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Curriculum Vitae – March 2017

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016-2018 **University of Toronto**, Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Philosophy, Department of Political Science
Postdoctoral Associate, Centre for Ethics

EDUCATION

2011-2016 **École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHES)**, Ph.D., Philosophy and Social Sciences,
Specialization in Political Philosophy
Dissertation: *Political Philosophy and History: Leo Strauss, Raymond Aron and the Crisis of Historicism (In French)* *Highest Honour with Unanimous Congratulations from the Jury
Committee: Pierre Manent (Chair), Vincent Descombes, Marc de Launay, Philippe Raynaud, Daniel Tanguay

Jan-June 2013 **University of Chicago**, Doctoral Visiting Fellow, Committee on Social Thought

2009-2011 **University of Ottawa**, M.A., Philosophy (Dean's Honour List)
Nominated for University of Ottawa's Best Master's Thesis Award
Dissertation: *Contemporary Readings of Machiavelli: Leo Strauss, Quentin Skinner, Claude Lefort and the Question of Interpretation (in French)*

2005-2009 **University of Ottawa**, Bachelor of Social Sciences (B.Sc.Soc), Joint Honours in Philosophy and Political Science (Dean Honour's List)
Summa cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Encountering History in the Making: The Politics of Crisis and Historicism

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"Is Collingwood a Historicist? Remarks on Leo Strauss's Critique of Collingwood's Philosophy of History",
Journal of the Philosophy of History (Forthcoming, Fall 2017)

"Qu'est-ce qu'une œuvre de pensée? Réflexions sur 'l'art de lire' lefortien"(What is a 'Work of Thought'?
Remarks on Claude Lefort's Art of Reading), *Politique & Sociétés*, vol. 34, no. 1 (2015), 149-171.

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

"Modernité, musique et atonalisme: entre l'esthétique de la rupture et la recherche de points de repère", *Phares*, vol. 11, (2011), 71-92.

"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, (2011), 52-70.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

“What Can We Learn from Political History? Leo Strauss and Raymond Aron, Readers of Thucydides”, *The Review of Politics*

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Interpréter la temporalité moderne: Löwith, Koselleck et la philosophie de l’histoire”, in Martine Béland (ed.), *Karl Löwith: Être philosophe au 20^e siècle*, Presses de l’Université de Montréal (Forthcoming: Winter 2018)

BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

Review of Jeffrey Barash, *Collective Memory and the Historical Past* (University of Chicago Press, 2016) in the *Journal of the History of Ideas* (Forthcoming, April 2017)

“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, 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, 165-167.

OTHER ARTICLES

“Introduction” to Raymond Aron, “La rationalité politique/Politische Rationalität (inédit)”, *Commentaire*, no. 156, 2016.

“La poursuite du sens commun. La science politique pratique selon Aron et Manent”, *Cahiers de l’AMEP*, No. 1, Volet 1 (2014), 111-122.

TRANSLATION (FROM ENGLISH TO FRENCH)

Ronald Beiner, “Karl Löwith : S’émerveiller devant le Cosmos”, in Martine Béland (dir.), *Karl Löwith : Être philosophe au 20^e siècle*, Presses de l’Université de Montréal (Forthcoming: Winter 2018)

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.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“La critique de la raison historique: Raymond Aron et l’héritage du néokantisme”

“A Practical Past? The Political Philosophy of Reinhart Koselleck’s Theory of History”

“The Crisis of Historicism and the Challenge of Reason: Max Weber and Raymond Aron’s Elective Affinities”

Translation of Reinhart Koselleck, “Revolution” and “Progress” (*Geschichtliche Grundbegriffe*) from German to English

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS (SELECTION)

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 2016-2018 | Postdoctoral Fellowship – Fonds de Recherche du Québec – Société et culture (FRQSC) |
| 2013 | University of Chicago/EHESS Excellence Scholarship |
| 2011-2015 | Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) |
| 2011 | Doctoral Fellowship, Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC) (declined) |
| 2010-2011 | Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master’s Scholarship (SSHRC) |

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| 2009-2011 | Master's Scholarship, Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et culture (FRQSC) M.A. Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (declined) |
| 2009-2011 | M.A. University of Ottawa Excellence Scholarship |
| 2009 | University Gold Medal for highest standing 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 |
| 2007 | Rodrigue-Pageau Memorial Award for Academic Excellence |
| 2005-2009 | French Schools Excellence Scholarship |

CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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| "History of Concepts as a Critical Tool in Political Theory" American Political Science Association (APSA), San Francisco | 2017 |
| "Temporalité, langage et politique: le débat entre Gadamer et Koselleck" Société de philosophie du Québec, ACFAS, McGill University, Montreal | 2017 |
| "A Practical Past? The Political Philosophy of Reinhart Koselleck's Conceptual History" Canadian Political Science Association, Ryerson University, Toronto | 2017 |
| "Les défis de la rationalité politique" International Conference – "Penser la politique par 'gros temps: Raymond Aron au XXIe siècle", EHESS, Paris, France | 2017 |
| "Between Language and History: The Koselleck/Skinner Debate" Paper accepted for Conceptual Change in History Conference, University of Helsinki | 2016 |
| "La politique du récit historique: Aron et la sagesse tragique de Thucydide" Raymond Aron Annual Conference, EHESS, Paris | 2016 |
| "Aron, Weber and the Crisis of Historicism" Raymond Aron and the Renewal of French Democratic Thought, CRASSH, University of Cambridge | 2016 |
| "La critique de la raison historique: Raymond Aron et l'héritage du néokantisme", Quebec Philosophical Association, ACFAS, Montreal, Qc, May 2016 | 2016 |
| "What Can We Learn from Political History? Leo Strauss and Raymond Aron on Thucydides", Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL, April 2015 | 2015 |
| "L'historicisme et la question du jugement politique" (Historicism and the Problem of Political Judgment), Centre d'études sociologiques et politiques Raymond-Aron (CESPRA) Workshop, EHESS, Paris | 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), International and Interdisciplinary Conference Political Decision and Truth, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris-I), Paris | 2013 |
| "From Historical Inquiry to Political Theory: Koselleck, Skinner and the Study of Conceptual Change", Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL | 2013 |
| "L'interprétation lefortienne de Machiavel et le statut de l'œuvre de pensée" (Claude Lefort's Interpretation of Machiavelli), CIRCEM 11 th Annual Conference: Claude Lefort – | 2011 |

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| The Adventures of Democracy, University of Ottawa | |
| “Entre mémoire et renouveau : Pierre Vadeboncoeur et la notion de culture”, Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities (CIRCEM) Graduate Conference, University of Ottawa, December 2009 | 2009 |
| INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION | |
| Organizer, “Penser l’événement: la politique à l’épreuve de l’histoire”, Raymond Aron Annual Conference hosted by the CESPRA (EHESS) and the CRASSH (University of Cambridge), Paris | 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 2015 | 2015 |
| Organizer, Panel: “What Role for History in Normative Political Theory?/Quelle place pour l’histoire dans la philosophie politique normative?”, 6 th International Congress of Francophone Political Science Associations (CoSPoF), University of Lausanne, Switzerland | 2015 |
| Conference Committee Member and Organizer, 11 th CIRCEM Annual Conference: Claude Lefort – The Adventures of Democracy, University of Ottawa | 2011 |
| INVITED TALKS | |
| “The Political Philosophy of Reinhart Koselleck’s Conceptual History” Political Theory Workshop, University of Toronto | 2016 |
| “Understanding ‘History in the Making’: The Foundations of Raymond Aron’s Political Thought”, Seminar on History and Theory of International Law, New York University | 2016 |
| “Conflicts of Interpretation: Strauss, Skinner and Lefort on Interpreting Machiavelli”, Methods of Interpretation Workshop, EHESS, Paris | 2015 |
| “De la pensée classique à la science politique pratique. Pierre Manent et l’interprétation du regard aronien” (From Classical Thought to Practical Political Science: Pierre Manent’s Interpretation of Aron), CIRCEM Workshop, University of Ottawa | 2014 |
| “ La question de l’œuvre et le statut de la parole interprétative” (Lefort’s ‘work of thought’ and interpretive discourse), International Conference: Claude Lefort et la pensée du Politique, EHESS, Paris | 2012 |
| DISCUSSANT AND OTHER TALKS | |
| “La référence religieuse dans la pensée allemande du 19 ^{ème} siècle”, discussant for Frédéric Ménager (Ph.D., EHESS) in the CESPRA Workshop, Paris | 2015 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

A) TEACHING

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| WINTER 2016 | Sessional Instructor: <i>Modern Political Thought</i> , University of Waterloo |
| SPRING 2016 | Graduate Instructor: <i>Hannah Arendt et les dimensions de l’action politique</i> (Hannah Arendt and the Dimensions of Political Action), Mention Études politiques, EHESS |

2014-2015 **Graduate Instructor:** Isaiah Berlin, le pluralisme en débat (Isaiah Berlin and his Critics: Debates on Pluralism), Mention Études politiques, EHESS

B) PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

2014-2015 **Coordinator of Academic Events** – EHESS 40th Anniversary
International Partnerships, Promotion of Scientific Research and Conferences Organization

2014-2015 **Author** for the EHESS 40th Anniversary Website (<http://40ans.ehess.fr/>)
Participation in the creation of the website; production of content
Blog posts: “Pourquoi Derrida manque”, “Barthes: Tout en nuances”, “L’art et la littérature: un défi pour les SHS?”, “Philosophie politique vs. Sciences sociales?”, “L’analyse de réseaux peut-elle réconcilier les sciences?”, “Quel avenir pour les futurs?”

2008-2011 **Coordinator** of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Citizenship and Minorities (CIRCEM), University of Ottawa

2009 **Edition, Linguistic Revision and Online Publishing** of *Monde Commun* Journal :
“Universalisme/Relativisme: une tension indépassable?”, *Monde Commun*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2009

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Postdoctoral Associate, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto
Member of *HiSoPo* Project (Social History of Political Ideas), funded by the French Political Science Association (AFSP)
Member of the Executive Board, Société des Amis de Raymond Aron
Member of the Raymond Aron Centre for Sociological and Political Studies (CESPRA), EHESS
Committee Member of *Amis de la mention Études politiques* (AMEP) for Political Studies, EHESS

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of the Canadian Philosophical Association (CPA)
Member of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA)
Member of the Quebec Philosophical Society
Member of the *Midwest Political Science Association* (MPSA)
Member of the Société québécoise de science politique (SQSP)

LANGUAGES

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