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RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS: Political Theory, Climate Politics, Climate Ethics, Markets, Theories of Justice, Normative and Applied Ethics.

AOC: Climate Policy and Governance, Environmental Economics, Philosophy of Economics.

1. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

University College London, Department of Philosophy 2012 – 2017

Ph.D.

Thesis title: *Justice in a Non-Ideal World*.

Primary Supervisor: Professor Jonathan Wolff

Yale University, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies 2015

Visiting Fellow

University of Montreal, Department of Philosophy 2010 – 2012

M.A. (Research). Distinction.

Dissertation title: *Global Justice and its Relation to International Practices: two Approaches to Poverty Eradication*.

Supervisor: Professor Peter Dietsch

University of Montreal, Department of Philosophy 2006 – 2010

B.A. Distinction. Dean's list

2. ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

McGill University 2018 – 2020

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow

Department of Political Science

Yale University 2016 – 2018

Postdoctoral Fellow - MacMillan Center

Lecturer - Department of Political Science

3. RESEARCH FUNDING

GRANTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

SSHRC Connection Grant (R) - Principal Investigator Value: \$11,600.00 Conference Project: Building the Canadian Green Economy: A Just Transition (Sept. 2019)	March 2019
McGill University Dean of Arts Development Fund (R) - Principal Investigator Value: \$2,000.00 Conference Project: Building the Canadian Green Economy: A Just Transition (Sept. 2019)	March 2019
FRQSC Star Researcher Prize (W) Value: \$1,000.00	May 2016
YALE-UCL Bursary Award (W) Value: \$5,850.00	Fall 2015

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship (W) Annual Value: \$45,000.00	2018 – 2020
FRQSC Postdoctoral Fellowship (W) Annual Value: \$30,000.00	2016 – 2018
FRQSC Doctoral Scholarship (W) Annual value: \$20,000.00	2013 – 2016
UCL Overseas Research Scholarship (W) Annual value: \$33,450.00	2013 – 2016
SSHRC Master's Scholarship – J.A. Bombardier Scholarship (W) Value: \$17,500.00	2010 – 2011
GRIPP Fellowship (W) Value: \$2,000.00	2011 – 2012

4. SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS

a) Most important contributions

Book – Single-authored monograph (Forthcoming)

(2019) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Justice in a Non-Ideal World. Bridging the Gap Between Political Theory and Real-World Politics”. London: Rowman and Littlefield International.

This is my first book. It will be published by an internationally recognized academic press with great reputation. The book presents my contribution to a central debate in political philosophy – between ideal and non-ideal theory – which has important implications beyond its domain of study, that is: connecting political theory and real-world politics. I am proud to have in this book what I believe to be the solution to a methodological impasse in the field of political theory: how to formulate action guiding normative principles.

Book Chapter

(2018) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Climate Finance: Moral Theory and Political Practice”, T. Jafry (Ed.), The Routledge Handbook of Climate Justice. London: Routledge.

This article offers an important conceptual contribution that will hopefully impact global climate action, as it distinguishes between climate finance and climate justice finance. Developed countries and institutions such as the OECD have used climate finance mechanisms (such as loans for climate projects) to claim that they are fulfilling their pledges of climate justice finance. This article shows why this is as morally wrong as it is politically counterproductive, and offers a practical way to correct the situation.

Single-authored publications in scholarly journals

(2019) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Pricing Carbon for Climate Justice”, Ethics, Policy and Environment.

This article offers a novel contribution to the fields of ethics and climate policy as it presents a comprehensive account of the different ways by which carbon pricing mechanisms should be understood as instruments of climate justice. This will strengthen the public discourse around this issue at a time when carbon pricing is in the political spotlight. This article was selected as a target article by the editors, meaning it will be open for wider comment by the peer community.

(2018) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Climate Justice After Paris: A Normative Framework”, Journal of Global Ethics, 13(3). pp.344-365.

