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EDUCATION

- Boston University, Ph.D., Political Science, 2014, Subfields: Political Theory, International Relations *Boston*
Dissertation: *Moralizing Violence? Social Psychology, Peace Research, and Just War Theory*
- St. John's College Graduate Institute, M.A., Liberal Arts, 2005, Western Literature (The Great Books) *Santa Fe*
- Washington & Lee University, B.A., Philosophy, 2002, with Honors *Lexington*
Thesis: *The Birth of Philosophy from the Spirit of Music: Reexamining Socratic Rationalism*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2013–2014 European Union U.S. Delegation grant writer, Boston University Center for the Study of Europe
Spring, 2011 Dr. Arthur Clark Research Fellow in Global Citizenship, University of Calgary
2010–2011 Community Caring Institute Graduate Fellow in residence (declined)
Spring, 2008 Institute for Human Sciences Visiting Junior Fellow
2005–2006 Mellon Doctoral Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, Finalist
2004–2005 Monterey Benevolent Foundation Academic Fellow
2003–2004 Central Coast Charity Volunteer Fellow
Spring, 2000 International Student Ambassador, Bond University, Australia
1997–1998 English-Speaking Union Schoolboy Fellow, Truro School

Boston University

- 2013–2014 College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Award, Department of Political Science
2009–2012 Educational Resource Center Writing Fellow
Spring, 2010 College of Arts & Sciences Lecturer in Political Science/Senior Teaching Fellow
Spring, 2008 Department of Political Science Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award
2006–2007 Dean of Students Academic Achievement Award
2006–2009 Presidential University Teaching Fellow
2005–2006 Presidential University Graduate Fellow

Washington & Lee University

- 2000–2002 University Scholar

TEACHING

- 2013–2016 United States Coast Guard Academy, Lecturer in Ethics and Government *New London*
2015–2016: Ethics (2393), Moral & Political Philosophy (2293), Political Theory (2361)
2013–2014: American Government (2263), Political Theory (2361)

2014–2015: American Government (2263), Ethics (2393)

Fall, 2012 Simmons College, Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Political Science & International Relations *Boston*
The Nature of Politics (POLS 103)

Summer, 2011 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Minority Introduction to Engineering & Science
Humanities: Race & Identity in American Culture, Science and Ethics *Cambridge*

2006–2010 Boston University, Presidential Teaching Fellow/Senior Fellow, Department of Political Science
Summer 2010: Introduction to Political Theory (PO 291)
2009–2010: Introduction to Political Theory (PO 291), Modern Political Theory (PO 392)
2008–2009: History of U.S. Foreign Policy (HI 366), Intro to American Politics (PO 211)
Fall 2007: Intro to International Relations (PO 271)
Summer 2007: Introduction to Political Theory (PO 291)
2006–2007: Introduction to Political Science (PO 101), Intro to American Politics (PO 211)

RESEARCH

2013 Conflict Dynamics International *Cambridge*
Compiled and edited original work on power-sharing, political accommodation, and institutional design
for publication and use in CDI's Governance & Peacebuilding portfolio by partners in new democracies

2007–2012 Group on International Perspectives on Governmental Aggression and Peace *Boston*
Designed, developed, and tested survey instruments and coding frameworks, qualitative data collection
and analysis on moral and political judgments in 40 countries

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Trosky, A. & Campbell T. (2013). Achieving Peace: An integrative conclusion. In K. Malley-Morrison, G. Twose, & A. Mercurio (Eds.), *International Handbook on Peace and Reconciliation* (631–650). New York: Springer.

Trosky, A., Salmborg, M., Marcucci, L. & O'Neil, S. (2012). Definitions of War, Torture, and Terrorism: An integrative conclusion. In K. Malley-Morrison, S. McCarthy & D. Hines (Eds.), *International Handbook on War, Torture, and Terrorism* (163–179). New York: Springer.

Encyclopedia Entries

Trosky, A. (2014). Human Rights. In *Encyclopedia of Critical Psychology*. (pp. 908–915). New York: Springer.

