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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

*Postdoctoral Research Associate in Values and Public Policy*, Princeton University, University Center for Human Values and the School of International and Public Affairs (2019-2022)  
*Research Fellow*, New York University, School of Law, Information Law Institute (2018-2019)  
*Affiliate*, Harvard University, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society (2018-2019)

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Pennsylvania	2019
M.A., Political Science, University of Pennsylvania	2015
M.A., Government and Politics, University of Maryland	2011
B.A., Politics, Oberlin College (High Honors)	2008

## BOOKS

*Hacktivism: Democracy on the Internet* (Under Review)

## ARTICLES

“Algorithmic Interpellation.” With Rosie DuBrin. *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*. (Forthcoming)

“Anonymous’s Glory.” *International Journal of Communication* 14 (2020): 3399-3417.  
<https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/10023>.

“Big Data and Democracy: Facts and Values.” *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50, no. 4 (2017): 958-962. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S104909651700107X>.

“The Political Meaning of Hacktivism.” *Limn* 8 (2017): 25-27. <https://limn.it/articles/the-political-meaning-of-hacktivism/>.

“Does Information Want to be Free? Hacktivism and the Democratization of Information.”

*The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies and Development* 1, no. 1 (2015).  
<https://scholarworks.arcadia.edu/agsjournal/vol1/iss1/7>.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Want to Change Facebook? Don’t Delete Your Account—Use It for Good.” With Sandra González-Bailón. *Quartz*, April 4, 2018.

“Anonymous and Progressive Lulz.” Hack\_Curio. (Forthcoming)

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Context Conflation on Social Media: Privacy Challenge and Democratic Opportunity.”

With Helen Nissenbaum, Madelyn R. Sanfilippo, Katherine J. Strandburg, and Mark Verstraete.

Knight Foundation Project on Transparency and Democracy. With Ellen P. Goodman.

“Radical Democracy is ‘Serious Business’: The Case of Anonymous and ‘the Lulz.’”

“Machiavelli’s Populist *Audacia*.”

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Top Student Paper, “Algorithmic Interpellation,” co-author Rosie DuBrin, Philosophy, Theory & Critique Division, International Communication Association Annual Meeting (2019)

School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student, University of Pennsylvania (2015-2016)

John D. Lewis Memorial Prize, Oberlin College (2008)

Comfort Starr Prize, Oberlin College (2008)

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER HONORS**

Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (2017-2018)

Klemens von Klemperer Postdoctoral Fellowship, Bard College (Declined)

Feirson Family Fellow, University of Pennsylvania (2015-2016)

President Gutmann Leadership Award, University of Pennsylvania (2014)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor:**

When Old Debates Were New Again: Exploring the Theoretical Origins of Internet Policy,  
Princeton University (2021)

Modern Political Thought, University of Pennsylvania (2013)

### **Teaching Assistant:**

Modern Political Thought, University of Pennsylvania (2012, 2015)

Contemporary Political Thought, University of Pennsylvania (2015)

American Political Thought, University of Pennsylvania (2014)

The Study of Political Philosophy, University of Maryland (2010, 2011, 2012)

International Political Relations, University of Maryland (2010, 2011)

College Park Scholars First-Year Colloquium I, University of Maryland (2010, 2011)

College Park Scholars First-Year Colloquium II, University of Maryland (2011, 2012)

Individual Practicum: International Studies, University of Maryland (2011, 2012)

## **GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED TALKS**

“Social Media is Not a Context: Protecting Privacy Amid ‘Context Collapse,’” Center for  
Information Technology Policy (CITP) Lunch Seminar, Princeton University (2020)

“Algorithmic Interpellation,” Privacy Research Group (PRG), New York University (2018)

“Democracy in the Age of Information: The Case of the Hacktivists,” for the Digital Media,  
Networks, and Political Communication (DiMeNet) Research Group, University of  
Pennsylvania (2016)

“Democracy in the Age of Information: The Case of the Hacktivists,” Kings Court English  
College House (KCECH) Annual Lecture Series, University of Pennsylvania (2016)

