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EDUCATION

Oxford University, D.Phil. Philosophy, June 1993. Thesis title: Liberalism Beyond Justice.
Supervisor: Bernard Williams; Readers: G.A. Cohen, Brian Barry.

Oxford University, B.Phil. Philosophy, University Distinction for Thesis, June 1991.

University of Arizona, M.A. Philosophy, 1990. M.A. Examiners: Joel Feinberg, Julia Annas,
Allen Buchanan.

Colby College, B.A. (magna cum laude) May 1987.

St. John's College/Annapolis, Freshman Year program in Classics 1982-3.

APPOINTMENTS

Brown University, Romeo Elton Professor of Natural Philosophy 2013-present.

University of Arizona, Research Associate The Freedom Center 2012-present.

Brown University, Professor Department of Political Science, Department of Philosophy
(courtesy) 2011-present.

The Political Theory Project, Founding Director Brown University 2003-present.

Brown University, Associate Professor Department of Political Science, Department of
Philosophy (courtesy) 2000-2011.

Harvard University, Fellow in Ethics Program in Ethics and the Professions, 1998-9.

The Social Philosophy & Policy Center, Visiting Research Fellow Bowling Green State
University, January-May 1996.

Brown University, Stanley J. Bernstein Assistant Professor of Social Science-International
Affairs, July 1994- 2000.

Stanford University, Visiting Assistant Professor Program in Ethics in Society and Department
of Philosophy, 1993-4.

Princeton University, Visiting Research Scholar The University Center for Human Values,
1992-3.

THE POLITICAL THEORY PROJECT

Founder and Director of The Political Theory Project (PTP), an interdisciplinary research center
at Brown that promotes the study of the principles and institutions that might make societies free,

prosperous and fair. The PTP has a special interest in policy issues that arise at the disciplinary intersections of Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. Distinctively, the PTP has a foundational commitment, through all our activities, of studying issues from a diversity of ideological viewpoints.

The PTP has an active undergraduate program that supports two student magazines (*The Brown Political Review*, and *The Brown Journal of Philosophy, Politics and Economics*), the popular Janus Lecture Series (which features two high profile speakers engaging in serious but civil debates on controversial topics), an Honors Society, new courses in Departments across campus, and provides support for many students who devise independent concentrations in the area of Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

On the research side, the PTP supports three in-house professorships, and has an advisory board of 12 Brown faculty members drawn from a variety of disciplines. Each year we host visiting senior professors, along with regular visiting faculty (most notably, Professor Steven Calabresi, co-founder and currently the Director of the Board of The Federalist Society). The PTP is internationally known for the PTP Postdoctoral Research Program, which hosts recent PhD's for two-year periods. PTP postdocs contribute to the intellectual life of Brown while preparing to launch their academic careers, with scholarly advice and guidance from the Director. PTP Postdoctoral Fellows have gone on to win highly competitive tenure-track professorships at Harvard, Yale, Michigan, Brown, Georgetown, Dartmouth, University of Virginia, Tufts, Vanderbilt, University of Richmond, The London School of Economics, University of Singapore, Hong Kong University, and many other leading research universities and liberal arts colleges in the US and abroad.

Because of our bedrock commitment to freedom of discussion and inquiry, and because we welcome financial support from donors holding a variety of political viewpoints, The Political Theory Project often finds itself at the center of controversy. While not always easy, the PTP welcomes every challenge to our approach and to our values. We see each such challenge as an opportunity to articulate and defend the principles of the liberal university.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Free Market Fairness. Princeton: Princeton University Press, February 2012 (second printing April 2012; third printing November 2012; fourth printing and paperback April 2013; Chinese language edition 2015; Spanish language edition, with a new postscript applying the policy model to Chile, forthcoming 2019).

Liberalism Beyond Justice: Citizens, Society and the Boundaries of Political Theory. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001.

Symposia on Free Market Fairness: Responses to Critics

1. *Res Publica*, symposium on *Free Market Fairness*. Summer 2015. With contributions by Professors Matthew Clayton, Tim Fowler, Daniel Layman, Steven Lukes, Richard Penny, Chris Pierson, Anne Stiltz.

2. Tomasi “Democratic Capitalism: Reply to Critics” Volume 26, No. 3-4, December 2014.

3. *Critical Review*, symposium on *Free Market Fairness*. Winter 2014. With contributions by Professors Samuel Arnold, Colin Bird, Joseph H. Carens, Alex Gourevitch, Paul Gowder, James Bernard Murphy, Alan Patten, Mark Pennington, Rob Reich, Anna Stiltz.