Trosky, A., Malley-Morrison K. & Cantrell, C. (2014). Justification. In *Encyclopedia of Critical Psychology*, (pp. 1027–31). New York: Springer.

Articles & Reviews

Trosky, A. (forthcoming 2016). Under Construction: The making and maintenance of human rights [Review of the books *The Sociology of Human Rights* by M. Frezzo, *Keeping Faith with Human Rights* by L. Hoogan, & *The Political Sociology of Human Rights* by K. Nash]. *Human Rights Review*.

Zapalska A., Wingrove-Haugland, E. & Trosky, A. (2016 pending). American Service Academies Program Symposium: Lessons From The Holocaust. *Leadership and the Humanities* 4(2).

- Trosky, A. & Malley-Morrison, K. (2011). The Better Part of Valor: Discretion in the Study of Intercultural Communication [Review of *The American Psychological Association Handbook of Intercultural Communication*, ed. D. Matsumoto]. *Contemporary Psychology*, 56(16).
- Trosky, A. & Malley-Morrison, K. (2010). Justice in Development Theory & Practice: Past, Present & Future of International Aid. [Review of *The Aid Triangle: Recognizing the Human Dynamics of Dominance, Justice, & Identity* by S. Carr, E. MacAuliffe, & M. MacLachlan]. *Contemporary Psychology*, 55(49).
- Trosky, A. (2010). Toward a Taxonomy of Moral Justification in Survey Research Coding. *Peace Psychology*, 19 (2) Fall/Winter 2010, 21–23, 28.
- Trosky, A. (Fall 2009). On the Possibility of International Theory: A Cosmopolitan Critique of Communitarianism. *IWM Journal: Reconciling the Irreconcilable*, 24(2).

Editing and Acknowledgements

- Public Policy in *Introduction to American Government and Civic Engagement*. OpenStax CNX. (2016 expected).
- Bianco, W. & Canon, D. (2015). The Constitution and Founding. *American Politics Today*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.
- Bianco, W. & Canon, D. (2015). Civil Liberties & Civil Rights. *American Politics Today*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.
- Bianco, W. & Canon, D. (2015). The Bureaucracy. *American Politics Today*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.
- Bianco, W. & Canon, D. (2015). Foreign Policy. *American Politics Today*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.
- Zentai V. & Kovács, J. (2012). *Capitalism from Outside? Economic Cultures in Eastern Europe After 1989*. Budapest: Central European University Press.
- Staudigl, M. (2009). Disembodiments: A Phenomenological Approach to Violence. In A. Cervantes-Carson & L. Praeg (Eds.), *De-Naturalising Violence: Trans-Disciplinary Explorations*. Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press.
- Ashy, M. (2009). Saudi Arabia. In K. Malley-Morrison (Ed.), *State Violence and The Right to Peace: An international survey of the views of ordinary people*. Santa Barbara: Praeger Security International.
- Malley-Morrison, K., Oh, D., Wu, Y. & Zaveri, T. (2009). Moral Disengagement and Engagement. *Beliefs & Values: Understanding the Global Implications of Human Nature*, 1(2).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 ISA Northeast *Baltimore*
 “Audience of One: Justification of war and the psychology of moral injury” *Ethics of the War on Terror*
 Pedagogy workshops: Collaborative Learning Techniques in World Politics Courses
 Tactics of Effective Teaching Statements
- 2016 CEEISA–ISA Joint International Conference *Ljubljana*
 “Perils of Prescriptive Pacifism: Just War concepts in Peace and Conflict Studies”
 Chair and Discussant, Graduate Student Symposium: *The Politics of International Relations*
 Chair: *The Responsibility to Protect: An Evolving Issue*
- 2016 New England Political Science Association Annual Conference *Newport*
 “Ethical Tensions in Contemporary American Conservatism” *Political Ideology* panel
 Chair: *Issues in Democratic Theory I* panel
- 2012 Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference *Boston*
 “Of the People, by the People, and for Other Peoples? Justice and the State in the Political Philosophy of Howard Zinn.” Nominated for Best Graduate Student Paper

