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## EDUCATION

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**Cornell University** | Doctor of Philosophy | 2022

Department of Government

Dissertation: *The Immanent Apocalypse: Humanity and the Ends of the World*

Committee: Jason Frank (chair), Jill Frank, Alexander Livingston, Patchen Markell

**The University of Chicago** | Master of Arts | 2014

Master of Arts Program in the Social Sciences\*

**Eugene Lang College / The New School for Social Research** | Bachelor of Arts | 2011

Degree in Historical Studies with Honors<sup>†</sup>

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Fellow** | The Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) | Stanford

University | Advisor: Paul N. Edwards | Fall 2022 – Present

## SCHOLARSHIP

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### BOOK MANUSCRIPT

*On Loving the Vulnerable World: A Political Theory of Survival Ecology*

### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[Kainos Anthropos: Existential Precarity and Human Universality in the Earth System Anthropocene](#) in *New Formations*, No. 107 & 108 (2022), 171-190.

[UNDER R&R] “Beyond Biopolitics: Michel Foucault and the Power to Kill Life Itself”

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

“[Today’s AI Threat: More Like Nuclear Winter than Nuclear War](#)” with Johanna Rodehau-Noack in *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (February 12, 2024).

“[Introduction](#)” with Trond Undheim in Dan Zimmer, Trond Undheim, and Paul N. Edwards, Eds., *Intersections, Reinforcements, Cascades: Proceedings of the 2023 Stanford Existential Risks Conference*, The Stanford Existential Risks Initiative, Stanford University (2023).

### ARTICLES UNDER PREPARATION

“From Left/Right to Up/Down: A New Polarity in Contemporary Politics”

“The Swords of Damocles: Nuclear Weapons, Geoengineering, and the Politics of Placing Human Survival in Jeopardy for Economic Expediency”

## **FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS / HONORS**

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Nominated for the American Political Science Association's Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political theory by the Cornell University Government Department | 2024

The Hohendahl Graduate Essay Prize in Critical Theory for "The Blindspot in Biopolitics" | 2021

Sage Fellowship | Cornell University | Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

Research Travel Grant | Cornell University | Fall 2019

Boren Fellowship for International Study | Istanbul, Turkey | 2014 – 2015

\*Scholarship of Full Tuition | University of Chicago | 2013 – 2014

Critical Language Scholarship | Ankara, Turkey | Summer 2011

†Award for Most Outstanding Senior Work | Historical Studies Department, The New School | 2011

## **TEACHING**

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### **SOLE INSTRUCTOR**

"[Earth, Space, Bits: Contesting the Nature and Future of Humanity](#)," Stanford University | Winter 2024

"[The Science and Politics of the Apocalypse](#)," Stanford University | Spring 2023 & Winter 2024

"Discussions of Justice: Politics in the Trump Era," Cornell University | Fall 2017

### **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

"Modern and the Postmodern" with Michael Roth | Wesleyan University | Spring 2022

"Virtue and Vice in History" with Michael Roth | Wesleyan University | Spring 2021

"Philosophy Goes to the Movies" with Michael Roth | Wesleyan University | Fall 2020/1

"The Cold War" with Matt Evangelista | Cornell University | Spring 2018

"Civil Disobedience" with Alex Livingston | Cornell University | Fall 2017

"Prisons, Politics, Policy" with Jamila Michener | Cornell University | Spring 2017

"Introduction to American Politics" with Suzanne Mettler | Cornell University | Fall 2016

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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[Ethics and Society Review Coordinating Panelist](#), Doerr School of Sustainability, Stanford | 2023-2024

Stanford Existential Risks Initiative Team Member | Fall 2022 – Present

Cornell International Relations Minor Coordinator | 2018 – 2019

Cornell Political Theory Workshop Coordinator | 2017 – 2018

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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### ORGANIZER

“[The 2024 Stanford Existential Risks Initiative Symposium](#),” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 2024.

“[The 2023 Stanford Existential Risks Conference](#),” Stanford University, Stanford, CA, April 2024.

### PRESENTER

“The Swords of Damocles: A Short History of Placing Humanity in Jeopardy for Economic Expediency” Invited Keynote at the Effective Altruism Global (Bay Area): Global Catastrophic Risks Conference, Oakland, CA, February 2024.

“[The Swords of Damocles: Nuclear Weapons, Geoengineering, and the Politics of Placing Human Survival in Jeopardy for Economic Expediency](#)” at the Can Technology Save the Planet? Conference of The Center for Environmental and Technology Ethics, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, September 2023.

“Nuclear Numbing, Climate Anxiety, and the Psycho-Political Consequences of Living Beneath the Sword of Damocles” at the Conference on Environmental Hope, Grief and Beyond, The Center for Ethics at the University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, August 2023.

“From Left/Right to Up/Down: A New Polarity in Contemporary Politics” (via Zoom) at the American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2023.

“The Politics of Universality in the Earth System Anthropocene” at the CISAC Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 2023.

“Johnathan Schell and the Fate of the Earth System” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2023.

“The Ethics of Existential Risk in the Earth System Anthropocene” at Engaging the Contemporary 2022: Confronting Ethics, University of Malta, Valetta, November 2022.

“Kainos Anthropos” at the International Society for Environmental Ethics Conference, Turku, Finland, June 2022.

“The Blind Spot in Biopolitics: Michel Foucault and the Power to Kill Life Itself” at the Association for Global Political Thought Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 2022.

“The Family of Man’s Peril” at The Association for Political Thought Annual Conference, Amherst, MA, November 2021.

“The Existential Anthropocene: Taking Total Risk as a Chronic Condition” at the Harvard Climate Pipeline Project Conference, Online, October 2021.

“The Blind Spot in Biopolitics: Michel Foucault and the Power to Kill Life Itself” at the American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, WA, September 2021.

“The Family of Man’s Peril: Existential Risk and the Limits of Species Unity” at the Harvard Graduate Students in Science and Technology Studies Conference, Online, September 2020.

“The Nomos of the Eearth [sic]: Schmitt, Latour, and the Politics of Planetary Habitability” at the Cornell Political Theory Workshop, Ithaca, NY, December 2020.

“The Nomos of the Eearth [sic]: Latour, Schmitt, Climate Change” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

“Humanity Is Not Yet: The Temporality of Existential Threat” at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Political Science Conference, Philadelphia, PA, March 2018.

“Gandhi, Goldman, and the Subject of Sacrifice” at the Western Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, BC, April 2017.

“The Unhappy Historicism of Carl Schmitt” at The London Graduate Conference in the History of Political Thought, University College London, June 2016.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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The American Political Science Association

The Western Political Science Association

The International Studies Association

The Association for Political Theory

History of Science Society

## REFEREE SERVICE

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American Political Science Review, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy

## LANGUAGES

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Advanced French, Advanced Intermediate Turkish, Research German

## REFERENCES (A-Z)

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### **Paul Edwards**

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Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University:  
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