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renaudphilippe.garner@mail.utoronto.ca**Education***Degrees*

2013 – Present

Ph.D., Philosophy, **University of Toronto***Amour sacré de la patrie: an analysis and defence of patriotism*

Supervisor: Philip Clark

2013

M2 (Master of Research), Philosophy, **Université Paris I
Panthéon-Sorbonne**Research thesis: A noble servitude: a defence of the moral equality
of soldiers, Mention Très Bien (18/20)

2012

MLitt, Philosophy, **Universities of St Andrews and Stirling**

MLitt Dissertation: Sovereign Communities, Distinction (18/20)

2011

Honours B.A., Ethics and society, **University of Ottawa***Summa cum laude**Visiting*

Winter 2017

Junior Visiting Scholar, Nuffield College, **Oxford**

Guest supervisor: David Miller

Fall 2015

Visiting scholar at Centre de recherches internationales
(CERI), at **L'Institut des études politiques de Paris**

Guest supervisor: Ariel Colonomos

Areas of specialization and competence

AOS: Normative Ethics & Political Philosophy

AOC: Metaethics & Philosophy of Law

Publications*Peer-reviewed journals*

September 2016

'A Tale of Two Moralities', *The Journal of Philosophy*, Volume
CXIII, Number 9, pp.446-462*Encyclopaedia entries*

Forthcoming 2018

'Thumos' & 'Conquête', *Dictionnaire des passions sociales*, **Presse
Universitaire de France**, edited by Gloria Origgi, ('Thumos' &
'Conquest' in *The Dictionary of Social Passions*, University Press
of France)*Translation*

Forthcoming 2018

Translation of a chapter by Laurence Whitehead in *Aires
Culturelles*, **CNRS Éditions**, edited by Jean-Michel Blanquer,
Jacques Pothier & Arezki Cherfaoui

Scholarships and Awards

2015	George Paxton Young Memorial Prize: Prize for extracurricular scholastic achievement, University of Toronto
2015	Canada Graduate Scholarship – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement
2014-2017	Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship: National merit based scholarship for doctoral students
2011-2013	Baxter & Alma Ricard Scholarship: National merit based scholarship for academic excellence and extra-curricular involvement
2011	Faculty Plaque (Arts): Highest Graduating Average in an Interdisciplinary Programme, University of Ottawa
2006-2010	President's Scholarship: Best bilingual application, Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa
2006-2010	Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship: Financial need and academic excellence
2006-2010	Dean's Merit Scholarship: Academic excellence
2006	Millennium Scholarship: Academic excellence and community involvement

Conferences and Talks

January 2017	'Giving without measure', Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, Oxford, (by invitation)
June 2016	'On the Distinction Between Treachery and Deception', Jubilee Centre Birmingham University, (refereed talk)
January 2016	'Socratic Lawfulness and Obedience', Guest lecturer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, (by invitation)
January 2016	'Patriotism and Simulacra', Jerusalem Lecture Series in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Jerusalem, (by invitation)
December 2015	'Patriotism and Simulacra', Special presentation at the Doctoral School seminar, Paris, (by invitation)
October 2015	Respondent for 'Challenges to Domestic and International Legal Frameworks: Drones, Contractors, and Automated Weapons', Joint Doctoral school and CERI seminar, Paris
February 2015	'Neither Fanaticism, Nor Folklore: An Admirable Patriotism', Israeli Philosophical Association, Ra'anana, (refereed talk)

September 2014	‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, MANCEPT Conference, Manchester, (refereed talk)
September 2014	‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, European Consortium for Political Research, Glasgow, (refereed talk)
May 2014	‘Quel démos?’, Canadian Philosophical Association, St Catherines, (refereed talk)
February 2014	‘A Tale of Two Moralities’, Israeli Philosophical Association, Tel Aviv, (refereed talk)
October 2013	‘Witches and Unicorns: the case against human rights’, Indiana Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, (refereed talk)
June 2013	‘Why Care about Autonomy?’, Sciences Po Political Theory Graduate Conference, Paris, (refereed talk)
March 2011 Ottawa	Respondent for ‘Quelle théorie de la normativité pour un constructivisme méta-éthique’, De Philosophia University of Graduate Conference, Ottawa, (refereed talk)
November 2010	‘Something worth dying for’, Just War vs Moral War Conference, Dominican University College, Ottawa, (refereed talk)

Dissertation Abstract

My dissertation is a rehabilitation of patriotism. The initial theory-building is intended to correct for the often vague or empirically unsupported characterizations of patriotism on offer; I draw on scholarship on nationalism, historical research and prominent cultural artefacts to capture an empirically grounded view of patriotism. In particular, I argue that patriotism is not analogous to personal cases of loyalty given that it rests upon a common identity and an intergenerational entity; it is a collective form of loyalty that requires collective self-understanding. Moreover, I argue that patriotism is predominantly cultural rather than political as loyalty and identity predate and survive regime changes. In the final chapter, I address various criticisms of patriotism leading to the central criticism: it is an ‘excessive’ form of partiality incompatible with universal morality. I raise a dilemma to demonstrate that any ‘impartial standpoint’ purporting to determine which forms of partiality are morally acceptable is doomed to fail. Either the standpoint is truly impartial, in which case it incorporates no controversial moral claims, and it amounts to mere formalism or the standpoint does incorporate controversial normative claims allowing it to provide substantive criticism, which amounts to begging the question in favour of whichever commitments are incorporated.

Professional experience

Teaching

Fall 2015	Seminar instructor attached to the course ‘The Ethics of War’ given by Ariel Colonomos, L’Institut des études politiques de Paris Responsibilities: teaching two courses (4 hours) each week; constructing a syllabus; grading all coursework
Fall 2015	Teaching assistant attached to the course ‘The Ethics of War’ given

by Ariel Colonomos, L'Institut des études politiques de Paris,
Responsibilities: weekly office hours (2 hours); grading final exams

Research

2017 Research Assistant with Professor Rachel Barney

2014-2015 Research Assistant with Professor J. Heath, University of Toronto

2013-2014 Research Assistant to Professor J. Heath, University of Toronto

2007 Research Assistant to Professor J. D. Clayton, University of Ottawa

Languages:

Proficiency level: Native (written, read and spoken): French & English

Referees

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