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Education

Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1993
Dissertation: "Listening, Conflict, and Citizenship" Director: Mary G. Dietz

A. B., *cum laude*, Bryn Mawr College, 1985

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 2000-present
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 1994-June 2000

Publications

Book:

The Dissonance of Democracy: Listening, Conflict, and Citizenship (Cornell University Press, 1996)
*excerpt from Ch. 2 translated and reprinted in *Reading Hannah Arendt/Hannah Arendt wo_Yomu*, ed. Jokyo Shuppan. Tokyo: Jokyo Shuppan, 2001.

Refereed Articles:

"Constructing Freedom: Institutional Pathways to Changing the Gender Division of Labor," with Elizabeth Markovits, *Perspectives on Politics* 12:1 (March 2014), pp. 81-99.
*featured on *Washington Post* Monkey Cage blog, June 14, 2015

"Emotion Talk and Political Judgment," *The Journal of Politics* 73:4 (October 2011), pp. 1025-1037.

"Constructing Inequality: City Spaces and the Architecture of Citizenship," *Political Theory* 28:3 (June 2000), pp. 355-376.
*reprinted in *Philosophy and the City*, ed. Sharon M. Meagher (SUNY Press, 2008)

"Reconfiguring Pluralism: Identity and Institutions in the Inegalitarian Polity," *American Journal of Political Science* 43:1 (January 1999), pp. 86-108.

"Anti-Anti-Identity Politics: Feminism, Democracy, and the Complexities of Citizenship," *Hypatia* 12:4 (Fall 1997), pp. 111-131.
*reprinted in *Theorizing Feminism: Parallel Trends in the Humanities and Social Sciences*, second edition, ed. Anne C. Herrmann and Abigail J. Stewart (Westview Press, 2001).

"Beyond Friendship: Aristotle on Conflict, Deliberation, and Attention," *The Journal of Politics* 58:2 (May 1996), pp. 398-421.

"Why We Listen to Lunatics: Antifoundational Theories and Feminist Politics," *Hypatia* 8:2 (Spring 1993), pp. 104-123.

Book chapters:

“‘This Way of Life, This Contest’: Rethinking Socratic Citizenship,” in the *Cambridge Companion to Greek Political Thought*, ed. Stephen G. Salkever (Cambridge University Press, 2009), pp. 126-155.

"Propriety and Provocation in Arendt's Political Aesthetic" in *Hannah Arendt and the Meaning of Politics*, ed. Craig Calhoun and John McGowan (University of Minnesota Press, 1997), pp. 85-95.

"In the Presence of Others: Arendt and Anzaldúa on the Paradox of Public Appearance," in *Feminist Interpretations of Hannah Arendt*, ed. Bonnie Honig (Penn State University Press, 1995), pp. 313-335.

Conference Papers

“Clear Eyes, Full Heart: Toward an Affective Realism,” with Elizabeth Markovits. Presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, November 11-13, 2021, University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

"Working Desires: Economic Alternatives and Political Freedom." Presented at the Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 18-20, 2018, Bryn Mawr and Haverford, PA

“Enduring Uncertainty: Political Courage in Plato.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1-4, 2016, Philadelphia, PA.

“‘Reason Too Hides Its Origins’: Inspiration and *Logos* in Plato’s Dialogues.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

“The Politics of Preservation: Courage and Reason in Socratic Citizenship.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2-5, 2010, Washington DC.

“Producing Citizens: Women, Parenthood, and the Democratic Public Sphere,” with Elizabeth Markovits. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6, 2009, Toronto, Canada.

“Engaging Disagreement: Interpretive Diversity, Political Theory, and Plato,” with Elizabeth Markovits. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 2008, Boston, MA.

“Engaging Disagreement: Interpretive Diversity, Political Theory, and Plato,” with Elizabeth Markovits. Presented at 10th Annual Comparative Literature Conference at the University of South Carolina, Plato and Platonisms: The Constitution of a Tradition, March 20-23, 2008.