4. *Journal of Politics*, symposium on *Free Market Fairness*. Volume 75, Issue 2, April 2013. With contributions by Professors Sheri Berman, Jacob Levy, Eric MacGilvray, and Robert S. Taylor.

a. Tomasi “Market Democracy Rising: Reply to Berman, Levy, MacGilvray, and Taylor”.

5. *Bleeding Heart Libertarians*, symposium on *Free Market Fairness*. June 2012. With contributions by Professors Elizabeth Anderson, Richard Arneson, Samuel Freeman, Dierdre McCloskey, and Will Wilkinson.

a. Tomasi “Reply to Elizabeth Anderson, Part 1: Commercial Liberty” b. Tomasi “Reply to Elizabeth Anderson, Part 2: Democratic Workplace” c. Tomasi “Reply to Samuel Freeman: Thick Economic Liberty” d. Tomasi “Reply to Dierdre McCloskey: Normative Free Market Fairness” e. Tomasi “Reply to Will Wilkinson: Hayekian Free Market Fairness”.

Chapters in Books

“Economic Liberty and Social Justice, American Style” *Free Markets: The Ethical and Economic Choice*, David Burton ed., Heritage Foundation (forthcoming 2019).

“Economic Liberties and Human Rights” *Are Markets Moral?*, University of Pennsylvania Press with contribution by John Tomasi, Richard Epstein, Robert P. George, Gurcharan Das, Deirdre McCloskey, Fonna Forman, Andrew Bibby, Peter Lawler, Steven Lukes, Peter McNamara, and Ian Shapiro. Forthcoming in 2018.

“Economic Liberty” with Jeppe von Platz. *The Cambridge Companion to Political Philosophy* ed. Chandran Kukathas and Steven Wall (2014).

“The Moral Case for Economic Liberty” *The Index of Economic Freedom*, Wall Street Journal and Heritage Foundation, 2013.

“Democratic Legitimacy and Economic Liberty” *New Essays in Moral and Political Philosophy* ed. Ellen Frankel Paul, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

“Classical Liberalism” with Jason Brennan. *The Oxford Handbook of Political Philosophy*, ed. David Estlund, New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

“Can Feminism Be Liberated from Governmentalism?”, *Toward a Humanist Justice: The Political Philosophy of Susan Moller Okin*, eds. Robert Reich and Debra Satz, New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.

“Should Political Liberals Be Compassionate Conservatives?: Philosophical Foundations of the Faith-Based Initiative” *Morality and Politics* ed. Jeffrey Paul, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

“Sovereignty, Commerce and Cosmopolitanism: Lessons from Early America for the Future of the World” *After Socialism* ed. Ellen Frankl Paul, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

“Justice”, *The Oxford Companion to American Law*, eds. K. Hall, J. Elly, J. Grossman, N. Hull, New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

“Governance Beyond the Nation State: James Madison on Foreign Policy and ‘Universal Peace’”, *James Madison and the Future of Limited Government*, ed. John Samples, Washington: The Cato Institute, 2002.

Journal Articles

“Market Democracy and Meaningful Work: A Reply to Critics”, in *Res Publica*, Volume 21, Number 4, November 2015.

With Dan D’Amico “The Politics of Precarity, A Discussion of Sanford Schram’s The Return of Ordinary Capitalism: Neoliberalism, Precarity, Occupy” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 14, Number 2, June 2016.

“Democratic Capitalism: Reply to Critics,” *Critical Review*, 26 3-4, 2014.

“Market Democracy Rising: Reply to Berman, Levy, MacGilvray, and Taylor” *Journal of Politics*, Fall 2013.

“Social Justice, Free Market Style” *Juncture* (Institute for Public Policy Research, London) 19/1, May 2012.

“Democratic Legitimacy and Economic Liberty” *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 29/1, Winter 2012.

“Liberal Theocracy and the Justificatory Dance” (Symposium on Lucas Swaine The Liberal Conscience) *Philosophy & Public Policy Quarterly*, Summer 2009.

“Should Political Liberals be Compassionate Conservatives?: Philosophical Foundations of the Faith-Based Initiative” *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 21/1, January 2004.

“Sovereignty, Commerce and Cosmopolitanism: Lessons from Early America for the Future of the World” *Social Philosophy & Policy*, 20/1: 223-46, January 2003.

