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APPOINTMENTS

Whitman College | *Walla Walla, Washington*
Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics, 2024-

Dickinson College | *Carlisle, Pennsylvania*
Assistant Professor of Political Science and Law & Policy Studies, 2020-2024
Co-Director of the Dialogues Across Differences Program, 2022-2024
Coordinator of the Law & Policy Studies Program, 2021-2023

University of California, Berkeley | *Berkeley, California*
Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law & Society, 2017-2018
Lecturer, Fall Program for First Years, 2017-2018

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley | *Berkeley, California*
Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, with a Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory

London School of Economics | *London, England*
M.Sc. in Ideas and Identities, with Distinction and Departmental Honors

Whitman College | *Walla Walla, Washington*
B.A. in Politics and German Studies, with Latin and Departmental Honors

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“The Religious Life of Legal Death” (revise and resubmit, *Punishment & Society*).
** Nominated for Best Paper at the Western Political Science Association, Spring 2025

“Tolerance, Not Coercion? Reading Locke after *Masterpiece Cakeshop* and *303 Creative*” (revise and resubmit, *Contemporary Political Theory*).

“Theorizing *Employment Division v. Smith*: the Affective Politics of the Legal Regulation of Religion” in *Law, Culture, and the Humanities* vol. 16, no. 1 (February 2020), pp. 53-69.

Book Chapters

“Constitutionalism” in Susan Liebell and Lilly Goren (eds), *Political Theory Speaks* (forthcoming from Oxford University Press, 2025).

“Unframing the Death Penalty: Transatlantic Discourses on Capital Punishment and the Execution of Saddam Hussein” in Austin Sarat (ed), *Is the Death Penalty Dying?* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 126-149.

Book Reviews

Review of Elizabeth Shakmun Hurd’s *Heaven Has a Wall* (submitted to *Law & Society Review*, 2025).

Review of Charles McCrary’s *Sincerely Held: American Secularism and its Believers* (submitted to *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2024).

Review of Rachel Ellis, *In this Place Called Prison: Women’s Religious Lives in the Shadow of Punishment in Law, Culture, and the Humanities* vol. 20, no. 3 (October 2024), pp. 36-39.

Manuscripts in Progress

The Matter of Dred Scott: Towards a Reparative Theory of Citizenship (book manuscript)

“Sacred Testimony, Settler Law” (article manuscript)

“The Case for Dialogic Care” (pedagogical article manuscript)

Media and Popular Press

“The Legacy of Ruth Bader Ginsburg” appearance on ABC27, September 21, 2020

“Death Penalty with Dignity?” quoted in *The Christian Science Monitor*, April 24, 2019

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Abshire Research Grant <i>Whitman College</i>	2025
Perry Student-Faculty Research Grant <i>Whitman College</i>	2025
Pedagogical Inquiry Grant <i>Whitman College</i>	2025
Dialogues Across Differences Grant <i>Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, Dickinson College</i>	2022-2024
Dana Research Fellowship <i>Dickinson College</i>	2022
Community-Engaged Grant for Pedagogical Innovation <i>Dickinson College</i>	2021
Sustainability Education Grant <i>Dickinson College</i>	2021
Dana Research Fellowship <i>Dickinson College</i>	2020
Legal Studies Honors Teaching Fellow <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2016-2017
Jurisprudence and Social Policy Summer Research Grant <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2016
Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2015-2016
Mellon Foundation Grant for the Study of Religion <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2015
Mellon Foundation Coblenz Civil Rights Grant <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2013

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor in Legal Studies <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2009-2011
Mellon Discovery Fellowship <i>Townsend Center, Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2008-2011
Selznick Fellowship <i>Univ. of California, Berkeley</i>	2008-2010
Leonard Woolf Prize for Best Overall Performance <i>London School of Economics</i>	2007
Adam Dublin Award for the Study of Global Multiculturalism <i>Whitman College</i>	2005
Election to the Order of the Waiilatpu for Social Change <i>Whitman College</i>	2005
Walter Brattain Scholarship for Academic Excellence <i>Whitman College</i>	2002-2006

