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Employment

Associate Professor, Director of Concentration in Peace, Justice and Human Rights,
Haverford College, July 2015–present

Assistant Professor, Director of Concentration in Peace, Justice and Human Rights, Haverford
College, July 2009–June 2015

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, John Jay College, CUNY, September 2007–August 2009

Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Hurford Humanities Center (teaching as Visiting Assistant
Professor of Philosophy), Haverford College, July 2005–June 2007

Visiting Assistant Professor, Amherst College, Program in Law Jurisprudence and Social
Thought, July 2004–June 2005

Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Rhetoric, January–May 2004

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, December 2003
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Rhetoric

Master of Arts Degree, December 1997
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Rhetoric

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Classical Languages, May 1989
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Classics

Teaching and Research Interests

Continental Philosophy, Political Theory, Philosophy of Law, Human Rights and
International Justice, Reconciliation, Alternatives to Legal Responses to Violence, the Rule of
Law, Subjectivity, Ethics, Theories of Justice, Political Transition, Forgiveness and
Resentment in Law and Politics.

Publications--Books

Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard, Columbia University Press 2015.

Book reviewed by Christine Koggel in *Hypatia* (May 2016)

Also reviewed by Stuart Murray in *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, 2016, Vol. 12(2)

Also reviewed by Grayson Hunt in the American Philosophical Association's *Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Fall 2016)

Also reviewed by Linda Meyer in *No Foundations* 13 (2016).

Nietzsche and Levinas: "After the Death of a Certain God", edited volume (co-edited with Bettina Bergo), Columbia University Press 2009.

Book reviewed by Robert Erlewine in *Sophia*, Volume 48, Number 3 / August, 2009.

Also reviewed by Abi Doukhan in *Foucault Studies*, No. 11, February 2011, 206-209.

Also reviewed by Jordan Glass in *Symposium* 15:1 (2011) (review also posted online in *Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy*, November 2010).

Selected Publications—Articles and Chapters

“a fine risk to be run’: Améry and Levinas on Aging, Responsibility and Risk in the Wake of Atrocity,” forthcoming in *Journal of French and Francophone Studies* 2017.

“The closest thing that comes to my mind’: Law, Genocide and Decolonial Hearing,” forthcoming in edited volume *Logics of Genocide: The Structures of Violence and the Contemporary Word*, edited by Anne O’Byrne and Martin Shuster, Indiana University Press 2017.

“Law, Politics, the Age of Responsibility, and the Problem of Child Soldiers,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, forthcoming 2017.

“Listening to the Archive / Failing to Hear,” in *Law, Memory, Violence: Uncovering the Counter-Archive*, edited by Stewart Motha and Honni von Rijswijk, Routledge 2015.

“Speaking Truth to Reconciliation: Political Transition, Recovery and the Work of Time,” article in peer-reviewed journal *Humanity* 4.1, 2013, 27-48.

“Heidegger and Levinas,” chapter in the *Bloomsbury Companion to Heidegger*, edited by Francois Raffoul and Eric Nelson, Bloomsbury Academic 2013, Chapter 49.

“Nihilists, Heroes, Samaritans and I: The Question of Moral Motivation in Secular Politics,” in *Politics of Religion/Religion of Politics*, edited by Alistair Welchman, Springer Publishing 2014.

“A Hearing: Forgiveness, Resentment and Recovery in Law,” *Quinnipiac Law Review*, Vol. 30, No. 3, 2012, 517-526.

“Equality and Equivocation: Saving Sovereignty from Itself,” article in peer-reviewed journal *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*, Vol. 6, No. 2, 2010, 167–184.

“How much does that weigh?: Levinas and the Possibility of Human Rights,” in *MonoKL*, Vol 8-9, “Reflections on Levinas,” October 2010, 661-674.

“The Imperfect: Levinas, Nietzsche and the Autonomous Subject,” in “*After the Death of a Certain God*”: *Nietzsche and Levinas*, ed. by Jill Stauffer and Bettina Bergo, Columbia University Press 2009, 33–47.

