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David Kahane is a Professor of Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta. His research and teaching focus on systems change, systemic design, public involvement, power, and how these fit together in theory and practice.

From 2010-2016 he was Project Director of [Alberta Climate Dialogue](#) (ABCD), a federally funded community-university research partnership that convened citizens in Alberta to deliberate on climate change policy and learn from careful evaluation of these processes and their outcomes.

Past research has dealt with theories and practices of democratic dialogue and deliberation, with particular focus on understanding the impact (or lack of impact) of innovative citizen involvement processes given the complex systems in which they intervene. Publications in this vein include two edited volumes, *Deliberative Democracy in Theory and Practice* and *Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts: Land Claims, Treaties, and Self-Government Agreements*; and chapters and articles like "Climate change, social change, and systems change: Lessons from Alberta Climate Dialogue," "Norms and nature: deliberative democracy, systemic design, and participatory systems change," and "Designing more democratically, deliberating more systemically: A conversation between systemic design and democratic deliberation" (with Alex Ryan).

Kahane regularly teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on systemic design, participatory systems change, political theory, and history of political theory. He weaves participatory and deliberative methods into his teaching and also is interested in how meditation and contemplation can be used in the university classroom. He has won two national teaching awards (the 3M Teaching Fellowship and the Alan Blizzard Award for Collaborative Projects that Improve Student Learning) as well as the Rutherford Award for Undergraduate Teaching, the Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision, the Teaching Unit Award, and the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Teaching Award. Teaching publications include "Mindfulness and Presence in Teaching and Learning" and "Learning about Obligation, Compassion, and Global Justice: the Place of Contemplative Pedagogy."

Kahane has collaborated to design and lead participatory processes around issues of disability and inclusion, municipal climate change policy, university sustainability planning, and a range of environmental issues. He has completed the Professional Facilitator Program with ICA and has trained in collaborative methods like Art of Hosting and Deep Democracy.

## Academic positions

- 2012- Full Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta
- 2007-2012 Vargo Distinguished Teaching Chair, University of Alberta

- 2007-2012 Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Alberta
- 2003-2007 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta
- 1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta
- 1995-1996 Lecturer, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Harvard University
- 1994-1995 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, McGill University

## Education

- 1995-1997 Postdoctoral fellow, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
- 1995 Ph.D. (Social and Political Sciences), University of Cambridge
- 1990 M.A. (Political Science), McGill University
- 1986 B.A. (History of Western Society and Culture), Liberal Arts College, Concordia University, Montreal

## Research

### **Books**

- 2009 (R) Edited collection (with Daniel Weinstock, Dominique Leydet, and Melissa Williams), *Deliberative Democracy in Practice* (UBC Press), 257 pages
- 2004 (R) Edited collection (with Cathy Bell), *Intercultural Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts* (UBC Press), 377 pages

### **Articles**

- 2018 (R) "Citizen panels and opinion polls: Convergence and divergence in policy preferences," (co-authored with Shelley Boulianne and Kristjana Loptson), *Journal of Public Deliberation*, 14, 1-19.
- 2018 "Beyond theory: Relating to dominant systems and manifesting social alternatives in dharma communities," *Arrow Journal* 5,1, 28-38.
- 2017 "Designing more democratically, deliberating more systemically: A conversation between systemic design and democratic deliberation," (co-authored with Alex Ryan), *Relating Systems Thinking and Design working paper*.
- 2016 (R) "Democratizing Environmental Policy-Making Through Public Engagement: Comparative Case Studies from Alberta, Canada," (co-authored with Laurie Adkin, Lorelei Hanson, David Kahane, John Parkins, and Steve Patten), *Environmental Politics*.
- 2016 Kahane, David, "Thinking systemically about deliberative democracy and climate change," *Foundation for Democracy and Sustainable Development*.
- 2014 (R) David Kahane and Mary Pat MacKinnon, "Public Participation, Deliberative Democracy, and Climate Governance: Learning from the Citizens' Panel on Edmonton's Energy and Climate Challenges," *CISDL / GEM Working Paper Series on Public Participation and Climate Governance*.

