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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

#### Gettysburg College

Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor, 2020 - present

### EDUCATION

#### University of California, Riverside

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2020

#### University of Amsterdam

M.Sc. in Conflict Resolution and Governance, 2012

#### University of California, Irvine

B.A. in Political Science, 2010

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of political thought (Western and non-Western), international relations, conflict, comparative political theory, Vietnamese and Asian political thought, otherness/identity, race, colonialism/postcolonialism, just war, liberalism, immigration, democratic theory.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 "To Tighten or Relax Social Bonds?: Vietnamese Criticism and Self-Criticism, and Liberal Self-Exploration," *European Journal of Political Theory* (online first).
- 2022 "Violence and Vietnamese Anticolonialism," *New Political Science* 44 (1), 42-57.
- 2020 "Nguyễn An Ninh's Anti-Colonial Thought: A New Account of National Shame," *Polity* 52 (4), 521-550.
- 2019 "Phan Chu Trinh's Democratic Confucianism," *The Review of Politics* 81 (4), 597-620.
- 2019 "Montaigne in American Political Theory: Two Generations," *Montaigne Studies* 31 (1-2), 97-110. With John Christian Laursen.
- 2017 "Empires for Peace: Denis Veiras's Borrowings from Garcilaso de la Vega," *The European Legacy* 22 (4), 427-442. With John Christian Laursen.

### **Book Chapter**

2022 “The Mentor and the Mentee: Competing Visions in Vietnamese Political Thought,” in Smita Rahman, Katherine Gordy, and Shirin Deylami (eds.), *Globalizing Political Theory*. Routledge.

### **Book Reviews**

2019 “Sources of Firepower for Weaponized Rights,” review of *Rights as Weapons: Instruments of Conflict, Tools of Power*, by Clifford Bob, *Ethics & International Affairs*, November.

2017 “Ideologies of experience: Trauma, failure, deprivation, and the abandonment of the self,” by Matthew Bowker,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 16 (4), 557-560.

### **Public Writing**

2023 “Making Sense of Thich Tri Quang: The Machiavellianism of Buddhist Political Theory,” *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia* 35.  
Translations: Thai, Burmese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Bahasa Indonesia, and Filipino.

2022 “Truong Xuan, Eternal Spring,” *A Broad and Ample Road*.  
Translation: Mandarin.

2020 “National Shame: How we (Americans) can learn from Nguyễn An Ninh,” *US-Vietnam Review*.  
Translation: Vietnamese.

2014 “Two Halves: Vietnamese American Identity,” *Viết Về Nước Mỹ*, Năm Thứ XIII-XIV, Tuyển tập 68 Tác Giả (*Writing on America*, Việt Báo Awards Collection).  
Translation: Vietnamese.

2010 “Growing Pains: Experiential Learning in Israel and Palestine,” *Impression/Expression Journal*, University of California, Irvine. Volume 7. Spring.

### **Work in Progress**

*The Architects of Dignity: Vietnamese Political Theories of Decolonization* (book manuscript under external review at Oxford University Press).

“Revolutionary Free Speech” (article under external review at American Political Science Review)

“Generating Power in the Maquis: Anticolonial Audiences and Actors in Vietnam” (article under external review at Philosophy and Global Affairs)

“The Language of Liberty: Vietnamese Decolonization and Quoc Ngu” (article in preparation)

“Harmonious Instruction Confucian and liberal education in the Tonkin Free School” (article in preparation)

## **TEACHING**

*Gettysburg College (instructor of record)*

POL 102: Introduction to Political Thought (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)

POL 203: Refugees and You (Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

POL 302: The Vietnam War and Political Theory (Spring 2021, Fall 2023)

POL 302: Race and Political Theory (Spring 2022)

POL 302: Political Theories of Revolutions (Spring 2023)

POL 302: Political Theories of Freedom (Fall 2023)

*UC Riverside (teaching assistant)*

Introduction to Political Theory (Spring 2017). Instructor: John Medearis.

Political Ideologies (Winter 2017). Instructor: Georgia Warnke.

Skepticism and Liberalism (Fall 2016). Instructor: John Christian Laursen.

American Politics (Spring 2016). Instructor: Bruce Bordner

World Politics (Winter 2016). Instructor: Eric Bordenkircher

Political Ideologies (Spring 2014, Spring 2015). Instructor: John Christian Laursen.

Contemporary Political Theory (Winter 2015). Instructor: Mandy Mitchell.

Intro to Political Theory (Fall 2014). Instructor: Farah Godrej.

