Studies*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Renaissance Quarterly*, *H-Albion*, *Dagens Nyheter*, *Archives de Philosophie*, *Rivista di Storia Della Filosofia*, *Political Studies Review*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *History of European Ideas*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, *Historical Journal*, *Political Theory*.

Publications: Articles, Review Articles, and Chapters

- “The Popish Plot: a Case Study in the Political History of Fear.” *Journal of Modern History* 95 (2023), 1-37.
- “Atheism in Early Modern England.” *The Cambridge History of Atheism*, ed. Stephen Bullivant and Michael Ruse. (2 vols., Cambridge, 2021), 1:202-22.
- “*Eikon Basilike* in Context: the Intellectual History of a Martyrdom.” *Revolutionising Politics: Culture and Conflict in England, 1620-60*, eds. Paul Halliday, Eleanor Hubbard, and Scott Sowerby. (Manchester, 2021), 95-120.
- “Thomas Hobbes’s Christian Commonwealth.” *A Companion to Hobbes*, ed. Marcus Adams. Blackwell-Wiley. (Hoboken, NJ, 2021), 303-317.
- Review essay on “Jonathan Marks, *Let’s Be Reasonable a Conservative Case for Liberal Education*.” *Society* 58 (2021), 254-59.
- “The Lost Historiography of Liberalism.” *Review of Politics* 81 (2019), 673-688.
- “All the Wars of Christendom: Hobbes’s account of religious conflict.” *Hobbes on Politics and Religion*, eds. Robin Douglass and Laurens con Apeldoorn. (Oxford University Press, 2017), 219-38.
- “Thomas Hobbes: a bibliography.” Renaissance and Reformation subfield of *Oxford Bibliographies*. Editor in chief, Margaret King. (2017).
- “Thomas Hobbes’s Ecclesiastical History.” *Oxford Handbook of Thomas Hobbes*, eds. A.P. Martinich and Kinch Hoekstra. (Oxford, 2015), 520-44.
- “Malcolm’s Leviathan: Hobbes’s Thing.” *Modern Intellectual History* 12 (2015), 95-120.
- “Thomas Hobbes, Father of Atheists.” *Atheism and Deism Revalued: Heterodox Religious Identities in Britain, 1650-1800*, eds. Wayne Hudson, Diego Lucci, Jeffrey Wigelsworth. (Ashgate, 2013), 25-44.
- “Thomas Hobbes, Heresy, and the Theological Project of *Leviathan*.” *Hobbes Studies* (2013), 6-33.
- “The Early Modern Foundations of Classic Liberalism.” *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Political Philosophy*, ed. George Klosko. (Oxford, 2011), 258-81.
- “Restoration Anti-Catholicism: A Prejudice in Motion.” *England’s Wars of Religion Revisited*, eds. Glenn Burgess and Charles Prior. (Ashgate, 2011), 281-306.
- “Quentin Skinner’s Hobbes and the Neo-Republican Project.” *Modern Intellectual History* 5 (2009), 343-67.

“Redeeming the Enlightenment: New Histories of Religious Toleration.” *Journal of Modern History* 81 (2009), 607-36.

“Interpreting the Religion of Thomas Hobbes: an Exchange.” (With A.P. Martinich.) *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (2009), 165-180.

“Silencing Thomas Hobbes: the Presbyterians and *Leviathan*.” in *The Cambridge Companion to Hobbes’s Leviathan*, ed. Patricia Springborg. (Cambridge, 2007), 478-99.

“Thomas Hobbes and the Blackloist Conspiracy of 1649.” *Historical Journal* 45 (2002) 305-31.

“The Church Settlement of Oliver Cromwell.” *History* 87 (2002) 18-40.

“Christian Ecclesiology and the Composition of *Leviathan*: a Newly Discovered Letter to Thomas Hobbes.” *Historical Journal* 43 (2000), 217-31.

“The Restoration Bishops and the Royal Supremacy.” *Church History* 68 (1999). 549-80.

Six entries for the new *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press, 2005).

