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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**
Political Science, May 2002

The Theory and Practice of Self-Ownership

Shannon Stimson (co-chair), Eric Schickler (co-chair), and Christopher Kutz

Examination Fields: Political Theory, Methodology, Public Law

Ph.D. **Duke University**
Economics, September 1995

Three Theoretical Essays in Public Economics

W. Kip Viscusi (chair), Charles Clotfelter, William Gentry, Randall Kramer, and James Hamilton

Examination Fields: Public & Environmental Economics, Industrial Organization

B.A. **University of Tennessee, Knoxville, *summa cum laude***
College Scholars (honors interdisciplinary major; PPE focus), May 1991

The Limits of Michael Sandel's Liberalism and the Limits of Justice

Thomas Unger (chair), T. Alexander Smith, and Robert Perrin

RESEARCH FIELDS

contemporary analytic moral and political philosophy and the history of liberal political thought

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Kant’s Political Religion: The Transparency of Perpetual Peace and the Highest Good,”
forthcoming in *The Review of Politics*, Fall 2009, 71(4), or Winter 2010, 72(1).

“Children as Projects and Persons: A Liberal Antinomy,” forthcoming in *Social Theory and Practice*, October 2009, 35(4).

“Rawlsian Affirmative Action,” *Ethics*, April 2009, 119(3): 476-506.

“Self-Ownership and Transplantable Human Organs,” *Public Affairs Quarterly*, January 2007,
21(1): 89-107.

“Democratic Transitions and the Progress of Absolutism in Kant’s Political Thought,” *Journal of Politics*, August 2006, 68(3): 556-70.

- Alternative version forthcoming in *Kant’s Political Theory: Interpretations and Applications*, ed. Elisabeth H. Ellis, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009.

“Kantian Personal Autonomy,” *Political Theory*, October 2005, 33(5): 602-28.

“Self-Ownership and the Limits of Libertarianism,” *Social Theory and Practice*, October 2005, 31(4): 465-82.

“Self-Realization and the Priority of Fair Equality of Opportunity,” *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, November 2004, 1(3): 333-47.

- Reprinted in *The Legacy of John Rawls*, eds. Thom Brooks and Fabian Freyenhagen, Continuum Studies in American Philosophy, September 2005, pp. 34-49.

“A Kantian Defense of Self-Ownership,” *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, March 2004, 12(1): 65-78.

“Rawls’s Defense of the Priority of Liberty: A Kantian Reconstruction,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, Summer 2003, 31(3): 246-71.

- Reprinted in *John Rawls*, ed. David A. Reidy, Ashgate International Library of Essays in the History of Social and Political Thought, May 2008, pp. 193-218.

“Rousseau and Kant: The General Will, Cosmopolitanism, and the Psychological Foundations of Politics,” *Critical Sense*, Winter 2000, 8(1): 9-50.

- Winner of UC-Berkeley’s Bennett Prize; see below.

“The Ethic of Care versus the Ethic of Justice: An Economic Analysis,” *Journal of Socio-Economics*, Fall 1998, 27(4): 479-93.

“Compensating Behavior and the Drug Testing of High-School Athletes,” *Cato Journal*, Winter 1997, 16(3): 351-64.

“A Game-Theoretic Model of Gun Control,” *International Review of Law and Economics*, September 1995, 15(3): 269-88.

IN PROGRESS

Reconstructing Rawls: The Kantian Foundations of Justice as Fairness, full book manuscript.

“Hate Speech, the Priority of Liberty, and the Temptations of Nonideal Theory,” paper.

“Millian Enlightened Despotism,” paper in preparation (with Yvonne Y. Chiu).

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“Rawlsian Affirmative Action”

- APSA Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, September 2009.
- WPSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, March 2009.

“Children as Projects and Persons: A Liberal Antinomy”

- WPSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, March 2009.
- Stanford Political Theory Workshop, Stanford, CA, October 2008.

“Global Justice and the Poverty of Political Liberalism” {part of *Reconstructing Rawls*}

- APSA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2008.

“Defending the Difference Principle” {part of *Reconstructing Rawls*}:

- UC-Berkeley BAFFLE Workshop, Berkeley, CA, September 2006.

“A Theory of Internal Autonomy” {part of *Reconstructing Rawls*}:

- APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2006.
- Stanford Political Theory Colloquium, Stanford, CA, May 2006.
- WPSA Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, March 2006.
- UC-Berkeley BAFFLE Workshop, Berkeley, CA, November 2005.

