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**Education**

- Yale University  
M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D. Department of Political Science
- Swarthmore College  
B.A. Philosophy and Sociology: awarded honors by External Examiner Alan Ryan, Princeton University.

**Professional Positions**

- Professor, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, May 2019 – Present.
- Associate Editor, *American Journal of Political Science* (2019-2023)
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, January 2011 – Present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, State University of New York Upstate Medical University (by voluntary courtesy appointment), June 2010 – 2018.
- Co-Director Research Experience in Ethics and Health: in collaboration with SUNY Upstate College of Medicine and Yale University's Interdisciplinary Program in Bioethics, 2009 – 2019.
- Senior Research Associate, Campbell Public Affairs Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, September 2005 – Present.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, August 2004 – December 2011.

**Fellowships and Awards**

- Visiting Scholar, Princeton University Center for Human Values (2020-2021).
- Best Book, American Political Science Association organized section for Migration and Citizenship, 2018. (For *The Political Value of Time*.)
- Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY, 2014 – 2015.
- 2012 Faculty Fellow In-Residence, Five College Childhood Studies Program, Amherst, MA.

- Daniel Patrick Moynihan Award for Outstanding Research and Teaching, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2011.
- Excellence in Graduate Education Award, Syracuse University, 2010.
- Visiting Fellow, Wagner School of Public Service, New York University, January 2010 – August 2010.
- Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, 2010. (Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.)
- Institute for Constitutional Studies Summer Residential Citizenship Institute, New York Historical Society, New York, NY, June 2009. (Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.)
- Appleby Mosher Grant for Summer Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2006, 2015.
- Maxwell Citizenship Initiative Faculty Research Grant, 2005.
- Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2000-2001.
- Yale University Teaching Fellowship, 1998-2000.
- Yale University Graduate Fellowship, 1995-1998.

## Books

- *Illegal: America's Lawless Immigration Regime and How it Threatens Us All.* (Basic Books, Jan 28, 2020.) Pre-publication reviews: [Kirkus](#); [Publisher's Weekly](#).
- *Citizenship.* (with Cyril A. Ghosh) (Polity Press, 2019).
- *The Political Value of Time: Citizenship, Duration, and Democratic Justice.* (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, January 2018).
  - Korean translation, 2020.
  - Best Book Prize in American Political Science Association organized section for Migration and Citizenship, 2019.
  - Featured in review essay in *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming October 2019. Reviews also forthcoming in *Ethics, Law and Society Review* and *Public Administration Review*. Also reviewed in LSE Review of Books.
  - Subject of APSA Author Meets Critics Roundtable (2018).
- *Semi-Citizenship in Democratic Politics.* (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009; paperback, 2014). (Amazon Hot 35 Pick in Human Rights).
 

Reviewed in:

  - \* *Perspectives on Politics* (November 2010). (Symposium review of important recent work on human rights.)
  - \* *American Journal of Sociology* (July 2010).
  - \* *Revue Française de Science Politique* (February 2011).

**Articles and Chapters**

- “Time.” In *Cambridge Handbook of Constitutional Theory*. Cambridge, UK; Cambridge University Press, expected 2020.
- “Carved from the Inside Out: Public Philosophies of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States.” In *Debating Immigration*. Ed. Carol Swain. (New York: Cambridge University Press, expected 2018). This is a revised edition of the 2007 publication.)
- “The Political Economy of Immigrant Time: Rights, Citizenship and Temporariness in the post-1965 Era.” *Polity*, 47, July 2015, 337-351.
- “Dilemmas of Representation, Citizenship, and Semi-Citizenship.” *St. Louis University Law Journal*, Volume 58, Summer 2014, 1047-1070.
- “Citizenship, Immigration, and the Law of Time in the United States.” *Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy*. Volume 8, 2013, 53-79.
- “Effects of Immigration Federalism on the Rights of Non-Citizens in the United States.” With Jennifer Kinney. *Multilevel Citizenship*. Ed. Willem Maas. University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, PA, 2013.
- “Rethinking Immigration Reform: The Political Currency of Time in Immigration.” *Perspectives on Politics*, September 2011.
- “Jus Tempus in Magna Carta: the Sovereignty of Time in Modern Citizenship and Politics.” *PS: Political Science and Politics*, July 2010, 463-4.
- “Limitations on Universality: The Right to Health, Statelessness, and Legal Nationality.” With Lindsey Kingston and Christopher Morley. *International Health and Human Rights* 10:11 2010.
- “Children, ADHD, and Citizenship.” With Christopher Morley. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 34:2 2009, 155-180.
- “Carved from the Inside Out: Public Philosophies of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States” in *Debating Immigration*. Ed. Carol Swain. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007) 32-45.
- “Social Philosophy of the Family” in *Debates in Social Philosophy*. Ed. Laurence Thomas. (Oxford: Blackwell Press, 2007) 69-76.
- “Neither Seen nor Heard: Children’s Citizenship in Democratic Polities.” *Citizenship Studies*, May 2005, 221-240.
- “Immigrant Incorporation and Intermediary Institutions” with Kristi Andersen in *The Politics of Democratic Inclusion*. Eds. Christina Wolbrecht and Rodney E. Hero, with Peri E. Arnold and Alvin B. Tillery, Jr. (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2005) 186 – 205.