On Hannah Arendt’s “Freedom and Politics: A Lecture,” in Contemporary Political  
Thought, University of Pennsylvania (2015)

“The Well-Informed Citizen Never Laughs: In Praise of Irreverent Politics,” in Social Media  
and Social Life, University of Pennsylvania (2014)

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Context Overlap on Social Media: Privacy Challenge and Democratic Opportunity,” co-authors Helen Nissenbaum, Madelyn R. Sanfilippo, Katherine J. Strandburg, and Mark Verstraete, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2020)
- “Audacity: Political Vice or Virtue?” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019)
- “Legitimacy in Context,” co-authors Helen Nissenbaum, Madelyn R. Sanfilippo, Katherine J. Strandburg, and Mark Verstraete, Annual Privacy Law Scholars Conference (2019)
- “Algorithmic Interpellation,” co-author Rosie DuBrin, International Communication Association Annual Meeting (2019)
- “Algorithmic Interpellation,” co-author Rosie DuBrin, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019)
- “Algorithmic Interpellation,” co-author Rosie DuBrin, DIGSUM Critical Digital and Social Media Research Conference, Umeå University, Sweden (2019)
- “Algorithmic Interpellation,” co-author Rosie DuBrin, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2018)
- “Anonymous’ Glory,” International Conference for the Study of Political Thought Annual Conference (2018)
- “Democratizing the Data Economy,” Fels Policy Research Initiative’s Graduate Student Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania (2017)
- “The Audacity of Anonymous,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2017)
- “The Audacity of Anonymous,” Duke University Graduate Conference in Political Theory (2017)
- “Freedom in Communicative Capitalism: The Case of Anonymous,” Northwestern University Graduate Conference in Political Theory (2016)
- “The Audacity of Anonymous” (poster), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2016)
- “Audacity: Democracy’s Lost Virtue?” The National Capital Area Political Science Association Graduate Conference in Political Theory (2016)
- “Information and Democracy: An Ambivalent Relationship,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015)

“The Well-Informed Citizen: A Critique,” The Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Graduate Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (2015)

“Big Data: Facts and Values,” “The Empiricist’s Challenge: Asking Meaningful Questions in Political Science in the Age of Big Data,” Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (2015)

“Does Information Want to be Free? Hacktivism and the Democratization of Information” (poster), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)

“Does Information Want to be Free? Hacktivism and the Democratization of Information,” American Graduate School in Paris Annual Graduate Student Conference (2019)

“Understanding the Evil of Stalin,” Georgetown University Graduate Student Conference (2011)

“Stalin: An Arendtian Interpretation,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2011)

## **SERVICE**

Member, Princeton Dialogues on AI and Ethics Steering Committee, Princeton University (2019-)

Co-Coordinator, Technology and Society (TechSoc) Reading Group, Center for Information Technology Policy (CITP), Princeton University (2020-)

Coordinator, Political Theory Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania (2016-2017)

Co-chair, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (2016)

Member, Graduate Student Conference Planning Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (2015-2016)

Member, “Biocode: Performing Transgression after New Media” Conference Planning Committee, University of Pennsylvania (2014-2015)

Representative, Political Theory, University of Maryland (2010-2012)

Member, Student Senate, Oberlin College (2007)

Member, Judicial Board, Oberlin College (2006-2007)

## **OTHER RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Presenter, Author Meets Critics, Colin Koopman’s *How We Became Our Data: A Genealogy of*

*the Informational Person*, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2020)  
Member, Media Activism Research Collective (MARC), University of Pennsylvania (2014-  
2019)  
AALAC Workshop on Data Ethics, Pomona College (2017)  
“Hackademia: Empirical Studies in Computing Cultures,” Leuphana University (2016)  
“Commerce and Character,” Jack Miller Center Summer Institute (2016)  
Summer Doctoral Programme at the Oxford Internet Institute, The University of Oxford  
(2015)

## **UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING**

Manuel Gomez Castano, Christian Schmidt, Values and Public Life Senior Thesis  
Workshop, Princeton University (2019-2020)