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EDUCATION

- University of Michigan — Ongoing, ABD; expected completion, 2024
 - PhD, Political Science, Political Theory subfield
 - Dissertation Title: “Level and Rule; Democracy as Threat”
 - Committee: Lisa Disch (chair), Don Herzog, David Temin, Elizabeth Anderson (Philosophy)
 - Graduate Teaching Certificate – Center for Research on Learning and Teaching
- London School of Economics and Political Science — 2016
 - MSc (Distinction), International Relations Theory
- University of Toronto, Munk School of Global Affairs — 2015
 - Honours BA (High Distinction), Specializing in Peace, Conflict and Justice, minoring in Philosophy and History

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Anti-oligarchic Democratic Theory; History of Political Thought; Critical Political Theory; Early Modern Political Thought; Marxist Political Thought; Inequality

WORKING PAPERS

- “Democracy and the Threat of Levelling”
- “The Sword and the Trowel: Workers’ Councils and the Rule of the Poor”
- “Popular Problems: Affective Polarization, Material Convergence”
Co-authored with Eugenia Quintanilla

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The Sword and the Trowel: Workers Councils and the Rule of the Poor”
 - Canadian political Science Association (June 2024)
 - Midwest Political Science Association (April 2024)
 - Western Political Science Association (March 2024)
 - Historical Materialism (November 2023)
- “Popular Problems: Affective Polarization, Material Convergence”
(co-authored with Eugenia Quintanilla, University of Michigan)
 - Midwest Political Science Association (April 2024)
- “Why the Poor Don’t Rule: An Archive of Democracy as Threat”
 - Canadian Political Science Association (May 2023)
 - Association for Political Theory (October 2022)
 - Midwest Political Science Association (April 2022)
- “University of Michigan Graduate Employees’ Historic Strike for Safe Campus”
 - 73rd Annual Labour and Employment Relations Association (June 2021)
- “Stripping Away the Paint: Mythology, Whitewashing, and the Arab/Israeli Conflict”
 - Decolonizing Conference: Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto (November 2016)
- Discussant: “New Directions in Democratic Theory”
 - Western Political Science Association (March 2024)
- Discussant: “Political Theory and the Workplace: Rethinking Justice at Work”
 - Midwest Political Science Association (April 2024)
- Discussant: “Social Movements and Transformation”
 - Canadian Political Science Association (May 2023)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Instructor of Record — University of Michigan
 - Political Theories of Capitalism — Sp-2022
- Graduate Student Instructor — University of Michigan
 - Introduction to Political Theory — F-2019, W-2020, F-2020, W-2021
 - Early American Political Thought — F-2021, F-2022
 - Political Economy of International Development — W-2022
 - Constitutionalism Outside the Courts — W-2023

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, 2024
- Rackham Professional Development Grant, 2024
- Political Science One-Term Research Fellowship, 2023
- Rackham Travel Award, 2022/3; 2023/4
- Gupta Values Scholarship, 2022
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (candidate), 2022
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (pre-candidate), 2021

SELECTED POPULAR WRITING

Fleischmann, Amir. “How European nationalism and Zionism crushed the Arab-Jewish alliance.”, 22 Apr. 2024,

<https://www.newarab.com/opinion/how-zionism-and-nationalism-crushed-arab-jewish-alliance>

Fleischmann, Amir. “Op-Ed: Ann Arbor landlords are out of control; City Council must bring them to heel.”, 9 Aug. 2021,

<https://www.michigandaily.com/opinion/op-eds/op-ed-ann-arbor-landlords-are-out-of-control-city-council-must-bring-them-to-heel/>.

Fleischmann, Amir. “Op-Ed: GEO’s fight for the right to boycott.”, 18 May. 2021,

<https://www.michigandaily.com/opinion/op-eds/op-ed-geos-fight-for-the-right-to-boycott/>.

Stark, Ehrhardt, & Fleischmann. "University of Michigan Graduate Workers are on Strike." Jacobin, 11 Sep. 2020, <https://jacobinmag.com/2020/09/university-michigan-graduate-workers-strike>.

Fleischmann, Amir. "An Unholy Alliance." Jacobin, 27 Mar. 2017, <http://jacobinmag.com/2017/03/alt-right-zionism-richard-spencer-netanyahu-settlers-trump>.

Fleischmann, Amir. "The Myth of the Fiscal Conservative." Jacobin, 5 Mar. 2017, <http://jacobinmag.com/2017/03/fiscal-conservative-social-services-austerity-save-money>.

SERVICE AND ACTIVISM

Convener—Lenin Reading Group, University of Michigan Marxisms Collective (2024)

Chair — Bargaining Committee, Graduate Employees Organization (2021-2023)

Convention Delegate — New Democratic Party of Canada, Eglinton-Lawrence Riding Association (2020)

Secretary — Graduate Employees Organization (2020-2021)

Co-Chair — Solidarity and Political Action Committee, Graduate Employees Organization (2019-2020)

Co-Chair — Electoral Action Subcommittee, Graduate Employees Organization (2018-2019)

Youth Officer and Convention Delegate — New Democratic Party of Ontario, Eglinton-Lawrence Riding Association (2017)

Editorial Board Member — Millennium Journal of International Studies (Oct 2015–Jun 2016)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory

Canadian Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association