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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley, 1998  
M.A. Department of Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley, 1991  
M.S. with Distinction, International Relations, London School of Economics and  
Political  
Science, London, England, 1987  
B.S. with Honors, *cum laude*, International Economics, School of Foreign Service,  
Georgetown University, 1986  
Certificat d'études politiques with honorable mention, L'Institut d'études politiques,  
Paris, France, 1985

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Dead Certainty: The Death Penalty and the Problem of Judgment* (Palo Alto, CA:  
Stanford University Press, forthcoming 2008)

#### Edited Volumes

*South Atlantic Quarterly*, "Killing States: Lethal Decisions/Final Judgments," co-edited  
with Austin Sarat (forthcoming 2008)

#### Articles

"Reprising Revenge," *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 1:3 (2005): 302-315

"The Banality of Death in *Eichmann in Jerusalem*," *Theory & Event*, 2002

"The Sacred Name of Pain: The Role of Victim Impact Evidence in Death Sentencing  
Decisions" in *Pain, Death, and the Law*, ed. Austin Sarat (Ann Arbor: University  
of Michigan Press, 2001)

"Beyond Intention: A Critique of 'Normal' Criminal Agency, Responsibility, and  
Punishment in American Death Penalty Jurisprudence" in *The Killing State:  
Capital Punishment in Law, Politics and Culture*, ed. Austin Sarat (New York:  
Oxford University Press, 1999)

"Recalling the Blow: A Response to George Pavlich's 'Phrasing Injustice' and 'Blow-by-  
Blow Critique'," *Studies in Law, Politics & Society* 18 (1998): 281-286

#### Review Articles and Other Requested Pieces

"Atkins v. Virginia" and "Ring v. Alabama" in *The Oxford Companion to the Supreme  
Court of the United States* (2d ed), eds. Kermit L. Hall, James B. Ely, Jr., and Joel  
B. Grossman (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005)

**PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

- Review of *What Is There to Say?* by Ann Smock, *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 1:1 (2005): 134-136
- “Why Still Kill? Reconsidering Capital Punishment in the United States,” *Political Theory* 32:4 (August 2004): 563-569
- Review of *Victims in the War on Crime: The Use and Abuse of Victims’ Rights* by Markus Dirk Dubber, *Punishment and Society* 7(1) (2004): 115-117

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS****Books**

*The Jurisprudence of Hannah Arendt*  
*The Constitution of the Cherokee*

**Edited Volumes**

*Capital Punishment, Torture, and Sanctioned Violence*, co-edited with Austin Sarat  
 (Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, expected 2009)

**Articles**

“Vengeance, Violence, and Vulnerability: Arendt’s Philosophy of Justice Reconsidered”

**PRESENTATIONS**

- “Tragedy and the World: The Banality of Evil and the Laws of Men,” Law and Society Association, Berlin, Germany, July 2007
- “Discriminating Justice: Reflections on ‘Reflections on Little Rock,’” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Washington, DC, March 2007
- “Vengeance, Violence, and Vulnerability: Arendt’s Philosophy of Justice Reconsidered,” Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, March 2007
- “Final Fatality, Fatal Finality,” Conference on “Killing States: Lethal Decisions/Final Judgments,” Amherst, November 2006
- “Is Evil Banal? Is Totalitarianism a Current Threat?,” Conference on “Hannah Arendt: Thinking in Dark Times,” Annandale-on-the-Hudson, October 2006
- “Crying out for Vengeance: The Appearance of Justice and the Philosophy of Hannah Arendt,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2006
- Author Meets Readers, “*Power: A Radical View*, by Steven Lukes,” Law and Society Association, Baltimore, July 2006
- Author Meets Readers, “Tender Mercies: The Hopes and Fears of *Mercy on Trial*,” Law and Society Association, Baltimore, July 2006
- “Just *D o i t*: How We Ought to Judge,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Syracuse, March 2006
- “The End of Error: DNA Technology and the Decision not to Decide in Capital Cases,”

## **PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

- Seminar on Political and Moral Thought, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, December 2005
- “A Little Decency and the Exhibition of Capital Punishment,” Law and Society Association, Las Vegas, June 2005
- “The End of the Row and the Limits of Sovereignty,” Western Political Science Association, Oakland, March 2005
- “Judging Images,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Austin, March 2005
- “Reflections on the Syringe: The (Im)Possible Exhibition of Capital Punishment,” American Studies Association, Atlanta, November 2004
- “Law and the Assumption of Common Sense: The Failure of Sensus Communis,” American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2004
- “Magical Associations: The Power of Language in Law, Society and (The Symbolic Uses of) Politics,” Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 2004
- “Reprising Revenge,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Hartford, March 2004
- Discussant, “Native American Struggles for Sovereign Spaces and Identities,” Social Science and History Association, Baltimore, November 2003
- “Breathing Remains: Life on Death Row and the Limits of Sovereignty,” Conference on Sovereignty and the Right to Death, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, October 2003
- “The End of an Error: Reflections on the Innocence Project and the Rule of Law,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, New York, March 2003
- “Discretion, Judgment, and Death,” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, November 2002
- “The Force of Discretion: Reflections on Judgment and Divine Violence,” University of Virginia, Department of Political Science, October 2002
- “Weighing Metaphors: Capital Punishment and the Law of Language,” Symposium on New Approaches to Human Rights, University of California, Santa Barbara, April 2002
- “Blood Lust,” Western Political Science Association, Long Beach, March 2002
- “Reflections on Death and Community,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Philadelphia, March 2002
- “Pain and the Passions of Law,” Law and Society Association, Budapest, Hungary, July 2001
- “The Banality of Death: The Limits of Arendt’s Philosophy of Judgment,” Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Austin, March 2001
- “Metaphors of Judgment in the Rhetoric of Capital Punishment,” Law and Society Association, Miami, May 2000
- “The Constitution of the Cherokee: The Rhetorical Origins of Indigenous Identity,”

