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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stanford University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science (May 2016-present)
Assistant Professor (Subject to PhD), Department of Political Science (September 2015-May 2016)

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. Politics, 2016

University of Notre Dame

B.A., English, summa cum laude, 2009

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Voting Matters: A Critical Examination and Defense of Democracy's Central Practice

How should we evaluate and reform contemporary democracies' flawed electoral systems? Given the limitations of electoral democracy, can we really defend a duty to vote? To address these questions, democratic theory needs a clear understanding of voting's role in modern democracy. In my dissertation, I develop an original account of voting that is grounded in widely shared beliefs about the importance of voting, but also attentive to the particular advantages and limitations of voting as a form of participation. I draw on public discourse and empirical research about political attitudes to develop a constructive interpretation of contemporary voting practices. This interpretation locates the value of voting in its distinctiveness as a form of mass participation in which *all* citizens are expected to take part. Elections punctuate the ordinary business of government with extraordinary moments of collective decision-making and underscore the equal political authority of all citizens in a democracy. This account of voting provides grounds for the duty to vote. It also offers a

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framework for intervening in debates about the merits of compulsory voting, political parties and representation, and electoral administration

WORKING PAPERS

“Challenges for Democratic Partisanship” (in preparation)

“There *is* a duty to vote: Grounds for the 'Folk Theory of Voting Ethics' ” (in preparation)

“The Distinctive Value of Elections and the Case for Compulsory Voting” (under review)

PRESENTATIONS

“Mobilizing Voters as Partisans and the Importance of Electoral Context”

Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 2016

MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory, September 2016

“Lotteries and the Future of Democratic Theory” (Roundtable Participant)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2016

“Elections, Representation, and the Democratic Value of Parties”

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 2016

“The Case for Compulsory Voting” (invited)

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law Seminar, February 2016

“There *is* a duty to vote: Grounds for the ‘Folk Theory of Voting Ethics’”

Stanford Political Theory Workshop, December 2015

“The Distinctive Value of Elections and the Case for Compulsory Voting” (invited)

University of California, San Diego Political Theory Workshop, November 2015

“The Efficacy of Voting: A Joint Intentions Approach”

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2014

“Voting as Collective Action? The Impact of Electoral Institutions on Joint Intention Among Voters”

Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2013

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2013 - 2014
Princeton University Center for Human Values

Phi Beta Kappa, 2009

TEACHING

Democratic Theory, Winter 2017
Stanford University, Political Science Department

The Ethics of Elections, Fall 2016
Stanford University, Political Science Department, Program in Ethics in Society

Ethics of Democratic Citizenship, Winter 2016
Stanford University, Political Science Department, Program in Ethics in Society

DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University
Convener (2016-2017)
Co-convener (2015-2016)

Political Science Department Junior Search Committee, Stanford University
Member (2016)

Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University
Paper Discussant, 2012, 2013; Referee, 2011-2014