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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Political Science
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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.

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.

"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

“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, 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 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
UNC/IBM 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
Conflict and Change Center Research Grant, University of Minnesota, 1992
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: Amanda Barnes Cook (advisor), Amanda Grigg (advisor), Dustin Howes (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), Maxine Eichner, Ange-Marie Hancock, Richard Harris, Gerry Huiskamp, John Inazu, Tamar Malloy, Kurt Miyazaki, Rachael Murphey, Carl Najdek, Jerry Nowell, Clyde Ray, Leah Seppanen, Deepak Shenoy, Casey Stegman, Andrew Utschig, Joel Winkelman, Catherine Harnois (Sociology), Nancy Jesser (English), Robert Leweke (Journalism), Emily Hoechst (Georgetown University), Laura Grattan (Duke University), Winter Brown (Duke University), Ali Aslam (Duke University)

Masters committees: Martin Caver (advisor), Amanda Grigg (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, Leah Seppanen, Holloway Sparks, Casey Stegman, Dustin Williams, Joel Winkelman, 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

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)

Other: Heather Fennell (independent study on women's health collectives), Catalina Joos (Women's Studies internship), Betsy Dobner (Women's Studies internship), Christine Williams (Political Science internship), Megan Harrigan (Political Science internship)

Departmental Service

Long-Range Planning Committee, 2015-present
Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies, Spring 2011
Chair, search committee for Lecturer/Advisor, Spring 2011
Minority Affairs Committee, 2009-2013
Equal Opportunity Officer, 2009-present
Field Chair, Political Theory, 2000-2003, 2010-11, 2012-14

Graduate Studies Committee, 2000-2003, 2010-11, 2012-14
Graduate Admissions Committee, Spring 1999, 2000, 2005, 2008, 2015
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
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
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)
Board of Advisors, Minor in Social and Economic Justice, 2000-present
Classroom Policy Steering Committee, Classroom Innovation Subcommittee, 2011-present
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

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, Polity, Review of Politics, Signs, Theory and Event, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, University of Minnesota Press, University of Chicago Press

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