*UC Riverside University Writing Program Graduate Student Co-Instructor*

Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Winter 2015, Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Fall 2018

*University of California, Irvine (instructor of record)*

The Anthropology of Tattoos (Spring 2010)

## **PRESENTER, DISCUSSANT, and INVITED SPEAKER**

2023 Aug. “The Language of Liberty: Vietnamese Decolonization, Quoc Ngu, and Latin Script,” American Political Science Association, Los Angeles (upcoming)

- 2023 Aug. Discussant for “Cold War Third Worldism: Colonialism, Capitalism, and the National Question,” American Political Science Association, Los Angeles (upcoming)
- 2023 April “Harmonious Instruction Confucian and liberal education in the Tonkin Free School,” Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago (upcoming)
- 2023 April “Harmonious Instruction Confucian and liberal education in the Tonkin Free School,” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco (upcoming)
- 2023 March “Democracy Denied,” Invited talk in “Legacies of the French Enlightenment,” University of California, Irvine
- 2023 March “The Language of Liberty: Vietnamese Decolonization and Quoc Ngu,” Decolonial Praxis Conference, University of California, Riverside
- 2023 Feb. “The Language of Liberty: Vietnamese Decolonization and Quoc Ngu,” Saigon Social Sciences Hub, Virtual
- 2022 Nov. “Harmonious Instruction: Confucian and liberal education in the Tonkin Free School,” Fulbright University Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 2022 Oct. “Revolutionary Free Speech,” Association for Political Theory, University of Houston
- 2022 Aug. “Revolutionary Free Speech,” European Consortium for Political Research, Innsbruck University, Austria
- 2022 June “Anticolonial Jubilation and Postcolonial Disenchantment: Dien Bien Phu and the *Nhan Van Giai Pham Movement*,” at the “Vietnamese Literature, Politics, and Propaganda” conference, Palacky University, Czech Republic
- 2022 April “Pham Quynh’s Cultural Resistance,” Association for Global Political Thought Conference, Harvard University, Massachusetts
- 2022 March “Generating Power in the Maquis: Vietnamese Women as Anticolonial Audiences and Actors,” Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon
- 2021 Nov. “The Architects of Dignity,” First Book Manuscript Workshop, Association for Political Theory, UMass, Amherst, Massachusetts
- 2021 April “Ho Chi Minh’s Revolutionary dignity,” Midwest Political Science Association, Virtual
- 2021 April “Tighten for Revolution, Loosen for Liberty: Social Bonds and Vietnamese Decolonization,” Western Political Science Association, Virtual

- 2021 Feb. “Colonialism and the Traffic of Ideas,” Invited lecture for “France and You: Transatlantic Problems and Partnerships Past, Present, Future,” UC Irvine and Sciences Po, Virtual
- 2020 Nov. “The Architects of Dignity,” Book Proposal Workshop, Association for Political Theory, Virtual
- 2019 July “Hộ Chí Minh: Practice, Theory, and the Linking of Marxist Self-Criticism and Confucian Self-Cultivation,” Engaging with Vietnam Conference, Leiden University, the Netherlands
- 2019 July “To Keep or Abandon? Perspectives on Confucianism from Francophone Vietnamese Decolonial Thinkers,” International Convention of Asia Scholars, Leiden University, the Netherlands
- 2019 June “Beyond Resistance and Collaboration: Phạm Quỳnh, the ‘Architect’, in French Colonial Vietnam,” Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society, Montréal, Canada
- 2019 May “From Reformer to Vietnamese Revolutionary: the Fruits of Frustration at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference,” “The Making of a World Order: A Reappraisal of the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Versailles,” American University of Paris, France
- 2019 March “Hộ Chí Minh’s Liberal Marxist Confucianism,” John L. Stanley Political Theory Showcase, University of California, Riverside
- 2018 Nov. “Beyond Resistance and Collaboration: Phạm Quỳnh, the ‘Architect’, in French Colonial Vietnam,” Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Northwestern University, Chicago
- 2018 June “Nguyễn An Ninh’s Decolonialism: a New Account of National Shame,” International Asian Dynamics Initiative, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018 June Discussant for “Vertigo: Bodily Reflections of Disorder and Disruption,” International Asian Dynamics Initiative, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2018 May “Nguyễn An Ninh’s Decolonialism: a New Account of National Shame,” Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Sciences Po, Paris, France
- 2017 Sept. “Phan Văn Trường and the fight for Quốc Ngữ: Vietnamese self-strengthening through Romanized Script,” Paradigms of Change Conference, Ghent University, Belgium
- 2017 June “Remaking the Self in Vietnamese Political Thought in the 1920s,” French Network for Asian Studies International Conference, Paris, France