This article presents the answer to a question raised in global climate change negotiations from the Kyoto Protocol in 1997 to the Paris Agreement in 2015: how should the burdens to fight climate change be distributed among countries? This article argues that instead of using GHG emission targets to distribute the burden, we should use climate justice finance. It then turns to offer a climate justice finance distributive model informed by normative principles to effect the allocation of burdens. This model aims to accelerate global cooperation in climate action.

Conference organization as project director

(Sept 2019) “Building the Canadian Green Economy: A Just Transition” (Project Director – SSHRC Grant Application), Department of Political Science, McGill University.

This interdisciplinary conference will bring together political scientists, philosophers, economists, climate scientists and prominent former politicians to discuss chief strategies to reduce GHG emissions while ensuring Canada’s economic prosperity. Specifically, this conference aims to: build a platform that connects research and policy proposals, in order to enrich public discourse so as to inform the Canadian population and cast light on electoral issues; demonstrate that it is economically beneficial to transit towards a green economy; and show that the creation of sustainable jobs in a green economy is key to building public support for increased climate action.

b) Research contributions

Book – Single-authored monograph

- (2019) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Justice in a Non-Ideal World. Bridging the Gap Between Political Theory and Real-World Politics”. London: Rowman and Littlefield International, 256 pages.

Book Chapter

- (2018) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Climate Finance: Moral Theory and Political Practice”, T. Jafry (Ed.), The Routledge Handbook of Climate Justice. London: Routledge.

Single-authored publications in scholarly journals

- (2019) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Pricing Carbon for Climate Justice”, Ethics, Policy & Environment. Selected as Target Article.
- (2018) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Climate Justice After Paris: A Normative Framework”, Journal of Global Ethics, 13(3). pp.344-365.
- (2017) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “A Case of Non-Ideal Guidance: Tackling Tax Competition”, Moral Philosophy and Politics, 4(1). pp.141-171.
- (2016) Gajevic Sayegh, A., “Justice in a Non-Ideal World: the Case of Climate Change”, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy. pp. 1-22.

(Under Review)

- “Collective Action and Polycentric Climate Governance: A Normative Cartography”, Environmental Politics.

(Soon to be submitted)

- “Market Forces, Moral Duties and Climate Action”, Journal of Politics.
- “Resolving the Impasse in Climate Action: The Canadian Case”, Canadian Journal of Political Science.

Book reviews

- (Forthcoming) Book Review. Economics & Philosophy. “Taxation”, O'Neill and Orr (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2018.
- (2016) Book Review. Ethical Theory and Moral Practice. “Climate Justice: Vulnerability and Protection” by Henri Shue, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2014.
- (2016) Book Review. Contemporary Political Philosophy. “Catching Capital: The Ethics of Tax Competition” by Peter Dietsch, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2015.

c) Leadership

My research and training experience have prepared me to become a leading academic in the field of political theory.

My publications in prominent international academic journals show that I am committed to make a significant contribution to the discipline. For example, my paper “Pricing Carbon for Climate Justice”, in *Ethics, Policy & Environment*, was selected as a target article by the editors, meaning the editors believe this article raises an important debate so as to be designated for wider comment by the peer community. This article will hopefully provide insights for a better design and implementation of carbon pricing mechanisms, in a moment where the Federal government is attempting to implement a Pan-Canadian carbon price and the Fond Vert du Quebec needs to improve the design of its guiding principles. As an academic, I intend to actively participate in this policy debate at the Federal and Provincial levels. Also, my article “Climate Justice After Paris: A Normative Framework” in the *Journal of Global Ethics* offers an answer to the long standing question of how to distribute the burdens between countries in the fight against climate change. This paper led me to be invited for an interview at the MacMillan Report and for a guest lecture at the Doctoral Program in Climate Change at the University of Graz by one of the lead authors of the 2015 IPCC WG3 report on climate change, among other places. These two papers show that a qualified integration between normative principles and real-world politics can lead to substantial progress in climate action. This is what my research and training have prepared me to do. The capacity to be equality comfortable in including the protocols of climate negotiations, advanced tools of climate economics, principles of climate ethics and climate science models has propelled my research to a novel level of contribution. This has allowed me to highlight different instances where normative principles contribute to the resolution of tensions in politics.