“Productive Ambivalence: Levinasian Subjectivity, Justice, and the Rule of Law,” in *Essays on Levinas and Law: A Mosaic*, edited by Desmond Manderson, Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 76–91.

“The Rule of Law and its Shadow: Ambivalence, Procedure, and the Justice Beyond Legality,” article in peer-reviewed journal, *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2007, 225–243.

Publications—Interviews

Interview with legal philosopher Linda Ross Meyer, “No one ‘deserves’ any of this,” *The Believer*, September 2013.

Interview with philosopher Lisa Guenther, “What is the experience of isolation?” *The Believer*, 99th issue, June 2013, 67-70.

Interview with literary philosopher Colin Dayan, “We have invented a new form of death,” *The Believer*, 96th Issue, February 2013, 51-55.

Interview with political theorist William Connolly, “It is a tough proposition but not without hope. The soft spots in a hard structure may not show until they are tested,” *The Believer*, May 2012, 89th Issue, 69-74.

Interview with legal philosopher Marianne Constable, “Speech—not God or morality—connects our law to justice,” *The Believer*, 75th Issue, October 2010, 43–48.

Interview with political theorist Thomas Dumm, “Out of loneliness we might come to be with each other in a better way,” *The Believer*, 59th Issue, January 2009, 62–66.

Interview with criminologist Alison Young, “Law is dependent on the image, and images have a certain power over law,” *The Believer*, 38th Issue, October 2006, 63–67.

Interview with legal philosopher Peter Fitzpatrick, “‘In God we trust’ can relieve us of trusting each other,” *The Believer*, 28th Issue, October 2005, 63–72.

Reprinted in Peter Fitzpatrick, *Law as Resistance: Collected Essays in Law*, (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2008), 1–16.

Interview with philosopher Silvia Benso, “Morality does not require creativity. Ethics does,” *The Believer*, 13th issue, May 2004, 68–76.

Interview with philosopher Simon Critchley, “The point is not to abandon reason, but to realize what reason has become for us,” *The Believer*, 5th Issue, July 2003, 106–123.

Interview with philosopher Judith Butler, “‘Peace is resistance to the terrible satisfactions of war,’” *The Believer*, 2nd Issue, May 2003, 64–72.

Longer version reprinted in *qui parle*, Vol. 14, No. 1, Fall/Winter 2003, 99–121.

Also reprinted in longer version as “Ethics of Non-Violence: Interview with Judith Butler,” *Identities: Journal for Politics, Gender and Culture*, Vol. 2., No. 1, Summer 2003, 27–57.

Publications—Book Reviews

LCH Bookshelf, “Books for Learning to Listen.” Two-sentence reviews of five recent books in the fields of philosophy and political science, for the *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*.

Book review of *The Heart of Human Rights*, by Allen Buchanan, forthcoming in *Human Rights Quarterly*, February 2016.

Book review of *The Humanities and Public Life*, edited by Peter Brooks with Hilary Jewett, in *MLN* (Modern Language Notes), Vol. 129, No. 5, December 2014.

“Unsettling Democracy—Honig’s Emergency Politics,” Book Review of Bonnie Honig, *Emergency Politics: Paradox, Law, Democracy*, in *Theory and Event*, Volume 15, Issue 3, September 2012

Book Review of *Access to Justice* by Deborah Rhode, *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*, Feb 2008; vol. 4: pp. 132–136.

“Event in Search of An Audience,” Book Review of Alain Badiou’s *Being and Event*, in *Theory and Event*, Volume 9, Issue 3, 2006,
http://muse.jhu.edu/login?uri=/journals/theory_and_event/v009/9.3stauffer.html.

Book Review of *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in an Age of Terror* by Michael Ignatieff, *Journal of Law, Culture and the Humanities*, Volume 1, Issue 3, 2005, 406–408.

Book Review of *The End of Human Rights* by Costas Douzinas, *Journal of Law and Society (British)*, Vol. 28, Number 3, September 2001, pp 459–463.

Selected Invited Talks

“Ethical Loneliness,” Campus Cross-Talk: Empathy, Compassion and Mindfulness, Quinnipiac University, November 7, 2016, New Haven, CT.