**Op-Eds**

- [What Immigration Restrictionists Can’t Foresee, \*The Atlantic\*, March 13, 2019.](#)

- ["Why Trump's Immigration Policies Will Increase Undocumented Immigration." \*Politico\*, March 1, 2017.](#)
- ["If Not Idealism, At Least Pragmatism." \*Philosophers On the Syrian Refugees\* in \*Daily Nous\*, Wednesday, November 25, 2015.](#)
- ["Should Illegal Immigrants Become Citizens? Let's Ask the Founding Fathers." Op-ed in \*The Washington Post\*, Sunday, February 2, 2013.](#)  
[Excerpted and referenced in, Charles Blow, "Border Surge Meets Bluster Surge." \*New York Times\*, June 21, 2013.](#)
- "Albany Party-Switching Insults Voters." Op-Ed, *Newsday*, Sunday June 19, 2009.

#### **Shorter Essays and Reviews**

- Review of *A Democratic Bearing: Admirable Citizens, Uneven Justice, and Critical Theory* by Stephen K. White for *Ethics* (forthcoming, May 2018).
- "Democracy for Realists." *Perspectives on Politics*, March 2017. Review Symposium on: Christopher Achen and Larry Bartels, *Democracy for Realists: Why Elections Do Not Produce Responsive Government*. (Princeton University Press: 2016).
- "When Democracies Denationalize: The Epistemological Case Against Revoking Citizenship." *Ethics and International Affairs*. Carnegie Endowment for Peace. Volume 30, June 2016.
- "Magna Carta's Citizens." *Insights on Law and Society*, Winter 2014. Lead essay by Chief Justice John Roberts.
- "You're an American: So What?" Commentary on public lecture by Eric Liu (former speechwriter and deputy domestic policy advisor to President Bill Clinton) "Who Gets to be a Citizen?" *Zocalo*, March 28, 2012.
- Review of *States without Nations: Citizenship for Mortals*, by Jacqueline Stevens. *Perspectives on Politics*, 8:3, pp 932-3.
- "Investigating the Logic of Inquiry of the Status of the Foreign Born" *Canadian American Research Series*, Volume X:X Winter 2007, pp 18-20.
- "Foucault" in *Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology*. Ed. Bryan S. Turner. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006) pp 212-214.
- "Governmentality" in *Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology*. Ed. Bryan S. Turner. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006) pp 252-3.
- "Categorical Imperatives: The Origins and Implications of Administrative Distinctions Among the Foreign-Born in the United States." *Canadian Issues*, March 2004, pp 25-28.

#### **Work in Progress**

#### **Books in Progress**

- *Out of Line: The Political Salience of Queues, Lines, and Waiting*

This project examines the impact of citizens and immigrants imagining themselves to be waiting in queues to access political opportunities, goods, and standing. The experience of “waiting in line” has become a common metaphor to describe the experience of seeking social and political mobility. This is true even when nothing resembling a line or a queue to receive goods and standing exists. Queues are associated with powerful social justice norms. Once people believe they have invested time waiting in line, they tend to treat their place in line to be a form of property, they expect the principle of first come first served to apply, and they react strongly to even a suggestion that a line has been “cut” or arbitrarily reordered. This has powerful implications for how anyone seeking social mobility will regard others they believe to be ahead or behind them in the line, which in turn will affect social attitudes about things such as desert, allocation, and social justice.

