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Boston College Law School
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Boston College Law School

Drinan Visiting Assistant Professor, 2023 – Present

Northwestern University

Instructor of Record, Department of Political Science, 2022

Grinnell College

Instructor of Record, Department of History, 2022

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Ph.D., Political Science, 2024

Dissertation Committee: Erin F. Delaney; Mary G. Dietz (Chair); Paul A. Gowder;
Alvin B. Tillery, Jr.

Dissertation: *The Spirit of Caste: Recasting the History of Civil Rights*

Research Assistant for Professors S. Sara Monoson and Shmulik Nili

Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, 2021 – 2022

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

J.D., *cum laude*, 2024

Law and Science Fellow

Teaching and Research Assistant for Professor Sheila Bedi

Northwestern University

M.A., Political Science, 2018

Oberlin College

B.A. in Politics, *High Honors*, 2013

John D. Lewis Award in Political Theory

John Frederick Oberlin Scholarship

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERSETS

Primary Interests: Property Law, Constitutional Law, Antidiscrimination Law, Local Government Law, Legal Theory and Jurisprudence

Additional Interests: Education Law, Disability Law, Critical Race Theory, Democratic Theory, Law and Political Economy

PUBLICATIONS & WORKS IN PROGRESS

Constitutionalizing the American Dream (job talk paper)

The Limits of Lochnerism, WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. ____ (forthcoming) (invited symposium piece)

Law and Order: Rethinking Marcuse's Legacy for Abolitionist Politics, in THE MARCUSEAN MIND (forthcoming 2024)

W.E.B. Du Bois, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CRITICAL POLITICAL SCIENCE (forthcoming 2024)

From Love to Care: Arendt's Amor Mundi in the Ethical Turn, 50 POL. THEORY 939 (2022)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

2023 Reimagining the Reconstruction Constitution, Boston College Law School

2021-2022 What's Wrong with Rights?: Critical Approaches to Civil and Human Rights, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

Black Abolitionist Thought, Department of History, Grinnell College

2013-2016 Special Education Teacher for 1st-5th grade classrooms, Frank W. Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy, a Pre-K to 8th grade elementary school on Chicago's Southwest Side

Courses Assisted

2020-2021 Constitutional Law II, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Prof. Joanna Grisinger

Advanced Research Seminar, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Prof. Nicolette Bruner

The Law of Policing, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Prof. Sheila Bedi

2017-2018 Introduction to Political Theory: International Contemporary Global Issues,
Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. Shmulik Nili

Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought, Department of
Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. James Farr, Winter

Classical Political Theory, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
Prof. S. Sara Monoson, Fall

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2023-2025 Drinan Scholars Program, Boston College Law School

2022-2023 University Fellowship, Northwestern University

2021-2022 Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University

2020-2021 Teaching Assistantship, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University

2020-2021 Associate Editor, *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*, Pritzker School of Law,
Northwestern University

2019-2020 Law School Scholarship, Northwestern University

2018-2019 Law School Scholarship, Pritzker School of Law

2018-Present Law and Science Fellow, Pritzker School of Law

2018 Minar Memorial Summer Award, Northwestern University

2018-Present Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies, Northwestern University

2017-2018 Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

2016-2017 University Fellowship, Northwestern University

2013 John D. Lewis Memorial Prize for Work in Political Theory, Oberlin College

2009-2013 John F. Oberlin Scholarship, Oberlin College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Community Justice and Civil Rights Clinic, Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, 2020 – 2021
Rule 711 Licensed Lawyer

Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL, 2020
Rule 711 Licensed Lawyer

Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy, Chicago Illinois, 2013-2016
Special Education Teacher
Chicago Teaching Fellow

Department of Education, Washington, D.C., Summer 2012
Summer Intern

Durkin & Roberts, Chicago Illinois, Summer 2011
Law Clerk

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. Shmulik Nili, 2020-2021

Research Assistant, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Prof. Sheila Bedi, 2020 (Summer)

