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EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations,
Florida International University, Miami, Florida (expected May 2022)
Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Theory

Dissertation Abstract

Since antiquity, the study of emergency powers has tended to revolve around the dichotomy between norm and exception, suggesting that governments follow established rules of law in ordinary circumstances and resort to extraordinary measures only in times of genuine emergency. My dissertation challenges this dichotomy by analyzing Jamaica's colonial and post-colonial experiences with emergency powers to show continual legal violations rooted in state violence for upholding the rule of law. Utilizing a qualitative case study methodology consisting of primary and secondary sources, it focuses specifically on States of Emergencies (SOEs) and Zones of Special Operations (ZOSOs) for criminal justice ends in the 2010s. This study shows that SOEs and ZOSOs involve unlawful mass extended detentions, renditions, and the derogation of fundamental rights of Jamaicans (primarily those from a lower socio-economic background) and other forms of state violence that echo illiberal colonial practices. Contrary to earlier theorizations, the dissertation demonstrates that the boundaries between norm and exception in Jamaica have eroded in ways that are inconsistent with the country's stated commitments to the rule of law and democratic values.

M.A. Political Science, Department of Politics and International Relations
Florida International University, Miami, Florida (December 2020)

M.Sc. Government, Department of Government
University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica (2015)
Thesis: "From JOS to JUTC: A Case Study of Public Transportation in the Kingston Metropolitan Transport Region (KMTR) and the application of a Rights-Based Approach to Development"

B.A. Media and Communication (Public Relations), Caribbean School of Media and Communication (CARIMAC) **University of the West Indies**,
Kingston, Jamaica (July 2012)
First Class Honors
Minor: Political Science

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Michael Head, *Emergency Powers in Theory and Practice: The Long Shadow of Carl Schmitt*, in *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books*, posted January 2020. Online at: https://marxandphilosophy.org.uk/reviews/18652_emergency-powers-in-theory-and-practice-the-long-shadow-of-carl-schmitt-by-michael-head-reviewed-by-jermaine-young/

Review of Yonique Campbell, *Citizenship on the Margins: State Power, Security and Precariousness in 21st-Century Jamaica*, in *Political Studies Review* first published online August 12, 2021; DOI: 10.1177/14789299211031836

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“States of Exception as Paradigms of Government: Emergency and Criminal Justice in Jamaica”? (Submitted to *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. Manuscript under review.

POLICY REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS (not peer-reviewed)

Fonseca, Brian., Pestana, Randy., Cruz, Jose M., Boissiere, Melissa., & Young, Jermaine. “Socio-cultural Considerations Driving Radicalization in the Caribbean.” Miami: Florida International University, Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Kimberly Green Latin American Center, (Spring 2018).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“States of Exception as Paradigms of Government: Emergency and Criminal Justice in Jamaica”? Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, virtual (April 2021)

“Testing Duverger’s Law using the Caribbean region: An empirical analysis of the Anglophone, Dutch, Francophone and Hispanophone democracies,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 2019)

“From JOS to JUTC: A Case Study of Public Transportation in the Kingston Metropolitan Transport Region (KMTR) and the application of a Rights-Based Approach to Development,” Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Fort Myers, FL (March 2018)

“From JOS to JUTC: A Case Study of Public Transportation in the Kingston Metropolitan Transport Region (KMTR) and the application of a Rights-Based Approach to Development,” Poster Presentation at University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica (March 2016)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Department of Politics and International Relations,
Florida International University (2021-present)

- Introduction to Political Theory (2021)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics and International Relations
Florida International University (2019-present)

- Modern Political Theory (2021, 2020)
- Introduction to Political Theory (2021)
- Science Fiction and Political Imaginations (2020)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (2020)
- Problems of Democracy (2020)
- US Foreign Policy (2019)

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Academic Studies,
National Police College of Jamaica (2017)

- Introduction to Political Philosophy

Teaching Assistant and Tutor, Department of Government,
University of the West Indies (2013-2017)

- Introduction to Political Institutions and Analysis (2013-2017)
- Foundation of Caribbean Politics (2015, 2016)
- Caribbean Political Thought (2015, 2016)
- Introduction to International Relations (2016)
- Latin American Politics and Development (2016)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Latin American Scholarship Program for American Universities (LASPAU) Fulbright Grant
Fulbright Program (2017-2019)

American Foundation for the University of the West Indies (AFUWI) Scholarship
University of the West Indies (2011-2012)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (Foundations of Political Theory and Law & Courts
Sections

REFERENCES

Dr. Clement Fatovic, Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.

Dr. Barry Levitt, Associate Professor, Chair of the Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.

Dr. Alexander Barder, Associate Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, Florida International University.