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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Center for Political Economy	2025–present
	<b>Georgetown University</b> , Washington, DC Adjunct Professor, Department of Government	2023–2025
	<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Government	2023–2024
PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>United States Commission on Civil Rights</b> , Washington, DC Social Scientist & Civil Rights Analyst	2024–2025
EDUCATION	<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY Ph.D., Government M.A., Government <i>Examination Fields</i> : Political Theory (major), American Politics (minor) <i>Committee</i> : Jill Frank (chair), Patchen Markell, Aziz Rana, Jason Frank	December 2022 May 2017
	<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, MA Exchange Scholar, Department of Government	2020–2022
	<b>University of Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL M.A., Social Sciences	2013
	<b>Asbury University</b> , Wilmore, KY B.A., English Literature and History	2009
BOOK PROJECT	<i>Made by Money: Politics, Economics, and the Self in Capitalist Modernity</i>	
PUBLICATIONS	Swanson, Jacob, and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein. “From the Battlefield to Behind Bars: Rethinking the Relationship Between the Military and Prison Industrial Complexes.” <i>Daedalus</i> (forthcoming 2025).	
	Swanson, Jacob. (2024). “Beyond Governance and Prevention: On the Use(s) of Aristotle for Theorizing Money’s Politics.” <i>Political Theory</i> 52(4): 605–630.	
	Swanson, Jacob, and Mary Fainsod Katzenstein. (2021). “Turning Over the Keys: Public Prisons, Private Equity, and the Normalization of Markets Behind Bars.” <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 19(4): 1247–1257.	
	Swanson, Jacob. (2021). “The Use of Money in Society: Friedrich Hayek’s Social Work.” <i>Political Theory</i> 49(5): 801–827.	

Katzenstein, Mary Fainsod, Nolan Bennett, and Jacob Swanson. (2020). [“Alabama is US: Concealed Fines in Jails and Prisons.”](#) *UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review*, Volume 4.

WORKING PAPERS Katzenstein, Peter J., and Jacob Swanson. “Para-humanism and Uncertainty: Anthropocene and Artificial Intelligence.” *Diacritics* (under review).

“Hamilton’s Debt: On the Ideological Origins of Public Credit and Private Credit Markets”

“Being Wealthy: Liberality, *Ousia*, and Democratic Participation”

“‘We Are Part of the Nature We Seek to Understand’: Karen Barad and the Politics of Self-Observation”

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS *Carpenter Fellowship* 2021–2022  
Department of Government, Cornell University

*Sage Fellowship* 2020–2022  
College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University

*Michele Sicca Research Grant* 2017  
Cornell Institute for European Studies

*Supplemental Departmental Funding for Summer Research* 2017  
Department of Government, Cornell University

*International Research Travel Grant* 2017  
Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies

*Adam Smith Fellowship* 2016–2017  
The Mercatus Center at George Mason University

*Best Paper Award for Second-Year Graduate Students: “Reporting and Rendering: Constituting Monetary and Political Orders in Alexander Hamilton’s ‘Report on Public Credit’”* 2016  
Department of Government, Cornell University

*Graduate Reading Group Grant* 2015–2017  
Institute for Comparative Modernities, Cornell University

*Brett de Bary Interdisciplinary Mellon Writing Group Grant* 2015–2016  
Society for the Humanities, Cornell University

*Sage Fellowship* 2014–2015  
College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE **Department of Government, Georgetown University, Washington, DC**  
*Adjunct Professor* 2023–2025  
GOVT 4816 The Politics of Race and Capitalism  
GOVT 3828 Can’t Pay, Won’t Pay: The Politics of Debt

**Department of Government, Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY  
*Instructor* 2017, 2018  
GOVT 1101 Power and Politics: Just Words? Writing About Justice and  
Inequality (First-Year Writing Seminar)

*Teaching Assistant* 2015–2022  
GOVT 1111 Introduction to American Politics  
GOVT 3012 The Politics of Poverty in the U.S  
GOVT 3032 The Politics of Public Policy in the U.S  
GOVT 3082 American Political Campaigns  
GOVT 3112 The U.S. Congress and the Legislative Process  
GOVT 3141 Prisons

**Belmont Abbey College**, Charlotte, NC  
*Adjunct Instructor* 2014  
PO211 Classic Texts I: Ancient and Medieval  
PO212 Classic Texts II: Renaissance and Modern

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS  
*Politics, Sandwiches, and Comments Workshop*, Cornell University 2020  
*American Political Science Association Annual Meeting* 2019, 2020  
*Association for Political Theory Annual Conference* 2018, 2020  
*The Political Theory Workshop*, Cornell University 2019  
*Histories of Capitalism 2.0*, Cornell University 2017

ACADEMIC SERVICE  
***Diacritics***  
*Graduate Editorial Board Member* 2021–2022

**Department of Government, Cornell University**  
*Graduate Student Coordinator, Political Theory Workshop* 2017–2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE  
**Department of Government, Cornell University**  
*Research Assistant* 2019–2021  
Prof. Alexander Livingston, for edited volume of James Tully’s essays (Routledge 2022)

SKILLS  
**Languages:** French (reading), Spanish (intermediate)  
**Technical:** Applied AI tools for research and writing; prompt design; workflow optimization  
**Pedagogical:** Teaching on AI, human–AI ethics, and AI in educational practice