Chair and Discussant: *Rethinking the Person and Modern Power* panel

- 2012 International Society of Political Psychology *Chicago*
“Mapping correlates of moral engagement: sociocognitive versus just war rationales for the use of force”
Identity, Decision-making, and Global Processes panel
- 2012 Midwest Political Science Association 70th Annual Conference *Chicago*
“Moralizing Violence? Peace psychology versus just war theory in public opinion research on war and intervention” *War and Public Opinion* panel
- 2011 Boston University Graduate Student Annual Research Conference *Boston*
“The Expansion of National to International Politics in Howard Zinn’s Philosophy of History”
Neighborly Behavior: Ethics, the Theory of War, and Military Power panel
- 2010 Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference *Boston*
“Staggering Toward Beauty? Howard Zinn on the Role of the Nation in Moral Progress” *Agitation with a Smile: The Academic and Civic Contributions of Howard Zinn* panel
- 2010 Psychologists For Social Responsibility Annual Conference *Boston*
“Resisting the Rhetorical Abuse of Moral Justifications for the Use of Force” *Tolerance for Torture and War: Understanding and Resistance* panel presenter and moderator
- 2008 American Psychological Association Annual Conference *Boston*
“Moral Disengagement and Social Injustice: Theory & Assessment”
APA Division 48, Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology symposium
- 2008 Junior Visiting Fellows Conference at the Institute for Human Sciences *Vienna*
“Moral Engagement: Cognitive Developmental and Cosmopolitan Conceptions” *Cosmopolitanism* panel

Coauthored papers presented in absentia

- 2015 American Psychological Association Annual Conference *Toronto*
“Moral Disengagement and Just War Arguments” with S. Noyes & M. Stern
APA Division 48, Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology symposium
- 2008 American Psychological Association Annual Conference *Boston*
“Theory and Assessment of Moral Disengagement and Social Injustice” with L. Groves, *APA Division 48 Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict and Violence Peace Psychology* symposium
- 2008 International Congress of Psychology XXIX *Berlin*
“Perspectives on Security from Russians, Russian Americans, and European Americans” with S. McCarthy, H. Castanheira, M. Medveda, E. Tochilnikova, K. Malley-Morrison & M. Corgan,
International perspectives on invasion, reconciliation, peace, and security panel
- 2008 International Society for Research on Aggression *Budapest*
“Multi-national Perspectives on Extreme Aggression (Torture)” with R. Estuar, R. Youssef, M. Barbosa, M. Salmberg, H. Castanheira, E. R. DeSouza, M. J. Stevens & K. Malley-Morrison

2008 Eastern Psychological Association Annual Conference *Boston*
“Views on National Security from England and the United States” with H. Castanheira *International Perspectives on Governmental Aggression and Peace* panel

Poster presentations

2012 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting *New Orleans*
“Of the People, by the People, and for Other Peoples? The state and the morality of violence in the political philosophy of Howard Zinn” (cancelled, inclement weather)

2009 American Psychological Association Annual Conference *Toronto*
“Cognitive Structures of Moral Reasoning: Precursors for Peace and Justice” with L. Groves, *APA Division 48, Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence: Peace Psychology*

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2016 U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s Annual Eclipse Week *New London*
Invited to participate in panel organized by USCGA’s Women’s Leadership Council on Marjane Satrapi’s Film, *Persepolis*

2013 Central Conversations: Ethics & Scientific Work’, Central Square Theater *Cambridge*
Invited to provide post-performance remarks on moral dilemmas in the development and deployment nuclear weapons for MIT’s Catalyst Collaborative’s world premier of the play *Operation Epsilon*

2013 Boston Area Moral and social cognition group (BAM) *Boston*
Delivered a talk titled, “Mapping correlates of moral engagement: Sociocognitive versus just war rationales for the use of force”

