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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-2026 Klemens von Klemperer Post-Doctoral Fellow, Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and the Humanities, Bard College

EDUCATION

Feb. 2024 Brown University
Ph.D., Political Science (subfield: Political Theory)
Committee: Bonnie Honig, Juliet Hooker, and Melvin Rogers

2020 Certificate in Collaborative Humanities
Sheridan Center Teaching Seminar Certificate

2018 Brown University
M.A., Political Science

2015 Amherst College
B.A., Economics

2014 St. Edmund Hall at University of Oxford – Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

“Between General Strike and Dissensus: W. E. B. Du Bois’s *Black Reconstruction*,” *Political Theory* 51, no. 4 (August 2023): 674–702, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00905917231154425>.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Democratic Refusals: The General Strike in the Making (book manuscript)

Co-editor, *Hannah Arendt and Race* (edited volume, in collaboration with Jana Schmidt and Miko Zeldes-Roth)

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2024 Best Paper Award for “Hannah Arendt: General Strike Theorist?,” Foundations of Political Theory Section (APSA)

2021-22 University Fellowship for Dissertation Completion

2020-21 Interdisciplinary Opportunities Fellowship with the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice (Brown University)

2018-19 Mellon Graduate Fellowship in the Collaborative Humanities (Brown University)

2015-16 James C. Gaither Junior Fellow in the Energy & Climate program (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)

INVITED TALKS/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June 2026 “Strike Republicanism: Freedom, Tumult, and Popular Power in the Reconstruction Era,” Venice Multidisciplinary World Conference on Republics and Republicanism (Venice, Italy)

- Feb. 2026 “Strike Democracy: The Case of Reconstruction,” American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA) conference, as part of “Thought in Revolt” Seminar (Montreal, QC, Canada)
- Nov. 2025 “Temporalities of the Revolutionary Strike,” Association for Political Theory (APT) conference (Chicago, IL)
- Sept. 2025 “What Was the Revolutionary Strike?,” American Political Science Association (APSA) conference (Vancouver, BC, Canada) – talk cancelled
- May 2025 “Reinventing the General Strike: Hannah Arendt and the Labor Movement”, Philosophy Program Salon, Bard College (Annandale-on-Hudson, NY)
- March 2025 “The Myth of the Revolutionary Strike: Sorel’s and Benjamin’s Ethics and Politics of Destruction,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA) conference (Seattle, WA)
- Sept. 2024 “The World the General Strike Made: Labor, Work, and Action in Hannah Arendt’s Council System,” Hannah Arendt Center inaugural conference, University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK)
- March 2024 “Becoming-General, Becoming-Particular: The General Strike in and against Racial Capitalism,” WPSA conference (Vancouver, BC)
- Sept. 2023 “Hannah Arendt: General Strike Theorist?,” APSA (Los Angeles, CA)
- April 6, 2023 “Hannah Arendt: General Strike Theorist?,” WPSA (San Francisco, CA)
- Mar. 11, 2022 “Is the General Strike an Event? Emplotting Democracy in Du Bois and Rancière”, WPSA (Portland, OR)
- Feb. 25, 2022 “Black Reconstruction’s General Strike: Rancierean Dissensus in Du Bois”, Graduate Conference in Political Theory (Duke University)
- Sep. 30, 2021 “Is the General Strike an Event? Democracy and Tragedy in Du Bois’s *Black Reconstruction*”, APSA (Seattle, WA)
- Dec. 12, 2020 “The Boundaries of Civilization and of the General Strike: Gandhi’s Refusals of Violence in South Africa”, Graduate Symposium in Political Theory (Brown University)
- May 8, 2020 “The Politics of (Non-)Violence between the General Strike and the Law”, Collaborative Humanities Public Workshop (Brown University)
- Mar. 8, 2020 “Between the General Strike and the Law: Fugitivity and the Future of Justice”, the Assoc. for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities conference (Quinnipiac Law School)
- Oct. 25, 2018 “What Can an Arendtian Body Do?”, presented at the Subversive Theories of the Political workshop (Colorado College)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

- Spring 2026 “First-Year Seminar: Machiavelli” (Bard Prison Initiative)
- Fall 2025 “[From Strike to Revolution: The Politics of Work and Work Refusal](#)” (Bard College)
- Spring 2025 “The Politics of Work,” (Bard Prison Initiative)

- Fall 2024 “[First Year Seminar: The Republic Revisited](#)” (Bard College)
- Fall 2023-
Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant (TA), IAPA 1200, “Foundations of Security,” Prof. Dawn Brancati & Prof. Lyle Goldstein (Brown University)
- Spring 2023 TA, POLS 0220, “City Politics,” Prof. James Morone (Brown University)
- Fall 2022 TA, POLS 0400, Introduction to International Relations, Prof. Nina Tannenwald (Brown University)
- Fall 2018 -
Spring 2019 Advisor and Second Reader, Undergraduate Thesis – Aaron Ziemer (Winner, Department of Political Science Political Theory Prize)
- Spring 2018 TA, POLS 1500, “The International Law and Politics of Human Rights,” Prof. Nina Tannenwald (Brown University)
- Fall 2017 TA, POLS 1085, “Injustice,” Prof. Alex Gourevitch (Brown University)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

- April 2026 Organizer, Hannah Arendt Center Spring Conference, “Revisiting ‘On Violence’: Political Power and Non-Violent Struggle”
- March 2025 Organizer, Hannah Arendt Center Spring Conference, “The Revolutionary Spirit: Hannah Arendt and Black Political Thought” ([link](#))
- August 2021 Co-Organizer, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice Graduate Colloquium, “Humanities at the Limit of the Human”
- May 2021 Co-Organizer, Political Concepts Graduate Student Conference ([link](#))
- 2020-2021 Convener, Advanced Knowledges Working Group, Brown University Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice
- 2019-2020 Co-Organizer, Graduate Political Philosophy Workshop (peer-led graduate writing workshop at Brown)
- 2019 Co-Organizer, Graduate Symposium in Political Theory

SERVICE

- Reviewer: Contemporary Political Theory, International Political Sociology, Political Theory
- 2024 Discussant, “States of Exception,” APSA
- 2023-24 Panel Chair, WPSA
- 2021-2022 Member, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Student Committee, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice

LANGUAGES

Spanish (proficient reading and speaking), German (elementary reading), French (elementary reading)

REFERENCES

Contact information available upon request

Bonnie Honig (advisor)

Nancy Duke Lewis Professor of Modern Culture and Media and Political Science
Brown University

Melvin Rogers

Professor of Political Science
Brown University

Juliet Hooker

Royce Family Professor of Teaching Excellence in Political Science
Brown University

James Martel

Professor of Political Science
San Francisco State University

Simon Gilhooley

Associate Professor and Program Director of Political Studies
Bard College