MEMORANDUM

TO: Full-Time Faculty, Levin College of Law

FROM: Merritt McAlister, Interim Dean

RE: Faculty Meeting Agenda, Friday, November 17, 2023

Our fifth Faculty Meeting of the 2023-2024 academic year will take place via Zoom on Friday, November 17, 2023. The meeting will begin at noon and will end no later than 1:30 p.m.

Meeting ID 972 3843 2831
Passcode: 731448

The agenda is as follows:

1. Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2023, attached (Dean McAlister)
2. Information Item: November 29 Faculty Brown Bag. (Dean McAlister)
3. Action Item: Recommendation of Adam Lebovitz for courtesy appointment. (Dean McAlister)
4. Action Item: Recommendation of Jennifer Zedalis, Senior Legal Skills Professor, Emeritus status (Dean McAlister)
5. Action Item: Recommendations from the Appointments Committee. Documents supporting the appointments can be found on Canvas. (Lyrissa Lidsky, Chair)

Please note that candidate voting will take place electronically shortly after the conclusion of the meeting. Votes will be accepted until 5 pm on November 17.
Meeting called to order at 12:02 p.m.

1. Approve Faculty Meeting Minutes for October 24, 2023
   Dean McAlister presented and faculty considered the faculty meeting minutes for October 24, 2023.
   
   Outcome: Minutes were approved.

2. Information Item: Judicial Clerkship Committee update (Christopher Hampson, chair)
   Professor Hampson presented student statistics related to federal clerkships, challenges for seeking clerkships, and how best to support students in obtaining federal clerkships.
   
   Outcome: Information Item only.

3. Information Item: Faculty Council Report and updates (Danaya Wright)
   Professor Wright discussed faculty involvement with making decisions and policy in a shared governance structure.
   
   Outcome: Information item only.

4. Information Item: Academic Success Committee update (Sabrina Lopez, chair)
   Professor Lopez discussed workshops that have been held for 1L and 3L students and thanked guest lecturers, additional resources in Canvas to assist students with bar passage, and 2 new courses that are being offered.
   
   Outcome: Information item only.

5. Information Item: Exam printing (Dean McAlister)
   Dean McAlister discussed the value for having a printed exam and announced that scheduled, in-person exams may be printed.
   
   Outcome: Information item only.
6. **Action Item:** Recommendation from Tenure Track Appointments Committee of Gary Lawson for Professor of Law. Documents supporting the appointment can be found on Canvas. (Lidsky, Chair)

   Professor Lidsky presented the appointment of Gary Lawson along with a review of his credentials and faculty contributions. Faculty considered his appointment.

   **Outcome:** Voting scheduled to take place by Qualtrics survey immediately following this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.
Adam Lebovitz  
*Curriculum Vitae*

Sweet Hall  
Stanford University  
590 Escondido  
Stanford, CA 94305  

**Education**

2018  
Ph.D., Department of Government, Harvard University  

2012  
J.D., Harvard Law School (magna cum laude)  

2006  
B.A., Department of Political Science, University of Chicago  

**Academic Positions**

2023-  
COLLEGE Fellow, Stanford University  

2022-23  
Assistant Professor in the History of Political Thought, University of Cambridge and Staff Fellow, Trinity Hall  

2022-23  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship, EHESS, Paris (declined)  

2019–22  
WYNG Research Fellow in Political Theory, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge  

2022  
Exchange Fellowship, Huntington Library, San Marino CA  

2019  
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for Legal Theory and History, Frankfurt  

2016–17  
Visiting Scholar, Centre de Recherches Politiques Raymond Aron, EHESS, Paris  

2015–16  
Raoul Berger-Mark DeWolfe Howe Legal History Fellowship, Harvard Law School  

2014–15  
Samuel I. Golieb Fellowship in Legal History, NYU School of Law  

**Publications**

**Books**

202x  
*Colossus: Constitutional theory in America and France, 1776-1799* (Harvard University Press, under final contract)  

202x  
*Reflections on the Terror: Thomas Paine's lost manuscript on the French Revolution* (editorial apparatus and 40,000 word introduction)  

**Articles**
2018  An unknown manuscript on the Terror, attributed to Thomas Paine, *William and Mary Quarterly* (October 2018), 687-716


**Book Chapters**

2024  The transatlantic turn against Montesquieu, 1751-1799, in *Montesquieu and the American Founding* (Céline Spector ed.)

2024  The French revolution and democracy, in *The Cambridge History of Democracy* (Markku Peltonen and Sophie Smith eds.)

2023  The image of rights in the French revolution, in *The Cambridge History of Rights* (Dan Edelstein and Jennifer Pitts eds.)

**Works in Progress**

202x  Dictatorship in America, 1775-1788

202x  French revolutionary constitutionalism between Sieyès and Condorcet, invited submission for *Constitutionalism and Political Thought* (special issue of Proceedings of the British Academy)

202x  The American revolution, invited submission for *Oxford Handbook of Constituent Power* (Peter Niesen, Markus Patberg, and Lucia Rubinelli eds.)