Moreover, my past experiences in leading the organization of conferences have shown that I can reach prominent scholars and practitioners in my discipline. In 2017, I organized “The Fight Against Climate Change” conference at Yale University where I invited, among others, Julia Olsen the chief counsel of the *Juliana v. United States* case, a landmark lawsuit. Currently, I am the project director of the “Building the Canadian Green Economy” conference, where key figures in the climate change debate in Canada (including Thomas Mulcair, Brian Topp, Karen Clarke-Whistler, and Chris Ragan) have accepted to present at McGill under my invitation. This conference aims to build a platform to influence the climate policy debate prior the next Federal election in Canada.

I also had many papers accepted at top conferences in the field, such as the International Public Policy Association (2019), the American Philosophical Association (2019), the Manchester Conference in Political Theory (2018) and the European Consortium in Political Research (2017), just as I was personally invited to speak on many occasions, such as at the Yale New Developments in Environmental Law Conference (2019), the University of Washington Climate Ethics Workshop (2017) and the University of Oxford Priority in Practice Conference (2017). Not only I had and will have the opportunity to meet international leading scholars at these conferences, but I attended numerous events where I had the occasion to meet with the panelists, including former US Secretary of State John Kerry and special assistant to president Barack Obama Nathaniel Keohane, who conceded me a special audience to discuss carbon pricing mechanism in the US and Canada.

I believe all these contributions already show how committed I am to becoming an international prominent scholar in my field.

d) Training and supervisory experience

GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

McGill University	2018 – 2020
SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow Department of Political Science	
Yale University	2016 – 2018
Postdoctoral Fellow - MacMillan Center Lecturer - Department of Political Science	
University College London, Department of Philosophy	2012 – 2017
Ph.D. Thesis title: <i>Justice in a Non-Ideal World</i> . Primary Supervisor: Professor Jonathan Wolff	

TEACHING

Lecturer – Yale University

<i>The Ethics of Climate Change</i> , Departments of Political Science, Philosophy and School of Environment	Spring 2018
<i>Markets and Morals</i> , Department of Political Science and Philosophy	Spring 2018
<i>The Ethics of Climate Change</i> , Departments of Political Science, Philosophy and School of Environment	Spring 2017

Seminar Leader/PGTA – UCL

<i>Global Justice and Health</i> (3 rd year), Department of Philosophy	Spring 2015
<i>Introduction to Political Philosophy</i> (1 st year), Department of Philosophy	Fall 2014
<i>Marxism</i> (2 nd year), Department of Philosophy	Fall 2014
<i>Global Justice and Health</i> (3 rd year), Department of Philosophy	Spring 2014
<i>Applied Ethics</i> (2 nd year), Department of Philosophy	Fall 2013

Teaching Assistant – University of Montreal

<i>Ethics and Politics</i> (1 st year), Department of Philosophy	Spring 2012
<i>Bioethics: Fundamental Notions in Ethics</i> (1 st year), course offered by the Philosophy Department to the Department of Biomedical Science	Fall 2011
<i>Introduction to Political Theory</i> (1 st year), Department of Political Science	Spring 2011
<i>Bioethics: Fundamental Notions in Ethics</i> (1 st year), course offered by the Philosophy Department to the Biomedical Science Department	Fall 2010

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT WORK

Senior Essay Supervisor Department of Political Science – Yale University	Spring 2018
Senior Essay Examiner (Second Reader) Department of Political Science – Yale University	2017-2018
Supervisor (Visiting Fellows in Climate Ethics) MacMillan Center – Yale University	Spring 2017