“Kant’s Moral Arguments for God and Immortality: Revealing the Role of Opacity” {serves as core of “Kant’s Political Religion”}:

- North American Kant Society Meeting, Stanford, CA, November 2005.

“Kantian Personal Autonomy”:

- MPSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2005.
- UC-Berkeley BAFFLE Workshop, Berkeley, CA, November 2004.
- Stanford University SENT Workshop, Stanford, CA, November 2004.

“Self-Realization and the Priority of Fair Equality of Opportunity”:

- WPSA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2004.
- Stanford University SENT Workshop, Stanford, CA, October 2003.

“Enlightened Despotism in the High Liberal Tradition: Democratic Transitions in the History of Political Philosophy” {“Democratic Transitions” incorporates Kant section from this paper}:

- WPSA Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA, March 2005.
- IHS Current Research Workshop, Arlington, VA, February 2004.
- Stanford University Political Theory Tea, Stanford, CA, October 2003.
- Stanford University Ethics at Noon Seminar, Stanford, CA, September 2003.

“Rawls’s Defense of the Priority of Liberty: A Kantian Reconstruction”:

- APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2003.
- Brown University Political Philosophy Workshop, Providence, RI, March 2003.
- UC-Berkeley Political Theory Lunch, Berkeley, CA, March 2003 & March 2002.

“Self-Ownership and the Limits of Libertarianism”:

- APSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, September 2001.
- UC-Berkeley “Political Theory at the Crossroads” Workshop, Berkeley, CA, March 1999.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dean's Normative-Time Fellowship, UC-Berkeley	2001-2002
Bennett Prize in Political Science, UC-Berkeley	2000
Departmental Fellowship, UC-Berkeley	1998-1999
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship	1991-1994

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**University of California, Davis**, Department of Political Science, 2004-present

Assistant Professor

Two Theorists of Justice: Plato and Rawls (U: undergraduate)*Social-Contract Theory* (U)*Distributive Justice* (U)*Theories of Liberal Democracy* (G: graduate)*Kant's Practical Philosophy* (G)*British Utilitarianism* (G)*The Evolution of Rawls's Theory of Justice* (U and G)*Contemporary Analytic Political Philosophy* (G)**Stanford University**, Department of Political Science, 2003-2004

Visiting Assistant Professor

*Theories of Liberal Democracy**Ancient Greek Political Thought**The Evolution of Rawls's Theory of Justice* (U/G)*Rousseau's Political Thought***Duke University**, Department of Political Science, 2002-2003Visiting Assistant Professor and Gerst Postdoctoral Fellow (*reduction to 2/2 load*)*Theories of Liberal Democracy**Ancient Greek Political Thought**Distributive Justice**Person as Property: The Policy Implications of Self-Ownership***San Diego State University**, Department of Economics, 1996-1998

Assistant Professor

Microeconomic Theory (U and G)**East Tennessee State University**, Department of Economics and Finance, 1994-1996

Visiting Assistant Professor

Self & Society II

Seminar with twenty students from an interdisciplinary university honors program; focus on contemporary analytic political philosophy.

Introductory Micro- and Macroeconomics; Statistics (U and MBA)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Section Chair for Contemporary Political Theory, 2010 MPSA Meeting.

Chair and Discussant for “Liberalism and Neoliberalism Today” panel, 2009 WPSA Meeting.

Chair for “Reconsidering Rawls” panel, 2009 WPSA Meeting.

Organizer of “Contesting the Bounds and Grounds of Global Justice” panel, 2008 APSA Meeting:

Chair: Robert S. Taylor
Authors: Richard J. Arneson
Alexander Kaufman
Stephen Macedo
Robert S. Taylor
Discussant: Amy Gutmann

Discussant for “Risk in Democratic Decision-Making” panel, 2007 APSA Meeting.

Organizer of “Kant and Contemporary Political Theory” panel, 2006 APSA Meeting:

Chair: William A. Galston
Authors: Elisabeth H. Ellis
Alexander Kaufman
Nicholas Tampio
Robert S. Taylor
Discussants: Patrick T. Riley
Susan Shell

Member of the American Political Science Association, the American Philosophical Association, the Association for Political Theory, the North American Kant Society, and the Western Political Science Association.

Manuscript reviewer for *Political Theory*, *Ethics & International Affairs*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, and *Poverty & Public Policy*.