- *Immigration in Our Time*

A book length study of how arguments about durational time and its past applications in immigration law and policy can be used to forge compromise and commitment to a durable version of immigration reform. (For review by the Russell Sage Foundation Press.)

**Keynotes  
and Invited  
Talks**

- Yale University, MacMillian Center, New Haven, CT. November 15, 2020.  
*Illegal: How America’s Lawless Immigration Regime Hurts Us All.*
- Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., November 6, 2019.  
“Out of Line: The Political Salience of Lines, Queues, and Waiting.
- University of Louisville, Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics Program, Louisville, KY. October 16-18.  
Lunchtime seminar on *The Political Value of Time* and public lecture on *Illegal: How America’s Lawless Immigration Regime Hurts Us All.*
- Ohio University, Department of Philosophy, COMPAS Group, Columbus, OH, September 27, 2019.  
“Current Issues in Citizenship”
- Uppsala University, “Exploring Citizenship” multidisciplinary research group, Uppsala, Sweden. May 2019  
“The Political Value of Time.”

- Vrije Universiteit School of Law, Amsterdam, Netherlands. May 2019.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- KU Leuven, Department of Philosophy, Leuven, Belgium. December 13, 2018.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- University of Amsterdam, Department of Philosophy, Amsterdam, NL.  
December 12, 2018.
- University of Leiden, Center for Political Philosophy, Leiden, NL.  
December 11, 2018.
- University of Pennsylvania, Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy.  
November 15, 2018.  
“Immigration, Populism, and Political Frames.”
- Washington University of St. Louis, Department of Political Science, St. Louis, MO, November 8, 2018.  
“Out of Line: The Political Salience of Lines, Queues, and Waiting.”
- Washington University of St. Louis, Department of Political Science, St. Louis, MO, November 8, 2018.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- Stanford University, Spogli Institute, Palo Alto, CA, June 8, 2018.  
“Immigration, Populism, and Political Frames.”• Conference Keynote, New York State Political Science Association, Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, April 17-18, 2018.
- Duke University, Kenan Institute for Ethics, March 19, 2018.  
“Out of Line: The Political Significance of Queues, Lines, and Waiting.”
- Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity,  
Department of Law, Ethics, Politics, University of Göttingen, Germany. October 20-21, 2017.  
“Temporal Boundaries, Political Power, and Free Movement.”
- Workshop on Human Migration, Bristol University, Bristol, UK. June 19, 2017  
“The Political Value of Immigrant Time.”
- Oxford University, Nuffield College Oxford UK. June 15, 2017.  
“Immigration, the State, and Social Movements.”

- Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA. March 22, 2017.  
Public Lecture: “American Semi-Citizenships and Immigration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”
- Brown University, Providence, RI. March 17, 2017.  
“Semi-Citizenship and the Temporal Transformation of Immigrants.”
- Cornell University Law School, Ithaca, NY. March 3, 2017.  
“The Casualization of Citizenship.”
- Princeton University Center for Human Values Colloquium on Time in Politics; Politics in Time: Historical and Normative Perspectives. Princeton, NJ. April 29, 2016.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- New York University Political Theory Workshop, New York, NY. February 26, 2016.  
“The Political Economy of Time.”
- Stanford University Political Theory Workshop, Palo Alto, CA. February 12, 2016.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- Stanford University, Department of Sociology, Immigration Workshop, Palo Alto, CA. February 11, 2016.  
“The Political Economy of Time in US Immigration.”
- Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science, Baltimore, MD. October 27, 2015.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- Yale University Political Theory Workshop, New Haven, CT. November 11, 2015.  
“The Political Economy of Time.”
- Johns Hopkins University, Program on Racism, Immigration and Citizenship, Baltimore, MD. May 1, 2015.  
“A Time and a Place: Race and Racism in Comparative Perspective.” (Guest panelist.)
- Temple University Political Theory Workshop, Philadelphia, PA. February 16, 2015.  
“The Political Value of Time.”

