

Curriculum Vitae

Benjamin Mueser

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020 – 2022 Max Weber Postdoctoral Research Fellow, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

EDUCATION

2014 – Present Columbia University, New York, NY (Political Science, MA 2014; MPhil 2017; PhD expected 2020)
Major subfield: Political Theory / Minor subfield: International Relations
Dissertation: *Homelands and Territorial Sovereignty: Pufendorf to Vattel* (Profs. David Johnston and Nadia Urbinati, supervisors)

2008-12 Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, BA in History (Honors), Minor in Social and Political Thought
Summa Cum Laude, Thesis: *The Odd Man: Justice Owen J. Roberts and the New Deal Court*

January 2012 United Study Abroad Consortium, Puntarenas, Costa Rica
Latin American Social Revolutions

Spring, 2011 School for International Training (SIT), Kathmandu, Nepal
Development and Social Change, Independent Research: *Rural Parties and Aid Distribution in Salleri*

PUBLICATIONS

2020 “The Patrimonial State in Historic Perspective,” (*under review*)

2018 “The Nation and Property in Vattel’s Theory of Territory”
Global Intellectual History, Vol. 3, no. 2 (Spring 2018): 137-155.

2012 “Individual Responsibility in Aristotle’s *Politics*,”
Verge 9, (2012-2013): 1-13.
<http://www.goucher.edu/academics/verge/current-issue/mueser>

2011 “Lets Talk About it: Party Politics and Aid Distribution in Salleri, Nepal,”
Independent Study Project (ISP) Collection. Paper 1066.
http://digitalcollections.sit.edu/isp_collection/1066/

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 Primary Instructor, “Justice,” Summer Session I
Instructor of record for summer course on the theories of justice, their history and varieties of contemporary application. Full ownership of all pedagogy and evaluation.

2019-20 Preceptor, “Contemporary Civilization,” Fall and Spring
Instructor of record for Columbia College course surveying the history of western political philosophy, from Plato to twentieth century thought. Full ownership of all pedagogy and evaluation.

2018 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Political Theory,” for Luke MacInnis, Summer
Led weekly discussions, graded papers.

2017 Teaching Assistant, “Justice,” for David Johnston, Spring
Led weekly discussion sections, graded papers.
Delivered lecture on the justice of land and borders.

2016 Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to International Politics,” Fall and Spring
Led weekly discussion sections, graded papers.

- 2015 Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Political Theory," Fall
Led weekly discussion sections, graded papers.
Delivered lectures on ancient democracy and Schumpeterian democracy.
- 2012 Private Tutor, Political theory and history, Goucher College
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Supreme Court History, Goucher College

P R E S E N T A T I O N S

- 2019 Discussant for "Origins of Nationalism,"
American Political Science Association Conference, August 2019
- 2019 "Disassembling the Territorial State: Institutions, Practices, Imaginaries, and Discourses,"
International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2019
- 2018 "The Patrimonial Kingdom in Historic Perspective,"
Cambridge Graduate Workshop in Political Thought and Intellectual History, November 2018
LSE Political Theory Group, October 2018
- 2018 "Property, Territory, and Permissive Law in Kant's *Doctrine of Right*,"
Multilateral Kant Colloquium, University of Catania, October 2018
- 2018 "*Patrimonium* and the Absolutist Theory of Territory,"
Oxford Graduate Political Theory Conference, University of Oxford, April 2018
- 2018 "The Patrimonial Conception of the State and Territory,"
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2018
- 2017 Invited discussant on Ines Valdez: "Du Bois and a Radical, Transnational Cosmopolitanism."
Columbia Political Theory Workshop, October 2017
- 2017 "Vattel's Theory of Territory: Toward a Historical Understanding of Territorial Rights"
Political Thought and Intellectual History, University of Cambridge, May 2017
- 2017 "In Defense of First Occupancy: Permissive Law and Territorial Rights"
Private Property and Territory Workshop, Beyruth University, Germany, May 2017
- 2017 "Particularity and Entitlement in Territorial Rights"
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2017
- 2016 "The Particularity Requirement and Territorial Justice"
Harvard Graduate Political Theory Conference, October 2016
- 2016 "Territory in Vattel's International Thought"
The London School in Intellectual History, September 2016
- 2016 Invited discussant on Sharon Krause: "Respect for non-persons: Toward an Earthly Politics of Freedom."
Columbia Political Theory Workshop, October 2016
- 2016 Invited discussant on Lopez-Guerra: "Equal Subjects: Why Rulers Should Cast their Lot with the Ruled"
Columbia Political Theory Workshop, April 2016
- 2012 "Individual Responsibility in Aristotle's *Politics*"
Philosophy Conference
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, April 2012
- 2012 "Kant's Theory of History"
Realities Discovered, Created, Envisioned Conference
Stevenson University, Lutherville-Timonium, MD, April 2012
- 2012 "Aristotle's *Politics* and Social Individuation"
Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
Goucher College, Baltimore, MD, April 2012
- 2011 "Lets Talk About it: Rural Politics and Aid Distribution in Salleri, Nepal,"
SIT Nepal Regional Research Presentation
School for International Training, Kathmandu, Nepal, May 2011

H O N O R S , G R A N T S , A W A R D S

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| 2018 | LSE, Columbia University | Mobility Grant for study at LSE with Prof. Lea Ypi |
| 2018 | Columbia University | Dissertation Development Grant |
| 2018 | Columbia University | Edith C. Black Fellowship |

2014- Present	Columbia University	Deans Fellow, Political Science
2010-2012	Goucher College	Presidential Scholarship and Research Grant
2012	Goucher College	Calvin Prize for Excellence in History
2011	PBK Goucher College	Brook Peirce Award for academic research
2010/11	Goucher College	Merit-based Anne Rosenberg '77 & Julia Hall '22 Scholarships

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2018	Archivist, Benjamin Barber, Organized and archived Prof. Barber's modern scholarly library.
2017 – 2018	Research Assistant, Prof. Ira Katznelson, theories of popular sovereignty
2016 – 2018	Research Assistant, Prof. David Johnston, Assisting for <i>Leviathan</i> (Norton Critical Edition)
2010 - 2013	Editor, <i>Verge: Journal of Undergraduate Research</i> , Goucher College, Baltimore, MD

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Political Theory: 2016-Present
 American Political Science Association: 2015-Present
 Phi Beta Kappa Society: 2012-Present

LANGUAGES

German	1 Year, translation proficiency
French	1 Year
Spanish	4 Years
Nepali	1 Year