

MATTHEW SHAFER
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

PhD candidate in Political Science, degree expected May 2020.
Committee: Seyla Benhabib (chair), Karuna Mantena, Paul North, Joseph Fischel.

Field exams in political theory, comparative politics, and qualitative methods.
Certificate in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

MA in History, MPhil in Political Science, 2017.

University of Cambridge

MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History, with distinction, 2014.

Yale College

BA in Philosophy, cum laude and distinction in the major, 2013.

PUBLICATIONS

"The utopian shadow of normative reconstruction." *Constellations* 25 (2018): 406–420.

"Between mediation and critique: Quaker nonviolence in apartheid Cape Town, 1976–1990." *European Journal of Political Theory* (August 2017 online; forthcoming in print.)

"The queerness of distraction: a research program for theory and theology." *Theology and Sexuality* 20 (2014): 3–17. (Selected as "Editor's Choice" article for 2014.)

Coauthored publication

With Matthew Claudel. "A Rumble in the Taupe Hum of Info-Capital: On Reduction and the Neoliberal City." *Journal of Design and Science* 3 (2019).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

MacMillan Center Dissertation Research Grant, 2018.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarship, 2013–14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Yale College

PLSC 424. "Gandhi, King, and the Politics of Nonviolence." Karuna Mantena, Spring 2019.
WGSS 299. "Sex, Knowledge, and Power." Inderpal Grewal & Joseph Fischel, Fall 2017.
PLSC 378. "Contesting Injustice." Writing-intensive section. Elisabeth Wood, Spring 2017.
PLSC 326. "Borders, Culture, & Citizenship." Seyla Benhabib, Fall 2016.

Sole course designer/instructor, Youth Theological Initiative, Emory University

"Church & Empire." College-level seminar for advanced secondary students. Summer 2016.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

"The politics of nonviolence and the concept of violence."

Northeastern Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2019 (upcoming)

"The inadequacy of political theory for the information age."

New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2019

"How 'epistemic violence' became a liberal idea."

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2018

Association for Political Theory, Annual Meeting 2018

"Three phases in the history of 'violence.'"

New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2017

"The utopian shadow of normative reconstruction."

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2016

"Collective silence as democratic deliberation."

American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2015 (poster presentation)

New England Political Science Association, Annual Meeting 2015

"Eschatology, distraction, and utopia: towards a political theology of queer futurity."

American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies

Graduate research affiliate, 2014–2017

Research assistantships

Seyla Benhabib (2015–2017); Andrew Sabl (2015); Vida Maralani (2012–2013)

SELECTED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Yale Critical Theory Initiative

Graduate fellow and coordinator, 2016–present. (Colloquia/seminar series; Paul North, convener.)

Whitney Humanities Center at Yale, grant-supported working groups:

“New Critical Theory,” convener, 2018–present

“Atheological Thought,” convener, 2016–18

“Experimental forms of theoretical writing,” convener, 2016–17
