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## **Education**

Ph.D., Yale University, distinction, 1999  
A.B., Princeton University, high honors, 1989  
Oxford University, Jesus College, 1987-88

## **Academic Employment**

Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College/CUNY Graduate Center, 2020-present  
Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College/CUNY Graduate Center, 2013-2020  
Associate Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College/CUNY Graduate Center, 2005-2013  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College/CUNY Graduate Center, 2004-2005  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Brooklyn College, 1999-2004

## **Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Honors**

Best Book in American Political Thought Award, American Political Science Association, 2020  
Fellowship, Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers, New York Public Library, 2018-19  
Rockefeller Fellowship, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2007-8  
Fellowship, Program in Ethics and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2007-8  
Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007-8  
Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2007-8 (declined)  
Fellowship, National Humanities Center, 2007-8 (declined)  
Burkhardt Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007-8 (declined)  
Fellowship, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 2007-8 (declined)  
Presidential Authority Award, Russell Sage Foundation, 2005-6  
Best First Book in Political Theory Award, American Political Science Association, 2005  
Fellowship, International Center for Advanced Studies, NYU, 2002-3  
Fellowship, Wolfe Institute for the Humanities, Brooklyn College, 2001-2  
Robert M. Leylan Dissertation Fellowship, 1996-97  
Jacob Javits Fellowship, 1990-94  
Yale University Fellowship, 1990-94

## **Books**

*King Capital*. Under contract with Random House.

*The Enigma of Clarence Thomas*. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2019.

*New York Times* Editors' Choice (October 27, 2019)

Excerpted in *The New Yorker* (September 10, 2019)  
Best Books of the Year 2019, *The Spectator* (December 2019)  
Best Book in American Political Thought Award (American Political Science Association, 2020)

### Selected Reviews

*New York Times Book Review* (October 20, 2019)  
*New York Times* (September 26, 2019)  
*Washington Post* (September 29, 2019)  
*Wall Street Journal* (September 20, 2019)  
*The Atlantic* (September 2019)  
*Harper's* (October 2019)  
*The Guardian* (December 28, 2019)  
*Bookforum* (September/October/November 2019)  
*The Nation* (November 11/November 18, 2019)  
*Los Angeles Review of Books* (September 30, 2019)  
*National Review* (September 9, 2019)

*The Reactionary Mind: Conservatism from Edmund Burke to Donald Trump*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

### Selected Reviews

*The New Republic* (November 21, 2017)  
*Salon* (November 19, 2017)  
*The Week* (November 9, 2017)  
*Los Angeles Review of Books* (January 19, 2018)  
*National Review* (May 19, 2018)  
*Perspectives on Politics* (September 2019)

### Translations

German: *Der Reaktionäre Geist*. Berlin: Ch. Links Verlag, 2018.  
Spanish: *La mente reaccionaria : El conservadurismo desde Edmund Burke hasta Donald Trump*. Madrid: Capitan Swing, 2019.

*L'Exercice de La Peur: Usages Politiques D'Une Émotion*. Co-authored with Patrick Boucheron. Lyon: Presses universitaires de Lyon, 2015.

### Translations

Spanish: *El Miedo*. Buenos Aires: Capital Intelectual, 2016.

*The Reactionary Mind: Conservatism from Edmund Burke to Sarah Palin*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

### Selected Reviews

*The New Yorker* (November 1, 2016)  
*New York Times* (December 7, 2011; January 18, 2012; February 1, 2012)  
*New York Review of Books* (January 12, 2012; January 23, 2012)  
*New Republic* (October 27, 2011)  
*Guardian/Observer* (November 5, 2011)  
*Times Higher Education* (November 17, 2011)  
*Dissent* (Summer 2012)  
*The American Conservative* (November 3, 2011)  
*The New Criterion* (April 2012)  
*Journal of American History* (September 2012)

### Translations

Korean: *보수주의자는 왜?* Goyang City: Mojosa, 2012.  
Russian: *Реакционный дух: консерватизм от Эдмунда Берка до Сары Пэйлин*. Moscow: Gaidar Institute Press, 2012.  
Persian: *ذهن ارتجاعی*. Tehran: Qoqnoos, 2017.

*Fear: The History of a Political Idea*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2004.