- 2013 (R) "Stakeholder and citizen roles in public deliberation" (co-authored with Kristjana Loptson, Jade Herriman, and Max Hardy), *Journal of Public Deliberation* Vol. 9: 2,2 (35 pages)
- 2010 (R) "Teaching and learning democracy: Collaborative development of courses on citizenship" (co-authored with Bettina von Lieres), *Institute for Development Studies Practice Paper* 2011,7: 1-51
- 2009 (R) "Learning about Obligation, Compassion, and Global Justice: the Place of Contemplative Pedagogy," *New Directions for Teaching and Learning: Special Issue on Internationalizing the Curriculum in Higher Education* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass): 49-60
- 2006 "Representation in Democratic Deliberation: Issues and Strategies" (co-authored with Carolyn Lukensmeyer), *Dispute Resolution Magazine* (American Bar Association), 12,2, Winter: 7-10 & 14
- 2006 "Meeting the Challenges of Large Class Teaching," *Teaching and Learning Exchange* (University of Alberta): 3-4
- 2003 (R) "Dispute Resolution and the Politics of Cultural Generalization," *Negotiation Journal* 19,1: 5-27.
- 2002 (R) "D lib ration d mocratique et ontologie sociale," *La d mocratie d lib rative*, Num ro sp cial de *Philosophiques* 29,2: 251-286
- 2000 "Teaching Citizen Virtues in a Diverse Society: Reflections on the Western Canadian Protocol Agreement," *One World* (Edmonton: Alberta Teachers' Association): 3-10
- 2000 "Websites for Philosophy Courses: Worth the Effort?" *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers* 99,2: 173-176
- 1999 (R) "Diversity and Civic Solidarity," *Journal of Political Philosophy* 7,3: 267-286
- 1998 "Struggles for Inclusion: Implications of the Arras Colloquium for Democratic Theory (Response to Bruno Tardieu)," *Harvard Center for European Studies Working Papers Series*, no. 68: 56-60
- 1996 (R) "Cultivating Liberal Virtues," *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique*: 699-728

### Book chapters

- Forthcoming "Norms and nature: deliberative democracy, systemic design, and participatory systems change," in Akeel Bilgrami (ed.), *Nature and Value*, Columbia University Press.
- 2017 Kahane, David, "Climate change, social change, and systems change: Lessons from Alberta Climate Dialogue," in Lorelei Hanson (ed.), *Changing the Conversation on Climate Change: Using Public Deliberation to Address the Wicked Problems of Our Time* (Athabasca University Press, forthcoming)
- 2017 Kahane, David and Lorelei Hanson, "Collaborating on deliberative democracy: Social Learning on Wicked Issues in Alberta Climate Dialogue," in Lorelei Hanson (ed.), *Changing the Conversation on Climate Change: Using Public Deliberation to Address the Wicked Problems of Our Time* (Athabasca University Press, forthcoming)

- 2017 Kahane, David and Gwendolyn Blue, "Public Deliberation with Climate Change: Theory, Practice and Lessons Learned from ABCD," in Lorelei Hanson (ed.), *Changing the Conversation on Climate Change: Using Public Deliberation to Address the Wicked Problems of Our Time* (Athabasca University Press, forthcoming)
- 2016 "Negotiating professional boundaries: learning from collaboration between academics and deliberation practitioners," (co-authored with Kristjana Loptson), in *The Professionalization of Public Participation* (Under review, Oxford University Press).
- 2016 "Energy Impasse and Political Actors" (with seven other authors) in Imre Szeman et. al., *After Oil*, Edmonton: Petrocultures (pp.31-42)
- 2014 "Preface," *Philosophy and Aboriginal Rights: Critical Dialogues*, Sandra Tomsons and Lorraine Mayer eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- 2012 "Learning about Obligation, Compassion, and Global Justice: the Place of Contemplative Pedagogy," in Oleg Gunnlaugson, ed., *Contemplative Approaches to Learning and Inquiry across Disciplines* (SUNY Press, 2012) [Revision and reprint of "Learning about Obligation, Compassion, and Global Justice: the Place of Contemplative Pedagogy," *New Directions for Teaching and Learning* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2009): 49-60]
- 2011 (R) "Mindfulness and Presence in Teaching and Learning," in Iain Hays, ed., *Learning with the World's Great Teachers* (London: Open University Press):17-22
- 2009 "Introduction" (second author with Daniel Weinstock), in Kahane, David, Daniel Weinstock, Dominique Leydet, and Melissa Williams, *Deliberative Democracy in Practice* (UBC Press): 1-18
- 2009 (R) "The Micropolitics of Deliberation: Beyond Argumentation to Recognition and Justice" (equally co-authored with John Forester), in Kahane, David, Daniel Weinstock, Dominique Leydet, and Melissa Williams, *Deliberative Democracy in Practice* (UBC Press): 209-231
- 2007 (R) "Inclusion and Representation in Democratic Deliberations: Lessons from Canada's Romanow Commission" (co-authored with Bettina von Lieres), in Andrea Cornwall and Vera Schattan P. Coelho (eds.), *Spaces for Change: The Politics of Participation in New Democratic Arenas* (London: Zed Books): 131-151
- 2004 "Introduction: Theories and Practices of Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts," (co-authored with Cathy Bell) in Kahane and Bell, *Intercultural Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts* (UBC Press): 1-8
- 2003 (R) "What is Culture? Generalizing About Aboriginal and Newcomer Perspectives," in Kahane and Bell, *Intercultural Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts* (UBC Press, 2004): 28-56 [Revision and reprint of "Dispute Resolution and the Politics of Cultural Generalization," *Negotiation Journal* 19,1, 5-27]
- 1998 (R) "Male Feminism As Oxymoron," in *Men Doing Feminism*, Tom Digby, ed. (New York: Routledge): 213-235
- 1997 (R) "Liberal Virtues and Citizen Education" in *Citizenship After Liberalism*, Mark Denham and Karen Slawner, eds. (Peter Lang, 1998): 103-126 [Revision and reprint of

