

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy. 2002

Johns Hopkins University, USA

International Relations Major, Political Theory and Political Economy Minors

Master of Arts. With Distinction, 1997

University of Sussex, UK

Global Political Economy

Bachelor of Arts. First Class, 1994

University of Victoria, Canada

Political Science and Women's Studies Majors

Academic Positions

Associate Professor, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2007-present)

Assistant Professor, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2002-2007)

Research grants

External

2006-2007: SSHRC Workshop Grant, \$20,000.00 (Ranked 6th out of 95 applications)

2005-2008: SSHRC Standard Research Grant, \$76,061.00 (Ranked 10th out of 132 applications)

Internal

2006-2007: Workshop Grant, Faculty of Social Sciences: \$5,000.00

2006-2007: Conferences Grant, University of Ottawa: \$3,000.00

2006-2008: Young Researcher of the Year Award, Univ of Ottawa: \$10,000.00

2003-2004: University Research Fund Grant, Univ. of Ottawa: \$6,955.60

Academic Awards and Distinctions

Finalist for the Capital Educators' Award, City of Ottawa (2008)

Young Researcher of the Year Award, University of Ottawa (2006)

Short-listed for the IPEG Book Prize, British International Studies Association (2006)

Dorothy Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation (2001)

Institute for the Study of World Politics Dissertation Fellowship (2001)

Margaret McWilliams Fellowship, Canadian Federation of University Women (2001)

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (2001)

James Hart Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (2001)

George E. Owen Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (1997 - 2001)

Political Science Departmental Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University (1997 - 2001)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship (1997)
Commonwealth Scholarship, UK (1996)
Ontario Graduate Scholarship (MA - 1996, Ph.D. - 1997)
MacKenzie King Travelling Scholarship (1996)
London-Goodenough Scholarship (1996)

Publications

Books

J. Best, *The Limits of Transparency: Ambiguity and the History of International Finance*. Cornell University Press, 2005.

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of International Political Economy* (review article), *Millennium*, *Literary Review of Canada*, *Economic History Review*, *Alternatives Économiques*, *Canadian Journal of Public Administration*, *Financial History Review*.

Edited Books

J. Best and M. Paterson, eds. *Cultural Political Economy*. (Routledge/RIPE Series, Forthcoming 2009).

Articles

J. Best, "Ambiguity, Uncertainty and Risk: Rethinking Indeterminacy." *International Political Sociology*. (Vol. 2, No. 4, 2008) 355-374.

J. Best, Why the Economy is Often the Exception to Politics as Usual. *Theory, Culture & Society*. (Vol. 24, No. 4, 2007), pp. 83-105.

J. Best, Legitimacy Dilemmas: The IMF's Pursuit of Country Ownership. *Third World Quarterly*. (Vol. 28, No. 3, 2007) pp. 469-88.

J. Best and W. Widmaier, Micro- or Macro- Moralities? International Economic Discourses and Policy Possibilities. *Review of International Political Economy*. (Vol 13, No. 4, October 2006), pp. 609-633.

J. Best, Co-opting Cosmopolitanism? The International Monetary Fund's New Global Ethics. *Global Society*. (Vol 20, No. 3, July 2006), pp. 307-327.

J. Best, "The Moral Politics of IMF Reforms: Universal Economics, Particular Ethics." *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology*. Vol. 4, No. 3-4 (2005), pp. 357-378.

J. Best, "Hollowing out Keynesian Norms: How the Search for a Technical Fix Undermined the Bretton Woods Regime." *Review of International Studies*. Vol. 30, No. 3 (July 2004), pp. 383-404.

J. Best, "From the Top Down: The New Financial Architecture and the Re-Embedding of Global Finance." *New Political Economy* 8.3 (2003): pp. 363-84.

J. Best, "Moralizing Finance: The New International Financial Architecture as Normative Discourse." *Review of International Political Economy* 10.3 (2003): pp. 579-603.

Book chapters

J. Best, Bringing Power Back In: the IMF's New Constructivist Strategy in Critical Perspective. *Economic Constructivism*. Eds. Rawi Abdelal, Mark Blyth and Craig Parsons. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, forthcoming 2009).

J. Best, "The Ethics of Global Economic Institutions," in *The Ethics of Global Governance*. Ed., Antonio Francheschet. (Lynne Reinner, forthcoming 2009).

J. Best, Discussion: The Politics of Civilizational Talk. *Civilizational Identity: The Production and Reproduction of "Civilizations" in International Relations*. Eds. Martin Hall and Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), pp. 181-188.

- J. Best, The Politics of Moral Hegemony: The Return of “Standards of Civilization” at the IMF. Chapter 10 in *The Global Standards of Market Civilization*. Eds. Leonard Seabrooke and Brett Bowden (London: Routledge/RIPE series, 2006), pp. 134-145.
- J. Best, “The Politics of Transparency: Ambiguity and the Liberalization of International Finance,” in James Busumtwi-Sam and Laurent Dobuzinskis, eds. *Turbulence and New Directions in Global Political Economy*, Palgrave (Basingstoke and New York: 2003), pp. 126-144.

Book reviews

- J. Best, “Review of Regulating Capital: Setting Standards for the International Financial System, David Andrew Singer.” *Governance*. Forthcoming 2009.
- J. Best, “Review of Virtue, Fortune, and Faith: A Genealogy of Finance, Marieke de Goede.” *International History Review*. Vol. 28, No. 4, December 2006, pp.832-33.
- J. Best, “Review of World Financial Orders: An Historical International Political Economy, Paul Langley.” *Political Geography*, Vol. 25, 2006, pp. 352-56.
- J. Best, “Review of Critical Theory and World Politics,” Richard Wyn Jones, ed. *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. Vol. 36, No. 1, 2003, pp. 235-236.

Opinion pieces

- J. Best, “We’re in this mess too,” *Ottawa Citizen*, October 3, 2008.
- J. Best, “The limits of transparency.” *International Herald Tribune*. March 17, 2005.

Other publications

- J. Best and R. Duhamel, “Recall: Is it Really a Democratic Cure-all?” *Policy Options*. (April, 1995): pp. 44-47.
- J. Best, *Brief to the Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies by the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women*. Ottawa: CRIAW/ICREF, 1990.

Current Projects

Books

- J. Best, *Governing the Margins: Responding to the Legitimacy Crisis in Global Economic Governance*. Book manuscript in process.

Collaborative research projects

- J. Best and A. Gheciu, *Redefining Security and Economic Governance: the New Logic of Public/Private Interaction*.

Conference Papers and Invited Talks

- The Limits of Financial Risk Management: The Subprime Crisis in Critical Perspective, Paper presented at the Centre on Governance Innovation Workshop, Crisis and Response: Whither International Financial Regulation? University of Waterloo, September 25-26, 2008.
- Informalizing and Instrumentalizing Politics: New International Aid Strategies in Critical Perspective, Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference and the Canadian Studies on International Development Conference, Vancouver, June 2008.
- Cultural Political Economy. Paper presented at the International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 26-29, 2008.
- The Accidental IO Scholar. Paper presented at the Business of International Organizations workshop, Copenhagen Business School, November 22-23, 2007.

- Cultural Political Economy: An Introduction. Paper presented at the Workshop on Cultural Political Economy. Ottawa, June 12-14, 2007 [with Matthew Paterson].
- Legitimacy Dilemmas: The IMF's Pursuit of Country Ownership. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. Chicago, Feb. 28-Mar. 3, 2007.
- Ambiguity, Uncertainty and Risk: Rethinking Indeterminacy. Paper presented at the British International Studies Association. Cork, Ireland, 18-20 December, 2006.
- The Moral Politics of Global Economic Governance. Paper presented at the Oceanic Conference on International Studies. Melbourne, Australia, 5-7 July, 2006.
- Civilizing Transparency: The Politics of Morality at the International Monetary Fund. Invited talk at the International Relations Department, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 22 June, 2006.
- The Dilemmas of Political Economic Legitimacy: Recent IMF Reforms in Critical Perspective. Paper presented at the Centre for International Governance and Innovation workshop, "The Reform on Global Financial Governance: Whither the IMF?" June 10, 2006.
- The Paradoxes of Political Economic Legitimacy. Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association meeting, June 1-3, 2006. York University, Toronto, Canada.
- The Moral Politics of IMF Reforms: Universal Economics, Particular Ethics. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. San Diego, CA, March 2006.
- Le rôle d'ambiguïté dans la gouvernance des finances internationales. Conférence à UQAM, le 9 novembre 2005.
- The Politics of Economic Legitimacy. Roundtable on Financial Governance. Carleton University, September 29, 2005.
- The Return of 'Standards of Civilization?' The International Monetary Fund's New Moral Politics. Talk given at the Studies in National and International Development seminar series at Queen's University, March 24, 2005.
- Bringing Power Back in: The IMF's New Constructivist Strategy in Critical Perspective. Paper presented at a workshop on Economic Constructivism, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA, February 2005.
- Co-opting Constructivism? The IMF's Global Governance Strategy in Critical Perspective. Paper presented at the International Studies Association. Honolulu, USA, March 2005.
- Micro- or Macro- Moralities? International Economic Discourses and Policy Possibilities. Paper presented at The WTO and Beyond: Global Governance and State Power. Vancouver, July 2004. [with Wesley Widmaier]
- Co-opting Cosmopolitanism? The International Monetary Fund's New Global Ethics. Paper presented at the British International Studies Association's Special Workshop, Cosmopolitan Institutions: Justice, Governance and Political Economy. Birmingham, UK, June 2004.
- The Politics of Moral Hegemony: Globalization and the Return of "Standards of Civilization." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference. Montreal, March 2004.
- J. Best, "Moral Economies: The Normative Subtext of the New International Financial Architecture." Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference. Halifax, June 2003.
- J. Best, "Moralizing Finance: The International Financial Architecture as Ethical Discourse." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Portland, 2003.
- J. Best, "Hollowing out Keynesian Norms: How the Search for a Technical Fix Sealed the Fate of the Bretton Woods Regime." Paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2002.
- J. Best, "Hollowing Out Keynesian Norms: How the Search for a Technical Fix Undermined the Bretton Woods Regime." Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Convention, Toronto, May 2002.
- J. Best, "'Civilizing Globalization': The New Financial Architecture and the Re-embedding of Global Finance." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, March 2002.

- J. Best, "The Politics of Transparency: Ambiguity and the Liberalization of International Finance," Paper presented at the Conference on Global Turbulence: Instability in the National and International Political Economy, Vancouver, July 2001.
- J. Best, "Economies of Uncertainty: The Role of Ambiguity in the International Political Economy." Talk given at the University of Delaware, March 6, 2001.
- J. Best, "Economies of Uncertainty: Recognizing and Reconstructing the Role of Ambiguity in the International Political Economy." Paper presented at the International Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, February 2001.
- J. Best, "The Micropolitics of Regulation: The Constitutive Role of Ambiguity in the International Political Economy," Paper presented at the Canadian Political Science Association Conference, Quebec City, August 2000.
- J. Best, "Engendering Flexibility: The Changing Political Economy of (Re)production," Paper presented at the Canadian Women's Studies Association Conference, Ottawa, May 1998.

Research Interests

My research works at the intersection of international political economy, international relations theory and political theory.

Specific areas of interest include: international financial governance, international financial crises, financing global development, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, international relations theory, globalization, international ethics, and the history of economic thought.

Graduate Supervisions

Ongoing

Maxime Ouellet, Ph.D. Candidate, "La société globale de l'information: une approche culturelle à l'économie politique internationale."

Elyse Hamel, M.A. Candidate, "Les implications conceptuelles du concept de l'état de nature chez Hobbes, en vue du monde des relations internationales post-11 septembre 2001."

Augusta Acquah, "Knowledge is power and power is knowledge: An examination of the construction of the African woman in development discourses and the impact of this representation on African women's agency and self-development."

Completed

Marcel Vautour, M.A. Candidate, "L'humanité qui se prend en charge: une critique de la théorie en éthique internationale" (2007)

Suzanna Ersoy, M.A. Candidate, "The ethical foundations of economic practice: comparing Western and Korean cases" (2007)

Annie-Pier Marchand, M.A. Candidate, "L'impact réel du commerce équitable revisité: questionnement sur les conceptions éthiques d'un discours" (2008)

Post-doctoral Supervisions

Ongoing

Arne Ruckert (Post-doc) *The Social Impacts of Poverty Reduction Strategies in Latin America.*

Courses taught

University of Ottawa

POL2103 Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics

POL 2203 Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics
POL 4576 Économie politique internationale
POL 4187 The Politics of International Ethics
POL 4330 Honours Seminar on International Relations and Global Politics
POL 6100 Theories and Problems in International Politics
POL 7110 International Political Economy
POL 7510 Économie politique internationale

Johns Hopkins University

BA-MA SAIS Seminar on US Foreign Policy

Professional Activities

Co-editor, Routledge, RIPE (Review of International Political Economy) Book Series (2008-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Canadian Political Science Association (2007-present)

Program Supervisor, International Studies and Modern Languages Honours Program, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2003-2007)

Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on an MA in Globalization and Development, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ottawa (2002-2004)

External Reviewer, Evaluation of ArtsOne, Foundations and the Interdisciplinary BA at the University of British Columbia (2004-2005)

Member, Hiring Committee, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa (2005-06)

Member, Task Force on International Research and Education, Office of the Vice-President, Research (2005)

Member, Ad-hoc Committee on an MA in Globalization and Development, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Ottawa (2004-2006)

Member, Program Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Ottawa (2002-03)

Assistant Advising Coordinator, International Studies Program, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University (1999-2001)

Referee for *Review of International Political Economy*, *Review of International Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Global Governance*, *Politique et Sociétés*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Global Ethics*, *International Journal of Political Economy*, *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, *Princeton University Press*, *Cornell University Press*, *Palgrave Press*, *McGill-Queen's Press*, and the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)*.

Languages

Fluent in French and English

References

Available upon request

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