### Selected Reviews

*New York Times* (November 28, 2004)  
*New York Review of Books* (November 4, 2004)  
*Los Angeles Times* (August 7, 2005)  
*Foreign Affairs* (January 2005)  
*Chicago Tribune* (January 9, 2005)  
*Financial Times* (December 18, 2004)  
*New Statesman* (November 15, 2004)  
*Political Theory* (August 2006)  
*American Historical Review* (October 2005)  
*Choice* (May 2005)  
*Libération* (March 16, 2006)  
*Il Manifesto* (June 4, 2005)  
*The Globe and Mail* (November 6, 2004)

### Translations

Italian: *Paura: La Politica del Dominio*. Milano: Egea, 2005.  
French: *La peur: Histoire d'une idée politique*. Paris: Armand Colin, 2006.  
Chinese: *Kongju: Zuowei Yizhong Zhengzhi Guannian de Lishi*. Shanghai: Fudan University Press, 2007.  
Russian: *Страх. История политической идеи*. Moscow: Progress-Tradition, 2007.

Spanish: *El Miedo: Historia de una idea política*. Mexico City: Fondo de Cultura Económico, 2009.  
Romanian: *Frica. Istoria unei idei politice*. Bucharest: Vremea, 2009.  
Greek: *Φόβος: Ηιστορία μιας πολιτικής ιδέας*. Athens: Alexandria Publications, 2010.

### Awards and Honors

Best First Book in Political Theory Award (American Political Science Association, 2005)  
*Choice* Outstanding Academic Title (2005)  
Honorable Mention, Outstanding Book Award (Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of  
Bigotry and Human Rights, 2005)  
Recommended Reading (*New York Times*)  
One of the Best Books of 2004 (*Publishers Weekly*)  
Best-seller in France: #9 (*L'Express*); #1 (FNAC); #20 (*Le Nouvel Observateur*)

### **Selected Essays**

“How Do We Survive the Constitution.” *The New Yorker* (October 4, 2023).

“The Trouble with Money.” *The New York Review of Books* (December 22, 2022), 73-76.

“Empathy and the Economy.” *The New York Review of Books* (December 8, 2022), 43-46.

“The Self-Fulfilling Prophecies of Clarence Thomas.” *The New Yorker* (July 9, 2022).

“Arendt and Roth: An Uncanny Convergence.” *The New York Review of Books* (May 12, 2021).

German translation: “Hannah Arendt und Philip Roth: Eine wundersame Überschneidung.”  
*Merkur* (August 2021), 42-54.

“Trump and the Trapped Country.” *The New Yorker* (March 13, 2021).

“The Professor and the Politician.” *The New Yorker* (November 12, 2020).

“Comrades: The Inner Life of American Communism.” *The Nation* (May 18/25, 2020), 13-18.

German translation: “Das Innenleben des amerikanischen Kommunismus.” *Merkur* (December  
2020), 47-58.

“The Obamanauts.” *Dissent* (Fall 2019), 157-167. *Dissent*'s “most-read piece of 2019.”

“Clarence Thomas’s Radical Vision of Race.” *The New Yorker* (September 10, 2019).

“Eric Hobsbawm, the Communist Who Explained History.” *The New Yorker* (May 9, 2019).

German translation: “Eric Hobsbawm: Ein Kommunist Erklärt Die Geschichte.” *Merkur*  
(August 2019), 63-71.

“The Plight of the Political Convert.” *The New Yorker* (January 23, 2019).

“The Erotic Professor.” *The Chronicle Review* (June 2018), B11-13.

German translation: “Der Sinnliche Professor.” *Merkur* (September 2018), 87-93.

“Triumph of the Shill: The political theory of Trumpism.” *n+1* (Fall 2017), 31-43.

German translation: “Triumph des Unseriösen: Zur politischen Theorie des Trumpismus.” *Merkur* (January 2018), 5-21.

“The Politics Trump Makes.” *n+1* (January 11, 2017).

“Edmund Burke and the Problem of Value.” *Raritan* (Summer 2016), 82-106.

“How Intellectuals Create a Public.” *The Chronicle Review* (January 24, 2016), B10-B14.

“The Trials of Hannah Arendt.” *The Nation* (June 1, 2015), 12-25.