**Awards, Grants, and Honors**

2020  GRIPP Montreal Political Theory Manuscript Workshop Award

2019  Robert Noxon Toppan Prize for best dissertation on a subject of political science, Harvard

2019  APSA Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political philosophy

2019  APSA Walter Dean Burnham Award for best dissertation in politics and history (Second Prize)

2016  Institute for Humane Studies, Summer Research Fellowship

2015  Charles Warren Center for American History, Summer Research Fellowship
2014  Institute for Humane Studies, Summer Research Fellowship
2014  Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant, Paris
2013  Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2010  Dean's Scholar Prize, Harvard Law School [five courses]
2008  Harvard Law School Fellowship in Law and Graduate Studies
2011  Supreme Court Reading Group with Justice Elena Kagan (admission by application)
2009  Harvard Law School Summer Academic Fellowship
2008  Harold Laski Prize Fellowship in Political Theory, Harvard University
2006  Ignacio Martín-Baró Essay Prize in Human Rights, University of Chicago
2002  University Scholarship, University of Chicago

Presentations

Invited
2023  "Dictatorship in the American Founding," Conference on "New Legal Histories of the American Revolution" University of Pennsylvania Law School (invited)
2023  "The specter of dictatorship in the American founding," University of Zurich/JustCity
2023  "The specter of dictatorship in the American founding," University of British Columbia Political Theory Workshop
2023  "The Pennsylvania constitution and its legacy," University of British Columbia Centre for Constitutional and Legal Studies
2022  "The transatlantic turn against Montesquieu", Conference on "Montesquieu, a Philosopher for the Early American Republic?" Lettres Sorbonne Université
2022  "The theory of insurrection, from August 10 to January 6", Transformations of Democracy Workshop, Stanford University Law School
2022  "Images of democracy, 1789-1800, Symposium on the Iconography of Democracy, History of Political Thought Project/UCHV, Princeton University
2021  "The image of rights in the French Revolution", Workshop for the Cambridge History of Rights, University of Chicago
2021  "The fourth estate: liberty of the press in Jacobin France", Tel Aviv University Law and History Workshop

2020  "Constitution-making in the 1780s", Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong Law School


2020  Manuscript roundtable on Reflections on the Terror: Thomas Paine's lost manuscript on the French Revolution. History of Political Thought Project/UCHV, Princeton University. Comments by David Bell, Robert Darnton, Dan Edelstein, and Anna Stiltz

2019  "La constitution jacobine et ses ennemis", EHESS Seminar "État, Démocratie et Constitution"


2017  "John Adams and the Constitution de l’an III", Oxford Colloquium in Political Theory

2015  "Necessity and the South Sea bubble", Harvard Law School Law and History Workshop

2015  "Franklin redivivus: The radical constitution, 1791-1799", NYU Golieb Workshop in Legal History


2013  "The radical constitution in the early republic", Harvard Political Theory Workshop

2012  "Obstruction and emergency in late republican Rome", Harvard Political Theory Workshop


2011  "Carl Schmitt on economic emergency", Harvard Political Theory Workshop

2011  "Carl Schmitt on economic emergency", Princeton Graduate Conference in Political Theory

2011  "Hobbes against emergency", Cambridge Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought

2010  "Hobbes against emergency", Harvard Political Theory Workshop

Conference

2022  "Dilemmas of direct action in the French revolution", APSA (Montreal)

2021  "The specter of dictatorship in America, 1775-1788", APSA (Seattle)

2020  "Jacobin theories of free speech", APSA (San Francisco)

2018  "Thomas Paine on the Terror", APSA (Boston)
2014 "Necessity and the South Sea Bubble", APSA (Washington, D.C.)
2013 "Obstruction and emergency in late republican Rome", MPSA (Chicago)

Commenter/Panelist

2023 Commenter, Roundtable on Jon Elster, America Before 1787, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
2022 Commenter, Roundtable on The Federalist, Cambridge Graduate Workshop in Political Thought & Intellectual History
2021 Panelist, "Democracy in America: The Constitution in historical perspective", Cambridge Union (with Alison LaCroix, moderated by Danielle Allen)
2021 Commenter, Jeffrey Tulis, "Separation of powers as a new theory", Cambridge Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History
2020 Panelist, "Rethinking republicanisms after the revolutionary era", American Political Science Association

Public Lecture


Teaching and Advising

As Sole Instructor

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History, Paper 20: Political thought, c.1700-1890. Lectures on: Adam Smith (x2), the American Revolution (x2), the French Revolution (x2), Benjamin Constant (x2).


University of Cambridge, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Methods in the History of Political Thought. Graduate seminar for thirty students.

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History. Supervisions for Paper 20 and Paper 6

University of Cambridge, Faculty of History, Historical Argument & Practice. Seminar on constitutional history.
Harvard University, Social Studies, Law and Philosophy in the War on Terror. BA seminar for 15 students.

**Advising**

*University of Cambridge, MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History*

Luke Cooley, "Edmund Burke on public opinion" (award of "distinction")

Elias Neibart, "Civic humanism and America's Second Founding"

Avi Siegal, "Hegel's early constitutional thought" (award of "distinction")

*University of Cambridge, MPhil in European History*

Shannon Pickrell, "The Somerset case and the origins of British abolition"

**As Teaching Fellow**

MIT, Political Philosophy, Aristotle to Rousseau: Head Teaching Fellow for Lucas Stanzcyk.

Harvard University, Foundations of Political Science: Teaching Fellow for Nancy Rosenblum.

Harvard University, Corruption: Teaching Fellow for Lawrence Lessig.

Harvard University, Political Thought of the American Founding: Head Teaching Fellow for Eric Nelson.

Harvard University, Constitutional Law: Head Teaching Fellow for Richard Fallon.

**Service to Profession**

Peer review for *Modern Intellectual History, American Political Thought, Yale Law Journal, Review of Politics*

**Working Languages**

French (reading, writing, and spoken)
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