

MIKO N. ZELDES-ROTH

DOCTORAL STUDIES:

University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

PhD, Political Science (field exams: Political Theory and Comparative Politics), expected June 2026

Dissertation project: *Beyond White Citizenship: A Study of Political Responsibility in American and Jewish Politics*

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University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Visiting PhD Student, Department of Political Science, 2025-2026

Faculty Supervisor: Linda Zerilli

EDUCATION:

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts, Social Sciences, Concentration: Political Theory, August 2020

Advisor: Eric L. Santner

Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*, Major: Political Science, Minor: Middle East Studies, June 2018

Advisor: Mihaela Czobor-Lupp

SCHOLARSHIP:

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Judging the Masses: Spectatorship, Action, and Politics in Arendt’s Critique of the Masses.”

HannahArendt.net: Journal for Political Thinking, August 2024. <https://doi.org/10.57773/hanet.v13i2.565>.

Revise and Resubmit

“Beyond Sovereignty or Exile: The Limits of Exilic Jewish Politics and the Potential of Jewish Nationality.”

Perspectives on Politics.

Book Chapters

“Introduction: Hannah Arendt on Race and Racism.” With Jana Schmidt and Jess Feldman. *Hannah Arendt on Race and Racism*. De Gruyter Press, forthcoming, 2026.

“Hannah Arendt.” *Elgar Encyclopedia of Nationalism*, eds. Jonathan Hearn, Daphne Halikiopoulou and Gezim Krasniqi, forthcoming, 2025.

Edited Volumes

Hannah Arendt on Race and Racism. With Jana Schmidt and Jess Feldman. DeGruyter Press, forthcoming, 2026.

Working Papers

“Theorizing Political Responsibility or, Acting Responsibly with Hannah Arendt.” August 2025.

“From Equality to Privilege: Hannah Arendt and the Critique of Racial Citizenship.” November 2024

Public Writing

“Israel’s War with Iran Exposes the Fragility of Jewish Supremacy.” *Common Dreams*, June 18, 2025. <https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/israel-war-iran-fragility>

“The Antisemitism Awareness Act is Bad for American Jews—Here’s Why.” *The Hill*, May 12, 2024. <https://thehill.com/opinion/congress-blog/4657119-the-antisemitism-awareness-act-is-bad-for-american-jews-heres-why/>

“Racism and a Politics Without Responsibility.” *Hannah Arendt Center Quote of the Week*, August 6, 2023. <https://medium.com/quote-of-the-week/racism-and-a-politics-without-responsibility-8f322e124550>

“If Biden Wants Equality in America, He Must Worry About Equality in Palestine.” (in Hebrew) *Mekomit*, January 27, 2021. <https://www.mekomit.co.il/אם-ביידן-רוצה-שוויון-באמריקה-הוא-חייב-ל/>

“AOC’s Approach to Israel Aid Has Been Tried and Tested—by Bush and Reagan.” *Newsweek*, July 2, 2020. <https://www.newsweek.com/aoc-israel-palestine-aid-annexation-1515118>

“Zionism on the Edge.” *Haaretz*, December 18, 2015. <https://www.haaretz.com/opinion/.premium-zionism-on-the-edge-what-i-saw-at-haaretzq-1.5378989>

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS:

- 2025: **Elaine Stavro Essay Prize in Critical Theory**, University of Toronto
Summer Teaching Opportunity Program, University of Toronto Department of Political Science
Dissertation Travel Research Award, University of Toronto Department of Political Science
- 2024: **School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant**, University of Toronto
Centre for Ethics Returning Fellowship, University of Toronto Centre for Ethics
- 2023: **Race, Ethics, and Power Doctoral Fellowship**, University of Toronto Centre for Ethics
- 2021: **Jackman Junior Fellowship**, University of Toronto Jackman Humanities Institute
- 2019: **Maroon Scholar Research Award**, University of Chicago
Director’s Fellowship, University of Chicago

INVITED LECTURES:

- 2025: “Jewish Politics Beyond Sovereignty,” Trinity College
- 2024: “Escape From Politics: Personal Responsibility and White Citizenship in American Society,” University of Toronto Centre for Ethics
- 2023: “Beyond White Citizenship: Authoritarian White Sovereignty in Contemporary American Politics,” University of Toronto Undergraduate Society of American Studies