Forthcoming Publications

“Framing Locke’s Liberalism.” Commissioned by Teresa Bejan and Felix Waldmann for a workshop and an Oxford University Press volume marking the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of John Dunn’s *Political Thought of John Locke*. Fully drafted and with editors. Publication date 2025.

“God in *Leviathan*.” Commissioned essay for *Hobbes’s Leviathan: a Critical Guide*, under contract with Cambridge University Press, editor Sharon Lloyd. Fully drafted and with editor. Publication date 2025.

Work in Progress/Commissioned

“The King’s Book: an Intellectual and Political History of a Royal Martyrdom.” Monograph project in progress. The project has received a research grant from Canada’s Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Planned completion in 2024.

“The Science of Sovereignty (1625-1710).” Commissioned volume in the *Oxford History of Political Thought*, general editor, Mark Bevir. Scheduled completion 2027.

“*Leviathan* and the limits of Representation.” Article in full draft. Part of a proposal for an edited volume currently under review at Cambridge University Press entitled “Reimagining Representation: Literature and Political Thought in Early Modern England”, ed. Joseph Mansky and Will Selinger.

“Tory Political Thought.” Chapter commissioned for *Oxford Handbook of Restoration England 1660-1689* (OUP), eds. Stephen Taylor, Kate Loveman, and Tim Harris. Scheduled for 2027 publication.

Reviews

- Joanne Paul, *Thomas More: A Life* in *Wall Street Journal* [hereafter *WSJ*]. (July, 2027).
- Dan Edelstein, *The Revolution to Come: A History of an Idea From Thucydides to Lenin*. *WSJ* (June, 2024).
- Lynn Hunt, *The Revolutionary Self: Social Change and the Emergence of the Modern Individual, 1770-1800*. *WSJ* (February, 2025).
- Thomas Holden, *Hobbes's Philosophy of Religion* in *The Philosophical Review* 134 (2005), 73-77.
- Lynn Hunt, *The Revolutionary Self: Social Change and the Emergence of the Modern Individual, 1770-1800*." *WSJ* (February, 2025).
- Jed Atkins, *The Christian Origins of Toleration* in *LA Review of Books* (November, 2024).
- Michael Kemp, *The Best of All Possible Worlds: A Life of Leibniz in Seven Pivotal Days*." *WSJ* (November, 2024).
- "Dialectic Man: Two Books on Hegel." *WSJ* (February, 2024).
- Evan Haefali, *Accidental Pluralism: America and the Religious Politics of English Expansion, 1497-1662*, *Journal of Modern History* (forthcoming 2024).
- John Brewer, *Volcanic: Vesuvius in the Age Of Revolution*, *WSJ* (November, 2023).
- "Well: What do you Know? Histories of Learning and Forgetting." *Times Literary Supplement* [hereafter *TLS*] (September, 2023).
- Victor Stater, *Hoax: the Popish Plot that Never Was*, *WSJ* (October 2022).
- A.P. Martinich, *Hobbes's Political Philosophy: Interpretation and Interpretations*, in *Review of Politics* (July 2022)
- Peter Neumann, *Jena 1800: the Republic of Free Spirits*, *WSJ* (March 2022).
- "Allow me to Say This: Free Speech absolutism is hitting the buffers." *TLS* (November 2021).
- James Hankins, *Virtue Politics*, *TLS* (February 2021).
- Steven Nadler, *Think Least of Death and Spinoza*, *WSJ* (October 2020).
- Alex Ryrie, *The Emotional History of Doubt*, *WSJ* (February 2020).
- Felipe Fernández-Armesto, *Out of Our Minds: What we Think and How we Came to Think it*, *TLS* (August 2019).
- Noel Malcolm, *Useful Enemies: Islam and the Ottoman Empire in Western Political Thought, 1450-1750*, *WSJ* (August 2019).
- Philip Blom, *Nature's Mutiny*, *WSJ* (January 2019).
- David Wootton, *Power, Pleasure, and Profit*, *WSJ* (October 2018).

Michael Massing, *Fatal Discord: Erasmus, Luther and the Fight for the Western Mind*, *WSJ* (February 2018).

