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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, 2018

Dissertation: *Public Reason and Private Bias*

Committee: Joshua Cohen, Niko Kolodny, Mark Bevir, Kinch Hoekstra, Sarah Song

Fields: Contemporary Political Theory, History of Political Thought, Public Law

M.A. in Political Science, 2008

New York University, New York, NY

M.A., Center for Bioethics, 2020

Field: Ethics of emerging technologies

Amherst College, Amherst, MA

B.A., Philosophy, 2004

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Deliberate Extinction by Genome Modification: An Ethical Challenge,” *Science*, May 15, 2025
(with Gregory Kaebnick et al.)

“Why Respect for Liberty Does Not Preclude Lockdowns,” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*
(with Justin Bernstein and Brian Hutler, forthcoming)

“Rule by Automation: How Automated Decision Systems Promote Freedom and Equality,” *Moral Philosophy and Politics*, January 6, 2022 (with Jacob Sparks)

“The Hallmarks of Predictive Oncology,” *Cancer Discovery*, February 7, 2025 (with Akshat Singhal et al.)

“Public Reason and Private Bias: Accommodating Political Disagreement,” *Journal of Social Philosophy*, March 30, 2023

“Here, There, or Delaware? How Corporate Threats Distort Democracy,” *Politics, Philosophy, and Economics*, February 2023 (with Vishnu Sridharan)

“For the People, By the Viewpoints? Realism and Idealism in Public Reason,” *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, October 14, 2020

“Expecting Equality: How Prenatal Screening Policy Harms People with Disabilities,” *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, October 24, 2022

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“Justifying the Risks of COVID Challenge Trials,” *Bioethics*, June 27, 2021 (with Daniel Callies and Jacob Sparks)

BOOK CHAPTERS, COMMENTARIES, AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

“The Perils of Perfect Self-Knowledge: The Implications of Always On AI Assistants,” in *Where is the Mind Going? How the New AI Will Transform Human Nature, Mindedness, and Personhood*, Springer 2026 (with Vishnu Sridharan, forthcoming)

“Freedom and Equality in the Gig Economy: On the Benefits of AI Management,” in *Social Cognition and Agency: Being Human in the Age of AI*, ed. by Syed Abu Mussab (with Jacob Sparks, forthcoming)

“The Existential Possibilities for Genome Modification of Species,” *Hastings Bioethics Forum*, May 15, 2025. (with Gregory Kaebnick, et al.)

“Proportionality and Lockdown Policies in U.S. States,” in *Proportionality*, ed. by Marz, et al., Oxford University Press (with Bernstein, et al., forthcoming)

“Freedom is Good for Democrats, Bad for Democracy,” *The Prindle Post*, September 11, 2024

“Elon Musk’s Master Class in Billionaire Bribes: How Some Corporations Threaten Democracy,” *Salon*, August 14, 2024.

“A Landmark Environmental Law Looks Ahead,” *Science*, December 21, 2023 (with Fischman et al.)

“Thinking About Moral Progress,” *The Hastings Center Report*, October 13, 2022

“Gene Drive Mosquitoes: Ethical and Political Considerations,” In *Gene Drives and the Malaria Eradication Agenda*, ed. by Rebeca Carballar-Lejarazú, Jenny Stanford Publishing, Forthcoming March 2023 (with Daniel Callies)

“Political Liberalism and Public Health,” commentary in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, August 17, 2021 (with Michael Kates)

“Empowering Marginalized Communities,” commentary in *The American Journal of Bioethics*, May 4, 2020

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Scholar (June 2022-Present)

The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY

Led the portfolio of AI ethics initiatives, including: Awarded NEH grant as Principal Investigator of “Generative AI and the Future of Human Connection”; Selected to influential platforms such as the Partnership on AI’s “Enterprise AI Steering Committee”; Co-organized conferences such as the Google Bioethics Summit on AI in healthcare; conducted qualitative research on the use of generative AI in patient communication.

Hecht-Levi Fellow (September 2021-June 2022)

Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD and

Wellcome Centre for Ethics and Humanities, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Conducted research and published on the legitimacy of AI decision systems and pandemic policymaking. Taught “Technology, Democracy, and Social Justice” to undergraduates in the philosophy and political science departments at Johns Hopkins.