“Practicing Politics and Shaping Souls: Platonic Investigations,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2-5, 2004, Chicago, IL.

“Form and Freedom: Political Institutions and Democratic Desires,” presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 29-September 1, 2002, Boston, MA.

"Arts of Persuasion, Acts of the Self: a Greek excursion into problems of political judgment," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31-September 3, 2000, Washington D. C.

"Cultivating Citizens," presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, April 27-30, 2000, Chicago, IL.

"Beyond Reason: Political Perception and the Political Economy of Emotion Talk," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6, 1998, Boston, MA.

"Constructing Inequality: The Purification of Public Space and the Architecture of Citizenship," presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31, 1997, Washington D. C.

"Reconfiguring Pluralism: Identity and Institutions in the Inegalitarian Polity," presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 13-15, 1997, Tucson, Arizona.

"Anti-Anti-Identity-Politics: Feminism, Democracy, and the Complexities of Citizenship," presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 3-5, 1994, Atlanta, Georgia.

Other Conference Participation and Invited Talks

Discussant, Author Meets Critics panel on Mary Scudder's *Beyond Empathy and Inclusion: The Challenge of Listening in Democratic Deliberation*, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 3, 2021

Discussant, paper on gender in Greek tragedy, Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Duke University, Feb. 26, 2021

Facilitator, panel on "Solidarity in the Plural," Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, November 12-14, 2020

Discussant, panel on "Poetry and Athenian Democracy," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 29-September 1, 2019, Washington D.C.

Invited speaker, Listening at the Intersections Workshop, University of Roehampton, UK, June 26, 2019

Chair and Discussant, panel on "The Conditions and Practices of Democratic Listening," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 18-20, 2019, San Diego, CA

Invited respondent, First Book Manuscript Workshop, Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, October 18-20, 2018, Bryn Mawr and Haverford, PA

Invited participant, Working Group on Democratic Responsiveness, UW Center for Ethics and Education, Kansas City, MS, March 3-4, 2017

Discussant, panel on "Rethinking Liberal Democracy," Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Duke University, Feb. 5, 2016

Invited participant, Working Group on Democratic Responsiveness, Center for Ethics and Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 15-17, 2015

"Rethinking Ancient Greek Political Thought," New Perspectives on the Ancient World symposium, Program in the Humanities, University of North Carolina, October 3, 2015

Discussant, panel on "The Good Representative 2.0," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6, 2015, San Francisco, CA.

Keynote Address, "Listening to Socrates," International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation Colloquium, Montréal, Canada, June 5-6, 2015

Discussant, panel on "Political Affect, Anguish, and Anger," Association for Political Theory conference, Madison, WI, October 16-18, 2014