Emily Nacol, *An Age of Risk: Politics and Economy in Early Modern Britain*, in *Journal of Modern History* (September 2018).

Ferdinand Mount, *Prime Movers*, *TLS* (July 2018).

Niall Ferguson, *The Square and the Tower* and Anne-Marie Slaughter, *The Chessboard and the Web*, *TLS* (January 2018).

Rüdiger Safranski, *Goethe: Life as a Work of Art*, *WSJ* (September 2017).

Philippe Desan, *Montaigne: a Life*, *WSJ* (January 2017).

Ruth Scurr, *John Aubrey: My Own Life*, *WSJ* (October 2016).

Deidre McCloskey, *Bourgeois Equality*, *TLS* (July 2016).

George Goodwin, *Franklin in London*, *WSJ* (March 2016).

James Harris, *David Hume: An Intellectual Biography*, *WSJ* (January 2016).

Jan Plamper, *History of Emotions*, *TLS* (July 2015).

Cesare Cuttica, *Sir Robert Filmer and the Patriotic Monarch*, in *Journal of Modern History* (September 2015).

Hugh Aldersey-Williams, *In Search of Sir Thomas Browne*, *WSJ* (June 2015).

Charles Spencer, *The Men who Killed the King*, *WSJ* (January 2015).

Aaron Skirboll, *The Thief-Taker Hangings*, *WSJ* (September 2014).

Leo Damrosch, *Jonathan Swift: His Life and World*, *WSJ* (December 2013).

Norman Poser, *Lord Mansfield: Justice in the Age of Reason*, in *WSJ* (October 2013).

David Cannadine, *The Undivided Past*, in *TLS* (May 2013).

Brendan Simms, *Europe: The Struggle for Supremacy*, in *WSJ* (May 2013).

Jesse Norman, *Edmund Burke: The First Conservative*, in *WSJ* (June 2013).

John Plamenatz, *Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Rousseau*, eds. Mark Phip and Z.A. Pelczynski, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2013).

Iain McDaniel, *Adam Ferguson in the Scottish Enlightenment*, in *WSJ* (March 2013).

Steven Ozment, *The Serpent of the Lamb*, in *TLS* (February 2013).

Mark Knights, *The Devil in Disguise*, in *Journal of Modern History* (March 2013).

Caroline Dackers, *A Genius for Money: Business Art and the Morrisons*, in *WSJ* (March 2012).

Francis Fukuyama, *Origins of Political Order*, in *TLS* (July 2011).

Emma Rothschild, *The Inner Life of Empire*, in *WSJ* (July 2011).

Andro Linklater, *Why Spencer Perceval Had to Die*, in *WSJ* (May 2012).

Stefania Tutino, *Thomas White and the Blackloists*, in *Journal of British Studies* (March 2011).

Sophia Rosenfeld, *Common Sense: A Political History*, in *WSJ* (April 2011).

Stephen Brown, *Merchant Kings*, in *WSJ* (December 2010).

Adam Sisman, *Hugh Trevor-Roper: the Biography*, in *The New Criterion* (November 2010).

Robert Sullivan, *Macaulay: the Tragedy of Power*, in *The New Criterion* (April 2010).

Jonathan Israel, *Revolution of the Mind*, in *TLS* (February 2010).

Nicholas Phillipson, *Adam Smith: An Enlightened Life*, in *WSJ* (October 2010).

Ian Shapiro's edition of Hobbes, *Leviathan*, in *WSJ* (July 2010).

Perez Zagorin, *Hobbes and the Law of Nature*, in *WSJ* (February 2010).

Jean Bethke Elshtain, *Sovereignty: God, State, and Self*, in *TLS* (March 2009).

Peter Wilson, *The Thirty Years War: Europe's Tragedy*, in *WSJ* (October 2009).

Mark Lilla, *The Stillborn God*, in *TLS* (July 2008).

Jon Parkin, *Taming the Leviathan* in *Journal of British Studies* (September 2008).

Francis Edwards, *The Succession, Bye, and Main Plots*, in *Journal of British Studies* (March 2007).

