

# Frédéric Armstrong

## *Curriculum vitae*

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## Current position

Candidate for PhD - Philosophy, McGill University (2012-present)

Dissertation title: *Minoritization and Vulnerability : New Foundations for a Non-Ideal Theory of Multiculturalism*. Expected date of defense: June 2019

Committee: Natalie Stoljar, Daniel Weinstock and Jacob Levy

## Education

MA – Philosophy, Université de Montréal (2009-2012)

M.A. Thesis title : *Will Kymlicka et les angles morts du libéralisme - Vers une théorie non-libérale du droit des minorités?* (Will Kymlicka and the Blind Spots of Liberalism – Toward a Non-Liberal Theory of Minority Rights?)

Advisor: Daniel Weinstock

BA – Major: History, Culture and Society. Minor: Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal (2005-2009)

## Areas of Specialization

Contemporary political philosophy, social and political philosophy, multiculturalism, vulnerability

## Areas of Competence

Applied ethics, distributive justice, human rights, philosophy of law

## Publications

- Armstrong, Frédéric. "An Extrinsic Dispositional Account of Vulnerability." *Les ateliers de l'éthique/The Ethics Forum* 12, no. 2–3 (2017): 180–204. (peer-reviewed)
- Armstrong, Frédéric. "Will Kymlicka et les angles mort du libéralisme : vers une théorie non libérale du droit des minorités ?", in J.-M. Counet (ed.), *La citoyenneté*. Actes du XXIVème Congrès de l'Association des Sociétés de Philosophie de langue française (ASPLF). Peeters : Louvain-la-Neuve, 2015

## **Work in Progress**

- “On the Political Concept of Vulnerability”
- “Against an Eliminativist Approach to Vulnerability”
- “Minoritization and Vulnerability”
- “Vulnerability and Law”

## **Grants, Fellowships and Awards**

### **2018-2019**

David Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton Fellowship in Philosophy, \$7,000  
Doctoral Grant, Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire sur la normativité,

### **2017-2018**

Graduate student scholarship, Centre de recherche en éthique, \$5,000

### **2016-2017**

MacDonald Chair Fellowship, \$13,413  
Canadian Political Science Association Travel Grant  
Graduate Excellence Fellowship (GEF)

### **2013-2016**

Doctoral Scholarship, Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), \$105,000  
Bourse de recherche au doctorat, Fonds Québécois de Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (FQRSC), \$84,000 (Offer declined in favour of SSHRC)

### **2011-2012**

Bourse de recherche à la maîtrise, Fonds Québécois de Recherche sur la Société et la Culture (FQRSC), \$15,000

### **2011- 2018**

Research fellowship at Groupe de Recherche Interuniversitaire en Philosophie Politique (GRIPP), \$15 500

### **2010-2011**

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarships Program Master’s Scholarships, SSHRC, \$17,500\$

### **2007-2008**

Mobility grant, Ministère de l’Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS), \$8,000

## Presentations

### Refereed Conferences

- “Can and Should Multiculturalism Include the “New Minority”?”, Conference of the North Eastern Political Science Association (NEPSA), Montréal, Canada, November 2018
- “Can and Should Multiculturalism Include the “New Minority”?”, Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, Mass., USA, September 2018
- “Responding to Group-Based Vulnerabilities - Intersectionality and Law”, with Natalie Stoljar, Annual Conference of the Canadian Philosophical Association/Association Canadienne de philosophie (CPA-ACP), Montréal, Canada, June 2018
- “An Ameliorative Analysis of Vulnerability”, Symposium on conceptual issues of vulnerability, Annual Conference of the Canadian Philosophical Association/Association Canadienne de philosophie (CPA-ACP), Montréal, Canada, June 2018
- “What Concept of Vulnerability Do We Need for Political Theory?”, Annual Conference of the Association for Political Theory (APT), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, October 2017
- “Should Minority Rights Include Protections from Hate Speech?”, Annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association/Association Canadienne de Science Politique (CPSA-ACSP), Toronto, Canada, May 2017
- “Minoritization and Group-Based Injustice: Defending Cultural Pluralism Without Defending Cultures”, Annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, April 2017
- “Insufficient Sufficiency: Adding an Egalitarian Ceiling Over the Floor of Sufficiency”, Inaugural meeting of the PPE Society, New Orleans, USA, March 2017
- “Multiculturalism, Dynamics of Minoritization and Vulnerability”, Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, USA, September 2016
- “Multiculturalism and Vulnerable Groups: Toward a Vulnerability-based Justification for Multicultural Policies”, Vulnerability in Healthcare, Institute for Social Health and Policies (IHSP), Centre de recherche en éthique (CRÉ), McGill University), August 2016
- “Will Kymlicka et les angles mort du libéralisme : vers une théorie non libérale du droit des minorités ?”, Congrès de l'Association des sociétés de philosophie de langue française, Louvain-la-Neuve et Bruxelles, August 2012
- “Gauche et Droite au regard de la philosophie”, in collaboration with Pierre-Yves Néron, Martin Gibert et Martin Leblanc, *Philopolis*, March 2011