"Cultivating Liberal Virtues," *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique*: 699-728 (1996)]

### Book reviews

- 2005 Review of John Gastil and Peter Levine, *The Deliberative Democracy Handbook* in *The Collaborative Edge* <http://www.csus.edu/ccp/newsletter/2005/Fall/index.stm#bookreview> (Center for Collaborative Policy, 2005): 4 pp.
- 2002 Review of Jona M. Rosenfeld and Bruno Tardieu, *Artisans of Democracy* in *Social Theory and Practice* 26,3: 519-523
- 2002 Review of Ronald Beiner and Wayne Norman (eds.), "Canadian Political Philosophy: Contemporary Reflections" in *Philosophy in Review* 22,1: 7-9
- 2000 Review Article: "Pluralism, Deliberation, and Citizen Competence: Recent Developments in Democratic Theory," *Social Theory and Practice* 26,3: 509-525
- 1999 Review article, George Sher, "Beyond Neutrality: Perfectionism and Politics" and Michael J. White, "Partisan or Neutral? The Futility of Public Political Theory," in *Philosophy in Review* 19,2: 148-152
- 1998 Review of Amy Gutmann and Dennis Thompson, "Democracy and Disagreement," in *Canadian Journal of Political Science/Revue canadienne de science politique* 31, 2: 422-423
- 1997 Review of Susan Bickford's "The Dissonance of Democracy: Listening, Conflict, and Citizenship," in *American Political Science Review* 91,4: 937-938
- 1997 Review of William Connolly's "The Ethos of Pluralization," in *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 3,3: 428-431

### Grants and fellowships

- 2016- Collaborator, "Energy Efficiency and Human Behaviour," Natural Resources Canada, \$499,600.
- 2015- Collaborator, "Participedia: Strengthening an emerging global partnership to create the world's primary repository of information on citizen participation, public deliberation, and collaborative governance," SSHRC Partnership Grant, \$2,444,000
- 2010-2016 Principal investigator, "Alberta Climate Dialogue (ABCD): Deliberative democracy and climate change in Alberta and beyond," SSHRC Community-University Research Alliance (CURA) program. \$996,000 over five years, with \$2,100,000 in matching cash and in kind contributions from university and community partners
- 2014-2015 Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Public Involvement for project on "Collaborative leadership, citizen action, and public involvement," \$17,000
- 2014 Collaborator, "Security, Locally Grown: The Resilient Urban Food Systems Network," SSHRC Partnership LOI, \$20,000
- 2014 Collaborator, "Envisioning the Good Life: A Conversation on Climate Justice in British Columbia," SSHRC Connection Grant, \$50,865

