Joshua William Campbell

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Education

University of California – Los Angeles
Ph.D, Political Science, Spring 2026
Dissertation: *Taming Religion, Managing Meaning: Religion, Secularization, and the Problem of Meaning in Politics*
Committee: Anthony Pagden (Co-Chair), Tejas Parasher (Co-Chair), Giulia Sissa, Natasha Piano
Concentration: Political Theory (Major), Comparative Politics (Minor), Quantitative Methods (Minor)

University of Chicago
A.M., Social Sciences, 2017
Concentration: Political Theory
Thesis: *The 'Order of Nature' and the 'Nature of Man': A Conceptual Study of Nature, Commerce, and Liberty in Anglophone Political-Economic Thought, 1620–1776*
Advisor: Jennifer Pitts

Syracuse University
B.A., Political Science, Economics, TV/Radio/Film, B.S. Mathematics, 2015
Thesis: *The New Demonology: The Narratives, Historical Origins and Continuing Prevalence of New World Order Conspiracism*
Advisor: Mark Rupert

Academic Positions

University of California – Los Angeles (Summer 2026)
Lecturer, Department of Political Science

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Summer 2019)
Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science
Faculty Sponsor: Noenoe K. Silva

Refereed Publications

Campbell, Josh. Forthcoming 2026. "Fanon in the Pacific: Haunani-Kay Trask and the Reinterpretation of Political Violence." In *The Palgrave Handbook on Franz Fanon,* edited by Dana Francisco Miranda, Tal Correm, and Thomas Meagher, London: Palgrave.

Campbell, Josh and Kevin L. Lee. 2026. "Pacific Worlds, Immobile Natives: Epeli Hau'ofa's Theorization of Oceania as Mobile Indigeneity." *Global Intellectual History* (Online First)

Lee, Kevin L. and **Josh Campbell**. 2026. "Settler Political Negations: How Sovereignty-Blind Policies Discipline Indigenous Sovereignty Movements." *South Atlantic Quarterly* 125(4).

Lee, Kevin L. and **Josh Campbell**. 2026. "Planning Against Imperialism: Towards a Global and Transnational Indigenous Planning." In Progressive Planning Practice: Transforming Communities of Color, edited by Sean Robin. New York, NY: Routledge, 127-140.

Manuscripts-in-progress

Campbell, Josh. 2026. "Scorched-Earth Satire: Critique Beyond Bounds in Epeli Hauʻofa's Fiction Work." In preparation for *Theory & Event*, to be submitted late October, 2026.

Campbell, Josh. *Transnationalism and Anti-Statist Regionalism in Oceania.* In preparation for Duke University Press.

Campbell, Josh. "Stick Charts and the Bird's Eye: The Decolonial Oceanic Cartography of Epeli Hauʻofa." In preparation for *Theory & Event*, to be submitted late November, 2026.

Campbell, Josh. "Embracing Reality: Eric Voegelin's Criticism and Uptake of "Modern Psychology." In preparation for *European Journal of Political Theory*, to be submitted December, 2026.

Campbell, Josh and Kevin L. Lee. *Indigenous Pacific Islander Political Thought: Nationalisms, Regionalisms, Globalisms.* Edited book proposal in preparation for University of Hawaiʻi Press. Anticipated advance contract by Spring, 2027; publication by Spring, 2029.

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Year	Honor	Awarded by	Amount
2025	Conference Travel Grant	University of Tokyo, Reimagining the Pacific Conference	$1,200
2016	Full Tuition Merit Scholarship (given to 2 out of 200 students)	University of Chicago, Division of the Social Sciences	~$56,000
2015	Outstanding Student Research Paper (Top Award)	Syracuse University, Annual Maxwell Celebration of Undergraduate Scholarship	-