- Temple University Beasley School of Law, International Law Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA. January 16, 2015.  
“The Deadline, the Divide and the *Demos*: How Sovereign Temporal Boundaries Circumscribe Nations, States, and *Demoi*.”
- Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, New York, NY. December 3, 2014.  
“The Political Value of Time.”
- American Bar Association National Law-Related Education Conference Plenary Session, Atlanta, GA. October 3-5, 2013.  
“Semi-Citizenship, Membership and Immigration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century United States.”
- St. Louis University School of Law, Richard J. Childress Memorial Lecture Panel, St. Louis, MO. October 31, 2013.  
“Can Democracies Represent the Disenfranchised?”
- Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC. January 2013.  
“Political Theory and History of Immigration.”
- Cornell University Institute for European Studies, Ithaca, NY. January 2013.  
“From Birthers to Dreamers: Citizenship and the Moral Meaning of Time.”
- Five College Consortium (Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, University of Massachusetts at Amherst), Amherst, MA. October 2012.  
Public Lecture on Children’s Rights and Temporality.
- Hampshire College, Amherst, MA October 2, 2012.  
“Time and Children’s Citizenship.”
- Smith College, Northampton, MA October 3, 2012.  
“Citizenship in American Political History.”
- University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA October 3, 2012.  
“Birthright Citizenship and the History of Childhood.”
- Smith College, Northampton, MA. October 5, 2012.  
“Children as Political Subjects of Parents and the State.”
- Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA March 2012.

“Autochthony, Law and Citizenship-in-question.”

- Russell Sage Foundation Workshop on Immigration and Cultural Contact, New York, NY. July 28-9, 2011.
- Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY. May 22, 2012. “Virtue, Citizenship, and the Law: Interdisciplinary Perspective.” (Commenter.)
- Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, NY. September 21, 2011. Constitution Day Panel on the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Syracuse University
- University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, Workshop on Immigration and Rights, Berkeley, CA. June 1, 2011. “Rethinking Immigration Reform: The Political Currency of Time in Immigration.”
- York University, Conference on Multilevel Citizenship, Toronto, CA. October 29, 2010. “Effects of Immigration Federalism on the Rights of Non-Citizens in the United States.”
- Temple University Political Theory Workshop, Philadelphia, PA. November 17, 2010. “The Political Currency of Time.”
- University of California at Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, Program in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, Berkeley, CA. August 27, 2010. “Semi-Citizenship and the Political Currency of Time.”
- Rutgers University, Eagleton Institute, Program on Immigration and Democracy, New Brunswick, NJ December 7, 2009. “Semi-Citizenship, Immigration Statuses and Laws of Time.”
- Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. February 19, 2009. “Great Works Symposium: Citizenship and Civil Rights.”
- Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science, Nashville, TN February 9, 2009. “Immigration, Citizenship, and Semi-Citizenship in Contemporary American Politics.”

- University of New England “Core Connections” Lecture Series, Biddeford, ME. October 2, 2008.  
“The Orders of Citizenship and Semi-Citizenship in Democratic Politics.”
- Vanderbilt Law School, A Symposium on *Debating Immigration*, Nashville, TN, March 2008.  
“Importing an Empire: Race and Immigration in Early American Political Thought.”
- Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, May 2007.  
*The Myth of Full Membership: Citizenship and Semi-Citizenship in Democratic Politics*. Book Manuscript Review Session. Reviewers: Linda Bosniak, Professor of Law, Rutgers University School of Law, Jennifer Hochschild, Henry LaBarre Jayne Professor of Government and Professor of African and African-American Studies, Harvard University.
- Syracuse University, Maxwell School, Syracuse, NY. April 2005.  
Respondent to Samuel Huntington’s public lecture “Who Are We? The Challenges to American Identity.”
- Princeton University, Conference on *Contemporary Politics of Immigration in the United States*, Princeton, NJ. January 2005.  
“Reclassifying Foreign Born Residents in the United States.”
- University of Wisconsin at Madison, Department of Political Science, Madison, WI. May 2004.  
“Contracted Out: On Marriage and Citizenship in Liberal Republican Political Theory.”
- Canadian American Research Seminar, Niagara Falls, NY. April 2003.  
“Immigrant Incorporation Processes in the United States.”
- Notre Dame University, Program in American Democracy, Conference on *The Politics of Democratic Inclusion*, South Bend, IN. October 2002.  
“Political Parties and the Inclusion of Immigrants and New Citizens.”
- Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. April 2002.  
Symposium on Robert Dahl’s *How Democratic is the American Constitution?*”