“Ethical Loneliness: a world of harm, failures of hearing, and what it means to be responsible,” September 21, 2016, St. John’s College, NM.

Swarthmore College Human Rights Week, “Failures of Hearing: Human rights, trauma, recovery—and learning to listen well,” April 20, 2016, Swarthmore, PA.

Drexel University Medical Humanities Colloquium, “Trauma, Recovery, and Failures of Hearing,” February 16, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

University of North Carolina—Charlotte, Center for Professional and Applied Ethics Colloquium Series, “Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard,” February 11, 2016, Charlotte, NC.

University of New Mexico Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series: "Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard," October 30, 2015, Albuquerque, NM.

Plenary Address: "Ethical Loneliness: Levinas, Amery and the Work of Recovery," North American Levinas Society, May 18-20, Ocean City, MD.

"Ethical Loneliness: Forgiveness, Resentment and Recovery after Mass Violence," Rowan University "Theorizing at Rowan" series, November 14, 2013.

"*Ibam forte via Sacra: Irony, Knowledge, Power and Testimony*," invited presentation at colloquium on Law's Counter-Archive at Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, Birkbeck School of Law, London, UK, March 15, 2013.

"*Ibam forte via Sacra: Irony, Knowledge, Power and Testimony*," a paper on a panel I was invited to put together for "The Art and Politics of Irony" at McGill University, Montreal, QC Canada, April 12-14, 2012.

"Ethical Loneliness: Forgiveness, Resentment and Recovery in Law," Johns Hopkins University WGS Workshop on Law and Loss, February 24, 2012.

"Speaking Truth to Reconciliation: Forgiveness, Resentment, Human Rights," Yale Law School Human Rights Workshop, November 2, 2011.

"A Hearing: Forgiveness, Resentment and Recovery in Law," Symposium honoring Linda Ross Meyer and Neil Feigenson, Quinnipiac School of Law, New Haven, CT, October 8, 2011.

Keynote Address: "the experience of an extreme loneliness: Resentment and Reconciliation as Affective States of International Criminal Law," Affective States of International Criminal Justice, Conference at Melbourne Law School, July 20-22, 2011.

I also taught one session of a graduate class in the law school while I was there.

"Political reconciliation from "it was" to "thus I willed it": Amery and Nietzsche on Forgiveness and Resentment," Hannah Arendt Center/Human Rights Program Lecture Series, Bard College, March 1, 2011. (The talk is viewable here: <http://www.bard.edu/hannaharendtcenter/mediaarchive/>)

"the experience of an extreme loneliness: Amery and Levinas on resentment and reconciliation," Colloquium on Jewish Philosophy, Pomona College, December 3, 2010.

"Are Human Rights Possible?," Philosophy Colloquium, John Jay College/CUNY, May 6, 2010.

"How much does that weigh?: Levinas and the Possibility of Human Rights," Brackenridge Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series and Workshop (honoring Simon Critchley), University of Texas at San Antonio, February 21-22, 2010.

“Human Rights: What is the Law, Who is the Subject?” The New School, New York, NY, Philosophy Colloquium, May 7, 2009.

Selected Conference Presentations

Response to papers by Bettina Bergo and James Hatley at a panel on my book, *Ethical Loneliness*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 20-22, 2016, Salt Lake City, UT.

“Law, Temporal Vulnerability and Decolonial Hearing: The case of Delgamuukw v. British Columbia,” Critical Legal Conference, September 1-3, 2016, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK.

“The Temporality of Judgment: Law, Aging and the Responsibility of Child Soldiers,” New Legal Temporalities, September 8-10, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK.

“How Time Passes in Law: On child soldiers, aging and responsibility,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, June 2-5, 2016, New Orleans, LA.

“How Time Passes in Law: On child soldiers, aging and responsibility,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, April 1-2, 2016, Hartford, CT.

Response to book panel on Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard, Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, April 1-2, 2016, Hartford, CT.

Response to book panel on Ethical Loneliness: The Injustice of Not Being Heard, Western Political Science Association, March 24-26, 2016, San Diego, CA.

