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My research interests lie at the intersection of political philosophy and public policy. Specifically, I am interested in the justifiability of paternalistic policy and law in liberal states, theories of deliberative democracy and public reason, multiculturalism, business ethics, and epistemic theories of democracy and its critiques. I have recently published an article in the *European Journal of Philosophy* that offers an original critique of a prominent strand of social contract theory and a suitable alternative. I am currently working on several articles on state paternalism, and a book project based on my dissertation, which concerns the ethics and moral permissibility of state paternalism on various issues, including recreational drug use, prostitution, and unconscionable contracts.

Education

- 2020- New York University Abu Dhabi, Assistant Professor of Politics (Political Theory)
- 2019-20 NYU, New York, Postdoctoral Associate
- 2019 Princeton University, Ph.D. Politics
Exam fields: Political Theory, Philosophy, Comparative Politics
Dissertation: “Saving Paternalism: The Case for Deliberative Intervention”
Committee: Philip Pettit, Alan Patten, Stephen Macedo
- 2013 University of Cambridge, M.Phil in Political Thought and Intellectual History
- 2012 Rice University, B.A., Philosophy/ Economics (double major), *Summa Cum Laude*

Publications

“On the Need for Real Dialogue: What’s Wrong with Monological Contractualism?”
2019. *European Journal of Philosophy*. 27 (4): 939-956.

“Paternalism, Respect, and Citizen Interests” (accepted and forthcoming, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*)

“Rousseau’s *Volonte Générale* Demystified,” 2019. *The Korean Review of Political Thought* 25 (1): 125-158. doi: 10.37248/krpt. 2019.05.25.1.125

“Towards an Explanation of Kant and Hegel’s Conception of Practical Reason”,
(accepted and forthcoming *The Korean Review of Political Thought*)

Works in Progress

“Paternalism, Understanding, and Evidence of Incapacity” (under review at *The Journal of Applied Philosophy*)

“Why Value Pluralism requires Liberalism” (under review at *Political Theory*)

“Paternalism, Reasons, and Rationality” (in preparation)

Conferences and Workshop Presentations

Northeastern Political Science Association, “Toleration and Impartiality”, November 2015

Harvard Graduate Political Theory Conference, “The Problem of the Monological Basis of Contractualism”, October 2016

Western Political Science Association, “The Problem of the Monological Basis of Contractualism”, April 2017

Manchester University Centre for Political Theory (Mancept Workshops), “Against the Right to Self-Sovereignty”, September 2018

Association for Political Theory, “Against the Right to Self-Sovereignty,” October 2018

American Political Science Association (APSA), “On the Conceptual Puzzle of Populism,” August-September 2019



NYU Graduate Political Theory Workshop, “The Real Reason Why We Hate the Nanny State,” February 14, 2020

Association for Political Theory, “The Real Reason Why We Hate the Nanny State,” (Accepted) November 2020.

Manchester University Centre for Political Theory (Mancept Workshop), “Paternalism and Evidence of Incapacity,” September 9, 2021

American Political Science Association (APSA), “Paternalism and Evidence of Incapacity,” October 3, 2021

Awards and Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Centre for Advanced Studies “Justitia Amplificata: Rethinking Justice – Applied and Global”, Goethe-University Frankfurt 2019-2020 offered but declined

Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship 2017-2018
Princeton University Center for Human Values

University Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton 2013-2018

Merit Prize, University Center for Human Values, Princeton 2013-2014

Political Philosophy Graduate Travel and Research Grant, Princeton University Center for Human Values 2017

Stafford Conference Funding, Princeton University 2015, 2016, 2018

Rice Trustee Distinguished Scholar 2008-2012

C.D. Broad Exchange Scholarship, Rice University and Trinity College, University of Cambridge 2012-2013

James Street Fulton Prize for Excellence in Philosophy, Rice University 2012

Konstantin Kolenda Fellowship in Philosophy, Rice University 2011-2012

Tsanoff Essay Prize (Upper division), Philosophy, Rice University 2009-2010

Teaching Experience

Princeton University, *Ethics and Public Policy* (WWS 370): Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018

New York University Abu Dhabi, *Ethics, Technology, and Business*: Fall 2020, Fall 2021

New York University Abu Dhabi, *Introduction to Political Theory*: Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Advising Experience

Resident Graduate Student, Mathey College, Princeton University, 2016-2017

Senior Capstone Student Advising at NYU Abu Dhabi, 2020-current

Professional Service

Reviewer for article submitted to *The Journal of Politics*, September 2018

Reviewer for article submitted to *Political Research Quarterly*, August 2020

Reviewer for article submitted to *American Philosophical Quarterly*, August 2021

Princeton University Graduate Conference in Political Theory Co-organizer (2014-2016), and Paper Discussant, 2016

References

Philip Pettit, *Laurence Rockefeller University Professor of Politics and Human Values at Princeton University* (ppettit@princeton.edu)

Alan Patten, *Howard Harrison and Gabrielle Snyder Beck Professor of Politics at Princeton University* (apatten@princeton.edu)

Stephen Macedo, *Laurence Rockefeller Professor of Politics and the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University* (macedo@princeton.edu)

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