SELECTED CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2025: “Theorizing Political Responsibility or, Acting Responsibly with Hannah Arendt,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2025: “Beyond Sovereignty or Exile: The Limits of Exilic Jewish Politics and the Potential of Jewish Nationality,” University of Chicago Political Theory Working Group

2025: “Considering Political Responsibility for Racial Citizenship with Hannah Arendt,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference

2024: “Beyond Sovereignty or Exile: The Limits of Exilic Jewish Politics and the Potential of Jewish Nationality,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference

2024: “Beyond Sovereignty or Exile: The Limits of Exilic Jewish Politics and the Potential of Jewish Nationality,” University of Toronto Political Theory Research Workshop

2024: “From Equality to Privilege: Hannah Arendt as a Critic of White Citizenship,” American Political Science Association Annual Conference

2024: “Escape from Politics: White Citizenship and Abdications of Political Responsibility,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference

2023: “Beyond White Citizenship: Approaching Racial Difference Without Hierarchy,” University of Toronto Political Theory Research Workshop

2023: “Escape from Politics? White Supremacy, Politics of Rule, and Judgement,” Text Seminar: Arendt and/on Race, Hannah Arendt Center at Bard College

2023: “Escape from Politics: Liberalism, Judgement, and White Supremacy in the United States,” University of Toronto Political Theory Conference

2023: “Judging the Masses: Recovering the Democratic Potential of Arendt’s Conception of Mass Politics,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

2023: “Liberalism as Interpretive Frame in Israel/Palestine,” Western Political Science Association Annual Conference

2022: “Between Sovereignty and Exile: Hannah Arendt on Jewish Politics and Binationalism,” Work of Hannah Arendt Conference, University of Toronto

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Coordinator, Political Theory Research Workshop, University of Toronto, 2023 – 2025
Convener, University of Toronto Contemporary Theory Reading Group, 2022-2024
Co-Organizer, University of Toronto Political Theory Conference, 2023
Associate, Association for Global Political Thought, 2022 – present
Graduate Student Affiliate, University of Chicago Center on Democracy, 2019 - 2020

TEACHING:

Course Instructor – University of Toronto

2025: “Privilege and Race in Global Perspective” (Advanced political theory course for which I developed an original syllabus)

In-Class Guest Lectures:

2025: “Jewishness and Zionism,” in Black and Indigenous Political Thought, Trinity College

2023: “Race, Indigeneity, Settler-Colonialism,” in Privilege and Race in Global Perspective, University of Toronto,

2023: “Race, Identity, and Political Thought,” in Global Politics and Global Political Thought, University of Toronto

Teaching Assistant - University of Toronto

2025: “The Politics of Crime,” Professor Andrew McDougall

2025, 2023: “Privilege and Race in Global Perspective,” Professor Matthew Walton

2025: “Borders, Migrants, and Refugees,” Professor Martha Balaguera

2025: “Democracy, Justice, and Power,” Dr. Ella Street

2024: “US Foreign Policy in a Complex World,” Professor Arnd Jurgensen

2024: “Politics and Social Justice,” Professors Martha Balaguera and Naomi Adiv

2024: “Foundations of Justice, Citizenship and Power,” Professor Margaret Kohn

2023-24: “Modernity and Resistance,” Professors Emily Nacol and Jaby Mathew

2023: “Global Politics and Global Political Thought,” Professor Matthew Walton

2022-23, 2021-22: “Political Theory: Visions of the Good/Just Society,” Professor Matthew Walton

2022: “Media, Politics, and the 2022 Midterm Elections in the USA,” Professor Sam Tanenhaus

2022: “Contemporary Challenges to Democracy: Democracy in the Social Media Age,” Professor Ronald Deibert

Writing Intern - University of Chicago Humanities Core

2021: “Media Aesthetics,” Professor Leah Feldman

2020: “Philosophical Inquiry,” Professor Thomas Pashby

RESEARCH SKILLS:

Textual Analysis, Primary Source Analysis, Qualitative Methods, Social Science Theories

Languages: Hebrew (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner), Spanish (Beginner)

REFERENCES:

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