“Commentary on *The Decline of Mercy in Public Life* by Alex Tuckness and John M. Parrish,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 1-4, 2015.

“Evidence of Repair: Hope, Fact and Recovery in International Criminal Proceedings,” Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Georgetown Law School, Washington DC, March 6-7, 2015.

“Strange Necessity: Commentary on James Martel’s *The One and Only Law*,” Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Georgetown Law School, Washington DC, March 6-7, 2015.

Session on Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, Teaching International Criminal Law: Between Fragmentation and Constitutionalisation, conference at London School of Economics, European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), May 30-31, 2014.

“What gets heard in a hearing?: Law, stories, and the fragility of communication,” Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, VA, March 10-11, 2014.

“The Will to Forget: time, resentment and *ressentiment* in the redress of grave harm,” Presentation at Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, October 2013.

“Reconciliation as Repair (in a world where some things remain broken),” Critical Legal Conference, September 5-7, 2013, Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland/UK.

“Why does research take form as a question?: Levinas on solitude and loneliness,” Levinas Research Seminar, Stonybrook Manhattan, New York, April 25-26, 2013.

“Loss, Legality, and a Procedure for Telling Stories,” Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Birkbeck School of Law, London, UK, March 22-23, 2013.

“Ethical Loneliness: Forgiveness, Resentment and Recovery,” Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Rochester, NY, November 1-3, 2012.

“Ethical Loneliness, the will to revision, and the promise of meaningful human rights,” Presentation at the Critical Legal Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, September 14-16, 2012.

“A Hearing: Forgiveness, Resentment and Recovery in Law,” Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Texas Wesleyan School of Law, Fort Worth, TX, March 16-17, 2012.

“Ethical Loneliness: The Sense of Rights’ Relationality,” on a panel called “The Senses of Rights,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011.

“the experience of an extreme loneliness: Resentment, Reconciliation, and the Hope of a Meaningful Human Rights,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, University of Las Vegas School of Law, March 2011.

“Speaking Truth to Reconciliation: Levinas and the Subject of Politics,” Presentation at Levinas Research Seminar, Haverford College, April 16-18, 2010.

“Speaking Truth to Reconciliation: What or who is the Subject of Politics?”, Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Brown University, March 22-23, 2010.

“Heroes, Nihilists and Good Samaritans: Levinas and Taylor on the ethical self,” North American Levinas Society, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 1-4, 2009.

“How much does that weigh?: Levinas, Rawls, and the Possibility of Human Rights,” Invited Talk, Levinas Research Seminar, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, May 29-31, 2009.

Conferences Organized

Levinas Research Seminar, Annual Meeting, Haverford College, April 21-23, 2017.
Presenters: Lisa Guenther, Katharine Loevy, Timothy Stock, Oona Eisenstadt.

Levinas Research Seminar, Annual Meeting, Haverford College, April 16-18, 2010.
Presenters: John Drabinski, Diane Perpich, Lisa Guenther, Claire Katz.

Seeing Justice Done: Interrogating the Margins of Law, Haverford College, March 30-31, 2007. Presenters: Kim Lane Scheppele, Marianne Constable, Siba Grovogui, Eduard Jordaan, Alison Young, Jerry Miller, Jeremy Elkins.

Recent Teaching

Haverford College, PEAC 395: Capstone in Peace, Justice and Human Rights (Fall 2013, 2014, 2015)

Haverford College, PEAC 202: Forgiveness, Mourning and Mercy in Law and Politics (Fall 2010, 2011, Spring 2014)

Examines the possibilities and limits of forgiveness, apology and mercy in politics, and the role mourning plays in recovery from violence. The course focuses on specific historic and contemporary instances of forgiveness and apology, violence and recovery, and on philosophical and political writings about forgiveness, etc.

Haverford College, PEAC 201: Applied Ethics of Peace, Justice and Human Rights (Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016)

Introduces students to major schools of ethical thought, and help students understand, analyze, and author ethical arguments about peace, justice and human rights, applying their knowledge and skills to contemporary real-world issues.

