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**EDUCATION**

**University of California, Berkeley**

PhD, Jurisprudence and Social Policy (Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory), expected 2013

Course of study focuses on the history of European political thought, critical theory, American constitutional jurisprudence, the legalities surrounding and the rights of transnationalism, immigration, and citizenship, and theories of punishment, torture, and war. Coursework to date includes papers on the rhetoric of rights in the context of post-September 11<sup>th</sup> immigration, the Anglo-American liberal state's troubled relationship with religion and freedom of expression, utilitarianism and libertarianism in the thinking of John Rawls, and the discourse of civilization and barbarism accompanying the United States and the European Union's invasion of Iraq.

**London School of Economics and Political Science**

MSc (with distinction), European Identities, December 2007

Focused on philosophical approaches to the idea of Europe, human rights and civil liberties, and European Union law and policy-making. Graduated first in my class with a final thesis topic that explored the abolition of the death penalty within the European Union, why its eradication is perceived as a specifically "European" trait, and how this construction impacts transatlantic relations. An updated version of this thesis is included as a chapter in an edited volume by Austin Sarat and Jürgen Martschukat published by Cambridge University Press.

**Whitman College**

BA (*cum laude*) in both Politics (Honors) and German Studies (Honors), May 2006

Subjects of interest included modern and medieval political thought, capital punishment, Germanic language and culture, the politics of ethnic conflict, and post-colonialism. Final theses focused on how language informed colonial identity within Kenya and how the resurgence of right radicalism after German reunification can be understood within a broader philosophical context.

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## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

### **Honors and Awards**

William K. Coblentz Civil Rights Endowment Student Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley (2010-2011)

Third Year Fellowship, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, University of California, Berkeley (Fall 2010)

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley (2009-2010)

Mellon Discovery Fellowship, Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley (2008-2011)

Selznick Fellowship, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, University of California, Berkeley (2008-2009)

Leonard Woolf Prize for Best Overall Performance in MSc, London School of Economics (2007)

Elected to the Order of the Waiilatpu for Social Change, Whitman College (2006)

Adam Dublin Award for the Study of Global Multiculturalism, Whitman College (2005)

Walter Brattain Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Whitman College (2002-2006)

### **Professional Experience**

Graduate Student Representative on the Committee for the Reformation of the Legal Studies Major (2010-2011)

Graduate Student Instructor for “The Making of Modern Constitutionalism” under Prof. David Lieberman, Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley (Summer 2011)

Graduate Student Instructor for “Theories of Justice” under Prof. Sarah Song, Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011)

Graduate Student Instructor for “Feminist Jurisprudence” under Prof. Kathryn Abrams, Legal Studies Department, University of California, Berkeley (Summer 2010, Fall 2011)

Townsend Research Assistant for Prof. Sarah Song, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program and the Political Science Department, University of California, Berkeley (Summer 2010)

Townsend Research Assistant for Prof. Judith Butler, Rhetoric and Comparative Literature Departments, University of California, Berkeley (Summer 2009)

Student editor and translator for *Ancilla Iuris: Constellations of European Law* under the guidance of Dr. Andreas Abegg, the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (ongoing)

Graduate Student Researcher for the Mellon Initiative Grant on Undergraduate Learning under Prof. Jonathan Simon, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, University of California, Berkeley (Spring 2009)

Graduate Student Researcher for Prof. Justin McCrary, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program, University of California, Berkeley (Spring & Summer 2009)

Undergraduate Research Assistant for Prof. Erick Castellanos, Whitman College (2004-2006)

## **Publications**

“Unframing the Death Penalty: Transatlantic Discourse on Capital Punishment and the Execution of Saddam Hussein,” in *Is the Death Penalty Dying? American and European Perspectives*, eds Austin Sarat and Jürgen Martschukat (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 126-149.

“Civilization versus Barbarism: European Unity as Not-America” in *1 Rerum Causae 2: The LSE Journal of Philosophy* 31 (June 2007).

## **Conference Presentations**

“Possibilities of Non-Western Belonging: European Discourses on Religion, Rationality, and Community in the Age of Mobility and Terror.” Paper presented at the Law and Society Association, San Francisco, California, May 25-28, 2011.

Invited chair and discussant for “Secularism as a Constitutional Problem” at the Law and Society Association’s annual meeting, San Francisco, California, May 25-28, 2011.

“Injuries, Boundaries, and Identities: Late Liberalism’s Troubled Obligations during the War on Terror.” Paper presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, March 31-April 2, 2011.

“The Failure of Modern Cosmopolitanism: Injurious Acts and Injured Bodies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Paper presented at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and Humanities, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 11-12, 2011. Chaired panel.

“Legal Cosmopolitanism and Non-State Subjects.” Paper presented at the West Coast Law and Society Retreat, Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, October 16-17, 2009.

“The Barbaric Spectacle: European Discourses on Capital Punishment and the Execution of Saddam Hussein.” Paper presented at the Law and Society Association’s Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado, May 30, 2009.

“After the Wall: Post-Nationalism and Right Radicalism in Eastern Germany.” Paper presented at the Whitman College Undergraduate Conference, Walla Walla, Washington, 2006.

“Contested Community among Latinos in Rural Washington.” Paper Presented at the National Association for Chicano and Chicana Studies, Miami, Florida, 2005.

“Making the Invisible Visible: Political Activism in the Construction and Maintenance of Latino Identity in Southeastern Washington State.” Paper presented with Dr. Erick Castellanos at the Annual Meeting for the Society for the Anthropology of North America, Merida, Mexico, 2005.

“The Failure of Imagination: Latino Union Activism and Struggles in Washington State.” Paper presented with Dr. Erick Castellanos at the Annual Conference of Ford Fellows, Washington, DC, 2005.

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## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **International Justice Project, London, England**

Legal Extern (2007-2009)

Collaborate on research specifically focused on the American application of the death penalty. Primary research areas include the execution of the mentally retarded and foreign nationals. Results of the research were collated into reports presented to both the governing bodies of the European Union and at the British Foreign Office.

### ***Grosser Grenzverkehr, Ellrich, Thüringen, Germany***

Press Liaison and Field Organizer (2005)

Several month placement in a German NGO organizing cultural activities in a rural village along the former East-West German border. Produced a final comprehensive report on the progress of East-West German rural community interaction; this formed the basis for one of my later honors theses on German right radicalism at Whitman College.

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## **LANGUAGE AND IT SKILLS**

Fluent in written German, proficient in spoken German.

Certified by the Council of Europe to speak Level 1 French.

Basic STATA and HTML.