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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, 2011  
M.A., University of Toronto, Department of Political Science, 2001  
B.A. (Honours), Trent University, Department of Politics, 2000

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### McMaster University

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2015-present  
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, 2014-2015

### University of Chicago

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, 2013-2014

### Acadia University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, 2012-2013

### University of Toronto

Lecturer, 2011-2012

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of political thought, modern political theory, comparative and non-western political theory, imperialism/colonialism, liberalism, postcolonial theory, race, Kant, Mill.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Liberalism, Diversity and Domination: Kant, Mill and the Government of Difference*  
(Cambridge University Press, 2019).

*Reviews/Interviews:*

Menaka Philips, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-020-00377-6>.

Keally McBride, *Perspectives on Politics*, 18 (2) 2020,

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S153759272000095X>.

Vince Bagnulo, *Review of Politics*, 82 (2) 2020,

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034670520000133>.

Jeffrey Church, *The Political Theory Review*, Oct. 7, 2019,

[https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/thepoliticaltheoryreview/episodes/2019-10-07T11\\_11\\_23-07\\_00](https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/thepoliticaltheoryreview/episodes/2019-10-07T11_11_23-07_00).

*Book Panels:*

Western Political Science Association, 2021 (under review).

American Political Science Association, 2020.

International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19).

Western Political Science Association, 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19).

McMaster University, Mar. 2020.

**Journal Articles**

“Provincializing Progress: Developmentalism and Anti-Imperialism in Colonial India.” *Polity*, Vol. 51 (3) 2019, 498-531.

“A Dangerous Turn: Manipulation and the Politics of Ethos.” *Constellations*, Vol. 24 (2) 2017, 167-179.

“Two Concepts of Liberal Developmentalism.” *European Journal of Political Theory*, Vol. 15 (1) 2016, 97-123.

“*Elatere Motiva*: From the Good Will to the Good Human Being.” *Kantian Review*, Vol. 18 (3) 2013, 413-437.

“What Nature Makes of Her: Kant’s Gendered Metaphysics.” *Hypatia*, Vol. 28 (3) 2013, 551-567.

“Bridging Nature and Freedom? Kant, Culture and Cultivation.” *Social Theory and Practice*, Vol. 38 (3) July 2012, 385-406.

“Complicating Barbarism and Civilization: Mill’s Complex Sociology of Human Development.” *History of Political Thought*, Vol. 32 (2) 2011, 345-366.

**Book Chapters**

“John Stuart Mill.” In *Reconsidering Political Thinkers*, eds. Manjeet Ramgotra and Simon Choat (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2021).

“Race, Culture and Ethnicity in the Age of Enlightenment.” In *A Cultural History of Democracy*, eds. Anna Plassart and Michael Mosher (Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2021).

- “Rethinking Resistance: Spencer, Krishnavarma and *The Indian Sociologist*.” In Burke Hendrix and Deborah Baumgold (eds.), *Colonial Exchanges: Political Theory and the Agency of the Colonized* (Manchester University Press, 2017).
- “Liberal Theory.” In Michael T. Gibbons, Diana Coole, Elisabeth Ellis and Kennan Ferguson (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014).
- “Immigration, Citizenship and Canada’s New Conservative Party.” First author; co-authored chapter with Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos and Steven White. In James Farney and David Rayside (eds.) *Conservatism in Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013), 95-119.

### **Critical Exchanges and Symposia**

- “Empire and its Afterlives.” *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-020-00391-8> (with Jennifer Pitts, Onur Ulas Ince, Timothy Bowers Vasko and Robert Nichols).
- “Liberalism and Empire, at the Intersection of History and Theory.” *The Disorder of Things*, July 2017, <https://thedisorderofthings.com/2017/07/24/liberalism-and-empire-at-the-intersection-of-theory-and-history/> (with response from Duncan Bell).

