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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Associate Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, Aug 2021 - present

Assistant Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, Aug 2015 – Jun 2021

Summer Visiting Scholar, Hannah Arendt Center

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, Summer 2017

**EDUCATION**

PhD in Political Science University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, August 2015

MA in Political Science,New School for Social Research, New York, New York, December 2006

BA double major in Economics and Politics; Honors Program (minor), Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, December 2004

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

*Worldly Shame: Ethos in Action* (Lexington Press, 2020).

* Reviewed in *Arendt Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of Politics*

**Articles and Book Chapter**

“’to become like a particle of dust’: A Gandhian practice of Human Dignity”. *Theory and Event* (forthcoming)

“Right Moments: The *Kairos* of Courage”. *Critical Times: Interventions in Global Critical Theory*, Vol. 4, No. 1 (April, 2021), pp 29-47.

“‘Poor in World’: Hannah Arendt’s critique of Imperialism”. *Contemporary Political Theory*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (December, 2019), pp 562-582.

“Experimenting with Freedom: Gandhi’s Political Epistemology,” in *Constructing the Pluriverse: The Geopolitics of Knowledge*, ed Bernd Reiter. *Duke University Press*, pp. 168 - 183(2018).

“Provincialising Heidegger; Globalising Arendt”. *Contexto Internacional: Journal of Global Connections*, Vol. 38, No 3 (2016).

“‘Sensitive to Shame’: Hannah Arendt on Becoming Worldly”. *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*, Vol. 21, No 3 (September 2014), pp 338–350.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

*Human Dignity and Political Criticism* by Colin Bird. *Perspectives on Politics* (forthcoming).

*Recognizing Resentment: Sympathy, Injustice, and Liberal Political Thought* by Michelle Schwarze. *Political Science Quarterly*, Vol. 137, Issue 1 (Spring 2022), pp. 207-208.

*Burdens of Political Responsibility* by Jade L. Schiff. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 16, Issue 3 (September 2018), pp. 830-831.

*Arendt’s Judgment* by Jonathan P. Schwartz. *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Vol. 43, No 2 (Winter 2017).

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Book Project: Dignity and Vulnerability.

**OTHER WRITINGS**

“Pedaling From Courage”. *Journal of Narrative Politics*, Vol. 6, No. 2 (Spring, 2020), pp 60-65.

“Arendt and a ‘Special Jewish Destiny’” Commentary produced for the Hannah Arendt Center Website, at Bard College. June, 2014.

“What Have I Done?” Commentary produced for the Hannah Arendt Center Website, at Bard College. January, 2012.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Mohandas Gandhi, Hannah Arendt, Bhimrao Ambedkar, Dignity, Shame, Affect theory, Empire.

**INVITED AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Downward Equalization: A Gandhian Inversion of Dignity and Rights-Claims” presented at *South Asian Intellectual History Seminar*, Oxford University, January 2022

“The nondomination of the dominated” presented at the *Association for Political Theory*, University of California-Irvine, October 2019

“Shame and Solidarity” presented at Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany, April 2018

Discussant and co-organizer: “Roundtable: Shame, its Death, and other Monsters and Genealogies: On Jill Locke’s *Democracy and the Death of Shame* Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, San Francisco, March 2018

“‘... to become a particle of dust’: Gandhian practices of human dignity” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, San Francisco, March 2018

“The Justice of Reparations” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, San Francisco, March 2018

“Gandhi’s rebellious consciousness: Between Humiliation and Humility” Presented at the *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, September 2017

Organized and chaired Author meets Critics panel on Daniel O’Neill’s *Edmund Burke and the Conservative Logic of Empire*, at the *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco,September 2017

Discussant on Panel, “Virtues, Politics, and Tribalism” at *Western Political Science Association*, Vancouver CA, April 2017

“Provincializing Arendt” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, San Diego, March 2016

“Avoiding ‘Terminal Depression’: Edward Said and Giorgio Agamben’s Universalisms.” Presented at the *International Studies Association- South*, Tampa, October 2015

“Engaged Cosmopolitanism: Edward Said and Giorgio Agamben's universalisms.” Presented at the *American Political Science Association*, San Francisco, September 2015

“Pariahdom across contexts and Borders.” Presented at the *International Studies Association*, New Orleans, February 2015

“Bridges of Subalterity: Arendt, Gandhi, and beyond.” Presented for the *Research Seminar in Politics*, University of Florida, January 2015

“The Pariah’s resistance: Hannah Arendt and the Question of Historicality.” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, Seattle, April 2014

