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APPOINTMENTS:

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Political Science
Assistant Professor 2021-

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Research Group on Constitutional Studies
Postdoctoral Fellow 2019-21

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, Queen's Faculty of Law
Postdoctoral Fellow 2018-19

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Stanford Law School
Fellow, Constitutional Law Center 2017-20
Lecturer 2017-18

EDUCATION:

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Department of Politics
PhD 2018
Dissertation: *Dialogue and Domination: A Theory of Judicial Review*
Subfields: Public Law, Political Theory, and Comparative Politics
Committee: Jan-Werner Müller, Keith Whittington, Philip Pettit
MA 2014

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Department of Political Science
MA 2011

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, Department of Political Science
BA (First Class Honours) 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Canadian Politics: Charter rights and public policy, provincial bills of rights, federalism, aboriginal rights, Canadian law and society, Canadian political development.
Public Law: constitutional theory, rights jurisprudence, theories of constitutional interpretation, judicial politics, comparative constitutional law, the philosophy of law.
Political Theory: republicanism, democratic theory, human rights, the history of political thought, theories of justice and freedom.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Edited Books:

Constitutional Dialogue: Rights, Democracy, Institutions (Cambridge University Press, 2019) (edited with Grégoire Webber and Rosalind Dixon), xi, 471pp.

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Between Populism and Juristocracy: Republicanism and the *Canadian Charter*” *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming).

“Justice(s) Out of Office: Principles for Former Judges” with M. Mancini. (2021) *Queen’s Law Journal*.

“Dialogue and Distrust: John Hart Ely and the *Canadian Charter*” (2021) 19(2) *International Journal of Constitutional Law*.

“Introduction: The ‘What’ and ‘Why’ of Constitutional Dialogue” in Geoffrey Sigalet, Grégoire Webber, Rosalind Dixon (eds.) *Constitutional Dialogue: Rights, Democracy, Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) 1-31.

“On Dialogue and Domination” in Geoffrey Sigalet, Grégoire Webber, Rosalind Dixon (eds.) *Constitutional Dialogue: Rights, Democracy, Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) 85-125.

“Proportionality’s *Reductio ad Monitum*” (2018) 23:2 *Review of Constitutional Studies* 341-368.

“Waldron’s Challenge: On the Political Relevance of Moral Realism” (2018) 4 *Politics and Poetics* 1-23.

AMERICAN LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

“American Rights Jurisprudence Through Canadian Eyes” (2021) 23 *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 125-192.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

“Who settles Rights? Essential Clause in a Democracy” (with Ben Woodfinden) *National Post* (15 June 2021)

“Rights Against the Rule of Law?” (2021) 101 *Supreme Court Law Review* (forthcoming).

“What constitutes the legitimate use of the notwithstanding clause?” (with M. Mancini) *Policy Options* (January 20, 2020).

“Making the democratic case against Bill 21” (with J. Baron) *Policy Options* (April 11, 2019).

“Saskatchewan’s Brad Wall and the rehabilitation of the Charter” (with J. Baron) *Policy Options* (19 May 2017).

“The ‘Charter Party’s’ new dance with the judiciary” (with J. Baron) *Policy Options* (8 September 2016).

“‘Man of Thought’: Review of Robert Howse *Leo Strauss: Man of Peace*” (2016) 42:2 *Interpretation* 325-337.

“Light the Fire” *National Post* (20 March 2015) 1:9.

“Political Theology in a New Key” *VoegelinView* (April 2014) (www.voegelinview.com).

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Book Projects:

Dialogue and Domination: A Republican Theory of Judicial and Legislative Review
(manuscript)

Articles:

“Legislated Rights as Trumps”

“Republican Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers”

“On Dialogue and Dominion: Republicanism and Commonwealth Constitutionalism”

“The Truck and the Brakes: Understanding the *Charter*’s Notwithstanding and Limitations Clauses Symmetrically”

“On Rights against Domination”

TEACHING:

Fall (2020)	Lecturer: “Democratic Theory” POLI365: McGill Department of Political Science
Winter (2020)	Lecturer: “Comparative Bills of Rights” POLI432: McGill Department of Political Science
Winter (2019)	Lecturer: “Jurisprudence” LAW262: Queen’s Faculty of Law
Winter (2019)	Lecturer: “Advanced Constitutional Law” LAW 529: Queen’s Faculty of Law
Winter (2018)	Lecturer: “Conflict of Laws” LAW 2406: Stanford Law School

REFERENCES:

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Keith Whittington W.N. Cromwell Professor of Politics Princeton University	609-258-3453 kewhitt@princeton.edu
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INVITED TALKS:

“On Comity and Contestation: Justifying the Republican Separation of Powers”
Oct. 2nd 2020, Institute for Liberal Studies (Online Public Lecture)
“American Rights Jurisprudence Through Canadian Eyes”
Sept. 18th 2020, Penn State Law School (Zoom talk)
“Proportionality in Individual Rights Cases: A View from Canada”
April 2nd 2020, Stanford Law School (Rescheduled due to COVID-19)
“Republicanism and the Separation of Powers”
March 11th 2020 Concordia University, Dep. of Political Science
“Republican Judicial Review and the Separation of Powers”
Oct. 24th 2019 University of Ottawa, Ottawa Political Thought Research Network
“Dialogue and Commonwealth Bills of Rights”
Nov. 26th 2018 Queen’s Faculty of Law
“To Use, or Not to Use? A Debate on the Notwithstanding Clause”
Nov. 21st 2018 McGill Faculty of Law
« La clause de dérogation et la *Chartes Canadienne des Droits et Libertés* »
Nov. 13th 2018 Université de Montréal, Faculté de droit
“Invoking Section 33: Democracy or Disaster?”
March 27th 2018 University of Saskatchewan College of Law
“Two Cheers for Republican Dialogue”
January 11, 2017 University of Calgary Department of Political Science
“The Right to Assisted Suicide, C-14, and *Charter* Dialogue”
October 25, 2016 University of Calgary Law School
“How Republican Is ‘Dialogue Theory’?”
August 15, 2016 University of Alberta Law School

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

“Dialogue and Distrust: J.H. Ely and the Canadian *Charter*”
Globalizing Democracy and Distrust: Ely in the World
University of New South Wales Law School, Dec. 16-17 2019

“The Truck and the Brakes: Understanding the *Charter*’s Limitations and Notwithstanding
Clauses Symmetrically”
Canadian Political Science Association, 2019: Vancouver, B.C.

“On Rights Against Domination”
The Nature of Rights Revisited
Stanford Law School, June 16th 2018, Co-organizer and Panel Participant

Center for the Study of Liberal Democracy Book Manuscript Workshop:

Featured Manuscript: *Dialogue and Domination: A Theory of Judicial Review*
University of Wisconsin, April 28th 2018

“Waldron’s Challenge: On the Political Relevance of Moral Realism”
Ethics and the Conflicts of Modernity: Debating MacIntyre and his Rivals
University of Oxford, June 30th 2017

“An American Limitations Clause? On Greene’s Constitutional Amendment”
A Big Fix: Should We Amend Our Constitution?
Stanford Law School, May 12th 2017

“Dialogue and Domination: Republicanism and ‘Dialogic’ Judicial Review”
Canadian Political Science Association, 2016: Calgary, Alberta

“Between Populism and Juristocracy: Republicanism and Rainer Knopff”
Workshop Honouring Rainer Knopff
University of Calgary May 30th 2016

“Neo-republicanism and ‘Constitutional Dialogue’”
Constitutional Dialogue: What’s in the Metaphor?
Princeton University, April 26th 2016, Co-organizer and Panel Participant

“A Socratic Constitution? Dialogical Judicial Review and Constitutionalism” presentation
under the auspices of the Princeton-Humboldt Initiative for the Study of Law in Context,
Humboldt-Universität June 30th 2015

“Prisoner Disenfranchisement and the Fugitive *Demos*”
Protecting Liberal Democracy: Normative and Empirical Perspectives
Humboldt-Universität June 29th 2014

“Rights for Hedgehogs?”
Canadian Political Science Association, 2013 Annual Conference: Victoria, B.C.

“Whither the Weathercocks? The Structure of Hobbesian Obligation”.
Harvard University, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Oct. 28-29, 2011.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Professional Memberships: American Political Science Association, Canadian Political Science Association

Research Groups: Princeton Law and Public Affairs Graduate Fellow, Princeton Political Theory Workshop, McGill Research Group on Constitutional Studies Fellow, Centre for Aristotelian Studies in Ethics and Politics

Journal Referee: *American Journal of Jurisprudence*, *Political Science Reviewer*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*

Conferences (co-organizer and participant):

“The Nature of Rights Revisited” Stanford Law School, June 2018
Funding provided by the Stanford Law School’s Constitutional Law Center, Stanford’s McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, the Federalist Society.

“Constitutional Dialogue: What’s in the Metaphor?” April 2016

Funding provided by the Queen’s University Canada Research Chair in Legal Philosophy and Princeton University’s Law and Public Affairs, University Centre for Human Values, Canadian Studies, and James Madison Programs.

7th Annual Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, April 12, 2014

LANGUAGES:

Latin (basic), Ancient Greek (basic), French (intermediate).

AWARDS:

Queen’s Office of the Vice Principal of Research Grant (2018), Princeton International Institute for Regional Studies Research Grant for Study Abroad (2012), William S. Carpenter Fellowship in Political Science (2011), Joseph-Armand-Bombardier Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council MA scholarship (2009), Jason Lang Scholarship (2007).