“Civic Education and Ethical Subservience: From Mozart to Santa Fe and Beyond” *NOMOS XLIII: Moral and Political Education Special issue*: eds. Stephen Macedo and Yael Tamir, New York: New York University Press, 2002.

“The Key to Locke’s Proviso” *The British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 6/3, October 1998.

“Liberalism, Sanctity and the Prohibition of Abortion” *The Journal of Philosophy*, XCIV/10, October 1997.

“Kymlicka, Liberalism and Respect for Cultural Minorities” *Ethics*, 105/2. April 1995.
“Community in the Minimal State” *Critical Review: Special Issue on Communitarianism* (with contributions by Charles Taylor, Ronald Beiner, Will Kymlicka, and Brenda Almond) Fall 1994.
“Individual Rights and Community Virtues” *Ethics*, 101/3, April 1991.
“Plato’s Statesman Story: The Birth of Fiction Reconceived” *Philosophy and Literature*, 14/2, Fall 1990.
“The Power Principle” *Criminal Justice Ethics*, Summer/Fall 1989.

Non-refereed Journal Articles and Monographs

“A Bleeding Heart History of Libertarianism” with Matt Zwolinski, lead essay CatoUnbound, May 2012.
“Hayek on Spontaneous Order and the Mirage of Social Justice” Bradley Lecture monograph: *The American Enterprise Institute* (Spring 2008).
“Five Puzzles about Equality and Difference” Limits to Diversity? Implications for Democracy, University of Ottawa monograph, Robin Higham ed. (2003).
“Political Liberalism and Reasonable Diversity” *Liberalismo: O Antigo e O Novo*, João Espada, Marc Plattner, Adam Wolfson, eds. Instituto de Ciências Sociais: Lisboa, Portugal, April 2001.
“Liberal Theory and the Doctrine of Double Effect”, *Análise Social* (Special Issue, with contributions by Steven Lukes, John Gray, David Miller, Clifford Orwin, Chandran Kukathas, Joao Espada) September 1998.
“Liberalism Beyond Justice”, *Cursos da Arrábida: Liberdade, Virtude e Interesse* (with contributions by Gordon Wood, William Galston, João Espada, and João Rosas) Arrábida, Portugal 1997.

Book Reviews

Review of Jack Crittenden, *Beyond Individualism: Reconstituting the Liberal Self* (Oxford University Press) *Ethics*, January 1997.
Review of David Johnston, *The Idea of a Liberal Theory* (Princeton University Press) *Political Theory*, December 1996.
Review of Vinit Haksar, *Indivisible Selves and Moral Practice* (Oxford University Press) *Ethics*, volume 104, April 1994.
Review of R. Douglas, G. Mara, H. Richardson, ed.s, *Liberalism and the Good* (Oxford University Press) *Ethics*, 102/4, July 1992.
Review of Stephen Macedo, *Liberal Virtues* (Oxford University Press) *Ethics*, 102/2, January 1992.

Works in Progress

Free Market Fairness (Spanish translation, Princeton University Press) with a new chapter on my research about how the market democracy model outlined in the original release might be applied at the public policy in Chile.

A Bleeding-Heart History of Libertarianism, with Matt Zwolinski, Princeton University Press. An on-line symposium on our book project was held on Cato Unbound during May of 2012, based on our lead article “A Bleeding Heart History of Libertarianism.” As of January 2015, Zwolinski and I have drafts of six of what we expect to be a seven chapter book telling the history of libertarianism from a “bleeding-heart” perspective.

TEACHING

Teaching Prizes

The 2004/5 Undergraduate Council of Students Teaching Prize

One of two awarded to lecturers in 2004/5: Brown University.

Henry Merritt Wriston Prize

Awarded Brown University’s premier junior teaching prize (One awarded annually, the Wriston Prize includes a semester leave on full pay), 1996.

Courses Offered at Brown

(selections)

Undergraduate Courses:

Lecture courses:

Prosperity: The Ethics and Economics of Wealth Creation; Liberalism and the Politics of Difference; Polyethnicity, Multinationalism and Cultural Rights; Ethics and Public Policy; Introduction to Political Thought.

Undergraduate Seminars:

Market Democracy in Chile; Bleeding-Heart Libertarianism; Freedom; Liberalism Beyond Justice; Religious; Freedom and the Welfare State; Civic Education; Liberalism; Nationalism and Global Justice; Capitalism: For and Against; Market Liberalism; Economic Freedom and Social Justice.

Graduate Seminars:

Pro-Seminar in Political Theory (with Sharon Krause); Philosophical Problems of Church-State Relations; Freedom and Accountability in an Era of Globalization (with Thomas Biersteker)

Market Liberalism; Economic Freedom and Social Justice; Labor and Leisure (with Julie Rose, Princeton).

SERVICE

Board Memberships and Prize Selection Committees:

Academic Freedom Alliance, Founding Member, 2021-present.

Member of the Board of Trustees, The Thomas W. Smith Foundation, James Piereson Director, New York, 2010-present.

Member of the Board of Trustees, The Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation, Amity Shlaes Director, Plymouth Notch, VT and Washington, DC.

Member of the Board of Visitors, Ralston College, Stephen Blackwood President, Savannah, GA.

Selection Committee, The Humane Studies Fellowship, The Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Selection Committee, The Hayek Book Prize, The Manhattan Institute, charged with selecting the winner of a \$50,000 prize for book, 2010-present.

Member of the Council, Foundations of Political Theory Section of APSA, 2001-2006.

Member of the Board of Directors, The Institute for Civil Society, Menlo Park, CA 2000-present. **Fellowship Selection Board**, Claude Lambe Fellowships, Institute for Humane Studies, Fairfax, VA, 1999-present.

External Reviewer for a number of leading journals and university presses.

University Service:

Third World Center Review Committee. Member of Committee charged with developing strategic plan for Brown's Third World Center, Jan. 2002-present.

Chairperson of Brown's Code of Conduct Committee, Reported directly to University President regarding University Sweatshop Issues 1999-2000.

Have served, variously, on Brown's **Truman Fellowship Committee** and **Rhodes/Marshall Selection Committee**, 1995-present. Regularly accept invitations to lecture to campus groups including **Royce Society of Fellows**, **The Presidential Seminar**, **Meiklejohn Fellows**, **Parents' Weekend**, **Brown Alumni Clubs**, **Brown Parents' Association** .

Department Service:

Founding Director of **The Political Theory Project**.

Member of the Department's Graduate Committee, 1999-2004. Served as **Director of Undergraduate Studies** during a major overhaul of Departmental concentration requirements, 1996-7.

Regularly supervise **Senior Honors theses**, serve as **Concentration Advisor**, and sponsor **Independent Studies**.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND SERVICE AWARDS

Romeo Elton Professor of Natural Philosophy, Awarded a named chair in recognition of superior scholarship, teaching and service to the University, 2013.

The Charles G. Koch Prize, One awarded annually to the Outstanding Alumnus of the Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University 2010.

The Hayek Lecture Prize, One awarded annually, the Manhattan Institute, New York, NY, 2009.

Stanley J. Bernstein Assistant Professor of Social Science-International Affairs. Named to an endowed Junior Chair in Social Sciences/ International Affairs, July 1994-2000.

Miles Clausen Prize One awarded annually by the President and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Oxford for Outstanding Service to the College, 1991.

President of Middle Common Room Elected position with seat on College Governing Body, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, 1990-1.

John M. Olin Foundation Fellowship, One of two full tuition scholarships awarded annually to Ph.D. candidates with an interest in the principles of the free society studying at Oxford University, 1989-93.

GRANT WRITING AND FUNDRAISING

As Director of the Political Theory Project, I am active in writing grant proposals and in soliciting gifts from individuals to the University. The PTP has no endowment. Thus, all the operating expenses for the Political Theory Project, our postdoc program, visiting professors and scholars program, the Janus Forum student group and Lecture series, our student magazines, and the salaries and benefits for a staff of administrators, an Associate Director and Political Theory Project faculty, all come from funds that the Director raises with support from a team development officers, typically on an annual basis.

PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL ENGAGEMENT

Commentary on political issues, or on my scholarly work, has appeared in a variety of national and international outlets including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Public Radio Australia*, *Canadian Public Television*, *John Stossel's 20/20*, and more. A podcast on *Free Market Fairness* was featured on the British Philosophy series *Philosophy Bites*, among many other outlets. Most recently, discussions of the Political Theory Project or ideas from *Free Market Fairness* have been featured on The Arthur Brooks Show, and in a variety of print and radio outlets in Chile, most notably *La Tercera* newspaper.