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. S. Sara Monoson, 2017 (Summer)

INVITED TALKS

The Spirit of Caste, University of Toronto, Race, Ethics, and Power Project, Toronto, ON, 2024

Constitutionalizing the American Dream, Boston College, Newton, MA, 2024

Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste, Grinnell College, Grinnell, OH, 2022

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2024 “Constitutionalizing the American Dream,” Junior Faculty Roundtable, Boston College Law School, Newton, MA

“Constitutionalizing the American Dream,” Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University Law School, Boston, MA

“Delochnerizing the First Amendment,” AALS Annual Meeting, AALS Hot Topic Program: Judicial Rights and Legislative Equality: The Future of Public Accommodations and the Polycentric Constitution after *303 Creative v. Elenis*, Washington, DC

2023 “On Repressive and Non-Repressive Law,” *15th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome*, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University, Rome, Italy

2022 “Anna Julia Cooper’s Anti-Caste Theory of Human Rights,” *American Political Science Association*, Montreal, CA

“Law, Rights, and Abolition: Contesting the Discursive Critique of Rights,” *14th International Critical Theory Conference of Rome*, John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University, Rome, Italy

“Frederick Douglass Caste Theory of Racism,” *Kaplan Institute for the Humanities*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2021 “Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” *Association for Political Theory*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA

“Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” *American Political Science Association*, Seattle, WA

“Republicanism, Abstract Domination, and Slavery in the Americas,” *The Venice World Multidisciplinary Conference on Republics and Republicanism*, Venice International University, Venice

“The Politics of Anti-Caste: Rethinking the Political Limits of Equality Before the Law,” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Virtual Conference

“Refashioning Consent after *Schneekloth v. Bustamonte*,” *Global Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Fourth Amendment Consent” *JD-PhD Seminar*, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

Paper Response to Professor Ainsley Lesure, “Another World is Possible: Rereading *Black Skin, White Masks Phenomenologically*,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“The Spirit of Caste: Caste Critique and the Contestation of Racial Subjection in the United States,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2020 “Coerced Consent,” *Midwest Law & Society Retreat*, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Madison, WI (rescheduled for November, 2021)

“The Care Crisis in Contemporary Political Theory,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“The Concept of Civil Rights in the 19th Century,” *JD-PhD Seminar*, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

2019 “From Love to Care: Reorienting to the World with Arendt’s *Amor Mundi*,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2018 “*Amor Mundi*: Contestations at the Heart of Arendt’s Political Theory,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Paper Response to Boris Litvin, “Biography’s Uncertain, Flickering, and often Weak Light: Arendt on Action, Audience, and Authorship,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2017 “Inquiry or *Poiēsis*?: Politicizing Practice in Dewey and Heidegger,”

SERVICE

2022	Hurst Prize Committee Member, <i>Law and Society Association</i>
2021-2022	Co-Founder, Sylvia Wynter & W.E.B. Du Bois Reading Group, Program in Critical Theory, Northwestern
2021-Present	Project Director, Balkan Society for Theory and Practice, Prishtina, Kosovo
2020-2021	Associate Editor, <i>Northwestern Journal of Human Rights</i> , Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
2018-Present	New Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2023-Present	Association of American Law Schools
2021-Present	Law and Society Association
2021-Present	Project Director, Balkan Society for Theory and Practice, Prishtina, Kosovo
2021-Present	Midwest Political Science Association
2020-Present	American Political Science Association
2021-2022	Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
2018-Present	J.D./Ph.D. Seminar, Northwestern University
2016-Present	Critical Theory Cluster, Northwestern University
2016-Present	Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Spanish (research, translation, and work proficiency)
French (research, translation, and work proficiency, B2 *Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française*)
Albanian (beginner)

REFERENCES

Sonu Bedi

Joel Parker 1811 Professor in Law and Political Science & Hans '80, Professor of Government, & Kate Morris Director of the Ethics Institute
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