### Invited Talks

- “Multiculturalisme et Vulnérabilité”, Université du Québec à Rimouski, October 2016

## Discussant/Commentor

- Jeremy Butler (Queen's University): "Political Instrumentalism and Equality of Political Power". Session: Social and Political Philosophy 4, Association Canadienne de philosophie – Canadian Philosophical Association, Montréal, May 2018
- Andrew Lister (Queen's University, "Publicity, Reciprocity, and Incentives", GRIPP Research Workshop, January 2018
- Kevin K. W. Ip (The Chinese University of Hong Kong): "What, If Anything, is Wrong with Highly-Skilled Migrant Programs?" Session: Migrants, Annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association/Association Canadienne de Science Politique, Toronto, May 2017
- Michael Sullivan (St. Mary's University): "Caring as a Civic Service", Session: Migrants, Annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association/Association Canadienne de Science Politique, Toronto, May 2017
- Joseph Carens (University of Toronto), "The Egalitarian Ethos as a Social Mechanism", GRIPP Research Workshop, October 2014

## Workshops

- "What Concept of Minority Do we Need for Political Philosophy?", GRIPP Research Fellows Workshop, September 2018
- "What's the Point of Multiculturalism?", Annual Philosophy Retreat, McGill University, October 2016
- "Is there a minority right against hate speech?", GRIPP Research Fellows Workshop, November 2016
- "Understanding, Assessing, and Addressing the Claims for Justice of Minoritized Groups: Toward a Vulnerability-based Approach to Multiculturalism and Multicultural Policy", McGill Philosophy Workshop Series, March 2016
- "Insufficient Sufficiency: Adding an Egalitarian Ceiling Over the Floor of Sufficiency", GRIPP Research Fellows Workshop, February 2015
- "Minorisation, minoritisation et minorisés : revoir la conceptualisation des relations intergroupes", Graduate Workshop, Centre d'étude ethniques des universités montréalaises (CEETUM), March 2014
- "Do we need a non-liberal theory of minority rights?", *The Status of Minorities in Philosophy*, McGill and Concordia, April 2012
- "Personal Identity is What Matters", Philosophy department colloquium: *Dimensions of the Self*, McGill University, September 2011

- “Démocratie délibérative et cosmopolitisme : deux perspectives sur le paternalisme”, Political philosophy workshop: *Démocratie et Contestation*, Université de Montréal, April 2011

## Summer Schools

### June 2013

*The Challenge of Complex Diversity: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives from Europe and Canada*, International Summer Institute, Diversity and Democracy, Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la diversité et la démocratie (CRIDAQ). Dublin, Ireland.

## Teaching Experience

### Course Instructor (Full Responsibility for Design and Delivery)

McGill University

- Political Philosophy 1 (Phil240 - Fall 2017)

### Guest Lectures

- “Indigenous Law in Canada”, Philosophy of law (Phil 368), November 14, 2016
- “Dworkin’s Interpretive Model and Fugitive Slave Laws”, Philosophy of law (Phil 368), October 3, 2016

### Teaching Assistance

McGill University

- Political Philosophy 1 (Phil240 - Winter 2017)
- Philosophy of Law (Phil348 - Winter 2014, Winter 2016)

Université de Montréal

- Fundamental notions of ethics, medical school (Phi 1968-M - Winter 2012)
- Fundamental notions of ethics, biomedical science (Phi 1968-B - Winter 2012)
- Philosophie of Science (Phi 1130 - Summer 2011)
- Pensée politique (Pol 1200 - Winter 2011)

## **Research Assistance**

**2016-2017**

Research assistance, Philosophy and law. Supervisor: Natalie Stoljar

## **Community Involvement and Service to Profession**

**2018**

Organization of symposium on “Conceptual Issues on Vulnerability” with, Christine Straehle, Ryoa Chung and Naïma Hamrouni, CPA-ACP, Montréal, Québec May 2018

**2015-16**

Committee member, PGSS's Equity Committee, McGill

**2014-16**

President, Postgraduate Philosophy Student Association, McGill  
Council Member, Postgraduate Student Society of McGill

**2013-14**

Chairperson, Possibles Éditions, Not-for-profit artisanal book publisher, Montréal

**2011 – 2013**

Secretary-treasurer of Société philosophie Ithaque

**2009 – 2013**

Member of the editorial committee of *Ithaque*

**2011**

Referee, Landry, Normand (2012), « SLAPP! Poursuites-bâillon et intimidation judiciaire », Éditions Écosociété

**2010 –2011**

Member of the Board of Association des Étudiants en Philosophie de l'Université de Montréal (ADÉPUM).

## **Languages**

French (native)

English (fluent)

## **References :**

Natalie Stoljar, Dept. of Philosophy, McGill University (thesis advisor)  
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