2012 Boston University Ideas Fest, BU School of Law, Democracy Matters Debate Series *Boston*
Led a team arguing against the motion, “The United States’ Political System is Irretrievably Broken”

2011 Free School University, Dewey Square *Boston*
Organized a public screening of a documentary chronicling the life and work of Dr. Gene Sharp with directors of the film and of Sharp’s Albert Einstein Institution

2011 University of Calgary Consortium for Peace Studies lecture series *Calgary*
Invited to deliver a talk titled “Free Thinking: Thoughts on DIY culture, consumption, and social justice” to the Faculty of Social Work’s Summer Institute on Peacebuilding & Social Justice

2011 Project Ploughshares Calgary *Calgary*
Invited to speak and facilitate discussion on nonviolence and political science at a chapter meeting of an ecumenical organization concerned with arms control and nuclear non-proliferation

2009 Boston University College of Communication’s 27th “Great Debate” *Boston*
Sole student selected to participate in panel of foreign policy experts arguing for the motion, “The war in Afghanistan is worth fighting”

- 2008 Institute for Human Sciences Junior Visiting Fellows seminar series *Vienna*
 Delivered a public lecture titled “On the Possibility of Normative International Theory”
- 2007 Boston University School of Law *Boston*
 Organized and moderated a lecture featuring Professor Irene Gendzier and Dr. R. J. Lifton on their book (co-authored with Richard Falk), *Crimes of War: Iraq*

VOLUNTEER TEACHING AND TUTORING

- 2009–2012 Boston University Educational Resource Center Writing Fellow *Boston*
 Helped visiting faculty, adult learners, and undergraduate and graduate students of diverse backgrounds and nationalities improve their spoken and written communication
- 2009–2010 City On A Hill Charter Public School Juror *Roxbury*
 Evaluated presentations of final projects on national histories by rising seniors
- Fall, 2008 Boston University new teaching fellow orientation session leader *Boston*
 Planned and facilitated instructional seminar on pedagogy for incoming social science fellows
- Spring, 2003 Monterey County Charter Schools Resource Teacher *Monterey*
 Mentored and tutored ADHD- and dyslexia-affected student in all eighth grade curriculum
- 2001–2002 Washington & Lee University Dean of College Peer Tutoring Program, English *Lexington*

ACADEMIC SERVICE

United States Coast Guard Academy

- 2016 Leadership Diversity Advisory Council
 2016 Class of 1959 Speech Contest nominating faculty member
 2014–2016 Fulbright Fellowship mock interview committee

Boston University

- 2013 Online Media Coordinator, Center for the Study of Europe
 2008–2009 Vice-President, Graduate Student Organization
 2007–2010 Departmental Representative, Graduate Student Organization
 2006–2007 Resident Assistant, South Campus
 2006 Advisor, Dean of Students’ Committee, incoming president’s “One BU” strategic plan
 Represented coalition of student and faculty environmental groups advocating greening of campus and investment portfolio, culminating in the implementation of a university Office of Sustainability

St. John’s College

- 2004–2005 President, Graduate Institute Council
 2004–2005 Executive Board Member, SJC Search & Rescue Team
 2004–2005 Member-at-Large, SJC Search & Rescue Team
 2003–2004 Representative, Graduate Institute Council

Washington & Lee University

2003–2013 Tenure File Contributor

Asked to write a letter of support for the tenure file of two professors of the Department of Politics and one professor in the Department of Classics (all granted). Also asked to write in support the latter for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award

2002 Writing Program Advisory Committee Chair

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

APSA Section Memberships:

- 17. Foundations of Political Thought
- 28. Political Psychology
- 31. Foreign Policy
- 34. International History and Politics'
- 36. Human Rights
- 41. Political Networks

American Psychological Association

APA Division 48 – Peace Psychology: Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence

International Society of Political Psychology

International Studies Association

ISA ISA Section Memberships:

- English School
- Human Rights
- International Ethics
- Peace Studies
- Theory

Association for Political Theory