“Nietzsche’s Marginal Children.” *The Nation* (May 27, 2013), 27-36.

“Achieving Disunity.” *London Review of Books* (October 25, 2012), 23-25.

“The Conservative Reaction.” *The Chronicle Review* (January 8, 2012), 1.

“The War on Tax.” *London Review of Books* (August 25, 2011), 8.

Portuguese translation: “Contra impostos? ‘Austeridade’? Por quê?” *Tlaxcala* (August 22, 2011).

“Reclaiming the Politics of Freedom.” *The Nation* (April 25, 2011), 18-22.

Polish translation: “Odzyskać politykę wolności.” Instytut Obywatelski (July 21, 2011).

“Conservatism and Counterrevolution.” *Raritan* (Summer 2010), 1-17.

Excerpt: “The Party of Loss.” *Harper’s* (December 2010), 17-22.

“Get Over It!” *London Review of Books* (June 10, 2010), 29-31.

“Garbage and Gravitas.” *The Nation* (June 7, 2010), 21-27. One of *The Nation’s* “Top Stories of 2010.”

“The First Counterrevolutionary.” *The Nation* (October 19, 2009), 25-32.

Latvian translation: “Pirmais kontrevolucionārs.” *¼ Satori: Literatūras un filozofijas portāls* (October 15, 2009).

“Out of Place.” *The Nation* (June 23, 2008), 25-33.

“Dragon-Slayers.” *London Review of Books* (January 4, 2007), 18-20.

French translation: “Carriérisme et Barbarie: Une Hannah Arendt peut en cache rune autre.” *La République des Lettres* (February 4, 2008).

“Was he? Had he?” *London Review of Books* (October 19, 2006), 10-12.

“Language and Violence: From Pathology to Politics.” *Raritan* (Fall 2006), 41-51.

“Strangers in the Land.” *The Nation* (April 10, 2006), 28-33.

“The Fear of the Liberals.” *The Nation* (September 26, 2005), 13-18.

“Fascism and Counterrevolution.” *Dissent* (Summer 2005), 110-15.

“Protocols of Machismo.” *London Review of Books* (May 19, 2005), 11-14.

“Dedicated to Democracy.” *London Review of Books* (November 18, 2004), 3-6.

“The Politics and Antipolitics of Fear.” *Raritan* 23 (Spring 2004), 79-108.

“The Ex-Cons: Right-Wing Thinkers Go Left.” *Lingua Franca* (February 2001), 24-33.

Polish translation: “O dwóch takich, co skręcili w lewo.” *Gazeta Wyborcza* (June 2001), 8-10.

### **Selected Shorter Pieces**

“The End of the Take-Home Essay?” *The Chronicle Review* (August 24, 2023).

“The Clarence Thomas Scandal Is About More than Corruption.” *Politico* (April 18, 2023).

“Republican Are Moving Rapidly to Cement Minority Rule. Blame the Constitution.” *Politico* (January 5, 2022).

“Why Does Biden Seem So Stuck?” *New York Times* (December 12, 2021), Sunday Review, 6.

“In the Malcolm Archives: On the Couch.” *The New Republic* (June 18, 2021).

“The Gonzo Constitutionalism of the American Right.” *The New York Review of Books* (October 21, 2020).

“The Pandemic is the Time to Resurrect the Public University.” *The New Yorker* (May 7, 2020).

German translation: “Plädoyer für die öffentliche Universität.” *Merkur* (August 2020), 95-99.

“What People Power Looks Like in a Pandemic Democracy.” *The New York Review of Books* (April 13, 2020).

“The Tyranny of the Minority, from the Iowa Caucus to the Electoral College.” *The New York Review of Books* (February 21, 2020).

“Clarence Thomas is not a ‘Sellout.’” *New York Times* (September 28, 2019), Sunday Review, 4.

“Uninstalling Hayek.” *Boston Review* (March 3, 2019).

“Why Has It Taken Us So Long to See Trump’s Weakness?” *New York* (February 20, 2019).

“The New Socialists.” *New York Times* (August 26, 2018), Sunday Review, 1.

“Forget About It.” *Harper’s* (April 2018), 5-7.

“Trump’s Fantasy Capitalism.” *The New Republic* (December 2017), 14-15.