- Presenter, Theme Panel Roundtable Discussion: "Gender, Politics, and Political Science," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 28-31, 2014
- Discussant, panel on "Religion, Rhetoric, and Political Theory," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., August 28-31, 2014
- "The Idea of a Liberal Arts Education," Teaching and the Liberal Arts: A Symposium in Honor of Stephen G. Salkever, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr PA, April 19, 2013
- Discussant, panel on "Plato and Aristotle on Freedom, Illusion, Emotion, and the Public Sphere," Association for Political Theory conference, Columbia, SC, October 11-13, 2012
- Discussant, Working Group Panel on "Power, Democracy, and the City," Association for Political Theory conference, Notre Dame, IN, October 13-15, 2011
- Discussant, panel on "Rights, Visibility, and Power," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, September 1-4, 2011
- "Producing Citizens: Women, Parenthood, and the Democratic Public Sphere," University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium, November 12, 2010
- Invited plenary speaker, panel on "Inquiry and Engagement in Political Theory," Association for Political Theory conference, College Station, TX, October 22-24, 2009
- "Hannah Arendt on Plurality, Sovereignty, and Judgment," Working Group on Political Theory Spring Symposium, Duke University, April 2-3, 2009
- Discussant, panel on "The Boundaries of Politics: Connection and Freedom in Democratic Relationships," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2007, Chicago, IL
- "Rethinking Socratic Citizenship," Social and Political Theory Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, March 2, 2007
- Discussant, panel on "Mobilizing Democracy in Times of Unrest: Plato on Virtue, Justice, and the Art of Good Judgment," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., September 1-4, 2005
- Chair, panel on "Passion, Emotion and Anger in Democratic Discourse," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., September 1-4, 2005
- "Rethinking Socratic Citizenship," University of Minnesota, April 1, 2005.
- "Feminism and Political Theory: An Introduction," Abo Akademi University, Turku, Finland, October 22, 2003.
- Chair and discussant, 2003 Midwest Political Science Association Panel on "Democratic Theory"
- Chair, theme panel on "Democracy and the Foreigner," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 29-September 1, 2002, Boston, MA
- Chair and discussant, 2001 Midwest Political Science Association panel on "The City in Political Theory"
- Discussant, seminar on "The Constitution, Civic Virtue, and Civil Society," University of Virginia, February 2-3, 2001
- "Beyond Reason: Public Discourse and Emotion Talk," Philosophy Colloquium, Bryn Mawr College, March 22, 2000
- Discussant, Sawyer Seminar on Liberal Cultures and their Critics, National Humanities Center, September 24-25, 1999
- Panelist, Chass Symposium on Citizenship in the 21st Century, with Benjamin Barber. NC State University, March 23, 1999
- Chair and organizer, 1997 APSA panel on "Democratic Theory and Women's Activism"
- Chair and discussant, 1996 APSA panel on "Conceptualizing Gender and Problematizing Childhood"
- Discussant, Conference on "Hannah Arendt and the Meaning of Politics," University of North Carolina, February 17-18, 1995

Book Reviews

- Review of Demetra Kasimis, *The Perpetual Immigrant and the Limits of Athenian Democracy*. *Perspectives on Politics* 17:2 (June 2019), 558-559.
- Review of Susan Moller Okin and respondents, *Is Multiculturalism Bad for Women? American Political Science Review* 94:3 (September 2000), pp. 711-712.
- Review of Mary Lyndon Shanley and Uma Narayan, eds., *Reconstructing Political Theory: Feminist Perspectives*. *Hypatia* 14:2 (Spring 1999), pp. 136-143.
- Review of Davina Cooper, *Power in Struggle: Feminism, Sexuality and the State*. *American Political Science Review* 90:3 (September 1996), pp. 622-623.
- Review of Kathy E. Ferguson, *The Man Question: Visions of Subjectivity in Feminist Theory*. *Political Theory* 24:3 (August 1996), pp. 538-542.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- Charles Robson Award for Excellence in Graduate Instruction, 2007, 2003
- Distinguished Graduate Award, University of Minnesota Political Science Department, 2005
- Institute for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2004
- Instructional Technology Development Grant, with Michael Lienesch and Stephen Leonard, 2001
- Institute for Research in Social Science Faculty Summer Research Stipend, 1998
- Institute for Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 1997
- Junior Faculty Development Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1995
- American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93
- Vernie H. Wolfsberg Fellowship for Women in Political Science, University of Minnesota, 1986-87

Teaching Activities

Courses:

- Graduate: Feminist Political Theory
Major Figures in Political Theory: Hannah Arendt
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
Major Figures in Political Theory: Hannah Arendt and Michel Foucault
- Undergraduate: Feminism and Political Theory
Problems in Modern Democratic Theory
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought
Advanced Feminist Political Theory
Major Issues in Political Theory: Truth and Politics
First Year Seminar: Friendship in Political Thought

Advising:

- Graduate:
Dissertation committees: Lucy Britt (advisor), Amanda Barnes Cook (advisor), Amanda Grigg (advisor), Dustin Howes (advisor), Yi-Hsuan Huang (advisor), Begum Icelliler (advisor), Amber Knight (co-advisor), Hollie Mann (co-advisor), Elizabeth Markovits (advisor), Joshua Miller (advisor), Carisa Showden (advisor), Holloway Sparks (co-advisor), Erin Taylor (advisor), Ines Valdez (co-advisor), Amanda Aziz, Martin Caver, Maxine Eichner, Ange-Marie Hancock, Richard Harris, Gerry Huiskamp, John Inazu, Tamar Malloy, Kurt Miyazaki, Rachael Murphey, Carl Najdek, Jerry Nowell, John-Paul Petrash, Clyde Ray, Leah Seppanen, Deepak Shenoy, Casey Stegman, Andrew Utschig, Joel Winkelman, Matthew Young, Catherine Harnois (Sociology), Nancy Jesser (English), Robert Leweke (Journalism), Emily Hoechst

(Georgetown University), Sean Gray (University of British Columbia), Laura Grattan (Duke University), Ali Aslam (Duke University) Sam Bagg (Duke University), Azwihangwisi E. Mufamadi (Rhodes University, SA)

Masters committees: Lucy Britt (advisor), Martin Caver (advisor), Amanda Grigg (advisor), Yi-Hsuan Huang (advisor), Begum Icelliler (advisor), Hollie Mann (advisor), Joshua Miller (advisor), Melissa Peterman (advisor), Carisa Showden (advisor), Erin Taylor (advisor), Andrew Tyner (advisor), Nathan Dean, Shirin Deylami, Maxine Eichner, Alec Ewald, Lisa Fox, Ange-Marie Hancock, Richard Harris, Fraser Holmes, John Inazu, Amber Knight, Tamar Malloy, Patrick McHugh, Lisa Moss, Katie Moulder, Rachael Murphey, Carl Najdek, Clyde Ray, Amy Sentementes, Leah Seppanen, Holloway Sparks, Sam Schmitt, Casey Stegman, Dustin Williams, Joel Winkelman, Matthew Young, Jennifer Womack (Folklore)

Undergraduate:

Honors Thesis Advisor: Keefe Bernstein, Andrea Blohm, Leah Elliott, Ivy Farguheson, Lucienne Papon, Tyrell Haberkorn (Cultural Studies), Brandon Lofton, Jennifer Stepp, Scott Morrissey, Benjamin Peterson, Wilson Parker, Dory MacMillan

Honors Thesis Committees: Carrie Hartley, Katherine Laxton, Susan Hazeldean, Sarah L. Bright, Lynn Howie, Michal Osterweil (Cultural Studies), Eric Fletcher, Chazz Clevinger, Max Rose, Arielle Reid, Stephanie Shenigo, Kyle Ann Sebastian, Cora Wilen (Global Studies), Marissa Gluck (Women's Studies), Oliana Luke, Olivia Jackson-Jordan (Global Studies), Olivia O'Malley, Miranda Cecil, Hannah Motley (Public Policy), Kathryn Goodwin

Internships and Independent Studies: Heather Fennell, Catalina Joos, Betsy Dobner, Christine Williams, Megan Harrigan, Sarah Flowers

Departmental Service

Associate Chair, Jan 2021-present
Summer School Administrator, 2022-present
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2009-2013, 2016-present
Search Committee, Political Theory/PPE search, 2019
Long-Range Planning Committee, 2015-2017
Graduate Admissions Committee, Spring 1999, 2000, 2005, 2008, 2015-17, 2019, 2020
Equal Opportunity Officer, 2009-present
Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spring 2011
Chair, search committee for Lecturer/Advisor, Spring 2011
Field Chair, Political Theory, 2000-2003, 2010-11, 2012-14, 2017-18, 2021-22
Graduate Studies Committee, 2000-2003, 2010-11, 2012-14, 2021-22
Uhlman Summer Fellowship Selection Committee, 2014
Asian Politics Search Committee, 2008
Recruitment Committee, Kenan Eminent Professor of Political Ethics, 2004
Hagan Teaching Award Selection Committee, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2021
Wallace Teaching Award Selection Committee, 2010, 2012, 2014
Salary Committee, 2003-2004
Library Representative, 2001-2003
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 1994-2000
Bryant Internship Award Committee, Spring 1999
Prothro Award Selection Committee, Spring 1998, 2003, 2016, 2020

