

## JULIAN N. DAVIS

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Legal, Social and Political Philosophy; Ethics; Philosophy of Action and Practical Reason

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Philosophy of Language and Mind, Epistemology, Aesthetics and Literature, History of Science

### EDUCATION

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**Stanford University** 2020–2026

Philosophy PhD (Philosophy, Literature, and the Arts Minor)

Dissertation: *Faces of Convention: Law as Interpretive Social Practice*

Committee: Michael Bratman (chair), Leif Wenar (co-chair), Wendy Salkin, Bernadette Meyler

**UC Law San Francisco | (Formerly UC Hastings)** 2009–2011

Juris Doctor

Magna Cum Laude; Early graduation

*UC Law Journal (formerly Hastings Law Journal)*, 2010-11

**Brown University** 1996–2002

B.A. and M.A., Philosophy

Thesis: *Thoughts and Other Senses: A Fregean Investigation in the Theory of Meaning*

Thesis Advisor: Justin Broackes

### ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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**Diversifying Academia Recruiting Excellence Doctoral Fellowship** 2025-26  
Stanford University

**Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Doctoral Fellowship** 2020-22  
Stanford University

**Order of the Coif** 2011  
UC Law San Francisco

**Thurston Society (top 5% of 1L class)** 2010  
UC Law San Francisco

**Witkin/CALI Awards (highest grade): Property, Evidence, and Data Privacy** 2009-11  
UC Law San Francisco

## SCHOLARLY WRITING

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### *Publications*

“Faces of Convention: A Positivist Account of Theoretical Disagreement.” *Legal Theory* 32 (2026): 1–23.

### *Works in Progress*

“Group Agency in Organized Institutions” (in progress)

“Legal Normativity and the Evasion of Jurisprudence” (in progress)

“*Res Publica Romana*: A Constitutional Conundrum” (in progress)

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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“The Practical Ground of Law” at Social Ontology 2026, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland, July 2026, and Philosophy and Legal Theory Collaborative Summer Workshop, UC Berkeley School of Law, May 2026

“Law’s Demise?” at International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR), Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2026

“How to  $\varphi$  Conventionally Without Agreeing to  $\varphi$ ” at SoPhA International Congress, Nantes University, July 2025

“Faces of Convention: A Positivist Account of Theoretical Disagreement” at Legal Philosophy Workshop, University of Amsterdam Law School, June 2025

Comments on Alison McQueen’s (Stanford) “Better to be a Traitor? Hobbes on Betrayal” at Ethics and Politics Ancient and Modern (EPAM), Stanford University, May 2025

“*Res Publica Romana*: A Constitutional Conundrum” at Ethics and Politics Ancient and Modern (EPAM), Stanford University, May 2025

“Law as a Social Practice” at EDGE Cross Talks, Stanford University, April 2025

Comments on Daniel Wodak’s (UPenn) “Can The One-System Picture Be Systematic?” at Stanford Ancient Philosophy Conference: Contemporary and Ancient Philosophy of Law, Stanford University, February 2025

Comments on Jonghyeon Kim’s (Arizona State University) “Control, Complicity, and Structural Injustice: A Reply to Estlund” at Stanford Graduate Political Theory Conference, February 2025

Comments on Emma Duncan’s (Stanford) “Mind Your Own Business! Relationships and Standing to Give Reasons” at Political Theory Workshop, Stanford University, October 2024

“Shared, Participatory, and Common Plans: Prologue to a Social Theory of Law” at Social Ontology 2024, Duke University, June 2024

Comments on Nathan Hauthaler's (Duke) "(Simply) Executing an Intention" at Bratman Fest: A Conference in Honor of Michael Bratman's Work & Mentorship, Stanford University, May 2024

"Puzzles about Plans: Shared, Participatory, and Common" at Philosophy Department Fourth Year Talk, Stanford University, May 2024

"On Conventional Wisdom" at Epistemology, Language, Logic, Metaphysics and Mind Working Group (ELLMM City) Yale University, November 2023

"Dimensions of Shared Agency in Organized Institutions" at Social Ontology 2023, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2023

"Legal Normativity and the Evasion of Jurisprudence" at EDGE Cross Talks, Stanford University, May 2023

"The Einstein-Bohr Debate and the Triumph of Complementarity" at Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University, May 2023

Comments on Jerome Romagosa's (U.C. Davis) paper "De-centering the Everett Interpretation" at Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference, April 2023

"Cultural Pretense: The Pragmatics of Conventional Misdescription" at EDGE Cross Talks, Stanford University, May 2022

"Political Mythology and Public Reason: The Limits of Liberalism in Rawls and Cassirer" at Graduate Student Workshop, Stanford University, November 2021

"Adorno's Radical Objective Spiritualization of Artwork: Genealogy of an Aesthetic" at the Philosophy and Literature Workshop at Stanford University, September 2021

"Well-Intentioned Self-Delusion About Collective Goals" at Social Ontology 2021, University of California, San Diego, California, June 2021

"Segregation and Inequality: 'Separate but Equal' Strikes Back" at the University of Washington Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Race, May 2021

"Shared Agency, Plural Intentions, and Institutions" at Social Ontology 2020, University of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel Switzerland, June 2020

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>PHIL 80: Mind, Matter, and Meaning</b><br>Teaching Assistant                                                      | 2025 |
| <b>PHIL 175: Philosophy of Law</b><br>Teaching Assistant                                                             | 2024 |
| <b>PHIL 175: Philosophy of Law: Protest, Punishment, and Racial Justice</b><br>Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer | 2023 |

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| <b>Cardinal Quarter Fellowship</b><br>Academic Mentor                                      | 2023 |
| <b>Stanford Directed Reading Program</b><br>Mentor                                         | 2023 |
| <b>PHIL 176: Political Philosophy: The Social Contract Tradition</b><br>Teaching Assistant | 2022 |

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| <b>Grad. Student Member of Phil. Dept. IDEAL Cluster Hire Committee</b> | 2020-2021 |
| <b>President of the Stanford Philosophy Graduate Student Society</b>    | 2021-2022 |
| <b>Stanford Graduate-Faculty Representative</b>                         | 2022-2023 |
| <b>Member of American Philosophical Association</b>                     | 2022-2026 |
| <b>Member of International Social Ontology Society</b>                  | 2020-2026 |
| <b>Member of Law and Society Association</b>                            | 2025-2026 |

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Lecturer, Stanford University</b><br>Civic, Liberal, and Global Education program (“COLLEGE”)                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2026–present |
| <b>Researcher and Co-Author</b><br>“Disinvestment of San Francisco’s African American Community: 1970-2022”<br><i>prepared for the San Francisco Human Rights commission by Stanford Law School’s Law and Policy Practicum and Martin Daniel Gould Center for Conflict Resolution</i> | 2022–2023    |
| <b>Principal Attorney at Telegraph Law Group, San Francisco CA</b><br>General corporate legal counsel: business formation and structure, private finance, intellectual property, employment, contracts, compliance, dispute resolution.                                               | 2013-2020    |
| <b>Prior Experience</b><br>Aide to California State Assemblyman Mark Leno; Non-Profit Executive Director; Campaign Director; Law Clerk (Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy)                                                                                                                   | 2004-2010    |

#### LANGUAGES

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English (native), Italian, French, Latin (reading knowledge), Ancient Greek (introductory)