“The G.O.P.’s Existential Crisis.” *New York Times* (March 26, 2017), SR1.

“The Dream of the Enemy.” *Harper’s* (February 2017), 26-27.

“Higher education’s real censors.” *Salon* (August 29, 2015).

“We have the left and right all wrong: The real story of the politics of nostalgia and tradition.” *Salon* (August 2, 2015).

“The Republican War on Workers’ Rights.” *New York Times* (May 20, 2014), A17.

“Who Really Said That?” *The Chronicle Review* (September 20, 2013), B13-15.

“The Politics of Fear.” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas* (Fall 2011), 39-42.

“In the Shadow of Tyranny.” *New Statesman* (June 13, 2005), 48-49.

“The Ancient Force.” *New Statesman* (April 18, 2005), 50-51.

“When Fear is a Joint Venture.” *Washington Post* (October 24, 2004), B1.

“Fear Itself.” *The Chronicle Review* (August 13, 2004), B11

- “State of Confusion.” *Washington Post Book World* (July 18, 2004), BW05.
- “Nice Place to Study, but I Wouldn’t Want to Work There.” *New York Times* (March 7, 2003), A27.
- “Republic of Denial.” *Washington Post Book World* (November 3, 2002), BW03.
- “Lavatory and Liberty: The Secret History of the Bathroom Break” and “Ellis Island Blues.” *Boston Globe* (September 29, 2002), D1, D5.
- “Here be monsters.” *Times Literary Supplement* (March 22, 2002), 36.
- “All fashion spent.” *Times Literary Supplement* (February 15, 2002), 29.
- “Closet-Case Studies.” *New York Times Magazine* (December 16, 2001), 23-24.
- Portuguese translation: *Correio do Brasil* (December 27, 2001).
- “Denied the Fruits of Their Labors.” *Dissent* (Fall 2001), 131-35.
- Polish translation: *Gazeta Wyborcza* (March 15, 2002).
- “Missing the Point.” *Dissent* (Spring 2001), 108-111.
- Review of Arno Mayer, *The Furies: Violence and Terror in the French and Russian Revolutions*. *The Boston Review* 26 (April/May 2001), 64-65.
- “Care Packages.” *Washington Post Book World* (April 29, 2001), BW5.
- “Benito Giuliani.” Co-authored with Steve Fraser. *The American Prospect* (March 13, 2000), 22-23.

### **Academic Articles and Book Chapters**

- “Clarence Thomas: Race Pessimism and Black Capitalism.” In *African American Political Thought: A Collected History*, ed. Melvin Rodgers and Jack Turner. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021, 685-704.
- “Freedom Now.” Co-authored with Alex Gourevitch. *Polity* 52 (July 2020), 384-398.
- “Economics Is the Materiality of Moral Choice.” In *Economics After Neoliberalism*, ed. Joshua Cohen. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2019, 30-35.
- “Sheldon Wolin’s the Reason I Began Drinking Coffee.” *The Good Society* 24 (2015), 164-173.
- “Wealth and the Intellectuals: Nietzsche, Hayek, and the Austrian School of Economics.” In *Hayek: A Collaborative Biography. Part V: Hayek’s Great Society of Free Men*, ed. Robert Leeson. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, 112-158.



“Political Obedience.” *Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought*, ed. Gregory Claeys. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2013.

“The Language of Fear: National Security in Modern Politics.” In *Fear: Across the Disciplines*, eds. Jan Plamper and Benjamin Lazier. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2012, 118-131.

“Easy to Be Hard: Violence and Conservatism.” In *Performances of Violence*, ed. Carleen Basler, Thomas Dumm, and Austin Sarat. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 2011, 18-42.

Excerpt: “Why Conservatives Love War.” *Chronicle Review* (October 24, 2010), 8-10.

“You Say You Want a Counterrevolution: Well, You Know, We All Want to Change the World.” In *A Century of Revolution: Insurgent and Counterinsurgent Violence during Latin America's Long Cold War*, ed. Greg Grandin and Gilbert M. Joseph. Durham: Duke University Press, 2010, 371-380.

“Remembrance of Empires Past: 9/11 and the End of the Cold War.” In *Cold War Triumphalism: The Misuse of History after the Fall of Communism*, ed. Ellen Schrecker. New York: The New Press, 2004, 274-297.