- 2011 Project Lead, “Deliberative Engagement and the Sustainable Campus: Embedding Deliberation in Campus Decision-Making Processes,” University of Alberta Sustainability Enhancement Fund: \$18,600
- 2011 Principal Investigator, “Whose environmental stewardship? Citizen and stakeholder roles in making Alberta climate change policy,” Kule Institute for Advanced Study: Research Cluster Grant: \$15,000
- 2011 Principal Investigator, “Citizen and organized stakeholder roles in deliberative democratic processes,” University of Western Sydney and newdemocracy Foundation: \$12,000 AUD
- 2009 Aid to Scholarly Publications Grant for *Deliberative Democracy in Practice*, Humanities and Social Sciences Federation of Canada: \$10,000
- 2008 Grant from the Deliberative Democracy Foundation and the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation for workshop on deliberative democracy and climate change, \$15,000 USD (additional \$32,000 raised from other sources)
- 2005 Grant from the Deliberative Democracy Consortium and the Hewlett Foundation for “Including the Marginalized in Democratic Deliberation: Lessons from Practice,” with Vera Schattan Coelho (CEBRAP, Brazil), Bettina von Lieres (University of the Western Cape, South Africa), Rose Marie Nierras (PLAN UK), and Nicole Spencer (Partners of the Americas, US): \$25,000 USD
- 2000-2004 Principal Investigator, SSHRC-sponsored Standard Research Grant on “Democratic Deliberation in Multicultural Canada: Theory and Practice,” with Eamonn Callan (Stanford), Amy Gutmann (Princeton), Dominique Leydet (UQAM), Daniel Weinstock (UdeM), Melissa Williams (U. Toronto): \$105,596

### **Presentations and addresses**

- 2018 Co-presenter, “Participatory Systems Change: Engagement for Big Impact,” IAP2 webinar.
- 2017 Co-presenter, panel on lessons learned from the Citizens' Panel on Edmonton's Energy and Climate Challenges, Energy Transition Leadership Network, City of Edmonton.
- 2017 “Compassionate social and ecological action,” Centre for Social Innovation, Toronto.
- 2016 “Citizen participation, climate change, and whole systems: Combining the practical and systemic turns in deliberative democracy,” NOMIS workshop on Nature and Value, London.
- 2015 “Participatory Politics: Constructing Citizen Engagement in a New Alberta,” Parkland Institute Annual Conference.
- 2015 Keynote: Troubleshooting Public Involvement,” Centre for Dialogue, Simon Fraser University.
- 2014 Workshop: “Negotiating Deliberation Projects with Civil Servants and Elected Officials,” NCDD National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation, Washington, DC.

- 2014 “Getting Real about the Politics of Environmental Deliberations,” NCDD National Conference on Dialogue and Deliberation, Washington DC.
- 2014 “Public Administrators, Process Professionals, and Deliberative Democracy: Negotiating a Participatory Process and its Influence,” International Political Science Association, Montreal
- 2014 “Deliberative Democracy and Systems Change,” *Frontiers of Democracy*, Boston
- 2014 Roundtable, “From Deliberation to Action,” *Frontiers of Democracy*, Boston
- 2014 “Climate deliberation in claimed and invited spaces,” *Nomis Workshop on Nature and Value*, London
- 2014 “Cosmopolitanism beyond hope,” Workshop on *Cosmopolitanism past, cosmopolitan futures*, University of Alberta
- 2014 “Citizen Involvement & Climate Politics: Learning from the Citizens’ Panel on Edmonton’s Energy and Climate Challenges” (with Mary Pat MacKinnon), IPAC Annual Conference, Edmonton
- 2014 “Citizen participation and local food: Building a healthier democracy,” International Week presentation, University of Alberta
- 2013 “Can Citizen Participation Improve Climate Change Policy?” keynote address, conference on *Tomorrow’s Ideas, Now*, University of Alberta
- 2012 “Engaging with multiple publics in complex involvement programs” (with Fiona Cavanagh and Matt Leighninger), IAP2 North America Annual Conference, Halifax
- 2012 “Deliberative democracy and climate change: lessons from the Alberta Climate Dialogue project,” Coady Institute, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish
- 2012 Participant and convener, Roundtable on “Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change: Theory Meets Practice,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Edmonton
- 2012 Participant and convener, Roundtable on “Stakeholders and Citizens in Alberta Environmental Policy Making,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Edmonton
- 2012 Participant and convener, Roundtable on “Successes and Challenges in Innovative Public Involvement: The Case of Edmonton’s Environmental Strategic Plan,” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Edmonton
- 2011 “Where has public participation come from, where is it now and where is it going?” International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Canada Chapter Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 11
- 2010 “Creating spaces for change? Early reflections on Alberta Climate Dialogue (ABCD),” Department of Political Science, University of Alberta, Dec 2
- 2010 Roundtable participant (with Fiona Cavanagh and Heather McPherson), “Can Citizen Engagement Be Transformative?” Centre for Global Citizenship Education and Research, University of Alberta, Oct 27