During my doctoral studies, I received world-class training from one of the world's most prestigious universities, University College London. UCL is a global research powerhouse. I had the privilege to attend graduate seminars, to teach and to conduct my research whilst being surrounded by some of the leading academics in political theory, such as Jonathan Wolff (my PhD advisor), Simon Caney, Baroness Onora O'Neill, and Laura Valentini, among many others. The level of teaching, both received and demanded from me, were valuable in the development of my teaching skills. The research supervision I received allowed to take my work to another level. Although I have always been labeled as self-motivated and requiring little monitoring, I was particularly observant on what makes a good supervisor, how to help students structure their work, and how to infuse positive energy to relieve students of stress, in order to keep them motivated and help them conclude their projects in a timely manner.

In particular, during my PhD, I developed public speaking skills, by attending specialized workshops on the topics and also by presenting my research at important forums, notably the Economic and Social Research Council Conference in Climate Ethics and Climate Economics, the Brave New World Conference in Political Theory and the Warwick Graduate Conference in Legal and Political Theory.

My main contributions to training happened at Yale University where I had the opportunity to supervise senior students in the writing of their end of studies thesis. I had five senior students under my supervision and I had the chance to monitor their work during the entire semester, in the Spring of 2018. They had to produce a 40 to 50 pages' research work. I was pleased to teach them how to formulate and organize their ideas in order to answer a complex research question. As I insisted that I would only supervise students who wished to do normative work, I had the opportunity to show students how to formulate logical arguments to answer a normative question. This, as I observed, gave students the skills and confidence to write sound and convincing papers, in their present and future work.

I also had the occasion to supervise two graduate visiting fellows in climate justice at the MacMillan Center at Yale. My tasks consisted in guiding them in the writing of portions of their thesis, in a moment they needed further guidance about state of the literature and the prospects of specific future avenues in climate justice. These experiences, I believe, will prove valuable for the supervision of students in the future.

In the context of the conference 'Building the Canadian Green Economy' I will hire two graduate students as my research assistants to compile and summarize the key findings of the event, as well as to build a web platform. We will jointly review the presentations, identify the key findings and connect them with the authors' recommendations. The students will also be in charge of drafting the policy brief following the event under my supervision. This will be a key moment for the conference as the policy brief will be one of the main communication tools used to disseminate the important conclusions of the project. This project will thus allow me to guide students in the acquisition of substantial skills in terms of research production, knowledge mobilization, interdisciplinary collaboration, publication and research communication.

Certainly, if selected, I will contribute to the departmental life by organizing academic conferences in political theory and workshops on academic speaking and writing, at the Department of Political Science at Université Laval. As a member of such an elite research institution, I wish to contribute to support students in submitting articles to leading academic journals and conferences, by guiding them in the process of academic publishing and showing techniques on how to write a good abstract and to present at a conference.

As elaborated in my research statement, I will use my research profile and teaching experience to attract, develop and retain excellent students. I believe that my research and teaching contributions will attract students who are looking to build a prominent career in the fields of political theory, climate politics and governance, climate ethics and climate policy.

e) Other contributions

My contributions listed below emphasize my commitment to my discipline, particularly in terms of regular presentations at scholarly meeting, colloquia organization and professional services as a reviewer to academic journals and press.

