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## ***Employment***

The University of Alabama, Department of Gender and Race Studies, Assistant Professor, 2019-present

Affiliated faculty, Blount Scholars Program, spring 2021-present

Affiliated faculty, Department of Political Science, fall 2019-present

Vanderbilt University, The Program in American Studies, the Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the Master of Liberal Arts and Science Program, Lecturer, 2018-2019

Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science, Visiting Assistant Professor, and Women's & Gender Studies, Affiliated Faculty, 2017-2018

Whitman College, Department of Politics, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015-2016

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, Lecturer, 2014-2015

## ***Education***

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, Ph.D., 2014

Dissertation: "Republics, Passions, and *Patria*: Love of Country in Eighteenth Century Political Thought"

Committee: Kirstie McClure (chair), Joshua Foa Dienstag, Anthony Pagden, Giulia Sissa, Peter Stacey

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, C.Phil., 2012

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, M.A., 2008

Vassar College, French and Francophone Studies and Political Science, B.A., with General Honors and Departmental Honors in Political Science, 2005

## ***Teaching and Research Interests***

contemporary feminist political theory; emotions and politics; politics and literature; sex and gender in the history of political thought; utopian political thought; 17th and 18th century political thought, especially the French Enlightenment and French imperialism

## ***Fellowships and Residencies***

The National Humanities Center, Summer Residency Program, postponed until June 2022

The University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences Program for Intensive Research Semester (ASPIRE) award, spring 2022

Brown University, The Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, The Carol G. Lederer Postdoctoral Fellowship in Gender Studies, 2016-2017

The William Andrews Clark Memorial Library and the UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies, Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014

### **Work In Progress**

Book manuscript: *The Lost Passions of Republican Thought: Politics and Emotions of the French Enlightenment*

Research project: Freedom in the Feminist Utopian Tradition

Working paper: "Wollstonecraft's Gothic Violence"

Working paper: "Sovereign Passions: Political Leadership in Montesquieu's *Dialogue between Sulla and Eucrates*"

Working paper: "A Passing Romance: Racial Ambiguity and Paternal Authority in *Sarah*"

Book chapter: "Ambiguous Utopias: Gender, Solidarity, and Political Action"

### **Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapters**

"Current Trends in the Study of Eighteenth-century Political Thought," in *Research Handbook on the History of Political Thought*, eds. Cary J. Nederman and Guillaume Bogiaris (Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2023).

"Moving Hearts: Cultivating Patriotic Affect in Rousseau's *Considerations on the Government of Poland*," *Law, Culture and the Humanities* 15.2 (2019): 497-515.

"Fear, Liberty, and Honourable Death in Montesquieu's *Persian Letters*," *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* 28.4 (2016): 623-644.

### **Book Reviews and Other Short Pieces**

Book review, Sandrine Bergès and Alan Coffee, eds., *The Social and Political Philosophy of Mary Wollstonecraft*, *Political Theory* 47.6 (2020): 904-911.

Book review, Jill Locke, *Democracy and the Death of Shame: Political Equality and Social Disturbance*, *Politics & Gender* 14.3 (2018).

Book review, Karen Green, *A History of Women's Political Thought in Europe, 1700-1800*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016), available online [here](#).

Book review, Lee Ward, *Modern Democracy and the Theological-Political Problem in Spinoza, Rousseau, and Jefferson*, *Perspectives on Politics* 14.3 (2016): 872-874.

"Agency and Anxiety: On Marie-Hélène Huet's *The Culture of Disaster*," *The 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Common: A Public Humanities Website*, October 9, 2014.

"'An Unknown Arc into the Future': An Interview with Daniel Lewis, Curator of 'Beautiful Science: Ideas that Changed the World' at the Huntington Library," *The 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Common: A Public Humanities Website*, September 28, 2013.

Book review, Michel de Montaigne, *Selected Essays with La Boétie's Discourse on Voluntary Servitude*, *Comitatus* 43 (2012): 243-245.

Review essay, "Rule and Resistance: Theorizing the Female Sovereign in Sixteenth-Century Europe," *Comitatus* 39 (2008): 219-224.

Book review, Judith M. Bennett, *History Matters: Patriarchy and the Challenge of Feminism*, *Comitatus* 38 (2007): 187-190.

### ***Conference and Workshop Participation***

#### *Panels Organized*

"Gender and Race in 18th Century Political Thought," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)

"Early Modern Inequalities," APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2019

"Political Subjectivity in Early Modern Thought," APSA, Boston, September 2018

"Sensible Signs: Affect, Language, and Materialism," Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Seattle, April 2014

#### *Paper Presentations*

"Wollstonecraft's Gothic Violence," APSA, September 2021 (virtual)

"A Passing Romance: Racial Ambiguity and Paternal Authority in *Sarah*," Extending New Narratives Monthly Seminar for Early Career Researchers, April 2021 (virtual)

"A Passing Romance: Racial Ambiguity and Paternal Authority in *Sarah*," WPSA, April 2021 (virtual)

"Agency, ARTs, and the Myth of Choice," *The Sexual Politics of Freedom* conference, Irish Centre for Human Rights, The National University of Ireland, Galway, September 2020 (virtual)

"The Family Romance of Revolution," APSA, San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)

"Consent, Inequality, and the Politics of Transnational Surrogacy," WPSA, Los Angeles, April 2020 (conference canceled)

"The Politics of Transnational Surrogacy," Southern Political Science Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2019

"Mary Astell and Political Freedom," APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2019

"Mary Astell and the Politics of Refusal," WPSA, San Diego, April 2019

"Mary Astell, Recluses, and the Politics of Refusal," Association for Political Theory (APT), Bryn Mawr, October 2018

"The error of his own bonds': Contract, Freedom, and Gender in Milton's Divorce Tracts," WPSA, San Francisco, September 2018

"The error of his own bonds': Contract, Freedom, and Gender in Milton's Divorce Tracts," APT, Ann Arbor, October 2017

"Ambition, Glory, and Honor in Montesquieu's *Dialogue between Sulla and Eucrates*," APSA, San Francisco, September 2017

- “Ambition, Glory, and Honor in Montesquieu’s *Dialogue between Sulla and Eucrates*,” New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting (NEPSA), Providence, April 2017
- “Origin Stories: The Haitian Revolution’s Challenge to Universalism,” Whitman College Politics Colloquium, Walla Walla, May 2016
- “Origin Stories: The Haitian Revolution’s Challenge to Universalism,” WPSA, San Diego, March 2016
- “Sentiments of Citizenship: Civic Ritual in Rousseau’s Thought,” The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference (ASECS), Los Angeles, March 2015
- “Moving Hearts: Civic Ritual and Republican Citizenship in Rousseau’s Thought,” APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2014
- “The Seraglio and the State: Despotism in *The Persian Letters*,” Persia and Europe in the Age of Enlightenment: A Conference, UC Riverside, Riverside, May 2014
- “Rites of the Republic: Reconstituting the State through Affect in Rousseau,” WPSA, Seattle, April 2014
- “The Origins of Romantic Nationalism: Love, Ritual, and Republican Impulses in Rousseau and Wordsworth,” The Annual Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Davis, February 2014
- “How to Do Things with Emotions: Affective Practices and Republican Political Thought,” APT, Nashville, October 2013
- “Fear and Loathing in the French Enlightenment: Despotism and Republican Citizenship in Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters*,” ASECS, Cleveland, April 2013
- “Fear and Loathing in the French Enlightenment: Despotism and Republican Citizenship in Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters*,” WPSA, Hollywood, March 2013
- “Fear and Loathing in the French Enlightenment: Despotism and Republican Citizenship in Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters*,” The UCLA Early Modern Research Group Works-in-Progress Workshop, Los Angeles, February 2013
- “Accounts of Publick Emotions’: Vocabularies of the Passions in Eighteenth-Century Thought,” The School of Criticism and Theory Research Workshop, Ithaca, July 2012
- “A Genealogy of the Passions in Republican Political Thought,” WPSA, Portland, March 2012
- “Cicero and Machiavelli on Republican Passions,” The Renaissance of the Passions: A Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Ahmanson Conference, Los Angeles, November 2011

#### *Discussant*

- “Integrity, Trust, and Deception,” WPSA, April 2021 (virtual)
- “Moral Sentiment and Political Education,” APSA, San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)
- “Bodily Resistance at the Borders,” WPSA, Los Angeles, April 2020 (conference canceled)
- “Rethinking Republicanism,” WPSA, San Diego, April 2019
- “Refusing (and) Violence,” APT, Bryn Mawr, October 2018

“Freedom, Liberalism, and Democracy,” WPSA, San Francisco, March 2018  
Vanderbilt University Social and Political Thought Workshop, Nashville, March 2018  
“Feminist Agency Revisited,” APSA, San Francisco, September 2017  
“How to Observe Men Well: Rousseau at a Critical Juncture,” NEPSA, Providence, April 2017  
“Power and Control Across Space,” APSA, Philadelphia, September 2016  
“Borders and Democratic Communities,” Southwestern Political Science Association Conference (SSSA), San Diego, April 2012  
UCLA Political Theory Workshop, 2011, 2009, and 2007

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“Rethinking Republicanisms *after* the Revolutionary Era,” APSA, San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)  
“Feminism, Solidarity, and Structural Injustice,” APSA, San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)  
“Moral Sentiment and Political Education,” APSA, San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)  
“Contingent Recognition and Limited Belonging,” WPSA, Los Angeles, April 2020 (conference canceled)  
“Delimiting the Popular and the Political in Early Modern Europe,” APSA, Washington, D.C., September 2019  
“Critical Histories and Emancipatory Futures,” WPSA, San Diego, April 2019  
“Democracy in America,” WPSA, San Francisco, March 2018  
“Normative Political Thought: Freedom, Free-Riding, and Foreigners,” NEPSA, Providence, April 2017  
“Gender, the Family, and Feminist Political Theory,” APSA, Philadelphia, September 2016  
“Aesthetics and Affect in Environmental Critique,” WPSA, San Diego, March 2016  
“Borders and Democratic Communities,” SSSA, San Diego, April 2012

*Workshops, Roundtables, and Other Conference Participation*

“Ambiguous Utopias: Gender, Solidarity, and Political Action,” APT workshop panel, Amherst, November 2021  
“Wollstonecraft’s Gothic Violence,” Premodern Faculty Brownbag Series, The University of Alabama, November 6, 2020  
Roundtable participant, “Rethinking Republicanisms *after* the Revolutionary Era,” part of the “Wollapalooza 3: Destabilizing the Canon with Feminism” pre-conference short course, APSA, San Francisco, September 2020 (virtual)  
Extending New Narratives Monthly Seminar for Early Career Researchers, 2020-2021  
Participant, APT pre-conference workshop, “Decolonizing Political Theory,” Ann Arbor, October 2017

Roundtable, “Riot. Refuge. Refusal.” The Pembroke Center at Brown University, Providence, April 2017

Participant, Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought Symposium, *Political Thought in Times of Crisis, 1640-1660*, Washington, D.C., December 2016

Participant, Global Studies Summer Workshop, “The Stories We Tell: Globalizing Perspectives, Decolonizing Pedagogy,” Whitman College, Walla Walla, June 2016

Poster, “Fear and Loathing in the French Enlightenment: Despotism and Republican Citizenship in Montesquieu and Diderot,” APSA, Chicago, September 2013

Participant, The Clark Summer Institute, The William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, Los Angeles, August 2013

Participant, The California Rare Book School, *History of the Book, 200-1820*, Los Angeles, August 2013

The School of Criticism and Theory, “Philosophy of the Passions, Rhetorics of Affect” seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca, summer 2012

Assistant conference organizer and website coordinator, *Life! Motions, Motives, Emotions*, organized by Giulia Sissa, UCLA, Los Angeles, November 2011

### ***Invited Presentations***

“Freedom, Bondage, and Gender in Milton’s Divorce Tracts,” The Social and Political Thought Workshop, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, January 2018

“The Despot’s Passions,” Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, March 2017

“Feeling Free: Politics and Emotions in the French Enlightenment,” New Eyes on the Eighteenth Century Symposium, sponsored by the Eighteenth-Century Studies Seminar, Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, February 2016