### **Book Reviews**

- Matthew Slaboch, *A Road to Nowhere: The Idea of Progress and its Critics* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018). *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 18 (4) 2019, 243-246.
- Jeanne Morefield, *Empires Without Imperialism: Anglo-American Decline and the Politics of Deflection* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 15 (3) 2016, 45-49.
- Georgios Varouxakis, *Liberty Abroad: J. S. Mill on International Relations* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013). *Utilitas*, Vol. 26 (3), 2014.
- M. Chazan *et al.* (eds), *Home and Native Land: Unsettling Multiculturalism in Canada* (Toronto: Between the Lines, 2011). *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development*, 33 (6) 2012, 1-3.

### **Popular Press**

- “Election Watch: Attacks on Multiculturalism May Haunt Tories.” With Stephen E. White and Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, *New Canadian Media*, Oct. 2015, <https://newcanadianmedia.ca/election-watch-attacks-on-multiculturalism-may-haunt-tories/>
- “Election Watch: New Canadian Vote Critical in Three-Way Federal Race.” With Stephen E. White and Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, *New Canadian Media*, Aug. 2015, <https://newcanadianmedia.ca/election-watch/>
- “Election Watch: Debunking the ‘Ethnic Vote’ Strategy.” With Stephen E. White and

- Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, *New Canadian Media*, Apr. 2015, <https://newcanadianmedia.ca/election-watch-debunking-the-ethnic-vote-strategy/>
- “Election Watch: Beyond the ‘Ethnic Vote’.” With Stephen E. White and Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, *New Canadian Media*, Mar. 2015, <https://newcanadianmedia.ca/2015-federal-election-beyond-the-ethnic-vote/>
- “How Quebec’s charter turned the Tories into ethnics champions.” With Phil Triadafilopoulos, *The Globe and Mail*, Commentary, Nov. 2013, <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/how-quebecs-charter-turned-the-tories-into-ethnic-champions/article15649296/>.
- “Quebec’s ‘deep divisions’ were nonexistent – until the Charter came along.” *The Globe and Mail*, Commentary, Sept. 2013, <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/quebecs-deep-divisions-were-nonexistent-until-the-charter-came-along/article14341050/>
- “Dodging Freedom of Religion.” *The Mark News*, Sept. 2010, [http://pioneers.themarknews.com/articles/2365-dodging-freedom-of-religion/#.UifTOT\\_3N-g](http://pioneers.themarknews.com/articles/2365-dodging-freedom-of-religion/#.UifTOT_3N-g).
- “Europeanizing Canada’s Citizenship Regime?” With Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, *Strategic Knowledge Cluster*, Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue: Commentary, May 2009, <https://carleton.ca/canadaeurope/2009/commentary-europeanizing-canadas-citizenship-regime-by-inder-marwah-and-triadafilos-triadafilopoulos/>
- “Rights and Wrongs: Visibility and the Politics of Citizenship Revocation.” *cBook*, Institute for Canadian Citizenship, 2007, <http://www.icc-icc.ca/en/blog/index.php?paged=2>.
- “A Balance of Claims: Thoughts on the Singh/Kaur Controversy.” *cBook*, Institute for Canadian Citizenship, 2007, <http://www.icc-icc.ca/en/blog/index.php?paged=4>.

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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Evolution Against Empire*. Book manuscript (in progress).
- “Darwin in the Antipodes: Liberal Evolutionism in Colonial India.” *Modern Intellectual History* (under review).
- “Charles Mills’ *The Racial Contract*.” Contribution to Jacob Levy, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Classics in Contemporary Political Theory* (under contract, winter 2020).
- “Aurobindo Ghose’s Social(ist) Evolutionism.” Submission to *Political Theory*, winter 2020.