- 2017 June “Phan Chu Trinh: Democracy on Confucian Foundations,” Graduate Student Political Theory Conference, University of California, Irvine
- 2017 May “The Political Thought of Nguyễn An Ninh and Phan Chu Trinh,” UC Berkeley-UCLA Graduate Dissertation Conference, Los Angeles
- 2017 April “Meta Comparative Political Theory: Discourses of Self Remaking in French Colonial Vietnam,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2016 April “Montaigne’s Instinct for Peace,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago
- 2016 March “The Intervention of a Montaignean Political Philosopher,” Graduate Political Theory Conference, London School of Economics, United Kingdom
- 2015 Nov. “Peace-making Empires and the Practices of Coexistence: Denis Veiras’s Borrowings from Garcilaso de la Vega, el Inca,” Society for Utopian Studies, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2015 July “Learning About Intractable Conflicts through Experiential Education,” Conference on Youth Participation in Politics, Paris, France
- 2015 April “Structuring Fugitive Democracy: Archê, Common Good and Non-Hierarchy in Occupy and Porto Alegre,” Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Princeton University, New Jersey
- 2014 Nov. “Conflict Analysis and Experiential Education through the Olive Tree Initiative,” World Forum for Democracy, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- 2014 April “Fugitive Democracy as Rebellion,” James C. Young Colloquium, University of California, Riverside

## **RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2022-Present **Center for International Experiential Learning**  
*Consultant, Faculty Mentor*
- 2008-2020 **The Olive Tree Initiative**  
University of California, Irvine  
*Cofounder, Alumni Coordinator, Editor of Alumni Journal, Mentor*
- 2010-2011 **North American English School**  
Nha Trang, Vietnam  
*Instructor of English as a second language*

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2019 First place, \$5,000, UCR Grad Slam (Public Speaking Contest), for “Self-Help: the Vietnamese Battle of Ideas”
- 2017-2018 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, University of California-Riverside
- 2017 UC Berkeley-UCLA Graduate Student Workshop in Southeast Asian Studies Fellowship
- 2016 Graduate Research Award in Political Science, University of California-Riverside
- 2013 Chancellor’s Distinguished Fellowship, University of California-Riverside
- 2013 United States Congress and Việt Báo, Writing on America Essay Award
- 2011-2012 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary International
- 2011 California State Assembly Resolution recognizing the Olive Tree Initiative for outstanding contributions to the community.
- 2011 Newport-Mesa-Irvine Interfaith Bridge Builder Award for the Olive Tree Initiative
- 2011 University of California-Irvine, Anteater Award for Best International Organization, Olive Tree Initiative, Awarded by the Associated Students Association at UC Irvine
- 2010 Top Ten Program in Higher Education Award, Olive Tree Initiative, Awarded by the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State at the U.S. Summit & Initiative For Global Citizen Diplomacy
- 2010 University of California, Inaugural Student Leadership Award, Olive Tree Initiative, Awarded by UC Regents and UC President Mark G. Yudof
- 2010 University of California, Irvine, Anteater Award for Best International Organization, Olive Tree Initiative, Awarded by the Associated Students Association at UC Irvine
- 2010 Paul Delp Peacemaker Award, Olive Tree Initiative, Awarded by the Orange County Peace Ministry
- 2009 University of California Living our Values Award, Olive Tree Initiative (Student Team Award), UC Irvine Chancellor Michael Drake
- 2007 Excellence in Leadership Mesa Court Award, University of California-Irvine

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Association for Global Political Thought at Harvard University  
American Middle East Network for Dialogue at Stanford  
American Political Science Association  
Association for Political Theory  
French Colonial Historical Society

## **SERVICE**

2022 Member of the Advisory Council for the Association for Global Political Thought at Harvard University

2022 Chair of the “Chairs and Discussants Committee” for the Association for Political Theory annual conference

2022 Co-host (with Yen Vu) of “[Nam Phong Dialogues](#),” an educational podcast for the general public about Vietnamese history and political thought, supported by the US-Vietnam Research Center at the University of Oregon

2020-present Member of the Advisory Board for the Center for International Experiential Learning

2014-2015 Secretary of Graduate Students of Political Science (University of California-Riverside)

2014-2017 Chairman of Center for Regional Engagement, an American, non-partisan organization with offices in Jerusalem dedicated to educating and empowering leaders on all sides of the Middle East conflict through regional engagement

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native)  
Vietnamese (proficient speaking and reading)  
French (proficient speaking and reading)

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Farah Godrej, Department of Political Science, University of CA, Riverside.  
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Dr. Daniel Brunstetter, Department of Political Science, University of CA, Irvine.  
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