Excerpt: “Grand Designs: How 9/11 Unified Conservatives in Pursuit of Empire,” *Washington Post* (May 2, 2004), B1.

Excerpt: “Endgame: Conservatives after the Cold War,” *Boston Review* (February/March 2004), 26-30.

Italian translation: “I neocon contro il libero mercato,” *Micromega* 4 (2004), 191-205.

Spanish translation: “Remembranza de imperios del pasado. El 11 de Septiembre y el fin de la Guerra Fría,” *Temas* 33-34 (April-September 2003), 76-90.

“Liberalism at Bay, Conservatism at Play: Fear in the Contemporary Imagination.” *Social Research* 71 (Winter 2004), 927-962.

“Fragmented State, Pluralist Society: How Liberal Institutions Promote Fear.” *Missouri Law Review* 69 (Fall 2004), 1061-1093.

“Reason to Panic.” *The Hedgehog Review* 5 (Fall 2003), 62-80.

“Fear, American Style: Civil Liberty After 9/11.” In *Implicating Empire: Globalization & Resistance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century World Order*, ed. Stanley Aronowitz and Heather Gautney. New York: Basic Books, 2003, 47-64.

“Primal Fear.” *Theory and Event* 5 (2001).

French translation: *Vacarme* 18 (Winter 2002), 15-18.

“Fear: A Genealogy of Morals.” *Social Research* 67 (Winter 2000), 1085-1115.

“Reflections on Fear: Montesquieu in Retrieval.” *American Political Science Review* 94 (June 2000), 347-60.

“The Battle of Seattle: Theory and Politics in the New Millennium.” *Theory and Event* 4 (2000).

“Why Do Opposites Attract? Fear and Freedom in the Modern Political Imagination.” In *Fear Itself: Enemies Real and Imagined*, ed. Nancy L. Schultz (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 1999).

“Against the Grain: Organizing TA’s at Yale.” Co-authored with Michelle Stephens. *Social Text* 49 (Winter 1996), 43-74.

Reprinted: *Will Teach for Food: Academic Labor in Crisis*, ed. Cary Nelson (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1997).

### **Keynote and Endowed Lectures**

Keynote Address. “The Withering of the State?” Conference. University of Illinois at Chicago (2018)

Oscar Jaszi Memorial Lecture. Oberlin (2018)

E. Victor Wolfenstein Memorial Lecture. UCLA (2017)

Keynote Address. Political Science Graduate Conference. Princeton (2017)

Somers Lecture. Georgia State University (2016)

Keynote Address. Political Science Graduate Conference. University of Pennsylvania (2016)

Keynote Address. Society for the Study of U.S. Intellectual History (2015)

Respondent to Martin Jay, “The Virtues of Mendacity.” Lionel Trilling Seminar, Columbia (2008)

Killen Chair Lecture. St. Norbert College (2007)

John L. Stanley Memorial Lecture. UC Riverside (2007)

### **Selected Invited Talks**

“*Eichmann in Jerusalem* in 2023.” Cornell (2023)

“The Enigma of Clarence Thomas.” Yale Law School (2019); Carleton (2020)

“Invisible Woman: Anita Hill and the Gender of Clarence Thomas’s Constitution.” Brown (2019)

“The Black Nationalism of Clarence Thomas’s Right Turn.” Brown (2018)

“Invisible Man on the Supreme Court.” Rutgers (2018); Princeton (2018); Cambridge (2018)

“Trump and Conservatism.” Harvard Divinity School (2018); Harvard Law School (2018); Grinnell (2018); Edinburgh (2018)

“On *The Reactionary Mind*.” Columbia (2017)

“Public Intellectuals: Bringing a Public Into Being.” Duke (2017)

“The Death of Conservatism.” University of Hawaii (2017)

“Black State, White Market: Capitalism in Clarence Thomas’s Jurisprudence.” University of Chicago (2016); Cornell/Cornell Law School (2016)

“The Capitalism of Clarence Thomas.” Brown (2016)

“Clarence Thomas: Race, State, and Market.” University of Michigan Law School (2015)

“Entretien autour de la peur.” Sciences Po Lyon, France (2014)

