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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor

Department of Political Science & Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Boston University
Fall 2018-Present

Associate Professor

Department of Political Science & Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Trinity College
Fall 2015-Spring 2018

Visiting Professor

Department of Political Science, Boston University
Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Mellon Midcareer Fellow

Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University
Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, Trinity College
Fall 2009-Spring 2015

Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Chicago
Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow

Department of Government, Cornell University
Fall 2006-Spring 2008

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

PhD, Department of Political Science, December 2006
Dissertation: *Between Law and Lawlessness: Democratizing Law in Montesquieu, Burke, and Arendt*. Committee: Bonnie Honig (Chair), Linda Zerilli, Sara Monoson

Wellesley College

B.A. Religion, 1999

AREAS OF INTEREST

Political Theory: Democratic Theory; Feminist Theory; Politics of Climate Change; History of Political Thought; Law and Politics; Truth and Politics; Queer Theory; Human Rights; Liberal Theory.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Insurgent Truth: Chelsea Manning and the Politics of Outsider Truth-Telling (Oxford University Press, 2019)

*excerpted in *Literary Hub*

*selected for discussion at the Feminist Political Theory Workshop, WPSA, April 2020

The Right to Have Rights (co-authored with Stephanie De Gooyer, Alastair Hunt, Samuel Moyn, & Astra Taylor. Verso, 2018)

*translated into German, Korean, and Greek

Public Trials: Burke, Zola, Arendt and the Politics of Lost Causes (Oxford University Press, 2014)

Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics (Co-edited with Archer & Ephraim. Fordham University Press, 2013)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Celebrity Hero: Daniel Ellsberg and the Forging of Whistleblower Masculinity," in *Whistleblowing Nation: The History of National Security Disclosures and the Cult of State Secrecy*, ed. Hannah Gurman & Kaeten Mistry. New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming spring 2020.

"The Pleasure(s) of Freedom," *Theory and Event* 23(1): January 2020, 207-214.

"Honig's Feminist Agonism," in *Critical Exchange*, "The Politics of Agonism: *Political Theory and the Displacement of Politics* in New Contexts," in *Contemporary Political Theory*, published online September 2019.

"Democratic Dependency: A Feminist Critique of Non-Domination as Independence," in *Republicanism and Democracy*, ed. Geneviève Rousselière and Yiftah Elazar. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

"Burke, Cultural Difference, and the Problem of Imperial Critique," invited contribution to *Political Science Reviewer Symposium* on Daniel J. O'Neill's *Edmund Burke and the Conservative Logic of Empire*, 2018.

"The Politics and Gender of Truth-Telling in Foucault's Lectures on *Parrhesia*," *Contemporary Political Theory*, published online 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-018-0224-5>; forthcoming in print.

"Queer/Love/Bird Extinction: Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* as a Work of Love," *Political Theory* 45 (2017): 5, 682-704.

"Truth in Public: Chelsea Manning, Gender Identity, and the Politics of Truth-Telling," *Theory and Event* 18 (December 2015): 1.

"Contestation" & "Bonnie Honig," in *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought* (Wiley-Blackwell), ed. Michael Gibbons, 2014.

"Toward an Agonistic Understanding of Law: Law and Politics in Hannah Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*," *Contemporary Political Theory* (2012) 11:1, 88-108.

Other Essays

"Whistleblower, Traitor, Soldier, Queer?: The Truth of Chelsea Manning," in *The Yale Review*, January 2018.

Reviews and Review Essays

"Against Terrestrial Political Theory: The Politics of Water and a Liveable Future," in *Theory and Event* 23(1): January 2020, 303-311.

"Living with Ghosts: Brendese's *The Power of Memory in Democratic Politics*," *Theory and Event*, 2016.

Review of *Law and Agonistic Politics*, ed. Andrew Schaap. *Contemporary Political Theory* 11 (2012), e1-e4. doi:10.1057/cpt.2011.13.

Review of David Schmidz and Jason Brennan's *A Brief History of Liberty*. *Law and Politics Book Review* 20 (2010): 12.

Review of Tuija Parvikko's *Arendt, Eichmann, and the Politics of the Past*. *Redescriptions*, Volume 13, 2009.

"Liberalism and Fear," A Review Essay on Corey Robin's *Fear* and Cass Sunstein's *Laws of Fear*. *Political Theory* 34(4): August 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boston University, 2017-Present.

PO 191: Introduction to Political Theory
PO 390: Political Freedom
PO 395: Dom/Liberation
PO 590: Hannah Arendt
PO 590: The Politics of Love
PO 791: Graduate Field Seminar in Political Theory
WGS 801: Feminist and Queer Theory (Graduate)

Trinity College, 2009-2018.

FYSM 136: Truth, Lies, and Politics
POLS 105: Introduction to Political Theory
POLS 250: Political Freedom
POLS 337: Democratic Theory
POLS 357: Hannah Arendt
POLS 359: Feminist Political Theory
POLS 386: Political Trials

POLS 387: Publics, Mobs, and Masses
POLS 417: Senior Seminar: Theories of Empire
POLS 496: Senior Thesis Colloquium

University of Illinois, Chicago, 2008-2009.

POLS 120: Introduction to Political Theory
POLS 190: The Scope of Political Science
POLS 291: Modern Political Thought
POLS 482: Democratic Theory (Graduate course)

Cornell University, 2006-2008.

GOV 315: Political Trials
GOV 400.04: Democratic Theory
GOV 400.05: Theories of Empire (Spring 2007)
GOV: 464/678: Theories of Empire (Graduate/Undergraduate course, Spring 2008)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fellow, Boston University Center for the Humanities, Spring 2021

Mellon Mid-Career Fellow, Yale Whitney Humanities Center, 2016-2017

Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, Trinity College, 2013-2014

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cornell University, 2006-2008

Visiting Graduate Fellow, American Bar Foundation, 2005-2006

Graduate Fellow, Alice Berline Kaplan Humanities Center, 2005-2006

Vida Dutton Scudder Dissertation Fellowship, Wellesley College, 2005-2006

Dissertation Year Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2005-2006

Northwestern University Alumnae Dissertation Recognition Award, 2005

Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, 2004-2005

INVITED TALKS

“Insurgent Truth: Chelsea Manning and the Politics of Outsider Truth-Telling,” Keynote Address for the “Language, Culture, and Information in Action” Conference, University of Oulu, Finland. June 2020.

“Insurgent Truth: Chelsea Manning and the Politics of Outsider Truth-Telling,” Miller Center Series of Events on “Truth and History,” the University of Maryland, March 2020.

“Arendt/Carson: Theorizing the Gap Between Democratic Theory and Environmental Movements,” Cornell University Political Theory Workshop, March 2020.

“Public/Private/Intimate,” in the Modern Critical Theory Lecture series, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. November 2019.

“Chelsea Manning and the Politics of Outsider Truth-Telling,” Brown War-Watch event, April 2019.

“A Right to Love?: Claims of Family and Feeling in States of Rightlessness,” Keynote Address for the Tucson Jewish History Museum *States of Rightlessness* symposium, January 2019.

“The Politics of Environmental Desire,” *The Politics of Love* conference, Oxford University, December 2018.

“Daniel Ellsberg and the Forging of Whistleblower Masculinity,” Five Colleges Political Theory Colloquium, November 2018.

“Daniel Ellsberg and the Forging of Whistleblower Masculinity,” Boston University WGS Works in Progress series, November 2018.

Invited Commentator for the 2018 Neal A. Maxwell Lecture at the University of Utah, delivered by Prof. Libby Anker, September 2018.

“Hierarchies in Truth-Telling,” BU *Research on Tap* event on the topic of “Inequality in the United States,” March 2018.

“Speak Truth to Power: Bayard Rustin and the Politics of Self-Sacrifice,” Georgetown University Political Theory Workshop, March 2018.