**Conference  
Talks**

- “The Waiting is the Hardest Part.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington DC, August 2019 (with Shana Gadarian).
- Author meets critics roundtable: The Political Value of Time. American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, August 2018.
- “The Casualization of Citizenship.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016.
- “The Political Value of Immigrant Time in the US.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2015.
- “Immigration Federalism: 2002-2012.” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Hollywood, CA, March 2013.
- “Theorizing Immigration Law.” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, Portland, OR, Saturday, March 24, 2012.
- American Political Science Association Working Group on Migration and Citizenship, “Migration and Citizenship Café: "Ethical issues in Migration and Citizenship".” (With Joseph Carens) American Political Science Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, September 2, 2011.
- “Rethinking Immigration Reform: The Political Currency of Time in Immigration.” Law and Society Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 2, 2011.
- “*Jus Tempus* and Citizenship: Durational Time, Date Thresholds, and the Parcelling of Rights to Immigrant Semi-Citizens.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., September 4, 2010.
- “*Jus Soli, Jus Sanguinis* and *Jus Tempus*.” Western Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 31, 2010.
- “Limitations on Universality: The “Right to Health” and the Necessity of Legal Nationality.” (With Lindsey Kingston & Christopher Morley; presented by Lindsey Kingston). Western Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 1, 2010.
- “Gradient Citizenship and the Categorical Imperatives of Membership.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.
- “State Categorization of the Foreign-Born Population of the United States.” Annual Meeting, Association for Canadian American Studies, Ellis Island and Columbia University, New York, NY, September 2007.
- “Carved From the Inside Out.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2006.
- “Classifying Forms of Nationality in Liberal Democracies.” American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2004.
- Author Meets Critics: Daniel Tichenor, *Dividing Lines: The Politics of Immigration Control in America*. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2004.

- "Malign Neglect: GLBT Marriage and Contemporary Democratic Citizenship." Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2003.
- "Structural Constraints on Diversity: Denying Political Rights to the Foreign Born in the United States." Annual Meeting, Association for Canadian American Studies, New York, NY, September 2003.
- Roundtable Organizer and Chair, "Celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of T.H. Marshall's 'Citizenship and Social Class': Multi-Disciplinary Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future of Citizenship Studies." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2000.
- "Toward A Theory of Semi-Citizenship," American Political Science Association annual meeting, Boston, MA, September 1998.

**Affiliations & Activities**

- Advisory Board Member: American Bar Association, Division for Public Education, project on US Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. (Amount of Award: \$40,000.)
- Co-author of proposal for endowed Tanner Lecture in Ethics, Citizenship, and Public Responsibility. (Amount of award: \$1,000,000.)
- Syracuse University Senate (2011- 2013).
- Co-Founder: Research Experience in Ethics and Health: in collaboration with SUNY Upstate College of Medicine and Yale University's Interdisciplinary Program in Bioethics, 2009 – present.
- Representative: Humanities Council, Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences, 2008-2009.
- Director: State of Democracy Lecture Series, The Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2007-2012.
- Principal Advisor: Political Philosophy Major: Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences, 2006-2014.
- Senior Research Associate: Alan K. Campbell Institute for Public Affairs at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2005-present.

**Professional Service**

- American Political Science Association Migration and Citizenship Section Best Book Prize Committee Member (2016).
- American Political Science Association Leo Strauss Prize for Best Dissertation in Political Theory Committee Member (2015).
- Co-Chair (with Daniel Tichenor) American Political Science Association Migration and Citizenship Section 2015 Program.
- Program Reviewer:
  - American Council of Learned Societies New Faculty Fellows Program
  - Russell Sage Foundation.

- Editorial Board: *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (2017 – present); *Citizenship Studies* (2014-2021); *Social Problems* (Annual Edition); Palgrave Macmillan Series: Politics of Citizenship and Migration
- Editorial Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; Oxford University Press; University of Pennsylvania Press; New York University Press; Palgrave MacMillan USA; *Ethics and International Affairs*; *Political Theory*; *Journal of Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Migration Studies*; *Citizenship Studies*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; *Res Publica*; *Yale Journal of Law and Humanities*; *Governance*.