- 2010 “Alberta Climate Dialogue,” Engagement for Sustainable Communities and Climate Change Online Conference, with Lorelei Hanson, co-sponsored by the APA Public Engagement Interest Group and PublicDecisions, May 14
- 2010 “Alberta Climate Dialogue and the Evaluation of Citizen Engagement on Environmental Issues,” with Mary Pat MacKinnon and John Parkins; a virtual workshop co-convened by Environment Canada, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and the Canadian Community for Dialogue and Deliberation, May 6
- 2010 “Indigenous perspectives in climate change deliberations: an Albertan perspective,” virtual participation in community workshop on ‘Reimagining Development with the Indigenous Peoples of the Brazilian Amazon’, May 6
- 2009 “Research and Local Action on Citizen Engagement and Climate Change,” ICLEI Research Symposium, Edmonton, June 18
- 2008 “Compassion, Obligation, and Global Justice,” Interdisciplinary Political Thought Colloquium, University of Alberta
- 2007 “Consultation Burn Out: How to Sustain Interest in Stakeholders,” presentation to senior managers and deputy ministers from Alberta and Saskatchewan, conference on *Government Stakeholder Consultation: Best Practices for Improving Public Consultation and Stakeholder Relationship*, Edmonton, August 22
- 2007 “Deliberative Democracy and Multicultural Accommodation: Dilemmas of Institutionalization,” invited workshop on *Deliberative Politics and Institutional Design in Multicultural Democracies*, Forum for Philosophy and Public Policy, Queens University
- 2007 Invited participant, four-day international workshop on “Deepening Democracy in States and Localities,” Institute for Development Studies, University of Sussex
- 2007 “Be the Change You Want To See in the World,” keynote address, SU Student Awards Night
- 2007 Organizer and participant, three-day international ‘write-shop’ on “Including the Marginalized in Democratic Deliberation,” Center for Ethics, University of Toronto
- 2007 “Iris Young, Democracy, and Social Ontology,” *Interdisciplinary Political Theory Group*, University of Alberta

### **Conference organization**

- 2017 Co-designer and co-facilitator, three-day Social Engagement Think Tank, Sky Lake Lodge, New York.
- 2016 Co-designer and co-facilitator, three-day international retreat on Citizen Engagement and Systems Change, Brew Creek Resort (BC)
- 2015 Organized, convened, and led two-day expert workshop to prototype public involvement program for Canada’s Climate Action Plan, Senate of Canada, Ottawa.
- 2015 Organizer, convener, and co-facilitator, three-day Collaborative Workshop on Deliberative Democracy and Systems Change, University of Alberta
- 2014 Organizer, workshop on “Deliberative Democracy, Climate Change, and Climate Communication,” Involve UK, London



- 2014 Organizer, workshop on “Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change,” Montreal
- 2013 Organizer, workshop on “Political Theory, Pedagogy, and Contemplation,” Banff Centre
- 2013 Organizer, workshop on “Teaching/Food,” University of Alberta
- 2011 Organizer, convener, and co-facilitator, Collaborative Workshop on Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change, University of Alberta
- 2011 Workshop on citizen engagement and environmental issues, co-hosted with City of Edmonton for 35 civil servants and elected officials, Art Gallery of Alberta
- 2010 Organizer, convener, and co-facilitator, Collaborative Workshop on Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change, University of Alberta
- 2009 Principal organizer, convener, and co-facilitator, Collaborative Workshop on Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change, University of Alberta
- 2008 Principal organizer, multi-sectoral workshop on deliberative democracy and climate change in Alberta, September 26-28, 2008. Involved nine international resource people and forty-two leaders from government, industry, and civil society
- 2003 Co-organizer (with Dominique Leydet, Daniel Weinstock, and Melissa Williams), International Conference on *Democratic Deliberation in Theory and Practice*, Montreal, April 11-13, 2003
- 2002 International colloquium on “Multiculturalism and Democratic Theory,” University of Alberta
- 1999-2001 Co-organizer (with Dale Turner, Sandra Tomsons, Lorraine Brundige), International Conference on *Philosophy and Aboriginal Rights: Critical Dialogues*, Winnipeg
- 2000 Organizer, Annual Meeting, Conference for the Study of Political Thought Western Canada Division, University of Alberta
- 1999-2000 Co-organizer (with Cathy Bell, Wendy Fayant, Tony Mandamin), International Forum on *Intercultural Dispute Resolution: Opportunities and Issues*, University of Alberta

