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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021- **Wesleyan University**  
Assistant Professor of Government

2019-21 **Harvard University**  
College Fellow in Social Studies

## EDUCATION

2013-19 **Yale University**  
Ph.D., Political Science (with departmental distinction)  
M. Phil, Political Science (2016)  
M.A., Political Science (2014)

Fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods (Statistics)  
Dissertation Committee: Karuna Mantena (Chair), Bryan Garsten, Susan Stokes

2007-11 **Williams College**  
B.A., English, Political Science (Honors), *magna cum laude*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“B.R. Ambedkar on Caste, Democracy, and State Action” (forthcoming in *Political Theory*)  
“India, Racial Caste, and Abolition in Charles Sumner’s Political Thought,” *Modern Intellectual History*  
(First View: February 2021).  
“The Politics of Peoples in Rabindranath Tagore and W.E.B. Du Bois,” *History of the Present*, Vol. 9,  
No. 2 (Fall 2019), 166-192.

## WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Directed Association: A Defense of State Action in the Pursuit of Radical Democracy* (book manuscript)  
“On Sheldon Wolin’s Philosophy of Social Science: Sources, Insights, Applications”  
“G.S. Ghurye, B.S. Guha, and the Making of Race in Modern India”

## COMMENTARY

“Decolonizing Politics” (review of Mahmood Mamdani’s *Neither Settler nor Native*), *Boston Review*, March 2021

“Caste, Race, and Class” (review of Isabel Wilkerson’s *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*), *Dissent*, Winter 2021

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2021 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence, *Harvard University*
- 2020 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence, *Harvard University*
- 2020 Commendation for Extraordinary Teaching, *Harvard University*
- 2019 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence, *Harvard University*
- 2019 Laura Bassi Scholarship (Junior Academic), *Editing Press*
- 2018 Certificate of College Teaching Preparation, *Yale University*
- 2017-18 University Dissertation Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2017-18 Arthur K. Watson Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2017 Field Experiments Grant (with Gautam Nair), *Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University*
- 2017 MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2017 Visiting Research Affiliate, *Madras Institute of Development Studies (India)*
- 2013-18 University Fellowship, *Yale University*
- 2014 South Asian Studies Summer Language Grant, *Yale University*
- 2011 C. David Harris Jr. 1963 Book Prize in Political Science, *Williams College*
- 2010-11 Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences Ruchman Fellowship, *Williams College*
- 2010-11 Class of 1960 Scholar in English, *Williams College*

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022 Department of Political Science “Politics and Thought” Speaker Series, *Ashoka University* (scheduled)
- 2021 College of Social Studies Luncheon Program, *Wesleyan University*
- 2021 Theory Matters, *Harvard University Committee on Degrees in Social Studies*
- 2021 Race/Caste Panel, *Harvard College South Asian Americans in Public Service/Harvard College South Asian Women’s Collective*
- 2021 On Caste: A Virtual Conversation with Isabel Wilkerson, *Williams College*
- 2019 Democracy: Genealogies, Concepts, and Practices, *University of the Western Cape/University of Cape Town*
- 2018 Democratic Representation in South Asia: History, Theory, Politics, *Yale South Asian Studies Council Annual Conference*
- 2017 South Asia Brown Bag, *Yale University*
- 2017 Research Affiliate Seminar, *Madras Institute of Development Studies*
- 2016 South Asia Brown Bag, *Yale University*
- 2015 South Asia Brown Bag, *Yale University*

## **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

- 2021 Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, Amherst  
(panel presentation)
- 2021 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle  
(panel presentation; discussant)
- 2019 Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting, Irvine  
(panel presentation)
- 2019 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.  
(panel presentation; discussant; chair)
- 2019 Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego  
(panel presentation)
- 2018 Political Theory Workshop, *Yale University*  
(practice job talk)
- 2018 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Boston  
(panel presentation)
- 2018 Western Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco  
(panel presentation)
- 2017 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco  
(discussant)
- 2017 APSA Dissertation Workshop on Comparative Political Theory (participant by selection)
- 2016 Annual Conference on South Asia, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*  
(panel presentation)
- 2016 American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia  
(panel presentation)
- 2016 New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, Newport  
(panel presentation)
- 2015 Social Science Research Council, Anxieties of Democracy Seminar with Pierre Rosanvallon (participant by selection)
- 2015 Mini-APSA, *Yale University*
- 2015 Political Theory Workshop (with Susan C. Stokes), *Yale University*
- 2014 Workshop on Accountability (with Susan C. Stokes), *University of Essex*

## **TEACHING**

Senior Theses Advised: Harshita Gupta (Harvard, Social Studies, 2020)

*Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University, 2021-Present*

Fall 2021 The Moral Basis of Politics; The Moral Basis of Politics (First Year Seminar)

*College Fellow, Harvard University, 2019-2021*

Spring 2021 Social Studies 10b: Introduction to Social Studies (sophomore tutorial); Caste, Race, and Democracy (junior tutorial)

Fall 2020 Social Studies 10a: Introduction to Social Studies (sophomore tutorial)

Spring 2020 Social Studies 10b: Introduction to Social Studies (sophomore tutorial); Caste, Race, and Democracy (junior tutorial)

Fall 2019 Social Studies 10a: Introduction to Social Studies (sophomore tutorial)

*Lead Instructor, Yale Young Global Scholars Program*

Summer 2018 Politics, Law, and Economics session

*Teaching Fellow, Yale University, 2015-2019*

Spring 2019 Moral Foundations of Politics, Ian Shapiro (two discussion sections)

Fall 2018 Introduction to Political Philosophy, Hélène Landemore (two discussion sections)

Fall 2016 Gandhi, King, and the Politics of Nonviolence, Karuna Mantena (two discussion sections)

Spring 2016 Moral Foundations of Politics, Ian Shapiro (one writing intensive section)

Fall 2015 Gandhi, King, and the Politics of Nonviolence, Karuna Mantena (two discussion sections)

## **SERVICE**

2021-22 Participant, Wesleyan University Race and Pedagogy Seminar

2019 Co-Author (with Nica Siegel), Conference Summary for International Conference for the Study of Political Thought

2019 Organizer, Moral Imagination Workshop with David Bromwich

2018 Discussant, Yale Political Theory Workshop (Pratap Bhanu Mehta)

2015-16 Graduate Student Co-Coordinator, Yale Political Theory Workshop

2016 Discussant, Yale Global Justice Workshop (Jeffrey Edward Green)

2015 Discussant, Yale Agrarian Studies Colloquium (Micah Muscolino), Yale Political Theory Workshop (Desmond Jagmohan)

2014 Discussant, Yale CHESS Workshop (Claire Priest and Justin DuRivage), Yale Political Theory Workshop (Seyla Benhabib), Yale Comparative Politics Workshop (Charles Ragin)

Manuscript reviewer for: *American Journal of Political Science, Law & Social Inquiry*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

Association for Political Theory (APT)

Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT)