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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stockton University, Galloway, NJ
Assistant Professor of Political Science: Theory (2015-present)

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (June 2015)
Dissertation: “Bringing the Site Back In: Social Media and the Politics of Space”
Committee: James Farr (chair), Mary G. Dietz, Benjamin I. Page
Examination Fields: Political Theory (major), American Politics (minor).

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Master of Arts in Political Science (June 2011)
Master’s Thesis: “Facebook Politics: Recovering the Public in an Age of Social Media”
Committee: James Farr (chair) and Mary G. Dietz

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Cultural Studies and Political Science, Summa cum Laude with Honors, with distinction in Political Science (June 2009)
Study Abroad: University College London, London, England (Fall 2007)
Senior Honors Thesis: “Identity, Distinction, and Action: Re-evaluating the Self in the Work of Taylor, Foucault, and Arendt” Advisers: Eric MacGilvray, Michael Neblo, and Philip Armstrong

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Forestal, Jennifer. 2017. “The Architecture of Political Spaces: Trolls, Digital Media, and Deweyan Democracy,” *American Political Science Review* 111(1): 149-161.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Software Development as Arendtian Work” [under review]
“On Propaganda and Digital Publics” [under review]
“Citizen ‘Anon’: Anonymity and Democracy in America” (with Menaka Philips) [under review]
“Civics Across Campus: Stockton’s Election 2016 Program and Civic Learning Outside the Classroom” (with Claire Abernathy) [under review]
“Remember the Ladies: Recovering the Women Behind the Canon” (with Menaka Philips)
Political Spaces: Building Democracies in a Digital Age [book manuscript in progress]
“Effective Teaching for Civic Learning: Assessing Student Learning Outcomes Across Political Science Courses” (with Claire Abernathy)

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

Forestal, Jennifer. 2017. "Fake News and Informed Democracy" (with Chris Tenove) *The Scholars' Circle*. Radio/Podcast audio. September 9.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2017. "Trolling democracy: anonymity doesn't cause conflicts, bad site design does" *Democratic Audit blog*. May 4.

Forestal, Jennifer and Menaka Philips. 2016. "People blame Facebook for fake news and partisan bile. They're wrong." *Washington Post: Monkey Cage*. December 16.

Forestal, Jennifer. 2016. *'Midwife to Democracy: Civic Learning in Higher Education*. Galloway, NJ: William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy. October.

INVITED TALKS &
PAPER
PRESENTATIONS

Paper presenter, "Political Theory and the Problem of Boundaries" Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (University of Michigan, October 2017)

Invited presenter, "Beyond Gatekeepers: On Propaganda and Digital Publics," College of Humanities & Social Sciences Annual Multidisciplinary Conference (William Paterson University, NJ, October 2017)

Paper presenter, "On Propaganda and Digital Publics" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, September 2017)

Paper presenter, "Political Theory and the Problem of Boundaries" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, September 2017)

Paper presenter, "On Propaganda and Digital Publics" Journalism and the Search for Truth in an Age of Social Media (Boston University, April 2017)

Invited presenter, "On Propaganda and Digital Publics" Tri-Co Theory Workshop (Bryn Mawr College, PA, February 2017)

Paper presenter, "Civics Across Campus: Stockton's Election 2016 Program and Civic Learning Outside the Classroom" (with Claire Abernathy), APSA Conference on Teaching & Learning (Long Beach, CA, February 2017)

Invited presenter, "'The Work of Our Hands' in a World of Machines: Software Development as Arendtian Work" University of Pennsylvania Graduate Political Theory Workshop (Philadelphia, December 2016)

Invited presenter, "'The Work of Our Hands' in a World of Machines: Software Development as Arendtian Work" Temple University Political Theory Workshop (Philadelphia, November 2016)

Paper presenter, "Citizen 'Anon': Anonymity and Democracy in America" (with Menaka Philips) Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (Columbus, OH 2016)

Paper presenter, "The 'Work of our Hands' in a World of Machines: Software Development as Arendtian Work" Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago 2016)

Paper presenter, "From *Demos* to Data: Social Media, Software Architecture, and Public Space." Annual Convention of the National Communication Association (Chicago 2014); European Conference on Social Media (Brighton, England, UK 2014); Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association (Seattle 2014); Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago 2014)

Paper presenter, "From *Demos* to Data: Hannah Arendt, Software Architecture, and Public Space." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Washington, DC 2014)

COURSES TAUGHT	<p>POLS 1100: Introduction to Politics (Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Spring 2017)</p> <p>POLS 2140: Introduction to Political Theory (Fall 2015; Spring 2016; Fall 2016; Fall 2017)</p> <p>POLS 3641: Modern Political Theory (Spring 2016)</p> <p>POLS 3642: American Political Thought (Spring 2017)</p> <p>POLS 3648: Democracy, Dissent, & Disobedience (Spring 2016)</p> <p>GAH 2410: Superheroes, Politics, & Pop Culture (Fall 2016)</p> <p>GIS 3614: Seminar in Feminist Theory (Spring 2017)</p> <p>AMST 5022: Superheroes, Politics, & America (Graduate-level American Studies seminar, Fall 2017)</p>
PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE	<p>Manuscript reviewer: <i>American Political Science Review</i></p> <p>Association for Political Theory Conference Program Committee member (2016-present)</p> <p>American Democracy Project/Political Engagement Project (PEP), Stockton University Committee Co-chair (2017-present)</p> <p>Co-chair, Election 2016 Series (2016)</p> <p>Committee Member (e-citizenship) (2015-2017)</p> <p>Faculty Advisor, Women's Rights Coalition, Stockton University (2016-present)</p> <p>Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Assessment Committee member, Stockton University (2016-present)</p> <p>American Studies Admissions Committee member, Stockton University (2016-present)</p> <p>Co-Chair, Northwestern University Political Science Commune (graduate student org.) (2011-2013)</p>
OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	<p>Chair, "Online Activism and Mobilization," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (San Francisco, 2017)</p> <p>Discussant, "Technologies of Neoliberalism," Association for Political Theory Annual Conference (Columbus, OH, 2016)</p> <p>Panel organizer, chair, and discussant, "Gender and the Great Man: Recovering the Women Behind the Canon," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, 2016)</p> <p>Discussant, "Germans, German-Jews, and Mid-Twentieth Century Political Thought," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, 2016)</p>
HONORS & AWARDS	<p>Provost Faculty Opportunities Fund Research Grant, Stockton University (2017)</p> <p>American Political Science Association Travel Grant (2017)</p> <p>Research & Professional Development Summer Research Stipend, Stockton University (2016, 2017)</p> <p>Best Ph.D. Paper, European Conference on Social Media (2014)</p> <p>TGS Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University (2014)</p>

Department/Discipline Organization of the Year, Political Science Commune, Northwestern University (2012)

Emerging Graduate Student Leader of the Year, honorable mention, Northwestern University (2012)

University Fellowship, Northwestern University (2009-2010, 2013-2014)

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
Midwest Political Science Association

RESEARCH
INTERESTS

Political potential of social media; public space and civic architecture(s); democratic theory; power dynamics and sources of authority, especially in light of digital media; theories of the public and practices of citizenship; systems design and software architecture; human-centered design; civic education, especially in informal (social) settings; representation and identity; political geography; American political thought, specifically Deweyan pragmatism; the work of Hannah Arendt.

TEACHING
INTERESTS

Political theory; history of political thought; American politics; American political thought; new (digital) media; theories of power and resistance; civil rights and civic responsibilities; American political development; urban politics; public sphere theory; theories of freedom and citizenship; history of technology; public opinion.