### **Manuscript reviews**

Canadian Philosophical Association, Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy, McGill-Queen’s University Press, Oxford University Press, Western Canadian Philosophical Association

### **Journal refereeing**

APA Newsletter on Feminism, Apeiron, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Dialogue, Eidos, Journal of Political Philosophy, Journal of Public Affairs Political Studies, Journal of Public Deliberation, New Political Science, Revue québécoise de science politique

### **Editorial positions**

- 1999-2003 Editor, *Philosophy in Review*. Six issues/year; manuscript review by editorial board. Responsibilities: coordination of editorial board of nine; refereeing and copy-editing about 180 reviews/year; subfield editor in legal and political philosophy; supervision of graduate assistant; database and website design and maintenance

## Teaching and educational leadership

### **Teaching-related grants & awards**

- 2008-2010 Department for International Development, UK for eight country collaborative course development project on “Citizenship, Participation, and Accountability,” 68,650 GBP. Grant held by Institute for Development Studies at Sussex, with Kahane as co-convenor of project
- 2009 Instructor Innovation Grant, Office of Community Service Learning, University of Alberta: \$3634
- 2008-2009 Principal investigator, Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Grant for “Supporting Graduate Student Teaching within Disciplines and Departments: A Discovery Learning Approach,” \$30,000
- 2008 Contemplative Practice Fellowship for development of a course on Mindful Social Action, Fetzer Foundation, \$9000
- 2006 3M Teaching Fellowship, Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (Canada’s highest award for teaching and educational leadership in higher education)
- 2006 Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision, Graduate Students’ Association
- 2005 Rutherford Award for Undergraduate Teaching
- 2003 Teaching Unit Award
- 2003 Alan Blizzard Award for Collaborative Projects that Improve Student Learning, STLHE (Canada’s highest award for collaborative teaching projects in higher education)
- 2003 Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Teaching Award

### **Administration relating to teaching and learning**

- 2009-2012 Office of Sustainability Academic Advisory Committee
- 2009-2010 Chair, Jury for the Canadian Political Science Association Teaching Excellence Prize
- 2008-2010 Co-convenor (with Bettina von Lieres, University of the Western Cape) of a south-north research collaboration that developed, evaluated, and compared courses and trainings on citizenship, participation, and accountability. Research partners in the project were based in Angola, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, India, Mexico, South Africa, and the UK. The project was funded by the UK Department for International Development, as part of the Development Research Center on Citizenship, Participation, and Accountability, based at the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex
- 2008-2010 Principal investigator, “Supporting Graduate Student Teaching within Disciplines and Departments: A Discovery Learning Approach:” literature reviews, convening series of deliberative workshops, redesigning practices of assignment, mentoring, and support for graduate student teachers in the Department of Political Science, University of Alberta

- 2006-2007 Undergraduate Studies Advisor and Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Philosophy
- 2006-2007 Member, Provost's Advisory Council on Teaching, Learning, and Technology
- 2006-2007 Member, Committee on the Learning Environment (CLE)
- 2006-2007 Member, Adjudication Committee, Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund
- 2004-2007 Chair, Faculty of Arts Committee on Teaching and Learning
- 2005-2006 Member, Committee on the Learning Environment Subcommittee on Teaching, Learning and Technology

### **Teaching beyond the university**

- 2017, 2018 Co-teaching in week-long intensive systemic design training for civil servants, Alberta CoLab, Government of Alberta.

### **Teaching-related presentations**

- 2016, 2015 "Nervousness, Teaching and Participatory Learning," Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta
- 2014 "Teaching for the First Time" (two part workshop), Department of Political Science, University of Alberta
- 2013 "What is Good Teaching?" Roundtable organized by University of Alberta Students' Union
- 2013 "Epic pig butchery and the work of teaching," FoT Spots, Festival of Teaching and Learning, University of Alberta
- 2013 Roundtable on "Epic fails: learning from our teaching mistakes," Centre for Teaching and Learning 'Catalyst' series (by video)
- 2012 "Contemplation, curiosity, and student engagement," UK Higher Education Academy National Workshop on Contemplative Pedagogy, Queen Elizabeth College, Edinburgh
- 2012 "Teaching and learning democracy: tools for deepening engagement, collaboration, and leadership," Keynote, *Walls Optional* teaching/learning day, Camosun College (Victoria, BC)
- 2011 "Learning through collaborative problem solving: deliberative democracy in the classroom and beyond" (with Logan McIntosh, and Jeff Savage), Sustainability Curriculum and Teaching Workshop
- 2011 Workshop on "Discussion-Based Teaching," Department of Political Science
- 2010 Collaborative workshop on "Nuances and Challenges of Discussion-Based Teaching," Department of Political Science
- 2009 Design and co-delivery (with two faculty members and four graduate students) of half-day start of year teaching workshop for faculty, instructors, and graduate teaching assistants

- 2009 “Cultivating Awareness of Mind and Body in Teaching and Learning,” Medical Humanities Lecture Series, University of Alberta
- 2008 Keynote Address, Festival of Teaching and Learning, University of Alberta
- 2007 “Teaching Large Classes,” New Faculty Orientation
- 2007 “Why Would a 3M Winner Go into Administration?” Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University of Alberta
- 2007 “Peer Mentoring at the University of Alberta,” as part of Chris Knapper Plenary, Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University of Alberta
- 2007 “Pedagogies of Plenty, Pedagogies of Lack,” international conference on *Uncovering the Heart of Higher Education*, San Francisco
- 2007 “Teaching Large Classes,” University Teaching Services, with additional meeting with E-NET sponsored group from the University of Sarajevo
- 2006 “Teaching in Teams,” (with Leah Spencer and John Simpson), University Teaching Services
- 2006 “Teaching Large Classes,” University Teaching Services, University of Alberta
- 2005 Workshop on “Contemplative Pedagogy,” presented with Terri Thomas Elliott (California State University), sponsored by the Dean of Arts, the departments of East Asian Studies, English and Film Studies, Philosophy, and Sociology, and by the Canadian Association for Cultural Studies

### **Involvement of students in my research activities**

- 2010-2015 Ongoing supervision of 5-7 MA and PhD RAs within Alberta Climate Dialogue (ABCD), a SSHRC CURA
- 2008 Working with 3 PhD students on research (including literature reviews), process design, dialogue convening, interview-based research, and report-writing for a three-year project to redesign the training of graduate student teachers in the Department of Political Science
- 2008 Worked with 2 MA and 4 PhD assistants to organize, convene, and document two Collaborative Workshops on Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change, and to produce briefing materials for associated citizen deliberations
- 2006-2007 Worked with two undergraduate students, funded initially by Roger S. Smith Undergraduate Research Awards, to write a refereed article on the use of contemplative pedagogies in *Philosophy 368: Obligation, Compassion, and Global Justice*

### **Articles about my teaching**

Edmonton Journal (2), Folio (5), Ideas, Maclean’s, New Trail, Works of Arts, University Affairs

### **Undergraduate courses**

- Philosophy 101: Values and Society (as single teacher course and as leader of ‘supersection’ of over 200 students)
- Philosophy 270: Introduction to Political Philosophy

- Philosophy 368: Equality and Social Justice (originally a course on political philosophies of race, gender, and indigeneity; now revised into a course on obligation, compassion, and global justice)
- Philosophy 396: Honors Seminar (co-taught)
- Philosophy 470: Cosmopolitanism in Political Philosophy
- Philosophy 470: Democratic Deliberation: Current Controversies
- Philosophy 470: The Politics of Recognition (co-taught)
- Philosophy 470: The Politics of Representation (co-taught)
- Political Science 212: Contemporary Political Theory
- Political Science 299: Citizenship for Democracy
- Political Science 299: Systemic Design and University Food Systems
- Political Science 302: Deliberative Democracy and Climate Change
- Political Science 302: 19<sup>th</sup> Century Political Theory
- Political Science 302: Deliberative Democracy and Systems Change
- Political Science 405: Democratic Theory
- Political Science 405: Democratic Citizenship: Participation, Deliberation, and Power
- Political Science 405: Deliberative Democracy in Theory and Practice
- Political Science 410: The Suffering of Others: Ethics, Justice and Global Inequality
- Political Science 410: Collaborative Leadership
- Political Science 410: Systemic Design and University Food Systems
- Reading courses: fifteen