Postdoctoral Scholar (September 2019-August 2021)

The Institute for Practical Ethics, University of California, San Diego, San Diego, CA

Researched and published on political theory of AI and biotechnology.

Graduate Student Researcher (2010-11)

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

TEACHING

Lecturer (Spring 2022)

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Department of Philosophy and Department of Political Science

Technology, Democracy, and Social Justice

Lecturer (Summer 2018)

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Political Science Department

Nature of Politics (Introduction to Political Theory)

Graduate Student Instructor (2008-13)

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

Department of Political Science

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Amy Gurowitz, Fall 2013

Religion and Conflict, Professor Ron Hassner, Fall 2012

Congress, Professor Eric Schickler, Spring 2012

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Constitutional Law (Rights), Professor Gordon Silverstein, Spring 2010

Constitutional Law (Federalism), Professor Gordon Silverstein, Fall 2009

Constitutional Law (Rights), Professor Gordon Silverstein, Spring 2009

Introduction to International Relations, Professor Amy Gurowitz, Fall 2008

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Awarded 2025 Collaborative Research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities
As Principal Investigator, “*Generative AI and the Future of Human Connection.*”

Selected to the 2025 “Enterprise AI Steering Committee”
Selected by the Partnership on AI, a consortium of all the major technology companies and non-profits advocating for responsible AI.

Philosophy in the Media Fellowship, Tarrytown, New York, June 2024
Awarded competitive fellowship to train with New Yorker Ideas Editor Joshua Rothman in writing about ideas for public audiences

Awarded National Science Foundation grant
As Co-Investigator, “The Ethics of Deliberate Extinction”

Summer Institute in Technology Ethics Fellowship, Markkula Center for Ethics, Santa Clara University, July 2022
Selected for two-week workshop with technology ethicists and practitioners, led by Shannon Vallor and John Sullins

Biomedical Data Science Innovation Lab Fellowship, School of Data Science, University of Virginia, June 2022
Selected for one-week intensive workshop with data scientists and ethicists to form collaborative projects in biomedical data ethics

College of Global Public Health Fellowship, 2018-19

Finishing Fellowship, 2015-16

Amherst Memorial Fellowship, 2014-15

UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, 2011

Forris Jewett Moore Fellowship, 2010-11

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TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

MIT Professional Education Certification in AI, Machine Learning, and Data Science (Expected Oct 2025)

MIT Narrative Nonfiction Workshop, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2023
Selected for training in presenting academic work to the public using the techniques of narrative journalism

Educator Training Certificate, 2020
University of California, San Diego
Completed pedagogy courses on best practices for inclusive teaching

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Threat of Exit: When Corporate Lobbying is Undemocratic,” American Philosophical Association (Central) Conference, Chicago, IL, February 2022

“Why the State Should Ban Prenatal Screening for Disabilities,” American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, September 2021

“Corporate Coercion in Democratic Decisions,” American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, DC, August 2019

“Why Public Reason Must Accommodate Unreasonable People,” Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2019 (Nominated for a Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Conference Paper)

“Public Reason and the Problem of Too Much Pluralism,” Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2019

“Government For the People, By the Viewpoints? Realism and Idealism in Public Reason,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 2018

CAMPUS TALKS

“Should Physicians Make Decisions? AI and Domination in Insurance Evaluation,” New York Institute of Technology, February 2025

“Does Respect for Liberty Preclude Lockdowns?” Berman Institute of Bioethics, May 2022

“Ethical Considerations for Gene Drives,” (with Daniel Callies), Institute for Practical Ethics, December 2020

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“Justifying the Risks of COVID Challenge Trials” (with Daniel Callies and Jacob Sparks),
Institute for Practical Ethics, June 2020

“Republicanism, Algorithms, and Reciprocal Equality” (with Jacob Sparks), Institute for
Practical Ethics, May 2020

“Discrete and Insular Geographies: Imposing Risks on Isolated Peoples,” Institute for Practical
Ethics, January 2020

REFERENCES

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