SELECTED TALKS

- “Pricing carbon and its Political Acceptability”** June 2019
International Public Policy Association Annual Conference,
Concordia University.
- “Revisiting Intergenerational Climate Justice”** Mars 2019
New Directions in Environmental Law Conference, Faculty of Law and
FES, Yale University.
- “Market Forces, Moral Duties and Climate Action”,** Feb 2019
American Philosophical Association, *Central Division Meeting,*
Denver.
- MANCEPT Workshop, *The Political Philosophy of Harm-Reduction,* Sept 2018
University of Manchester.
- MANCEPT Workshop, *Climate Change Mitigation and Imperfect* Sept 2018
Duties, University of Manchester.
- “Collective Action, Self-Interest and Polycentric Climate Governance”**
- Annual Postdoctoral Symposium, Yale University June 2018
The Fight Against Climate Change Conference, Yale University Oct 2017
- “Pricing Carbon for Climate Justice”**
- ECPR General Conference 2017, University of Oslo Sept 2017
The MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies Academic
Exchange, Yale University. Dec 2016
- ESRC Conference on Climate Ethics and Climate Economics, Apr 2016
University of Nottingham.
- Legal and Political Theory Graduate Conference, University of Feb 2016
Warwick.
- “Climate Justice After Paris”**
- Climate Ethics Workshop, University of Washington May 2017
Priority in Practice Conference, University of Oxford May 2017
- “The Global Governance of Climate Change”** Oct 2016
New Topics on Global Justice Conference, Yale University
- “Relational Justice in a Non-Ideal World: Tackling Illicit Financial Flows”** Sept 2015
Relational Academic Symposium, University of Cambridge.
- “Justice in a Non-Ideal World: the Case of Climate Change”** Jan 2015
Doctoral Seminar Series, Université Catholique de Lille.
- “The Normative Foundations of Relational Justice”,** Jun 2014
European Political Science Association (EPSA), Royal Society
Edinburgh.
- Ethics Research Center (CREUM), University of Montreal. Apr 2014
- “Can Ideal Theory Guide Non-Ideal Theory? A Functional Account”**
- Department of Philosophy Graduate Conference, UCL. Sept 2013
The Brave New World Conference in Political Theory, University of Jun 2013
Manchester.

<p>“Le Plan Nord: de la science à la société civile” (Plan Nord, from Science to Civil Society) 80th congress of the <u>Francophone Association for Knowledge (ACFAS)</u>, Montreal.</p>	May 2012
<p>“Distributive Justice and Tort-based Justice: A Practice-dependent Account for Global Poverty Eradication” Graduate Conference on Global Justice, <u>New York University (NYU)</u>.</p>	Apr 2012
<p>“Global Poverty Eradication: Ideal or Non-Ideal Theory?” Canadian Philosophy Association (CPA), Annual Congress, <u>University of New Brunswick</u>.</p>	May 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

<p>Reviewer Book publishers: Routledge Academic Journals: Philosophical Papers; International Theory; The Ethics Forum/Les Ateliers de l’Éthique.</p>	2015-2018
<p>Colloquia organization “Building the Canadian Green Economy: A Just Transition” (Project Director – SSHRC Grant Application), Department of Political Science, McGill University.</p>	Sept 2019
<p>“The fight against climate change: Can the law save us? Can politics save us?” MacMillan Center and Department of Political Science, <u>Yale University</u>.</p>	Oct 2017
<p>“New Topics in Global Justice” MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, <u>Yale University</u>.</p>	Oct 2016
<p>“Plan Nord, bénéfices, inconvénients et alternatives au développement du Nord Québécois”, 80th congress of the <u>Association francophone pour le Savoir (ACFAS)</u>, Montreal.</p>	May 2012
<p>Research Assistant Department of Philosophy, UCL. <i>Paying People to Act in Their Own Interests: Incentives versus Rationalization in Public Health</i>, Published in <u>Public Health Ethics</u>, October, 2014. Leading author: Prof Jonathan Wolff</p>	Summer 2013

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

<p>Administrator, Federation of Students Associations of the University of Montreal Campus (FAÉCUM).</p>	2009-2011
<p>Sociopolitical Affairs Coordinator, University of Montréal Philosophy Students Association (ADEPUM).</p>	2008-2010
<p>Elected member of the University of Montreal Faculty of Arts and Sciences Council (CONFAS).</p>	2009-2012

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native: Portuguese and French
Fluent: English and Spanish