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### **Specialization**

Political theory, history of political thought (especially early modern and nineteenth century), public law, history of science, democratic theory, identity politics, politics and scientific communication.

### **Dissertation**

“There's Power in the Blood: Religion, White Supremacy, and the Politics of Darwinism”

Committee: Alan Houston (Chair), Tracy Strong, Gerry Mackie, Harvey Goldman, Charles Thorpe

### **Education**

Ph.D. Political Science	2014	University of California, San Diego
M.A. Political Science	2008	University of California, San Diego
Thesis: “Solidarity and the Human/Nonhuman Divide”		
Thesis Supervisor: Gerry Mackie		
B.A. Political Science	2004	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
B.A. Philosophy	2004	
B.A. History	2004	

### **Manuscripts**

*There's Power in the Blood: Religion, White Supremacy, and the Politics of Darwinism* (under review).  
University of Chicago Press.

### **Working Papers**

“Scientists and Slaveholders: Proslavery Orthodoxy and Proslavery Science, 1830-1860”

“Evolution in America: Four False Narratives and One Right One”

“A Brother and a Man: Darwin and the Politics of Race in America, 1860-1880”

“Anti-Evolutionism, White Supremacy, and the Power in the Blood”

“Dignity and Species: Darwin’s Challenge to Cosmopolitanism”

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**Fellowships and Awards (selected)**

TA Excellence Award: Making of the Modern World Writing Program, UCSD (2013)

Graduate Summer Teaching Fellowship: University of California, San Diego (2010)

TA Excellence Award: Political Science Department, University of California, San Diego (2009)

Earl Warren Fellowship: University of California, San Diego (2005-2008)

U2000 Scholarship: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (1999-2003)

Upper Division Honors: College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (2001-2004)

Lower Division Honors: Institute of Technology, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (1999-2001)

Dean's List: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (multiple occasions)

**Teaching (Instructor of Record)**

MMW122, *Making of the Modern World: Exploring the Modern World* (UCSD, Summer 2015)

MMW15, *Making of the Modern World: The Twentieth Century and Beyond* (UCSD, Spring 2015)

POLI 110EB, *American Political Thought: From Civil War to Civil Rights* (UCSD, Spring 2015)

POLI 101, *Introduction to Political Science* (MESA COLLEGE, Fall 2014)

MMW22, *Making of the Modern World: Exploring the Modern World* (UCSD, Summer 2012)

POLI 110J, *Power in American Society* (UCSD, Winter 2012)

POLI 110EB, *American Political Thought: From Civil War to Civil Rights* (UCSD, Summer 2010)

**Teaching (Teaching Supervisor)**

ERC1: First Year Experience (Fall 2015)

ERC2: Transfer Year Experience (Fall 2015)

ERC1: First Year Experience (Fall 2014)

**Teaching (Teaching Assistant)**

MMW12, *Making of the Modern World II: Classical and Medieval Traditions* (Edmond Chang, Winter 2015)

MMW15, *Making of the Modern World V: The Twentieth Century and Beyond* (Edmond Chang, Summer 2013)

POLI 115A, *Gender and Politics* (Maureen Feeley, Spring 2013)

POLI 103A, *California Politics* (Thad Kousser, Winter 2013)

MMW11, *Making of the Modern World I: Pre-history and Ancient Foundations* (David Jordan, Fall 2013)

MMW13, *Making of the Modern World III: New Ideas and Cultural Encounters* (Matthew Herbst, Spring 2012)

MMW11, *Making of the Modern World I: Pre-history and Ancient Foundations* (Page Dubois, Fall 2011)

MMW6, *Making of the Modern World VI: The Twentieth Century and Beyond* (Edmond Chang, Summer 2011)

MMW6, *Making of the Modern World VI: The Twentieth Century and Beyond* (Ivan Evans, Summer 2011)

MMW6, *Making of the Modern World VI: The Twentieth Century and Beyond* (Edmond Chang, Spring 2011)

MMW5, *Making of the Modern World V: Revolution, Industry, and Empire* (Edmond Chang, Winter 2011)

MMW4, *Making of the Modern World IV: New Ideas and Cultural Encounters* (Edmond Chang, Fall 2010)

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MMW6, *Making of the Modern World VI: The Twentieth-Century and Beyond* (Tracy Strong, Summer 2010)  
MMW3, *Making of the Modern World III: The Medieval Heritage* (David Jordan, Spring 2010)  
MMW2, *Making of the Modern World II: The Great Classical Traditions* (Richard Cohen, Winter 2010)  
MMW1, *Making of the Modern World I: Prehistory/Early Civilization* (David Jordan, Fall 2009)  
POLI 27, *Ethics and Society* (David Barzilai, Summer 2009)  
POLI 110B, *Sovereigns and Subjects: Early Modern Political Theory* (Fonna Forman, Summer 2009)  
POLI 119A, *Plato's Republic* (Fonna Forman, Summer 2009)  
POLI 115A, *Gender and Politics* (Maureen Feeley, Spring 2009)  
LAWS 101, *Law and Society* (Gerald Doppelt, Winter 2009)  
POLI 13, *Power and Justice: Introduction to Political Theory* (Alan C. Houston, Fall 2008)  
POLI 145A, *The Political Economy of the Drug Trade* (David Mares, Spring 2008)  
POL 1001, *Introduction to American Politics* (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Spring 2003)

## **Professional Activities**

Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop, University of California, San Diego

“Proslavery Orthodoxy and Proslavery Science, 1830-1860,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association, April 21, 2011

“Scientists and Slaveholder: Proslavery Science and the Role of Experts in Democracy,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, March 18, 2011

“Scientists and Slaveholders: Proslavery Orthodoxy and Proslavery Science, 1830-1860,” presented at the University of California, San Diego, Political Theory Workshop, February 7, 2011

“Rational Irrationality: Religion, the Politics of Evolution, and Nineteenth Century America,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 22, 2010

Discussant for the paper “Toward a Greener and More Inclusive Democracy: A Mildly Utopian Inquiry,” by Terence Ball, at the Political Theory Workshop at the University of California, San Diego, April 19, 2010

Discussant for the paper “Two Dimensions of Freedom,” by Horacio Spector, at the Political Theory Workshop at the University of California, San Diego, April 23, 2009

Discussant for the paper “Adam Smith’s Political Odyssey,” by Shannon Stimson, at the Political Theory Workshop at the University of California, San Diego, March 3, 2008

## **Memberships**

American Political Science Association  
Association for Political Theory  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Southwestern Social Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

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**Academic References**

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