
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Florida International University, *Department of Politics and International Relations*
Assistant Professor, 2023–present; Faculty Fellow of the Honors College
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2022–23

Institute for Advanced Study, *School of Social Science*
Member (Research Fellow), 2021–22

University of Pennsylvania, *Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy*
Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020–21

EDUCATION

Yale University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
PhD in Political Science, 2020
MA in History, MPhil in Political Science, 2017

Clare College, University of Cambridge
MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, with distinction, 2014

Yale University
BA in Philosophy, *cum laude* and with distinction in the major, 2013

RESEARCH

Book Manuscript
What Violence Was: An Essay on the Limits of Political Language (under review)

Journal articles

Marx and the Problem of Advertising
Alicia Steinmetz and Matt Shafer (coauthored). *Theory & Event*, forthcoming.
Marx on Slavery and Capital in the American Civil War
Political Theory 53, no. 4 (2025): 532–556.
Rifle Theory: Engels and the History of Technology
Political Theory 51, no. 4 (2023): 587–617
Engels after Frankfurt: Nature and Enlightenment in Critical Theory
New German Critique 50, no. 1 (2023): 1–29
Silence is Violence, and so is Speech
New Political Science 44, no. 1 (2022): 153–165
Reprinted in Kevin Duong (ed.), *Violence: A Reappraisal* (Routledge, 2023)

Between Mediation and Critique: Quaker Nonviolence in Apartheid Cape Town, 1976–1990
European Journal of Political Theory 19, no. 4 (2020): 593–613
 The Utopian Shadow of Normative Reconstruction
Constellations 25, no. 3 (2018): 406–420

Book Reviews

A New Introduction to Karl Marx, by Ruiji Sasaki (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), for *Capital & Class*, forthcoming.
Mute Compulsion: A Marxist Theory of the Economic Power of Capital, by Søren Mau (New York: Verso, 2023), for *Contemporary Political Theory*, forthcoming
The Game of Contradictions: The Philosophy of Friedrich Engels and Nineteenth-Century Science, by Sven-Eric Liedman (Leiden: Brill, 2023), for *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books*, July 2023

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Society of Fellows in the Humanities, University of Hong Kong, 2022–25 (declined)
 Research Fellowship in the School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, 2021–22
 MacMillan Center for International & Area Studies Dissertation Research Grant, 2018
 The Gates Cambridge Scholarship, 2013–14

SELECTED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations
 Chair of the Graduate Student Development Committee, 2024–present
 Co-convener, PIR Research Workshop, 2022–24
 Graduate Student Development Committee member, 2023–present
 Library Liaison Officer, 2022–2024

Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania
 Administrative support for the Center’s 2020–2021 public event series
 Co-convener of the Center’s research colloquium for undergraduate fellows

Yale Critical Theory Re-Collective
 Workshop, seminar, and lecture series organizer, 2016–2020
 Graduate advisory group coordinator, 2016–2020

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

From the Factory to the Family: Forces and Relations in Engels’s Critical Theory
 American Political Science Association, September 2025
 Value-form and Natural-Form
 Modern Language Association Annual Meeting, January 2025
 Forces as Relations: The Critical Theory of Friedrich Engels
 Historical Materialism Annual Conference, November 2024
 ‘Unity with Nature’: On the Impasses of Eco-Marxism Today

Radical Philosophy Association Biennial Conference, October 2024
 Marx and the Problem of Advertising (coauthored with Alicia Steinmetz)
 APSA Annual Meeting, September 2024 (revised)
 WPSA Annual Meeting, April 2024
 Plantation Capitalism: Technology and Ecology in Marx's Critique of American Slavery
 APSA Annual Meeting, August 2023 (revised)*
 SPSA Annual Meeting, January 2023
 Engels and the History of Technology
 UMass-Amherst Working Group on User Design, November 2022 (invited talk)*
 Social Media and Leibniz's Monadology: Notes on Advertising
 Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin, October 2022 (invited talk)
 Notes on Reading Engels
 APSA Annual Meeting, September 2022 (roundtable presentation)
 Critical Theory between "Anthropocene" and "Information Age"
 School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, March 2022 (research lecture)
 Engels after Frankfurt: Nature and Enlightenment in Critical Theory
 Columbia University Political Theory Workshop, February 2022
 Rifle Theory: Engels and the History of Technology
 WPSA Annual Meeting, March 2022
 Silence is Violence, and so is Speech: Language and Power since the Reagan Years
 "Free Speech Battles" series, Mitchell Center at UPenn, April 2021 (public lecture)*
 Matter, History, Critique: Engels after Frankfurt
 APSA Annual Meeting, October 2021* (revised)
 Critical Theory Roundtable, Michigan State University, October 2020*
 The Inadequacy of Political Theory for the Information Age
 NEPSA Annual Meeting, April 2019
 How "Epistemic Violence" Became a Liberal Idea
 APSA Annual Meeting, April 2018
 Association for Political Theory Conference, November 2018
 Three Phases in the History of "Violence"
 NEPSA Annual Meeting, April 2017
 The Utopian Shadow of Normative Reconstruction
 APSA Meeting, September 2016

**virtual presentation*