“Rethinking Political Action Beyond and Against Gandhi.” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, Los Angeles, March 2013

“Political Theory and the Varieties of Democracy.” Presented at the *Annual Workshop on the European Union*, at the University of Florida, Gainesville, April 2012

“Exploring the Ethical Dilemmas of Passing.” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, Portland, March, 2012. Organized the Panel “Passing as Ethico-Political Synecdoche” with Michelle R. Smith

“Exploring the Ethical Dilemmas of Passing.” Presented at *Institutions, Narratives, and Identities* at University of Florida, Gainesville, February 2012

“Courage, Conscience, and Timeliness.” Presented at “Out of the Ivory Tower,” *Millennium Annual Conference* at the London School of Economics and Political Science, London, October 2011

“Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Shame.” Presented at the *Western Political Science Association*, San Antonio, April 2011

“The (Impossible) Need for a Public World: Shaming the Desire to Belong.” Presented at *Dangerous Crossings: Politics at the Limits of the Human* at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, October 2010

**GRANTS/AWARDS**

Creative Scholarship Grant (USF), Academic Year 2021-2022 ($5,000)

Creative Scholarship Grant (USF), Academic Year 2017-2018 ($10,000)

Humanities Institute Award (USF), Summer 2016 ($5,000)

Best Graduate Student Teacher Award, University of Florida (UF), 2013-2014

Department Nominee for University-wide Graduate Student Teaching Award (UF), 2013-2014

Alumni Fellowship (UF), 2008-2012

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, University of Florida International Center (UF), Spring 2010

London School of Economics and Political Science Travel Award, Fall 2011

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Fall 2011, Spring 2013

High Pass, Political Theory Qualifying Exam, 2010

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of South Florida**

Foundations of Political Inquiry (Graduate), Spring 2022

Postcolonial Citizenships (Graduate), Spring 2021

Equality, Rights, and Dignity (Graduate), Spring 2019

Politics Beyond Rationality (Graduate), Fall 2017

Introduction to Political Theory, Fall 2015, 2018, 2019 | Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 | Summer 2021, 2022

Comparative Political Theory, Fall 2015, 2017, 2021

Classical Political Theory, Fall 2018, 2021 | Spring 2016, 2020, 2021

Contemporary Political Theory, Fall 2019, 2021 | Spring 2017, 2018, 2021

Introduction to International Relations, Summer 2020

Political Science Internship Coordinator, Fall 2018 - Present

**University of Florida:**

- Instructor of Record

Great Political Thinkers: Machiavelli to Marx, POT 4053, Spring 2014

Great Political Thinkers: Ancient and Modern, POT 4013, Fall 2013

Problems of Democracy, POT 4311, Spring 2013

Introduction to Political Theory, POT 2002, Fall 2012

- Teaching Assistant

What is the Good Life, HUM 2305, Summer 2014 – Spring 2015

Introduction to Political Theory, POT 2002, Spring 2011

**MENTORING**

* Fall 2019 – Spring 2020: Chair, Grant Peeler’s M.A. Thesis (titled: Bodily Harm: An Analysis of the Phenomenological and Linguistic Aspects of Harm and Trauma) on Embodiment and Trauma.
* Fall 2018 – Spring 2019: Committee member on Muttaki Kamal’s MA. Thesis (titled: Complex Tripartite Hydro Politics of River Ganges) on Ganges Restoration.
* Spring 2016: Independent study with Mr. Joel Kennedy-Ramos on Arendt’s political thought.
* Spring 2015: Mentor to Mr. Evan Cartagena. Research focuses on postcolonial accounts of identity formation, and its role in shaping ethical and democratic practices amongst communities and individuals in exile.
* Fall 2014: Mentor to Ms. Janzen Harding. Research focused on autoethnography in IR and its relationship to the ethical thought of Emmanuel Levinas.
* Fall 2013: Mentored Ms. Anh-Thu Nguyen during the writing of her undergraduate thesis on the relationship between shame and responsibility in Vietnamese expatriate politics. (*Completed Honors Thesis was recommended for Highest Honors*).

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association; Western Political Science Association; Association for Political Theory

**REVIEWER**

*Constellations*, *Contemporary Political Theory, Contexto Internacional*, *European Journal of Political Theory*, *Globalizations*, *Hypatia*, *Interpretation, Perspectives on Politics*

**LANGUAGES**

Hindi – native fluency; English – native fluency; Punjabi – conversational proficiency