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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Fall 2020 – **Rutgers University**

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science,

Women and Politics

2019-2020 **Bates College**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Politics

2017-2018 **University of Minnesota**

Graduate Instructor, Department of Political Science

**EDUCATION University of Minnesota**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2019

Committee: Nancy Luxon (chair), Joan Tronto, Tracey Deutsch (History), Joe Soss

**Dissertation:** “Presence in Our Own Land:” Second Wave Feminism and the Lesbian Body Politic

Winner of the APSA Leo Strauss Award for the Best Dissertation in Political Philosophy

**Lehigh University**

M.A., Political Science, 2012

**Oberlin College**

B.A., 2010

**PUBLICATIONS**

Peer ReviewPolitics as Sinister Wisdom: Reparation and Responsibility in Lesbian Feminism. *Contemporary Political Theory,* online first Jan. 2020.

**‘**“A More Thorough Resistance”? Coalition, Critique, and the Intersectional Promise of Queer Theory,’ *Political Theory* 48(2), 2019: p. 218-244.

OtherBook Review, *Considering Emma Goldman: Feminist Political Ambivalence and the Imaginative Archive,* by Clare Hemmings. *Political Theory* online first, June 2020.

Book Review, *Feeling Like a State: Desire, Denial, and the Recasting of Authority,* by Davina Cooper, *Perspectives on Politics* 18(2) June 2020: pp. 600-602*.*

Book Review, *Grounded Authority: The Algonquins of Barriére Lake Against the State,* by Shiri Pasternak, for *Critical Ethnic Studies,* vol. 1, Fall 2019.

**WORKING PAPERS**

Erotic Knowledge: Audre Lorde and the Genealogies of Sexuality

’’Our Reality is the Fictional:’ Wittig, Lorde, and the Lesbian Body Politic

The Loving Public: Separation, Transformation, and Political Speech in Lesbian Feminist Theorizing

**SELECTED** Winner, APSA Leo Strauss Award for the Best Dissertation in Political

**FELLOWSHIPS** Philosophy

**AND AWARDS**

Winner, APSA Women, Gender, and Politics Section Best Paper Award for

“Politics as Sinister Wisdom: Reparation and Responsibility in Lesbian Feminist Politics,” Awarded July 2020.

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2018-2019), University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship (2018).

Mellon-Sawyer Seminar Fellowship (2017-2018), “The Politics of Land: Colony, Property, Ecology.’

Political Science Dissertation Research Fellowship (2018), Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota.

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship (2016), University of Minnesota.

Strohl Summer Research Fellowship (2012), Lehigh University.

Historic Bethlehem Partnership Community Fellowship (2011-2012), Lehigh University.

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**INVITED TALKS** “Politics as Sinister Wisdom: Repration and Responsibility in Lesbian Feminism,” Presented at the University of Pennsylvania Political Theory Workshop. (December 2020).

“Politics as Sinister Wisdom: Lesbian Feminism Beyond the Waves,” Gender and Sexuality Studies 30th Anniversary Lecture Series. Bates College (October 2019).

**SELECTED**

**PAPERS** “Prefiguration as Promise-Making: Lesbian Feminism and the “New Social Contract” Theory,” American Political Science Association (September, 2021), accepted.

“On Publicity and Publication: Intersectionality, Autonomy, and Authority in Lesbian Feminism,” Intersectionality Mini-Conference at the American Political Science Association (September, 2021), accepted.

“Erotic Knowledge: Audre Lorde and the Genealogies of Sexuality,” Western Political Science Association (April, 2021), accepted.

“Not in my Name: Undoing the Evacuation of Feminist Consciousness Raising,” Western Political Science Association (March 2020), accepted.

“’Our Reality is the Fictional:’ Wittig, Lorde, and the Lesbian Body Politic,” Association for Political Theory (October 2019).

“’The Passage is Through:’ Relations of Accountability in Lesbian Politics,” APSA (August 2019). Also presented and discussed at APSA’s pre-conference dissertation workshop on “The Intersections of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in American Political Behavior.”

“’Our Reality is the Fictional:’ Monique Wittig and the Lesbian Body Politic,” WPSA (April 2019).

“Politics as ‘Sinister Wisdom,’” Association for Political Theory (October 2018).

“Lesbian Existence: Monique Wittig’s Critical Politics,” Western Political Science Association (March 2018).

Discussant for Shiri Pasternak, *Grounded Authority,* Author-meets-critic round table,Mellon-Sawyer Seminar ‘The Politics of Land.’ (February 2018)

“Revolution and Resignification: Compulsory Textuality in Feminist Theory,” Western Political Science Association (April 2017).

Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable participant for Bartels and Achen, *Democracy for Realists,* at American Politics Proseminar, University of Minnesota. (October 2016).

“Sapphic Ambivalences: Rethinking Nietzschean Contestation for Feminist Practices of Democracy.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA (March 2016).

**TEACHING**

**Rutgers University**

Fall 2020 *The Nature of Politics* (709:101)

*Gender and Political Theory* (790:365)

Spring 2021 *Contemporary Feminist Theory* (790:423)

Advanced Topics in Women and Politics: *Gender and Political Theory* (graduate seminar)

Graduate Advising PhD committee member for: Haley Norris, Political Science.

**Bates College**

Fall 2019 *Political Freedom* (PLTC 292)

*Intersectional Political Theory: Lesbian, Black, and Indigenous Feminisms,* crosslisted in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GSPT 304)

Winter 2020 *Reading Marx, Rethinking Marxisms*

*The Household and Political Theory*

Short Term 2020 *Sexuality in the Stacks: How Archives Shape Political Memory*

**Political Science, University of Minnesota**

Summer 2018 Primary Instructor, *Democracy and Citizenship* (POL 3235, equivalent to

Modern and Late Modern Political Theory)

Summer 2017 Primary Instructor, *Introduction to Political Theory* (POL 1201)

2014-2017 Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota Political Science

*Ideas and Ideologies* (POL 1201), Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017

*Politics of the Family, Sex, and Children* (POL 4495), Fall 2015, Spring 2016

*Education and the American Dream* (POL 3319), Fall 2015

**PROFESSIONAL**

**ACTIVITY**

2019-present Peer reviewer for *Political Theory* and *Contemporary Political Theory*

**University of Minnesota**

2017-2018 Mellon-Sawyer Fellow, “The Politics of Land: Colony, Property, Ecology”

2016-2018 Graduate Student Representative, Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota.

2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative, Equity and Diversity Committee, Dept. of Political Science, University of Minnesota.

2016-2017 Organizer, Equity and Diversity Colloquium Series, Dept. of Political Science, University of Minnesota.

2015-2016 Co-Chair, Graduate Student Life Committee, Dept. of Political

Science, University of Minnesota.

2014-2015 Co-Convener, Minnesota Political Theory Colloquium, Dept. of Political Science, University of Minnesota