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Education

- 2019 Ph.D., Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz
Dissertation: “Value Claims: From Aristotle to Black Lives Matter”
- 2016 M.A., Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2013 B.A. with Honors, Political Science, Goucher College

Academic Appointments

- 2019- Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Beloit College
2017-2019 Instructor, Political Science Department, California State University Stanislaus
2016-2018 Teaching Fellow, Politics Department, University of California Santa Cruz

Research Interests

Theories of citizenship, representation, agency, and identity; democratic theory; classical and critical political economy; critical race theory; feminist and queer theory; American political thought and social movements; ancient and modern political thought; concept history and genealogy

Publications

- 2018 “Learning to Globalise: Socrates, U.S. Education Abroad, and the Boundaries of Citizenship.” *Globalisation, Societies and Education* 16, no. 1 (2018).
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14767724.2017.1387770>.
- 2016 Commentary: “An Uncounted Army: Forging Consensus in a Fractured Age.”
Counterpunch 23, no. 6 (November 2016).

Conference Participation and Invited Talks

- 2019 *Forthcoming*: “Asserting Priority: Jacques Rancière and the Limits of Equality.”
Association for Political Theory Conference, Irvine CA, October 2019.

- 2019 “Rethinking Political Contestation.” Guest Lecture in Race & Ethnicity course, Beloit College, Beloit WI, May 2019.
- 2019 “Feeling Valued: Ta-Nehisi Coates, Queer Theory, and Recognition.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego CA, April 2019.
- 2019 “Inequities in American Culture and the Fight for Equal Access: LGBTQIA+ Rights, Identity, and Public Policy.” Department of History and Social Sciences, MCPHS University, February 2019.
- 2018 “Michael Warner and the Values of Public Sexual Culture.” Politics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz and Political Science Department, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, November 2018.
- 2018 “Anna Julia Cooper as Critical Political Economist.” Association for Political Theory Conference, Haverford PA, October 2018.
- 2018 “Claims to Value: Ta-Nehisi Coates, Rancière, and the Language of Equality.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston MA, August 2018.
- 2018 Chair, “Invention and Power.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston MA, August 2018.
- 2018 “Anna Julia Cooper’s Intersectional Economics.” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburg PA, June 2018.
- 2018 “Jacques Rancière, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Language, and Democratic Politics.” Cultural Studies Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburg PA, May 2018.
- 2018 Discussant, “Political Science Day.” Stanislaus State Political Science Department, Turlock CA, April 2018.
- 2018 “The Blob Revisited: Aristotle, Social Movements, and the Bounds of Necessity.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, March 2018.
- 2018 “*Zēn* and *Eu Zēn*: Leisure, Luxury, and Democratic Capacities.” Guest Lecture in undergraduate Ancient Political Thought course, University of California, Santa Cruz. February 2018.
- 2018 Chair and Discussant, “The Political Aesthetic.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA, January 2018.
- 2018 “Value, Etymology, and Liberal Sovereignty.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA, January 2018.

- 2017 “Rancière, Value, and Democratic Agency.” The New School for Social Research Radical Democracy Conference, New York NY, May 2017.
- 2017 “Claiming Value: From Adam Smith to Black Lives Matter.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver Canada, April 2017.
- 2016 “Political Economy’s Global Fugitive.” Vision(s) of Politics: The Thought of Sheldon Wolin Conference, Toronto Canada, November 2016.
- 2015 “The Globalized American in International Education.” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.
- 2012 Singer, E. and Wolflink, A. “Service Delivery Dilemmas in Rural South Africa.” Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston MA, November 2012.

Teaching Interests

Democratic theory and civic engagement; American political thought and contemporary social movements; classical political economy; critical race theory; feminist and queer theory; ancient and modern political thought; theories of citizenship and political ideology; radical pedagogy; global politics

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record:

- 2019 Political Science Department, Beloit College
- Introduction to Political Thinking
 - U.S. Political Thought
- 2017-2019 Political Science Department, California State University, Stanislaus:
- Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (2017 and 2018)
 - Political Thought in the Modern World (2018 and 2019)
 - Political Ideologies
 - Teaching Democracy in the Classroom
 - Marx on the Human Condition
 - Independent Study on Contemporary Political Theory: Critical Perspectives on Law and Society
- 2016-2018 Politics Department, University of California Santa Cruz:
- Citizenship and Action (2017 and 2018)
 - Foundations of Political Economy

- 2017 Patten University at San Quentin State Prison (Prison University Project):
- Utopias and Dystopias: Critical Reading, Writing and Thinking

As Teaching Assistant:

- 2013-2017 Political Theory and Legal Studies Courses, University of California Santa Cruz:
- Ancient Political Thought (2015 and 2017)
 - Early Modern Political Thought
 - Topics in Contemporary Political and Critical Theory
 - Citizenship and Action (2015 and 2016)
 - Nationalism
 - Intro to Legal Process
- 2014-2016 Global and International Studies Courses, University of California Santa Cruz:
- Comparative Politics of the Developing World
 - Global Politics
 - International Politics
- 2012 Political Science and International Relations Department, Goucher College:
- Deliberative Democracy

Fellowships, Grants, & Awards

External Funding:

- 2017 APSA Centennial Center for Political Science and Public Affairs Alma Ostrom and Leah Hopkins Awan Civic Education Fund Award
- 2017-2018 Adam Smith Fellowship (declined offer)
- 2013, 2017 Elizabeth King Ellicott Fellowship
- 2013, 2017 Goucher College Class of 1905 Fellowship for Graduate Studies

Internal Funding and Travel Grants:

- 2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant
- 2015-2018 Summer Fellowship, Politics Department (2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018)
- 2015-2017 UCSC Graduate Student Association Travel Grant (2015, 2016, and 2017)
- 2015-2017 Conference Travel Grant, Politics Department (2015 and 2017)

2014-2016 Summer Research Fellowship, Division of Graduate Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz (2014, 2015, and 2016)

2013-2014 Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Santa Cruz

Service and Activities

2019 Organizer, "Political Science Day" Mini-Conference, California State University, Stanislaus

2018-2019 Faculty Coordinator, Phi Beta Kappa Chapter/Political Science Honor Society, California State University, Stanislaus

2018-2019 Faculty Advisor, Political Science Society, California State University, Stanislaus

2015-2017 Organizer, Political Theory Reading Group, UC Santa Cruz

2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative, Committee on International Education, UC Santa Cruz

2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative, Politics Department, UC Santa Cruz

2015-2016 Contemplative Pedagogy Research Cluster, UC Santa Cruz

2015-2016 Critical Leisure Studies Cluster, UC Santa Cruz

2015 Participant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

2013-2015 Comparative/International Research Group, Politics Department, UC Santa Cruz

Membership

2017-present American Political Science Association

2016-present Association for Political Theory

2014-present Western Political Science Association

2018-2019 Cultural Studies Association

2017-2018 Southern Political Science Association

2014-2017 International Studies Association

Languages

Spanish & French (reading proficiency and basic conversational), Latin (elementary translation)

REFERENCES

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