Haverford College, PEAC 101: Introduction to Peace, Justice and Human Rights (Fall 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015)

Surveys philosophies of rights in relation to justice; historic and contemporary approaches to (and reasons for) peace, war, and nonviolence; clashes between human rights and conflict resolution approaches; domestic and international problems and challenges to peace; and why the study of human rights is necessarily interdisciplinary.

Haverford College, PHIL 302: Topics in Philosophy of Law—The Rule of Law (Spring 2011, 2014)

Engages in close readings of Hart, Fuller, Raz, Dworkin and other legal philosophers on the definition and function of the rule of law, the law's relation to morality, and the substance of legal obligation and authority. Then the course considers current and historic debates on the rule of law with regard to humanitarian intervention, transitional justice, mercy and clemency, torture, and reparations for historic injustice

Haverford College, PHIL 332b: Topics in Continental Philosophy—Levinas (Spring 2010)

Focuses on close readings of philosophical works ranging throughout the career of Emmanuel Levinas. Considers the challenge Levinas levels at the western philosophical tradition in terms of its conceptualizations of freedom, sovereignty,

responsibility, personal identity, subjectivity, ethics and politics, paying particular attention to the relationship between ethics and politics and/or justice.

Awards and Honors

Haverford College Innovation in Teaching Award: 2015

Haverford College Research Awards: 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016

Haverford College Center for Peace and Global Citizenship Research Award: 2014

Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship in the Humanities: I was in residence at the CUNY Graduate Center for the 2008-9 academic year, running a faculty research group and speaker series on the theme “Sacred and Secular.”

Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Hurford Humanities Center, Haverford College, 2005-7

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, University of California Graduate Division, 2003

Dissertation

'This Weakness Is Needed': An Intervention in Social Contract Theory

The dissertation demonstrates that for thinkers as varied as Hobbes, Rousseau and Rawls, ‘consent’ is a theme that makes law legitimate even while the surrounding theory quietly undermines the free choice for which consent is supposed to stand. As such it argues that if human beings are to take on the true weight of responsibility for law in a secular world, law needs an account of obligation that does not look for justification only in consent.

Committee: Marianne Constable (director), Judith Butler, David Cohen, Mark Bevir

Languages

Greek

Latin

French (reading)

College Service

Creator and Director of PJHR Concentration, 2009-present

Search Committee, Quaker Studies position, 2014-15

Search Committee, 3-year Fellow in Peace, Justice and Human Rights, 2014-15

Faculty Affairs and Policies Committee Member, 2013-15

Ethical Engagement/Leadership Committee Member, 2013-4

Search Committee, Mellon Fellow Search for HCAC, 2013-14

Developed intern program with CPGC for Voice of Witness, San Francisco, 2010-present

Member of AAC&U Committee on interdisciplinarity and global learning at Haverford, 2010

Other Service

Voice of Witness

Board of Directors, 2009–present

Secretary of the Board, 2009–2016

Governance Committee, 2012–present

Editorial Committee, 2010–present

Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities
Organizing Committee, 2014-17
Graduate Workshop, Co-organizer, 2016-17
Committee Chair, JB White Prize Committee (recognizes lifetime achievement in the field), 2014-16
Planning and Program Committee, 2013-14
Graduate Workshop Selection Committee and Graduate Workshop Faculty, 2012-13

Peer review work:

The Circle, novel by Dave Eggers, 2013.
Journal of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, assorted articles in the fields of philosophy of law and political theory, 2-3 articles per year.
Law and Literature journal, review of an article on transitional justice novels, 2012.
Continuum International Publishing, book proposal and sample chapter—*Alterity, Plurality and Relationality: Between Hannah Arendt and Emmanuel Levinas*, June 2012.
Australian Feminist Law Journal, article on Levinas and anarchy, October 2011.
SUNY Press book, *Between Levinas and Heidegger*, 2010.

Authored concept paper for new Philosophy major at John Jay College/CUNY, New York, NY (2008-9).

Member, Gen Ed Task Force, John Jay College/CUNY (2008-9)

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities
Critical Legal Conference
Levinas Research Seminar
North American Levinas Society
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy