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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science
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EDUCATION

- 2016-2018 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
Research Project : “Historical Inquiry and Political Philosophy : Reinhart Koselleck and the Normative Use of Conceptual History”
Advisor : Ronald Beiner (Political Science, University of Toronto)
- 2011-2016 **Ph.D., Philosophy**, EHESS, Paris, France
Centre d’études sociologiques et politiques Raymond-Aron (CESPRA)
Dissertation : “Political Philosophy and History : Leo Strauss, Raymond Aron and the Crisis of Historicism”
Mention très honorable avec les félicitations unanimes du jury
Committee : Pierre Manent (Advisor), Philippe Raynaud, Daniel Tanguay, Vincent Descombes, Marc de Launay
- Jan-June 2013 **Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Committee on Social Thought**, University of Chicago,
Advisor : Nathan Tarcov (Department of Political Science, University of Chicago)
- 2009-2011 **M.A., Philosophy**, University of Ottawa, Canada
Nominated for University of Ottawa’s Best Master’s Thesis Award
Dissertation : “Interpreting Machiavelli : Leo Strauss, Quentin Skinner, Claude Lefort and the Question of Interpretation” (in French)
- 2005-2009 **Bachelor of Social Sciences (B.Sc.Soc), Joint Honours in Philosophy and Political Science**, University of Ottawa, Canada
Summa cum laude

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Postdoctoral Fellowship – Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) (65 000\$)
- 2013 University of Chicago Excellence Scholarship (36 000\$)
- 2011 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) (80 000\$)
- 2011 Doctoral Fellowship, Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC) (60 000\$) (declined)
- 2010 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Graduate Scholarship (SSHRC) (17 500\$)
- 2009 Graduate Scholarship, Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC) (30 000\$)
M.A. Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (15 000\$) (declined)
- 2009 M.A. University of Ottawa Excellence Scholarship (16 000\$)
- 2009 University Gold Medal for highest standing and best academic results in the Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa (2005-2009)
- 2008 School of Political Studies Excellence Award, University of Ottawa (2 500 \$)
- 2007 Rodrigue-Pageau Memorial Award for Academic Excellence (2 500 \$)
- 2005 French Schools Excellence Scholarship (20 000\$)

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

A) CONFERENCES

Conference papers

"Between Language and History: Koselleck, Skinner and the Study of Conceptual Change", *Conceptual Change in History Conference*, University of Helsinki, September 22-24th 2016 (forthcoming)

"La politique du récit historique : Aron et la sagesse tragique de Thucydide", *Journée d'études annuelle Raymond Aron*, EHESS, Paris, June 6th 2016

"Aron, Weber and the Crisis of Historicism", CRASSH, University of Cambridge, May 20th 2016

"La critique de la raison historique : Raymond Aron et l'héritage du néokantisme", Quebec Philosophical Association, ACFAS, Montreal, May 13th 2016

"What Can We Learn from Political History? Leo Strauss and Raymond Aron on Thucydides", MPSA 2015, Chicago, April 16th-19th 2015

"L'historicisme et la question du jugement politique : Leo Strauss, Raymond Aron et le "problème de l'histoire", presented at *Séminaire du Centre d'études sociologiques et politiques Raymond-Aron (CESPRA)*, EHESS, Paris, December 2013.

"Penser l'action dans l'histoire: Raymond Aron et les antinomies de la décision politique" (Action in History : Raymond Aron and the Contingencies of Political Decision), presented at International and interdisciplinary conference *Political Decision and Truth*, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris-I), Paris (France), November 2013.

"From Historical Inquiry to Political Theory : Koselleck, Skinner and the Study of Conceptual Change", presented at the *MPSA Conference* (Midwest Political Science Association), Chicago, April 2013.

"La question de l'œuvre et le statut de la parole interprétative" (Lefort's 'work of thought' and interpretive discourse", presented at the international conference "Claude Lefort et la pensée du Politique", School of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris, March 2012.

"L'interprétation lefortienne de Machiavel et le statut de l'œuvre de pensée" (Claude Lefort's interpretation of Machiavelli), presented at the CIRCEM 11th Annual Conference, "Claude Lefort – Les aventures de la démocratie", University of Ottawa, October 2011.

"Entre mémoire et renouveau : Pierre Vadeboncoeur et la notion de culture", paper presented at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities Graduate Conference, University of Ottawa, December 2009.

International Conference Organizer

Organizer, "Penser l'événement: la politique à l'épreuve de l'histoire", Raymond Aron Annual Conference hosted by the CESPRA (EHESS) and CRASSH (University of Cambridge), June 6th, 2016.

Co-organizer "Les formes du politiques. Quels apports de la philosophie politique aux sciences sociales ?" (The Forms of the Political: The Contributions of Political Philosophy to Social Sciences), *International Congress - EHESS 40th anniversary*, Paris, June 18th-19th, 2015.

Organizer, Panel No. 29 : "What Role for History in Normative Political Theory?/Quelle place pour l'histoire dans la philosophie politique normative ?", 6th International Congress of Francophone Political Science Associations, University of Lausanne (Switzerland), February 5th-7th 2015.

Conference Committee Member and Organizer, 11th CIRCEM Annual Conference : “ Claude Lefort – Les aventures de la démocratie”, in collaboration with Gilles Labelle (Political Science, University of Ottawa), Daniel Tanguay (Philosophy, University of Ottawa) and Martin Breugh (Political Science, York University), October 6th – 7th, 2011.

Invited Speaker

« La référence religieuse dans la pensée allemande du 19^{ème} siècle », discutant for Frédéric Ménager (Ph.D., EHESS) in the *CESPRA Workshop*, Paris, April 13th, 2015.