David Armitage, ed. *British Political Thought in History, Literature, and Theory, 1500-1800*, in *Journal of Early Modern History* (September 2007).

Noel Malcolm, *Reason of State, Propaganda and the Thirty Years War* in *TLS* (September 2007).

Alan Cromartie and Quentin Skinner, eds., Hobbes, *Writings of the Common Law*, in *Journal of Early Modern History*, (May 2006).

Major Fellowships and Grants

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada 2018-2023
Five year, \$65,000 Insight Grant

Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge University 2010-11

Huntington Library Research Fellow 2010
Short term, four month fellowship

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada 2009-2012
Five year, \$45,000 Insight Grant

Society of Fellows, University of Chicago 2001-4

Jacob Javits Fellow, US Dept. of Education 1993-1997

Presentations

Panel participant at “Celebrating Richard Tuck” (honoring the careers and the retirement of Richard Tuck). Princeton University. April 2024.

“Thomas Hobbes and the Limits of Representation.” Workshop: Reimagining Representation. University of Oklahoma. February 2024.

“Framing Locke’s Liberalism.” Conference in honor of John Dunn. Oriel College, Oxford University. April 2023.

“Readers of the *Eikon Basilike*: the evidence of the archive.” North American Conference of British Studies. Chicago. November 2022.

“A Lockean Ecclesiology.” American Association of Political Science. Montreal. September 2022.

Panel discussion of *In the Shadow of Leviathan*. Conference of the John Locke Society. Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. June 2022.

“Publishing in the Humanities.” Presentations given at the American Historical Association (2018), the North American Conference of British Studies (2018, 2019), and Queen’s University (2013-7).

“In the Shadow of Leviathan: John Locke and the Politics of Conscience.” Montreal British History Seminar. Montreal, QC. October 2019.

“Faction and the Function of Fear during the Popish Plot.” North American Conference of British Studies. Providence, RI. October 2018.

“The Limits of Civil Religion: Locke’s *Letter* in Context.” North American Conference of British Studies. Denver, CO. November 2017.

“Locke, Indulgence, and the freedom of conscience.” Triangle Intellectual History Seminar. Durham, NC. National Humanities Center. February 2017. (Invited speaker.)

“Toleration, Free Expression, and Liberalism’s Origins.” Menard Family George Washington Forum. Ohio University. October 2017. (Invited Speaker.)

“Locke and Non-domination Liberty.” Symposium: Political Thought in Times of Crisis, 1640-60. Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC. December 2016. (Invited speaker.)

“The King’s Book: Intellectual History of a Martyrdom.” Conference: Contesting the English Revolution. Harvard University, October 2016. (Memorial conference for Mark Kishlansky).

““Civill Warres in all places of Christendome”: Hobbes’s account of religious conflict.” Thomas Hobbes and the Politics of Religion. The Hague, September 2015.

Workshop on Carl Schmitt and Thomas Hobbes. Berlin Institute for Advanced Study. October 2015. (Invited speaker.)

“The History of Liberalism: revivifying a dead subject.” Annual Conference of the International Society for Intellectual History. Toronto, Ontario June 2014.

Roundtable on the work of Jonathan Israel. (Invited speaker). Canadian Political Science Association Conference. St Catherine, Ontario. May 2014.

“Religious Toleration and Non-Domination Accounts of Liberty: An Unexplored Connection.” (Invited Speaker). Conference for the Study of Political Thought (Toronto chapter). April 2013.

“Liberty and Non-Domination: A Theoretical Concept in Historical Context.” Queen’s University Faculty Seminar. May 2013.

“John Locke’s Hobbesian Liberalism.” (Invited Speaker). The Balzan-Skinner Lecture and Colloquium. Cambridge University. October 2012.

“John Locke in Liberal Memory.” (Invited speaker). Cambridge Seminar on the History of Political Thought. Cambridge University. May 2011.

“Hobbes on Heresy: the Restoration Context.” (Invited speaker). Cambridge Seminar on Early Modern British History. Cambridge University. January 2011.