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## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Presentations

- “Darwin in the Antipodes: Liberal Evolutionism in Colonial India.” Center for Ethics and Critical Thought, University of Edinburgh, Jan. 2021.
- “Author Meets Critics, *Liberalism, Diversity and Domination*”. International

- Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Apr. 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19).
- “Developmentalism and the Postcolonial Nation.” Democratic Theory in India Conference, Neubauer Collegium, University of Chicago, Nov. 2018.
- “What is a Colony? Three Views from Colonial India.” What is a Colony? What is Colonization?, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Apr. 2017.
- “Getting Wrongs Right: Race, Empire and Liberalisms.” Race, Empire and Global Justice, University of Cambridge, UK, Apr. 2016.
- “Re-thinking Resistance: Spencer, Krishnavarma, and *The Indian Sociologist*.” Colonial Encounters, University of Oregon, Eugene, USA, Oct. 2014.
- “J.S. Mill’s Theory of Democratic Character.” Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, Oct. 2013.
- “A Dangerous Turn: Manipulation and the Politics of Ethos.” Social and Political Thought Colloquium, Acadia University, Wolfville, Canada, Oct. 2012.
- “Challenging Consensus: Immigration and Canada’s Reform Party.” Korean Association for Canadian Studies, Seoul, South Korea, Nov. 2008

### **Conference Presentations**

- “Author Meets Author: Solidarities and Injustices”. American Political Science Association, Sept. 2020.
- “Darwin Between Empires”. American Political Science Association, 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19).
- “Author Meets Critics: Marwah’s *Liberalism, Diversity and Domination*”. Western Political Science Association, Apr. 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19).
- “Radical Evolutionism: Aurobindo Ghose and Progressive Developmentalism in Colonial India.” Association for Political Theory, Irvine, Oct. 2019.
- “A Body Undivided: Liberalism and Evolutionism in Colonial India.” Association for Political Theory, Philadelphia, Oct. 2018.
- “Liberalism, Organicism and Evolutionism in Indian Anti-Imperialism.” American Political Science Association, Boston, Sept. 2018.
- “India, Evolutionism and Colonial Time-Scales.” Association for Political Theory, Ann Arbor, USA, Oct. 2017.
- “*The Indian Sociologist* and the Sociology of Empire.” Association for Political Theory, Boulder, USA, Oct. 2015.
- “Evolution Against Empire: Darwin, Spencer and Anti-Colonialism.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA, 2015.
- “Evolutionism, Anarchism, and *The Indian Sociologist*.” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, Mar. 2015.
- “Feeling our Freedom: Mill on Democratic Character.” Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, USA, Mar. 2013.
- “Two (or More) Paths to Progress: Reconsidering Historical Developmentalisms.” Western Political Science Association, Portland, USA, Mar. 2012.
- “Elateres Motiva: Kant’s Principles of Moral Appraisal and Performance.” Canadian Political Science Association, Waterloo, Canada, May 2011.

- “Can Women be Autonomous? Kant and Gender.” Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, June 2010.
- “Immigration, Citizenship and Canada’s New Conservative Party.” With Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, Canadian Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, June 2010.
- “What Nature Makes of Her: Kant’s Gendered Metaphysics.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA, Apr. 2010.
- “Complicating Barbarism and Civilization: Mill’s Complex Sociology of Human Development.” American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada, Sep. 2009.
- “Questioning ‘Cultural Agency’: Kant on the Value of Culture.” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada, Mar. 2009.
- “Challenging Consensus: Immigration and Canada’s Reform Party.” With Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos, Managing Multicultural Society in Canada and Korea: Canadian Experiences and Policy Implications for Korea, Seoul, South Korea, Nov. 2008.
- “Divergent Paths? Radical Right Populism and the Reform Party of Canada.” With Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos and Andrej Zazslov, Canadian Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada, June 2008.
- “Adjudicating Rawls’ Basic Liberties: Reasonable Conflicts and the Conditions of Citizenship.” Canadian Political Science Association, Saskatoon, Canada, May 2007.