“Daniel Ellsberg and the Forging of Whistleblower Masculinity,” UK Arts and Humanities Research Council Sponsored Workshop, “Blowing the Whistle,” New York University, January 2018.

“Cassandra and Chelsea Manning: Gender, Truth-Telling, and Democracy,” Modern Language Association Forum on Classical and Modern Studies Panel, “Democracy Now,” January 2018.

“Queer/Love/Bird Extinction: Rachel Carson and the Politics of Environmental Desire,” Brown University, Politics in the Humanities (PITH) Series, Pembroke Humanities Center, December 7, 2017.

“Truth in Public: Chelsea Manning, Gender Identity, and the Politics of Truth-Telling,” Yale Whitney Humanities Center, February 2017

“Virginia Woolf’s *Three Guineas* and the Politics of Outsider Truth-Telling,” Yale Political Theory Workshop, February 2017

"The Politics of Truth-Telling: Foucauldian *Parrhesia* as Masculine Fantasy of Self-Possession,"
Columbia University Seminar on Social and Political Thought, October 2016

"Truth in Public: Chelsea Manning, Gender Identity, and the Politics of Truth-Telling," University of
Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, May 2015.

"Zola, the Dreyfus Affair, and the Politics of Lost Causes," Faculty Research Lecture Series, Trinity
College, Fall 2013.

Invited Commenter on Roundtable in Honor of Stephen Salkever at the American Political Science
Association, September 2013.

Invited Commenter on a featured panel on Samuel Moyn's *The Last Utopia* at the Association for
Political Theory conference, October 2012.

"Burke and the Problem of Imperial Justice," the Trinity College Political Science Department
Colloquium, April 2012.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"Arendt/Carson: Theorizing the Gap Between Democratic Theory and Environmental Movements,"
American Political Science Association Conference, 2019.

"The Environmental Intimate: (non)sovereignty, non-human nature, and intimate affects in Arendt
and Blake," Western Political Science Association Conference, 2019.

"Public, Private, Insurgent: What is Outsider Truth-Telling?," American Political Science Association
Conference, 2018.

"Bayard Rustin, Chelsea Manning, and the Sacrifice of (what?) Self for Truth," American Political
Science Association Conference, 2017.

"Images of War: Virginia Woolf's War Photographs in *Three Guineas* and Chelsea Manning's *Collateral
Murder* Video," Western Political Science Association Conference, 2017.

"Queer/Love/Bird Extinction: Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* as a Work of Love," presented at
American Political Science Association Conference, 2016.

"Foucault, Gender, and the Exclusionary Politicality of *Parrhesia*," presented at the Western Political
Science Association Conference 2016.

"Captured by Truth?: Democratic Responses to Truth-Telling in Plato's *Republic* and Melville's *Billy
Budd*," presented at the American Political Science Association Conference 2015.

"Alan Turing and Virginia Woolf on Truth-Telling," presented at the Western Political Science
Association Conference 2014.

"Abstraction and Human Rights: Arendt, Burke, and Ranciere on the Rights of Man," presented at the
American Political Science Association Conference, September 2013. Co-organizer of Panel, "Critical
Conversations with Arendt and Ranciere."

"[Chelsea] Manning, Gender Identity, and the Politics of Truth-Telling," presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2013. Co-organizer of Panel, "Secrets, Lies, and Democracy."

"Foucault and Arendt on the Problem of Truth-Telling," presented at the Association for Political Theory conference, October 2012.

"A Public Taste for Truth: Zola's Aesthetic Appeals to the People during the Dreyfus Affair," presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, September 2011. Co-organizer of panel, "Judgment and (In)security."

"Habermas and the Skeptic: A Critical Examination of Deliberative Democrats' Account of Contestation," presented at the American Political Science Association Conference, September 2010.

"Democratic Legitimacy and Dissensus: A Critical Examination of Deliberative Democrats' Account of Contestation," presented at the Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2010 & the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2010.

"History Against Despotism: Montesquieu, the Romans, and the Limits of Formal Law," Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2008. Co-organizer of panel, "Modern Despotisms and the Need for History."