“John Locke and the Rise of the Liberal State.” (Invited speaker). History Department Faculty Seminar. University of Kent. November 2010.

“Thomas Hobbes and Toleration.” (Invited speaker). Philosophical Psychology, Morality, and Politics Research Unit. University of Helsinki. November 2010.

“Sovereignty and the State’s Ideological Program.” Roundtable participant. Research Workshop of Thomas Hobbes. McGill University, Montreal. March 2009.

“Toleration and the Tradition of Civil Religion.” Conference on Civil and Religious Liberty: Ideas of Rights and Tolerance in England, c. 1640-1800. Yale University. New Haven, CT. July 2008.

“Lockean Contradictions: Toleration and Catholicism during the Restoration.” Conference on Britain’s Wars of Religion Revisited. University of Hull. Hull, UK. July 2008.

Participant in roundtable panel discussion of *The Allegiance of Thomas Hobbes*. (Invited speaker.) University Center for Human Values, Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. April 2008.

“Toleration and the State in Early Modern England: The Lockean Paradox.” (Invited speaker.) Montreal British History Seminar. Montreal, Quebec. October 2007.

“Contextualizing Thomas Hobbes.” (Invited speaker.) Montreal Philosophy Colloquium. Montreal, Quebec. October 2007.

Participant in roundtable panel discussion of *The Allegiance of Thomas Hobbes*. (Invited speaker.) Annual Conference of the Southwestern Political Science Association Albuquerque, NM. March 2007.

Panel commentator for “Revolutions and Radicalisms in Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Political Thought.” North American Conference of British Studies. Cambridge. Scheduled for November 2006.

“Hobbes in Interregnum Context.” (Invited speaker.) European History Seminar, Queen’s University (Belfast, Ireland). May 2006.

“Papists and Hobbists: The Significance of a Paradoxical Nexus.” North American Conference of British Studies. Denver. November 2005.

“Silencing Thomas Hobbes: the Presbyterians and their Printers.” (Invited speaker.) History of the Book Conference. Princeton University. December 2004.

“Interregnum Censorship: the Case of Thomas Hobbes.” Early Modern Studies Workshop. Queen’s University (Ontario). November 2004.

“Interregnum Republicanism and *Leviathan*.” (Invited speaker.) Political Theory and Intellectual History Seminar. Cambridge University. February 2003.

“Hobbes in Interregnum London.” (Invited Speaker) Institute of Historical Research. London. February 2003.

“The Politics of Thomas Hobbes.” Early Modern European Seminar. University of Chicago. Chicago. October 2001.

Professional Service

Chair of Graduate Studies, Hamilton Center, 2024-ongoing.

Editor, *Journal of British Studies* (with Dr. Sandra den Otter). 2017-2023.

Editorial Board. Ideas and Practices. Book series in intellectual history published by Boydell and Brewer and the Institute for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Durham University.

Six part short, video lecture series on the political philosophy of Thomas Hobbes, *Massolit* (UK, 2021).

Interim Department Chair: Department of History, Queen’s University. July 2019-July 2020.

Editorial Board member, *Modern Intellectual History*. 2010-2019.

Associate Editor, *Journal of British Studies*. (2010-2014, 2023-present)

Book manuscript reviewer for Cambridge University Press (2007, 2008, 2022); Oxford University Press (2009); Yale University Press (2010); University of Notre Dame Press (2014); Harvard University Press (2015, 2020); University of Chicago Press (2019); University of Pennsylvania Press (2020).

Article manuscript reviewer for: *Historical Journal*, *History* (Journal of the British Historical Association), *Hebraic Political Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, and *Political Theory*, *The Seventeenth Century*; *The Sixteenth Century*; *Intellectual History Review*; *Modern Intellectual History*; *Journal of Modern History*.

Graduate Chair: Department of History, Queen’s University, 2012-2015.

Coordinator of Faculty Seminar: 2004-6, 2020-21, 2022-3. Department of History, Queen’s University.

Organizational Memberships

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

American Historical Society

North American Conference of British Studies

European Hobbes Society

John Locke Society

Heterodox Academy