“Smiling Faces Tell Lies: Pessimism, Originalism, and Capitalism in the Jurisprudence of Clarence Thomas.” University of Washington (2014)

“Nietzsche, Marginalism, and the Austrian School of Economics.” New School (2014)  
 “Being a Public Intellectual: It’s Easier—and Harder—Than You Think.” Syracuse (2014)  
 “Medievalism and Markets: Labor and Value in Burke, Babeuf, and Smith.” Cornell (2013)  
 “How to Think and Not Think about Counterrevolution” and “The Free Market as a Counterrevolutionary Device.” Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies (2013)  
 “Polarized Politics.” Einstein Forum/European Academy (Berlin, 2012)  
 “Nietzsche and Neoclassical Economics.” Columbia (2012)  
 “Right-Wing Populism.” Princeton (2012)  
 “The Counterrevolutionary Currents of Modern Conservatism.” University of Hawaii (2011)  
 “The Reactionary Mind.” UCSD (2011); Yale (2011)  
 “Easy to Be Hard: Violence and Conservatism.” Amherst (2009); Stanford (2009); New School (2009)  
 “In Search of Conservatism.” University of Minnesota (2008); Rutgers (2009).  
 “You Say You Want a Counterrevolution: Well, You Know, We All Want to Change the World.” Princeton (2007); Rutgers (2007)  
 “The Moral Vocabulary of Fear.” Columbia Law School (2007); European University Institute (Florence, 2007)  
 “Fear, the Day After.” Oxford (2006)  
 “The Globalization of Fear.” European Forum for Urban Safety (Zaragoza, Spain, 2006)  
 “Quel rôle joue la peur dans une démocratie?” Institut d’études politiques de Paris (2006)  
 “The Liberalism – and Conservatism – of Fear.” McGill (2005); UC Irvine (2006)  
 “Louis Hartz at 50: On the Varieties of Counterrevolutionary Experience in America.” University of Pennsylvania (2005); University of Maryland School of Law (2006); Syracuse (2006)  
 “The Fear of the Liberals.” Tufts (2005)  
 “La Batalla Final: Los Neoconservadores tras el Fin de la Guerra Fría.” Universidad Internacional de Andalucía (Sevilla, 2005)  
 “Neoconservatives and their Empire.” Varchi Contemporary History Festival (Rome, 2005)  
 “Fear and Repression: An Unexplained Relationship.” University of Durham (2005)  
 “The Constitution of Fear.” Columbia Law School (2005)  
 “Fear: History of an Idea.” Cambridge (2004); Oxford (2004)  
 “Fear: Politics of a Practice.” Newcastle (2004)  
 “Liberalism at Bay, Conservatism at Play: Fear in the Contemporary Imagination.” MIT (2004); Duke (2004); King’s College, University of London (2004)  
 “Fragmented State, Pluralist Society: How Liberal Institutions Promote Fear.” University of Missouri School of Law (2004)  
 “Beauty from Cruel Weight: Fear and Political Imagination.” New School (2004)  
 “Total Terror: Hannah Arendt on Totalitarianism.” NYU (2002)  
 “Remembrance of Empires Past: 9/11 and the End of the Cold War.” NYU (2002)  
 “Romantic Revolutionary: The Unknown Tocqueville.” Columbia (2001)  
 “Hamlet on the Hudson: How Tocqueville Changed the Way We Think About Fear.” UCLA (2001)  
 “Reason to Panic: How Hobbes Made Fear Safe for Counterrevolution.” UCLA (2001)  
 “Fear in the Workplace.” UCLA (2001)  
 “Hobbes on Fear.” Columbia (1999)

## **Selected Presentations**

“Can Democracy Survive in the U.S.?” Conversation with Jamelle Bouie. CUNY Graduate Center (2023)

Author Meets Critics panel on *The Enigma of Clarence Thomas*. American Political Science Association (2019)

Author Meets Critics panel on Seyla Benhabib’s *Exile, Statelessness, and Migration*. American Political Science Association (2018)

Roundtable on Nikhil Singh’s *Race and America’s Long War*. NYU (2018)

Roundtable on Sheldon Wolin. American Political Science Association (2016)

Discussant, “Authenticity and Insincerity in American Political Thought.” American Political Science Association (2016)