“Conflicts of Interpretation : Strauss, Skinner and Lefort on Interpreting Machiavelli”, paper presented in *Methods of Interpretation Seminar* (organized by Benjamin Brice, Science Po Lyon et Marie-Hélène Wirth, EHESS), EHESS, Paris, February 12th, 2015.

“De la pensée classique à la science politique pratique. Pierre Manent et l'interprétation du regard aronien”, paper presented at the *CIRCEM Workshop*, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities, University of Ottawa (Canada), September 25th, 2014.

B) PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

“Collingwood, Historicist? Leo Strauss's Critique and the Pursuit of Historical Truth”, *Journal of the Philosophy of History* (forthcoming, January 2017)

“ Qu'est-ce qu'une œuvre de pensée ? Réflexions sur 'l'art de lire' lefortien », *Politique & Sociétés*, vol. 34, no. 1 (2015), pp. 149-171.

“ Le contextualisme de Quentin Skinner à l'épreuve du cas Machiavel », *Methodos. Savoirs et textes*, no. 13 “ Pratiques de l'interprétation », (2013), pp. 2-23.

“ Modernité, musique et atonalisme : entre l'esthétique de la rupture et la recherche de points de repère” (Modernity and Atonalism : Between Aesthetics of Rupture and the Longing for a Vantage Point), *Phares*, vol. 11, hiver 2011.

“ Entre langage et peinture : Louis Marin et la question de la représentation” (Between Language and Painting : Louis Marin and the Question of Representation), *Phares*, vol. 11, hiver 2011.

Book Reviews and Review Essays

« Compte rendu de *Political Philosophy. What It Is and Why It Matters* de Ronald Beiner, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2014, 247 p. », *Politique & Sociétés*, vol. 35, n° 1, 2016, p. 154-157.

“ Compte rendu de *Kulturkritik et philosophie thérapeutique chez le jeune Nietzsche*, de Martine Béland, Montréal, Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, coll. “ Pensée allemande et européenne », 2012, 404 p. », *Politique et Sociétés*, vol. 32, n° 2, 2013, p. 165-167.

Other Articles

“ La poursuite du sens commun. La science politique pratique selon Aron et Manent », *Cahiers de l'AMEP*, no. 1, volet 1, 2014, p. 111-122.

Translations (from English to French)

Clifford Orwin, “Celui qui juge toute la terre ne fera-t-il point justice ? L'intercession d'Abraham en faveur de Sodome », in DeLigio and Holeindre (ed.), *La politique et l'âme. Autour de Pierre Manent*, Paris, Editions du CNRS, 2014.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

A) TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2016** **Graduate Seminar** : “Hannah Arendt et les dimensions de l'action politique” (Hannah Arendt and the Dimensions of Political Action), Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris
- 2014-2015** **Graduate Seminar** : “Isaiah Berlin et le statut de la théorie politique : en dialogue avec ses contemporains” (The Political Theory of Isaiah Berlin : In Dialogue with his Contemporaries), Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)

B) PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2014-2015** Coordinator of Academic Events – EHESS 40th Anniversary
International Partnerships, Promotion of Scientific Research and Conference Organization
- 2008-2011** Coordinator of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities (CIRCEM), University of Ottawa
- 2012** Linguistic revision and edition of G. Labelle et D. Tanguay (dir.), *Vers une démocratie désenchantée? Marcel Gauchet et la crise contemporaine de la démocratie libérale*, Quebec, Fides, 2013, 285 p.
- 2009** Edition, Linguistic Revision and Online Publishing of *Monde Commun* Journal : “Universalisme/Relativisme : une tension indépassable?”, *Monde Commun*, vol. 1, no.2, 2009

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Raymond Aron Center for Sociological and Political Studies (CESPRA), EHESS
Member of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)
Member of the *Midwest Political Science Association* (MPSA)
Member of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)
Treasurer, *Amis de la mention Études politiques* (AMEP) for Political Studies, EHESS
Member of *HiSoPo* Project (for Social History of Political Ideas), funded by the French Political Science Association (AFSP)

LANGUAGES

French (Native)
English (Certified Bilingual)
German (Proficient – Level B2.2)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Philosophy

- French contemporary political philosophy (Manent, Gauchet, Lefort, Rancière, Foucault, Rosanvallon)
- 20th-Century French Philosophy
- Cambridge School and the Renewal of Republicanism
- Political Realism and Philosophy of Political Judgment
- Political and Moral Pluralism
- Contemporary Interpretations of Machiavelli

Philosophy of History

- Development and Crisis of Historicism (1830-1945)
- German Historical Tradition - 18th and 19th centuries (Neo-Kantianism)
- German Philosophy of History (from Hegel to Nietzsche)

- Anglo-Saxon Theory of History (Collingwood, Oakeshott, Hempel, Dray, Danto)
- Historical Relativism and Value Judgment (Max Weber)

Epistemology

- Interpretation and Politics in Contemporary Philosophy
- New Approaches in the History of Political Ideas (J.G. A. Pocock, Quentin Skinner, Hayden White)
- Interpretive Methods and Hermeneutics (Strauss, Lefort, Gadamer, Ricoeur, Taylor)
- History of concepts (*Begriffsgeschichte*) (Conze, Koselleck, Brunner, Palonen)
- Philosophy of social sciences in France and Germany (19th-20th centuries)
- Neo-kantianism and *Erkenntnistheorie* (Windelband, Rickert, Simmel, Dilthey, Weber)

OTHER COMPETENCES

Grade 9 in Interpretation – Piano (RCM - Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto)

Grade 4 in Theory and History of Music (RCM – Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto)

2002 – 2011 - Piano teacher at École Musique Adagio (Gatineau, Quebec)