

## E. STEFAN KEHLENBACH

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Toronto: Department of Political Science  
Supervisor: Wendy Wong

July 2022-

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Theory

University of California, Riverside  
Dissertation: *Behind the Silicon Curtain: A Critical Theory of Big Data*  
Committee: Farah Godrej (Chair), Bronwyn Leebaw, John Medearis

2022

M.A. in Political Theory

Boston College  
Thesis: *The Boss's Dilemma: Mark Twain and the Relation of Technology and Society*  
Committee: Susan Shell, Robert Faulkner

2012

B.A. in Political Science

B.A. in Philosophy

University of California, Irvine  
Concentrations: Political Theory and Early Modern Philosophy  
Honors Thesis: *Semi-Autonomous Robots and Warfare: Problems and Consequences*

2010

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

*The Subatomic Person: New Ontologies of Big Data*  
Theory & Event

Forthcoming (2022)

*Just Coups: A Reconsideration of Domestic Military Action*  
The Journal of Military Ethics

Forthcoming (2022)

*"I am an American": The Political Consequences of Hank Morgan's Lack of Identity*  
The Mark Twain Journal

2014

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*Here's what Gandhi has to say to today's protesters*  
Monkey Cage; Washington Post

*Why Political Scientists Should Embrace Multi-Method Grading*  
APSA Educate Blog

### WORK IN PROGRESS

*The Age of Data: A New Critical Theory of Technology*  
Book Manuscript in Progress

*"Doing" Political Theory in the Classroom*

Chapter for Volume on Teaching and Research, under contract at Palgrave  
Eds. Charity Butcher, Tavishi Bhasin, Elizabeth Gordon & Maia Hallward

*An Ethnographic Study of Ungrading in Upper-Level Political Theory Courses*  
Under Review – Minor Revisions

*"The Realities Facing Graduate Students: Before, During, and After the 2020 Covid Pandemic"*  
With: Pashayan, A. Ye, Hwei-Jyun, Mueller, G., Willis, C.  
Under Review

*TechnoPlatonism: The Epistemology of Big Data*  
*Ethics or Power: Reconsidering the Utility of AI Ethics*

## AWARDS AND GRANTS:

Dissertation Year Program Fellowship: University of California, Riverside	2020-21
Outstanding Teaching Award: University of California, Riverside	2020
APSA Virtual Teaching Workshop	2020
Departmental Research Grant: University of California, Riverside	2017
Deans Distinguished Fellowship: University of California, Riverside	2015 – 2016
Graduate Student Travel Grant	Multiple
Departmental Honors- Political Science, University of California, Irvine	2010

## CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED:

<i>At the Limits of Neoliberalism</i>	Aug 2018
American Political Science Association	
Paper Presented: <i>Neoliberal Zones of Conflict: Contested Ideologies Surrounding Food Politics</i>	

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

American Political Science Association	Sept 2022
<i>TechnoPlatonism: The Epistemology of Big Data</i>	
<i>A Study of Ungrading in Upper-Level Political Theory Courses (TLC at APSA)</i>	
Western Political Science Association	Apr 2022
<i>TechnoPlatonism: The Epistemology of Big Data</i>	
American Political Science Association	Sept 2021
<i>The Biopolitical Impact of Educational Technology (TLC at APSA)</i>	
Western Political Science Association	Apr 2021
<i>The Biopolitics of Big Data</i>	
<i>The Subatomic Person: New Ontologies of Big Data</i>	
Western Political Science Association:	Apr 2020 (Canceled)
<i>The Biopolitics of Big Data</i>	
Connecticut Digital Humanities Conference	Feb 2020
<i>The Biopolitics of Big Data</i>	
Socialism After Populism Conference at UC Riverside:	Nov 2019
<i>The Biopolitics of Big Data</i>	
Western Political Science Association	Apr 2019
<i>Neoliberal Zones of Conflict: Contested Ideologies Surrounding Food Politics</i>	
Western Political Science Association:	Apr 2017
<i>Millennials and the Limits of Free Speech: The Relationship Between the Acceptability of Objectionable Speech and Generational Cohorts (With Justin Freebourn)</i>	
<i>Moral Neoliberal Citizenship: Using Food Citizens to Understand Moral Neoliberalism</i>	
Midwest Political Science Association:	Apr 2017
<i>Millennials and the Limits of Free Speech: The Relationship Between the Acceptability of Objectionable Speech and Generational Cohorts (With Justin Freebourn)</i>	
<i>Moral Neoliberal Citizenship: Using Food Citizens to Understand Moral Neoliberalism</i>	
Northeast Political Science Association:	Nov 2012
<i>"I am an American": The Political Consequences of Hank Morgan's Lack of Identity</i>	