### **Roundtable and Workshop Presentations**

- Respondent to Murad Idris, “The Kazanistan Papers: Rawls, Liberal Orientalism, and American Philosophy’s Muslim Problem.” International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Toronto, Nov. 2018.
- Author-Meets-Critics roundtable on Jennifer Pitts’ *Boundaries of the International: Law and Empire*. American Political Science Association, Boston, Apr. 2018.
- Book manuscript workshop on Inés Valdez, *Transnational Cosmopolitanism: Kant, Du Bois, and Justice as a Political Craft*. Ohio State University, Columbus, May 2017.
- Author-Meets-Critics roundtable on Duncan Bell’s *Reordering the World: Essays on Liberalism and Empire*. Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, Apr. 2017.
- Respondent to Jaby Matthew, “Representative Institutions Without Representative Government: Colonial Ideas of Native Representation in Nineteenth Century India.” Political Theory Workshop, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, Nov. 2015.
- Respondent to Bernard Yack, “Ruling Ourselves or the Problem with Kantian Democracy.” International Conference for the Study of Political Thought, Toronto, Canada, Sept. 2015.
- Author-Meets-Critics roundtable on Thomas McCarthy’s *Race, Empire, and the Idea of Human Development* and Derrick Darby’s *Rights, Race, and Recognition*. Association for Political Theory, Portland, USA, Oct. 2010.

## Conference Participation

- Discussant, "Alternative Approaches to Toleration." American Political Science Association, Sept. 2020.
- Panelist, MA IR Colloquium, McMaster University, Dec. 2018.
- Chair, "Civil Disobedience." Association for Political Theory, Ann Arbor, USA, Oct. 2017.
- Chair, "Globalization, History and Politics." Institute for Globalization and the Human Condition, McMaster University, May 2017.
- Chair, "Third Worldism re-considered: The multiple lives of an (unrealized) political project", IGHC Research Seminar Series, McMaster University, Mar. 2017.
- Panelist, "Trump Election Three Weeks Out: Now What?" McMaster University, Nov. 2016.
- Discussant, "Citizenship." Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 5, McMaster University, Feb. 2016.
- Discussant, "Empire, Imperialism and Race." American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA, Sept. 2015.
- Discussant, "Sources of Solidarity." Association for Political Theory, Nashville, USA, Oct. 2013.
- Chair, "Time." Association for Political Theory, Nashville, USA, 2013.
- Discussant, "Kant and Alternatives to Kantianism." Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, USA, Mar. 2013.
- Chair, "Global Perspectives." Acadia Social and Political Thought Graduate Conference, Wolfville, Canada, Mar. 2013.
- Chair, "The Family and Future Generations." Canadian Political Science Association, May 2011.
- "Exclusions for Progress: Kant and the Impure Conditions of Agency." Poster presentation, Canadian Political Science Association, Vancouver, Canada, June 2008.

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## AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2018-2021 | SSHRC Insight Development Grant  |
| 2018      | SSHRC Exchange - Conference Attendance & Representational Activities Grant |
| 2015      | Arts Research Board New Research Grant, McMaster University                |
| 2013-2015 | SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship  |
| 2011      | University of Toronto Conference Travel Award                              |
| 2010      | University of Toronto Mississauga Graduate Expansion Fund Award            |
| 2010      | University of Toronto Conference Travel Award                              |
| 2009      | Eleanor Cate Allen Fellowship  |
| 2009      | University of Toronto Conference Travel Award                              |
| 2009      | University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Award            |
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2007	University of Toronto Conference Travel Award
2006	McQuaig-Throop Award
2004-2009	University of Toronto Fellowship
2000	Trent University Fellowship
2000	Trent University President's Honours Roll
1997-2000	Trent University Dean's Honours List

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## **TEACHING**

### **McMaster University, Department of Political Science**

- POLSCI 2006: Political Theory, co-instructed with James Ingram (Fall/Winter 2014-2020).
- POLSCI 3PB3: Politics From Below (Fall 2017, Winter 2019, Winter 2020).
- POLSCI 4Y03: Domination and Decolonization (Winter 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020).
- POLSCI 4HH3: Critical Theory (Fall 2015).
- POLSCI 4JJ3: Cosmopolitanism (Winter 2016).
- POLSCI 715/GS 716: Liberalism and Imperialism (graduate course) (Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019).
- POLSCI 765/C01: International Ethics (graduate reading course) (Winter 2016).
- POLSCI 765/CO2: Liberalism and Imperialism (graduate reading course) (Winter 2019).