"From Procedural to Legal Justice: A Reading of Arendt's *Eichmann in Jerusalem*," American Political Science Association Conference, September 2007

"Doubled Nations: Burke and Arendt on the Responsibilities of Empire," American Political Science Association Conference & the Women's Caucus Pre-Conference, September 2005

"The Boundaries of Responsibility: Reconsidering Burke's Critique of Universalism," Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2005

"Montesquieu and the Politics of Despotism," Association for Political Theory Conference, October 2004

"The Security of Liberty: Popular Practices and the Law in Montesquieu," University of Minnesota Political Theory Graduate Student Conference, April 2004

"Reclaiming the General Will: Affect and Resistance in Rousseau," Western Political Science Association Conference, March 2004

"An Elusive Citizenship: Popular Creativity and the Use of Force in Rousseau," New School Graduate Student Conference, May 2003

"Reclaiming the General Will: Legitimacy in Rousseau and Deliberative Democracy," Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2003

DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE

Member, General Education Committee, Boston University, 2019-present

Member, Dean of Faculty Search Committee, Trinity College, 2015-2016

Chair (2014-2015) and Member, Faculty Research Committee, Trinity College, 2013-2015

Co-Director, Trinity Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, 2010-2012

Director, Political Science Honors Program, Trinity College, 2013-2016

Organizer, Annual Mead Lecture in Political Theory, Trinity College, 2011-present

Co-Organizer, *Second Nature: Rethinking the Natural Through Politics*, a Graduate Student Conference at Northwestern University in 2006-2007

Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop Co-Founder and Organizer, Northwestern University, 2006

Graduate Student Commune Co-Chair, Northwestern University 2004-2005

Co-Coordinator, Political Science Graduate Student Colloquium, Spring 2003

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editor Selection Committee, *Political Theory Journal*, 2019-2020.

Program Co-Chair (with Shalini Satkunanandan), Foundations of Political Theory Section, American Political Science Association Conference 2018

External Reviewer, Bates College Department of Political Science, January 2018

Member, Board of Coordinating Editors, *Theory and Event Journal*.

Member, International Advisory Board, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*.

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*; *Political Theory*; *The Review of Politics*; *Differences*; *The Journal of Politics*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Polity*; *Constellations*.

Manuscript Reviewer, *Oxford University Press*, *Cambridge University Press*, *University of Toronto Press*, *Notre Dame University Press*, *University of Pennsylvania Press*, *University of Minnesota Press*.

Member, American Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

MEDIA

"Manning as Whistleblower?," excerpt from *Insurgent Truth*, in *The Literary Hub*, September 2019.

"Poetry Against ICE," in *Los Angeles Review of Books Blog*, August 8, 2019.

<https://blog.lareviewofbooks.org/essays/poetry-ice/>

"Private Fears in Public Places," *The Baffler*, July 16, 2019. <https://thebaffler.com/latest/private-fears-in-public-places-maxwell>

"Reading Like a Citizen," *Los Angeles Review of Books*, July 5, 2019.

<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/reading-like-a-citizen/>

"Chelsea Manning's Integrity," *Jacobin*, October 3, 2016.

<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/10/chelsea-manning-edward-snowden-poitras-citizenfour-greenwald/>

"Does Love Have a Politics?," *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, February 24, 2016.

<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/does-love-have-a-politics/>

"Who Gets to Demand Safety?," on *The Contemporary Condition* blog, November 23, 2015.

<http://contemporarycondition.blogspot.com/2015/11/who-gets-to-demand-safety.html>

Panelist on "To Speak or Not to Speak: What Philosophers Have to Say about Political Problems," *The Colin McEnroe Show*, WNPR Connecticut, November 11, 2015.

"Jurisdiction and Justice in the Bales Case," on *The Contemporary Condition* blog, April 12, 2012.

<http://contemporarycondition.blogspot.com/2012/04/jurisdiction-and-justice-in-bales-case.html>