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

Association for Political Theory	Oct 2022
Chair: <i>Political Theory in Anglo-American Literature</i>	
Chair: <i>Sovereignty and Self-determination</i>	
Discussant: <i>Technologies and/as Political Frontiers</i>	
Western Political Science Association	Apr 2022
Discussant: <i>Biopolitics and the Politics of Biology</i>	

## INVITED TALKS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES:

<i>The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence</i>	Sept 2022
Massey College	
<i>Data: Truth or Myth? The Challenge for Democracy</i>	Sept 2022
Bentley University	
<i>What Does it Mean to do Contemporary Political Theory?</i>	Sept 2022
Bentley University	

<i>The Subatomic Person: A New Ontology of Big Data</i> Western Political Science Association Virtual Community	Dec 2021
<i>Google=Truth?</i> Untenured Tracks Podcast	May 2021
<i>Introduction to Data Ethics: Tools for Graduate Students</i> Claremont Graduate University	Nov 2019

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

University of California, Riverside	
Instructor of Record—	2018 – 2022
“Modern Political Theory: The Political Theory of Technology”	Fall 2021
“Political Ideologies”	Spring 2020
“Modern Political Theory: Foucault”	Summer 2018 & 2019
“Capitalism, Socialism and Political Theory”	Summer 2020 & 2021
Teaching Assistant (Selections)—	2015-2022
“The Politics of Congressional Elections”	
“Political Ideologies”	
“Modern Dictatorships”	
“Political Thinkers in Depth, the Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi”	
“World Politics”	
“Introduction to Political Theory”	
“Democracy and The Social Contract”	
Irvine Valley College	
Adjunct Professor –	2014-Present
“Political Philosophy”	
“Introduction to American Government”	
“Introduction to American Government” (Online)	
Using both Canvas and Blackboard Course Structures	
Riverside Community College	
Adjunct Professor –	2018-Present
“Introduction to American Government”	
Saddleback College	
Adjunct Professor –	
“Introduction to American Government” (Online)	2018 – Present
Using Canvas Course Structure	
Norco College	
Adjunct Professor –	
“Introduction to American Government”	2013-2018
Santiago Canyon College	
Adjunct Professor –	2013-2018
“Introduction to American Government”	
“Introduction to American Government” (Hybrid-Online)	
Using Blackboard Course Structure	
Santa Ana College	
Adjunct Professor –	2012-2018
“Introduction to American Government”	
“Introduction to American Government” (Online)	
Using Blackboard Course Structure	

## SERVICE:

Sovereignty in the Age of Data Symposium- University of British Columbia Project Manager and Postdoctoral Fellow	2022-2023
American Political Science Association Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession	2020-2022
UC Riverside	
Learning Outcomes Committee	2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Graduate Student Advancement and Placement Committee	2022
Curriculum Development Committee	2019
Alumni Relations Committee	2019
Socialism After Populism Conference at UC Riverside Organizing Committee	2019
Irvine Valley College Student Learning Outcome Assessment Committee	2015

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)  
Association for Political Theory (APT)

## REFERENCES

Dr. Farah Godrej, Department of Political Science, UC Riverside  
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Dr. John Medearis, Department of Political Science, UC Riverside  
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Dr. Bronwyn Leebaw, Department of Political Science, UC Riverside  
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