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Education:

Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

Ph.D., with distinction, December 2005

Fields: International Politics, International Law; Concentration: Human Rights

Dissertation Topic: Society and Global Justice in Rawls's *Law of Peoples*

Rawls extends liberal justice to certain well-ordered non-democratic societies. However, the Law of Peoples is underinclusive because it segregates these decent hierarchical societies and completely excludes citizens of burdened societies and outlaw states. I argue that this exclusion stems from Rawls' conception of the international system as lacking in social cooperation. My critique of Rawls's *Law of Peoples* more fully incorporates the interests of these excluded peoples and reshapes principles that take into account their fundamental interests.

Committee: Alan Gilbert (chair), Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver; Haider Khan, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver; Nancy Kokaz, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto.

Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

J.D., May 1997

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

B.A. *cum laude*, Government and International Studies, 1992

Concentrations: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) and Peace Studies.

Research Interests:

- International Ethics
- International Law
- International Relations Theory
- Political Theory
- Human Rights

Courses Taught:

Metropolitan State College of Denver

- Political Systems and Ideas (traditional, online, and honors) PSC1020
- Introduction to International Relations PSC 3030
- Political Theory PSC 3050
- International Law PSC 3320
- Ethics and International Affairs PSC390E (created)
- Indigenous Peoples in World Politics PSC390L (created with Zia Meranto)
- Democracy and Human Rights (senior seminar) PSC 402A

McBride Honors Program, Colorado School of Mines

- Comparative Political and Economic Systems HNRS201A

Teaching Experience and Academic Posts

Department of Political Science, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, Colorado

- Assistant Professor, January 2006 – present.
- Instructor, September 2003-December 2005.
- Adjunct Instructor, January 2001-May 2003.

McBride Honors Program, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado

- Adjunct Instructor, January-May 2003.

Other Professional Experience

Riggs Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis, Denver, Colorado

Associate Attorney, Labor & Employment group, May 2000 – January 2003

Associate in the Denver office of a mid-sized regional law firm.

Publications:

Articles and Notes

- "Peoples and Persons: Moral Standing, Power, and the Equality of States," *International Studies Quarterly*, forthcoming.
- *With Manooher Mofidi*, "Doctrine or Doctrinaire: The First Strike Doctrine and Preemptive Self-defense under International Law," *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law*, 12 (Spring 2004).
- *With Manooher Mofidi*, "'Unlawful Combatants,' or 'Prisoners of War': The Law and Politics of Labels," *Cornell International Law Journal*, 36:1 (Spring 2003).
- "Constructing States: The Role of the International Community in the Creation of New States," *Journal of Public and International Affairs* (Spring 2002).
- "The Non-Intervention Principle and Humanitarian Intervention," *International Legal Theory* 2:1 (Spring 2001).
- "Free Determination or Determination to be Free?: Self-Determination and the Democratic Entitlement," *UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs*, 4:1 (Spring/Summer 1999).
- *With Ved P. Nanda and Thomas F. Muther, Jr.*, "Tragedies in Somalia, Yugoslavia, Haiti, Rwanda and Liberia- Revisiting the Validity of Humanitarian Intervention under International Law- Part II," *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy*, 26:5 (1998).
- "United Nations Peacekeeping in Collapsed States," *Journal of International Law and Practice* 5:2 (Winter 1997).

Review Essays, Book Notes, and Case Comments

- Book Review: *The Political Philosophy of Cosmopolitanism*, by Gillian Brock and Harry Brighouse, eds., *Ethics & International Affairs*, forthcoming.
- Book Review: *Philosophical Theory and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, by William Sweet, ed., *University of Toronto Quarterly*, 74:4 (Winter 2004).
- Review Essay: "The Global and the Local: Reconciling Universal Human Rights and Cultural Diversity," *Human Rights & Human Welfare*, 2:2 (2002). Available online at <http://www.du.edu/gsis/hrhw/volumes/2002/2-2/eckert2-2.pdf>.

- Book Review: *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Origins, Drafting & Intent*, by Johannes Morsink, *Human Rights & Human Welfare*, 1:2 (2001). Available online at <http://www.du.edu/gsis/hrhw/volumes/2001/1-2/morsink-eckert.pdf>.
- Book Review: *The Recognition of States: Law and Practice in Debate and Evolution* by Thomas D. Grant, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, 29:1 (2000).
- Case Comment: "Kadic v. Karadzic: Whose International Law?" *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy* 25:1 (Autumn 1996).
- Book Note: *Humanitarian Politics* by Thomas Weiss and Larry Minnear, *Denver Journal of International Law and Policy* 24:2/3 (Spring 1996).

Conference Participation:

- "Distributive Justice in Rawls's Thought: From the Difference Principle to the Duty of Assistance and Back Again;" Chair: Distributive Justice and the North-South Divide I and II, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego, California, March 22-5, 2006.
- "Distributive Justice in Rawls's Thought: From the Difference Principle to the Duty of Assistance and Back Again," International Studies Association – West Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 30-October 1, 2005.
- "The Third Wave of McCarthyism (roundtable presentation)," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 1-4, 2005.
- "The Fog of War: The Iraq Issue in the 2004 Presidential Election," MSCD Honors Conference, Metropolitan State College of Denver, October 12-13, 2004.
- "Peoples and Persons: Moral Standing, Power, and Equality in Rawls's Law of Peoples" and "Preventive War and the Bush Doctrine (roundtable presentation)," International Studies Association - West Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 1-2, 2004.
- Workshop, "Contested Values and Moral Reasoning in International Affairs," Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs Faculty Development Workshop, Vanderbilt University, June 5-10, 2004.
- "Human Rights as a Shared Concern" International Studies Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, March 17-20, 2004.

Professional Memberships:

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- American Society of International Law

Honors and Awards:

- Best Paper Award (faculty category), ISA-West Conference 2004
- First place and best memorial, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, 1997.
- Alternate, Chief Justice Leonard v.B. Sutton Annual International Law Award, 1996.
- Foreign Language/Area Studies Ph.D. Fellowship, 1995, 1996.
- Award for Scholastic Excellence, College of Law, Fall 1995.
- Colorado Fellowship, 1993-4.
- College of Law Scholarship, 1992-97.
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society, inducted Fall 1991.

Departmental Service

- Search committee, American Politics position, Spring 2005.

College Service

- Search committee, Institute of Women's Studies and Services, international/multicultural position, Spring 2005.
- Honors Council, Metropolitan State College of Denver, March 2004-present.
- Faculty Advisor, Democrats of Auraria, Metropolitan State College of Denver, January 2004-present.
- Faculty Senate, Fall 2005.

Professional Service

- Member-at-Large, Executive Board, International Ethics Section, International Studies Association, March 2006-present.
- Vice President and Program Co-Chair, International Studies Association – West, October 2005- present.
- Graduate Student Awards Chair, International Studies Association – West, September-October 2005.
- Referee: *Ethics & International Affairs*, *American Political Science Review*.