Terry Sanford Award Selection Committee, 2018
Recruitment Committee, Raymond Dawson Chair, 1995-96
Chair, Political Theory Ph.D. Examination Committee, Spring 1996, Fall 2000, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013

University Activities

Affiliated Faculty, Curriculum in Women's Studies (Advisory Board member 1999-2001)
Classroom Policy Steering Committee, Spring 2022-present
Participant, Data Culture and Society Workshop, May 2022
Chair, Classrooms Modernization Advisory Group, Fall 2018-Fall 2021
Classroom Policy Steering Committee, Classroom Innovation Subcommittee, 2011-2018
Internal reviewer, UNC limited submission award, Andrew Carnegie Fellowship competition, Oct. 2016
Presenter, Center for Faculty Excellence Faculty Showcase, November 2013
Chancellor's Childcare Advisory Committee, Fall 2012
UNC/Duke Faculty Colloquium, The Moral Challenges of Poverty and Inequality, 2010-11
Faculty Council, 2007-2010
Faculty Council Committee on Fixed Term Faculty, 2009-10
Selection Committee, Carolina Women's Center Faculty Scholars Program, 2006-2010
Selection Committee, Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship, Fall 2007
Presenter, "Ecofeminism," WELL Living and Learning Community, October 8, 2007
Advisory Committee, Institute of the Arts and Humanities, 2000-2001
University Licensing Advisory Board, 2000-2002
University Committee on the Status of Women, 1997-2000
Lecturer, "Feminist Theories of the State," Transatlantic Masters Program seminar (videoconference with University of Bath), November 17, 1998
Travelling Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities ("Between Solitude and Citizenship: A Conversation about Individualism, Leadership, and the Common Good," Charlotte, NC, March 26-27, 1998)
Judge, Essay Contest on "Race Relations at UNC-CH" (sponsored by the Cross Cultural Communications Institute of the Black Cultural Center)
Panel member, "Talking Across Boundaries," Feminist Alliance Conference, March 23, 1996
Faculty co-host (with Bill Keech), Campus Y Dinner Discussion, November 1995
Presenter, "Anti-Anti-Identity Politics: Feminism, Democracy, and the Complexities of Citizenship," Women's Studies Colloquium, April 12, 1995
Panel member, "Black Feminism: A Theory of Empowerment or Exclusion?" Black Cultural Center, November 28, 1994

Professional Service

Editorial Board, *Politics and Gender*, 2019-present
Selection Committee, 2022 Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory, APSA
Selection Committee, 2017 David Easton Book Award, Foundations of Political Theory, APSA
Chair, *Contemporary Political Theory* 2016 Best Paper Award selection committee
Program Committee, 2013 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Political Thought and Philosophy Division Chair
Chair, APSA Victoria Schuck Award for Best Book in Women and Politics selection committee, 2014
Chair, APSA Foundations of Political Theory Best Paper Award selection committee, 2014
Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2009-2011
Selection Committee, *Journal of Politics* Editor, Spring 2011
Program Committee, Association for Political Theory Conference, 2011

Co-Editor, *American Political Science Review/Perspectives on Politics* Book Review, September 2001-2004
Section Organizer, "Political Theory: Approaches and Themes," 2002 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 1999-2001
Selection Committee, APSA Foundations of Political Theory Best Paper Award, 2001, 2004
Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Hypatia*, *Journal of Politics*, *New Political Science*, *Political Theory*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Polity*, *Review of Politics*, *Signs*, *Social Politics*, *Theory and Event*, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, University of Minnesota Press, University of Chicago Press, Swiss National Science Foundation

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