Discussant, “Democratic Theory and the Challenge of the Welfare State.” American Political Science Association (2014)

“What is Conservatism.” Conversation with Chris Hayes. CUNY Graduate Center (2011)

Discussant, “Realism in Political Theory: Postcolonial Realisms.” American Political Science Association (2011)

On Freedom. Salon hosted by the Governor and First Lady of Hawaii (2011)

*A Hard Heart*. Post-performance conversation with Kathleen Chalfant and Epic Theatre Ensemble. Clurman Theatre/Theatre Row (2007)

Conversation with Susan Faludi about *The Terror Dream*. CUNY Graduate Center (2007)

“National Security and Political Repression.” American Political Science Association (2007)

Roundtable, “Repression, Espionage, and the Red Scare.” New York University (2007)

Discussant, “Fugitive Democracy, Totalitarianism, and Post-Modern Power.” American Political Science Association (2006)

Roundtable, “Is it Time to Call it Fascism?” American Political Science Association (2005)

Discussant, “Democratic Responses to Terror and Emergency.” American Political Science Association (2005)

“On *Fear: The History of a Political Idea*.” International Book Fair (Turin, 2005); Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (Milan, 2005); Miami Book Fair (2004); Harvard Bookstore (2004); Seminary Co-Op Bookstore/57<sup>th</sup> Street Books (Chicago, 2004); Brecht Forum (2004); New America Foundation (2004)

Moderator, conversation with Christopher Browning and Mark Danner on political violence. Yale (2003)

“Getting Fear Wrong.” Hacettepe University. Ankara, Turkey (2002)

“What’s Wrong With How We Think About Fear.” American Political Science Association (1999); New York State Political Science Association (1999)

Discussant, panel on Hobbes. New York State Political Science Association (1999)

“Repression in the Fragmented State.” Western Political Science Association (1999)

Discussant, “Antebellum Political Institutions and Ideology.” Western Political Science Association (1999)

“Why Do Opposites Attract? Fear and Freedom in the Modern Political Imagination.” American Political Science Association (1997); New England American Studies Association (1997)

“Civil Society, Political Institutions, and Fear: The Case of Montesquieu.” American Political Science Association (1997)

## Dissertation Committees

Amy Schiller, “Caring Without Sharing: Philanthropy’s Anti-Political Present” (chair, 2019)  
Eli Karetny, “Ungodly Freedom: How Philosophers Rise and Empires Fall in the Work of Leo Strauss” (chair, 2018)  
Puangchon Unchanam, “The Bourgeois Crown: Monarchy and Capitalism in Thailand, 1985-2014” (chair, 2017)  
Joanna Tice Jen, “Feeling God: The Political Thought of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Evangelicalism” (chair, 2016)  
Joshua Sperber, “Customer Management in the Internet Age” (2016)  
Alan Koenig, “‘God Is Near’: American Theocracy and the Political Theology of Joseph Smith” (chair, 2016)  
Jon Keller, “Right Without Might: Prophecy and Enervation in the American Political Tradition” (chair, 2014)  
Nick Robbins, “Civilization of the Living Dead: Canonical Monstrosity, the Romero Zombie, and the Political Subject” (chair, 2014)  
Peter Kolozi, “Conservatives against Capitalism: The Critique of Capitalism in American Political Thought” (chair, 2010)

#### External Examiner/Committee

Alex Gourevitch, “Servitude and Independence: Rethinking Liberty, Virtue, and the Republican Tradition” (Columbia, 2010)  
Jacob Kramer, “The New Freedom and the Radicals: Woodrow Wilson, Progressive Views of Radicalism, and the Origins of Progressive Tolerance, 1900-1924” (CUNY Graduate Center, 2006)

#### **Selected Professional Activities and Service**

Department Chair, Political Science, Brooklyn College, 2014-17  
Political Theory Subfield Chair, Political Science, CUNY Graduate Center, 2013-15  
Reviewer: Oxford University Press; University of Chicago Press; Cambridge University Press; Princeton University Press  
Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*; *American Historical Review*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Constellations*; *Journal of Politics*; *Political Studies*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Political Studies*  
Member, Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, American Political Science Association (2018-20)  
Reviewer: Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program (2010-11)  
Committee, Best First Book in Political Theory, American Political Science Association (2009)  
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