## **PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

- Working Group on Law, Culture and Humanities, Washington, DC, March 2000
- “The Sacred Name of Pain,” Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 1999
- “Anxious Executions: The Public, Capital Punishment, and the Female Body,” Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities, Winston-Salem, March 1999
- Discussant, “Ethnicity, Race and Citizenship,” American Political Science Association, Boston, September 1998
- “E-racing Death: The Challenge of Racial Discrimination to the Regulation of Capital Punishment in the United States,” Law and Society Association, Aspen, June 1998
- Discussant, “Disciplining Politics,” Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, March 1998
- “Legal Agents and Criminal Acts: Being ‘Normal’ in Death Penalty Cases,” Conference on Capital Punishment in Law and Culture, Amherst, April 1997
- “Death and the Constitution,” Western Political Science Association, Tucson, March 1997
- Discussant, “Liberalism and the Cultural Boundaries of State and Subject,” American Studies Association, Kansas City, November 1996
- “‘The Sins of the Father Laid Upon the Children’: Revenge and the Constitution of Legal Identity in *Tison v. Arizona* (1987),” Law and Society Association, Glasgow, Scotland, July 1996
- “The Body in *Payne*: The Rhetoric of Victimology and the Predicament of Judgment,” Law and Society Association, Toronto, June 1995
- “Arendt, Lacoue-Labarthe, and International Relations Theory,” International Studies Association, Acapulco, Mexico, March 1993
- “The Politics of Constitutional Immanence: Hannah Arendt, Philippe Lacoue-Labarthe, and the U.S. Constitution,” Law and Society Association, Philadelphia, May 1992
- “Oh-Verité: The Donna Oh Story,” International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Berkeley, May 1992

## **EMPLOYMENT**

- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University.  
Graduate and undergraduate courses in Political Theory, Legal Philosophy.  
Appointed July 2001
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Law, Jurisprudence & Social Thought, Amherst College.  
Undergraduate lecture courses in The Rhetoric of Law, Policing, Law and Social Relations, Law and Madness. July 2000-June 2001
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Justice Studies, Arizona State University. Undergraduate lecture courses in Justice Theory (lower division), Law and Social Control (lower division), The Death Penalty in America (upper division). Graduate seminar in Justice Theory. August 1998-June 2000

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## **EMPLOYMENT (continued)**

Lecturer, Rhetoric, UC Berkeley. Designed and taught course on principles of rhetoric, rudiments of literary theory, and informal logic. Summer 1998

Graduate Student Instructor, Rhetoric, UC Berkeley. Designed and taught lower division reading and composition courses organized around issues of authority, social order, and conscience. Responsible for instruction in reading and writing skills, with special emphasis on argumentation and critical thinking. Summer 1995, Fall 1994, Spring 1994, Fall 1993, Spring 1991, Fall 1991

Teaching Assistant, Rhetoric, UC Berkeley. Lead discussion sections, assisted with lectures, graded papers and exams in a course on principles of rhetoric. Summer 1997, Fall 1995, Spring 1993, Fall 1992, Summer 1991

Teaching Assistant, Rhetoric, UC Berkeley. Assisted with teaching of a lower division reading and composition course. Spring 1991, Fall 1990, Spring 1990, Fall 1989

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Organizing Committee, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, 2004-2007

Program Committee, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, 2006

Organizing Committee, Graduate Student Workshop, Law and Society Association, 2006

Editorial Advisory Board, *Studies in Law, Politics and Society*, Appointed 2004

Affiliate Board, Program for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, 2004-2005

Editorial Advisory Board, *Law & Society Review*, Appointed 2004

Development Committee, Law and Society Association, 2002-2003

Committee on Appointments, Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, 2001

Ad Hoc Committee on Consortium of Interdisciplinary Law Related Associations/Sections, Law and Society Association, 1999-2001

Organizing Committee, Graduate Student Workshop, Law and Society Association, 1998-1999

Member: American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Law and Society Association, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

Reviewer: Stanford University Press, New York University Press; *American Political Science Review*, *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*