### **Acadia University, Department of Politics**

- POL 2343: Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (Fall 2012)
- POL 2346: Early Modern Political Theory (Winter 2013)
- POL 3543: Community Political Power (Fall 2012)
- POL 3893: Politics and Government of Western Europe (Winter 2013)
- POL 4143/5783: Applied International Ethics (graduate course) (Winter 2013)

### **University of Toronto, Department of Political Science**

- POL 320: Modern Political Theory (Summer 2011)
- POL 355: Multiculturalism and Citizenship (Fall/Winter 2011/2012)

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## **SUPERVISION**

### **Undergraduate Thesis Supervision**

- Maanvi Dhillon (2021)
- Louis Ferracuti (2017)
- Jennifer Akerman (2016)
- Chris Telford, cosupervision with James Ingram (2015)



Chelsea Wadley (2013)

### **Master's Thesis Supervision**

Johanna Fraser (2016)

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## **SERVICE**

### **Professional Memberships**

American Political Science Association (since 2007).

Association for Political Theory (since 2007).

Société québécoise de science politique (since 2005).

Canadian Political Science Association (since 2005).

Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition, McMaster University (since 2015).

### **Journal Referee Service**

*American Political Science Review, Perspectives on Politics, Political Theory, The Journal of Politics, Polity, Political Studies, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of the History of Ideas, Public Affairs Quarterly, Modern Intellectual History, Hypatia, Journal of Canadian Studies, Journal of International Political Theory, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of International Migration and Integration, Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric, eadernos, Graduate Review of Political Science.*

### **Other Referee Service**

Academic Juror, Scotiabank Sikh Foundation Scholarship (2012-2019).

Examiner, SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2015).

Faculty Examiner, Acadia University Co-operative Education Program, Co-op in Political Science (2012-2013).

Undergraduate Student Representative, Trent University Departmental Review Committee (1999-2000).

### **Service to Professional Associations**

Chair, Association for Political Theory-Contemporary Political Theory Collaboration Program, Association for Political Theory (2018-2020)

Member, Standing Committee on Mentoring and Professional Development, Association for Political Theory (2018-2020)

Member, Chairs and Discussants Committee, Association for Political Theory (2019)

Member, Program Committee, Association for Political Theory (2014, 2018)

### **Panels Organized**

“Developmental Imaginaries and Decolonial Possibilities”. Panel co-organizer (with David Temin), American Political Science Association, 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19).

“The Science of Empires: Non-Western Colonialisms in Comparative Perspective.” Panel co-organizer (with Murad Idris), American Political Science Association, Boston, Sept. 2018.

“The View from the Provinces: Empire in Contexts.” Panel co-organizer (with Onur Ulas Ince) American Political Science Association, San Francisco, USA, Sept. 2015.

## **McMaster University**

### *Department of Political Science*

Convenor, Anti-Racism Working Group (2020)

Member, Graduate Committee (2020)

Member, Staffing Committee (2019)

Undergraduate Recruitment Officer (2018-2019)

Member, Undergraduate Committee (2014-2019)

Undergraduate Honours Thesis Coordinator (2014-2018)

Area Convenor for Political Theory (2016-2017, 2018-2021)

Member, Research in Progress Colloquium Committee (2015-2016)

### *Faculty of Social Sciences*

Member, Equity, Diversity, Inclusiveness, and Indigenous Strategies Advisory Group (2020-2021)

Member, University Graduate Council, Faculty of Social Sciences (2016-2019)

Member, Faculty of Social Sciences SGS Scholarship Committee, Major Awards (2015-2017)

Faculty of Social Sciences representative to Ontario University Fair (Oct. 2015, Oct. 2018)

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## **LANGUAGES**

English/French (native).