Conference Presentations

Date	Title	Type	Organizer
03/2025	Contesting Oceania: The Agonistic Politics of Decolonization in the Early Reception History of Epeli Hau'ofa's "Our Sea of Islands," 1993-2000 (with Kevin Lujan Lee)	Paper presentation	University of Tokyo Institute for Advanced Global Studies, Reimagining the Pacific Conference
04/2022	Making and Globalizing Oceania: Teresia Teaiwa and Trans-Indigenous Dialogue as Method (with Kevin Lujan Lee)	Paper presentation	University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, Center for Pacific Island Studies Conference
03/2022	History as Passive Critique: Nationalism, Myth, and History's Original Sin	Paper presentation	Western Political Science Association
	Analogy Across the Margins: Teresia Teaiwa's 'On Analogies' and Comparative Political Theory (with Kevin Lujan Lee)		

04/2021	“Times and Transfers”	Panel chair and discussant	2021 UCLA Graduate Conference in Political Theory
	“Partitions of (Settler) Colonialism” (with Rachel Forgash)	Panel co-chair and co-discussant	
04/2021	Contingency and Displacement: Subversive Genealogy and Shifting Justifications of the History of Political Thought	Paper presentation	Western Political Science Association
	Between Nationalism and Regionalism: Indigenous Political Theory of Oceania and the Persistence of Colonial Ideology (with Kevin Lujan Lee)		
05/2020	"History Will Judge Them": The Trope of History as a Moral Arbiter in Political and Moral Discourse	Paper presentation	Western Political Science Association

Workshops and Invited Talks

Date	Title	Type	Organizer
03/2025	Trans-Indigenous Dialogue: Towards A Framework for Transnational Indigenous Planning (with Kevin Lujan Lee)	Invited talk	Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Lectures in Planning Series (LiPS)
3/2025	Embodied Learning: Teresia Teaiwa and Teaching Towards Liberation (with Kevin Lujan Lee)	Invited talk	University of Buffalo Gender Institute
04/2022	Analogy Across the Margins: Teresia Teaiwa’s ‘On Analogies’ and Comparative Political Theory (with Kevin Lujan Lee)	Paper presentation	Harvard University Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR) Dissertation Working Group

Academic Service

Ad-hoc peer reviewer

2024 Projections: The Journal of the MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Intramural service

2020–2024 Coordinator, UCLA Political Theory PhD Workshop

2020–2024 Chair, ETHOS Graduate Student Political Theory Group

2020–2022 Lead Organizer, UCLA Graduate Political Theory Conversation Series

Service to the discipline

2021–2022 Lead Organizer, 2022 UCLA Graduate Conference in Political Theory

2020–2021 Lead Organizer, 2021 UCLA Graduate Conference in Political Theory

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record (UCLA)

PS 119 – The Politics of Popular Aesthetics: Kitsch, Memes, and Video Games (Summer 2022, Summer 2024)

PS 119 – The Politics of Populism (Summer 2025, Summer 2026)

PS 10 – Introduction to Political Theory (Summer 2023, Summer 2024, Summer 2025, Summer 2026)

Student Evaluation Scores (Instructor of Record)

Class	Semester Taught	Instructor Evaluation Score
PS 119	Summer 2022	8.6 / 9
PS 10	Summer 2023	8.41 / 9
PS 119	Summer 2024	8.62 / 9
PS 10	Summer 2024	8.1 / 9
PS 119	Summer 2025	8.82 / 9
PS 10	Summer 2025	8.2 / 9
PS 10	Summer 2026	8.57 / 9
PS 119	Summer 2026	8.87 / 9

Teaching Assistant (UCLA)

PS 10 – Introduction to Political Theory (Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2024)

PS 20 – Introduction to World Politics (Spring 2021, Winter 2022)

PS 30 – Introduction to Game Theory (Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Fall 2021, Winter 2023)

PS 116B – Continental Political Theory (Fall 2020)

PS 111C – Late Modern Political Theory (Winter 2022)

PS 113 – Problems in 20th-Century and Contemporary Political Thought (Spring 2023)

GS 1 – Introduction to Global Studies (Fall 2023)

Anthro 1 – Human Evolution (Winter 2026)