“In Excess: Emotional Regimes in Montesquieu’s *Lettres persanes*,” UCLA Political Theory Workshop, Los Angeles, May 2014

### ***Courses Taught***

#### *University of Alabama*

Contemporary Feminist Political Theory - fall 2021, fall 2020

The Politics of Rights (graduate) - spring 2021

A History of Feminist Political Thought (undergraduate) - spring 2021

Freedom Beyond Rights (undergraduate) - fall 2020, fall 2019

Politics and Imagination (undergraduate) - summer 2021, summer 2020

Introduction to Women’s Studies (undergraduate) - spring 2021, summer 2020

Gender, Race, and Neoliberalism (graduate) - spring 2020

Contemporary Classics of Feminist Political Theory (undergraduate) - spring 2020

#### *Previous Institutions*

Race and Democracy in America (graduate) - summer 2019  
Citizenship and Race in America (undergraduate)- spring 2019  
An Introduction to Political Theory (undergraduate) - summer 2019, summer 2018, spring 2018, summer 2015  
Utopia in the American Political Imaginary (undergraduate) - spring 2019  
Sex and Gender in Everyday Life (undergraduate) - fall 2018  
History of Modern Political Philosophy (undergraduate) - spring 2018  
Democratic Theory and Practice (undergraduate) - fall 2017  
Feminist Theories of Freedom (undergraduate and graduate) - fall 2017, fall 2016  
An Introduction to Modern European Political Theory (undergraduate) - spring 2016  
An Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (undergraduate) - fall 2015  
Encounters: Transformations (general education first year seminar) - 2015-2016  
Political Theories of the Passions: Judgment, Justice, and Emotion (undergraduate) - spring 2015  
Enlightenment Political Thought: Rhetoric, Rights, and Revolution (undergraduate) - winter 2015  
Feminist Political Theory (undergraduate) - fall 2015, fall 2014  
Republics of Letters: Politics and/as Literature (first year seminar) - spring 2013

### ***Other Teaching Experience***

Teaching Fellow, UCLA General Education Cluster in the Foundations of Modern Thought, 1341-1968 (freshman seminar) - winter 2013, fall 2012  
Reader, UCLA Department of Political Science - winter 2012, winter 2010  
Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Political Science - 2007-2011

### ***Academic Awards and Research Support***

Grant-in-aid Award, The Folger Institute, to attend the Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought Symposium, *Political Thought in Times of Crisis, 1640-1660*, December 2016  
The CalRBS Annual Fund Scholarship, The California Rare Book School, 2013  
Department of Political Science Graduate Office, UCLA, summer funding, 2012  
The Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 2009-2010  
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2007

### ***University Service***

Committee member, Faculty Activity Committee, College of Arts and Sciences  
Faculty advisor, Gamma Iota Chapter of the Iota Iota Iota (Triota) National Honor Society for Women's Studies, spring 2020-present

Faculty advisor, Theory Reading Group, fall 2019-present

Social media coordinator, Department of Gender and Race Studies, fall 2019-present

### ***Service to the Profession***

Standing Committee on Mentoring and Professional Development, Association for Political Theory, fall 2020-present

Chair, Sub-committee on APT-*Contemporary Political Theory* Collaboration

Conference Program Committee, Association for Political Theory, 2019-2020, 2018-2019, and 2016-2017

Manuscript referee: *American Journal of Political Science*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *History of Political Thought*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Theory*, *Politics and Gender*, *Review of Politics*

Academic press referee: Cambridge University Press, Manchester University Press

### ***Other Professional Experience***

Founder, *Irish and Scottish Enlightenment(s) Reading Group*, The UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, 2013-2014

The UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies, Graduate Student Researcher, 2011-2012

*American Political Science Review*, Editorial Assistant, September 2008-January 2010

Chair, Ethos, an association of the UCLA political theory graduate students, 2007-2010

### ***Professional Affiliations***

American Political Science Association, Association for Political Theory, National Women's Studies Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association

### ***Languages***

French - advanced reading proficiency; conversational speaking proficiency

### ***References***

Letters of recommendation are available from:

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