### **Graduate courses**

- Philosophy 532: Aristotle and Aristotelianisms (co-taught)
- Philosophy 570: Cosmopolitanism in Political Philosophy
- Philosophy 570: Democratic Deliberation: Current Controversies
- Philosophy 570: The Politics of Recognition (co-taught)
- Philosophy 570: The Politics of Representation (co-taught)
- Philosophy 570: Boundaries of Justice
- Philosophy 570: Democratic Deliberation in theory and practice
- Political Science 505: Democratic Citizenship: Participation, Deliberation, and Power
- Political Science 505: Deliberative Democracy in Theory and Practice
- Political Science 505: Democratic Theory
- Political Science 515: The Suffering of Others: Ethics, Justice and Global Inequality
- Political Science 515: Collaborative Leadership
- Political Science 515: Systemic Design and University Food Systems

## **Administration**

### **University:**

- 2015-2016    Chair, Bylaws Amendment Committee, Association of Academic Staff at the University of Alberta (AASUA). Co-designed and convened 13 engagement sessions for Association members ; led 14 reps in development of new bylaws.
- 2010-2011    Executive Committee, Deliberation on Campus Sustainability

## **Department of Political Science**

- 2014- Field Convenor, Political Theory
- 2014- Undergraduate Studies Committee
- 2011- Chair, Graduate Teaching and Training Committee
- 2010 Chair's Advisory Committee

## **Professional and scholarly associations**

- 1997-2007 Departmental Representative, Canadian Philosophical Association
- 2003 Authored *Hiring Equity Toolkit*, an online document (6500 words) discussing best hiring practices in Canadian departments of philosophy, based on a comprehensive mail survey of Canadian heads of department.  
[www.acpcpa.ca/publications/equity/toolkit/index.html](http://www.acpcpa.ca/publications/equity/toolkit/index.html)

## **Media and community service**

- 2017- Sustainable Canada Dialogue Scholar
- 2014- Member, Steering Committee, Energy Futures Lab
- 2014-2017 Centre Director, Edmonton Shambhala Meditation Centre
- 2015-2016 Member, Advisory Committee, Edmonton's Community Energy Forum, City of Edmonton
- 2015-2016 Member, Energy Transition Advisory Committee, City of Edmonton
- 2014 Presenter, "Conditions for a Sustainable Future," World Wildlife Fund Earth Hour Tour, Edmonton
- 2013-2014 Member, Advisory Committee, Edmonton's Energy Transition Strategy and Action Plan, City of Edmonton
- 2013 Organizer, "Making Edmonton's Election a Referendum on Sustainability and the Good City," University of Alberta
- 2010-2012 Co-organizer, ABCD/CPI/City of Edmonton *Citizens' Panel on Edmonton's Energy and Climate Challenges*, which that convened 56 Edmontonians for six days of deliberation in September-December 2012. Recommendations presented to Edmonton City Council April 2013, with subsequent Energy Transition Strategy passed unanimously by City Council in June 2015.
- 2011-2012 Member, Steering Committee, Alberta Municipal Greenhouse Gas Reduction Toolkit project (in collaboration with Alberta Environment, City of Calgary, Alberta Union of Municipal Associations, and City of Edmonton)
- 2006 Co-organizer and facilitator, two-day community dialogue on "Celebrating Community: Living and Learning Together," held at Edmonton City Hall, organized by 14 civil society organizations

- 2005 "What Do We Owe to the Global Poor?" Lunch by the Books, Edmonton Public Library
- 2005 Co-organizer and presenter, day-long community dialogue, "Beyond Us and Them: Understanding and Acceptance Across Differences"
- 1997-present Media interviews with Alberta Report, CBC Edmonton, CBC's The Current, CFRN Television, CJSR, The Chronicle of Higher Education, Conversations that Matter, CTV, Edmonton Journal, Edmonton Sun, Folio, Gateway, Help TV, Maclean's Magazine, New Trail, Radio-Canada, Rocky Mountain Goat News, Sciencewise, St. Albert Gazette, Teaching and Learning Forum, University Affairs, USA Today, Vårt Land (Norway)