INVITED TALKS

External

“Sacred Testimony, Settler Law” at Villanova Law School <i>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i>	Spring 2024
“The Reproduction of Legal Order” at Law & Society Association <i>Denver, Colorado</i> Roundtable with Christopher Berk, Marcus Board Jr, Ainsley LeSure, Anna Daily	Spring 2024
“Teaching Foucault through the Law” at Law & Society Association <i>Denver, Colorado</i> Roundtable with Michael Sousa and Sarah Turnball	Spring 2024
“The Matter of <i>Dred Scott</i> ” at Michigan State University <i>Lansing, Michigan</i>	Spring 2022
Roundtable on Paul Schofield’s <i>What We Own to Ourselves</i> at Bates College <i>Lewiston, Maine</i> With Nina Hagel, Erich Matthes, and Rafeeq Hasan	Fall 2019
“Feminist Lawyering” at Penn State Dickinson Law <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> Presentation with Mohammed Rali Badissy	Fall 2019

Internal

“The Religious Life of Legal Death” at Whitman College <i>Walla Walla, Washington</i> Faculty Research Forum	Spring 2025
“Understanding the 2024 Election” at Whitman College <i>Walla Walla, Washington</i> Forum with Susanne Beechey, Kaitlyn Patia, and John Johnson	Fall 2024
“The Value of Dialogues Across Differences” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> With Noreen Lape for the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation	Fall 2023
“Dialogues Across Differences” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> With Amy McKiernan for the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation	Spring 2023
“The Matter of <i>Dred Scott</i> ” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i>	Fall 2022
“Election 2020: The Day After” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> With Sarah Niebler for the Office of Equity and Inclusivity	Fall 2020

“Queer Rights and the Supreme Court” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> For the Office of Equity and Inclusivity	Spring 2020
“Perspectives on Impeachment” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> With David O’Connell, Susan Perabo, and Greg Steirer for the Clarke Forum	Fall 2019
“Toleration after <i>Masterpiece Cakeshop</i> ” at Dickinson College <i>Carlisle, Pennsylvania</i> For the Women’s and Gender Faculty Lunch Speaker Series	Fall 2019

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

“The Matter of *Dred Scott*”

Association for Political Theory, Loyola University <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>	November 2025
American Political Science Association <i>Vancouver, British Columbia</i>	September 2025
Law, Culture, and Humanities, University of Toronto <i>Toronto, Ontario</i>	June 2023

“The Religious Life of Legal Death”

Western Political Science Association <i>Seattle, Washington</i>	April 2025
Association for Political Theory, Union College <i>Schenectady, New York</i>	October 2023
Law and Society Association <i>San Juan, Puerto Rico</i>	May 2023
American Political Science Association <i>virtual due to Covid-19</i>	September 2021

“Tolerance and Testimony after *Masterpiece Cakeshop*”

Law & Society Association <i>virtual due to Covid-19</i>	May 2020
Association for Political Theory, University of California-Irvine <i>Irvine, California</i>	October 2019
American Political Science Association <i>Washington, District of Columbia</i>	August 2019

“Neoliberalism after *Masterpiece Cakeshop*”

Association for Political Theory, Bryn Mawr <i>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i>	November 2018
Northeastern Political Science Association <i>Montreal, Quebec</i>	November 2018

“Native Faith and the Power of Reasonable Accommodation”

American Political Science Association <i>San Francisco, California</i>	August 2017
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“Justice Scalia’s Last Words”

Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Stanford University <i>Palo Alto, California</i>	March 2017
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“Of Justices and Gods: Religion, Subjectivity, and the Law”

Western Political Science Association <i>San Diego, California</i>	March 2016
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“The (Dis)Enchantment of Reason: Locke and Habermas in a Post-Secular Age”

Association for Political Theory, University of Colorado-Boulder <i>Boulder, Colorado</i>	October 2015
Religion in the Public Sphere, Univ. of California-Santa Barbara <i>Santa Barbara, California</i>	April 2015

“Jürgen Habermas and the ‘Reminders’ of Public Reason”

Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Georgetown University <i>Washington, DC</i>	March 2015
Western Political Science Association <i>Seattle, Washington</i>	April 2014
“Adjudicating Faith: Tests of Religious Sincerity”	
American Political Science Association <i>Washington, DC</i>	August 2014
“John Locke’s Reason: Parsing the Power of the Secular”	
Law, Culture, and the Humanities, University of Virginia <i>Charlottesville, Virginia</i>	March 2014
Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Birkbeck College <i>London, England</i>	March 2013
Political Theory Workshop, University of California-Berkeley <i>Berkeley, California</i>	April 2012
“Secular Immigration? Religious Dress and Transnational Mobility”	
Law and Society Association <i>Honolulu, Hawaii</i>	June 2012
Oecumene, The Open University <i>Milton Keynes, England</i>	February 2012
“Injuries, Boundaries, and Identities: Discourses on Capital Punishment”	
Midwestern Political Science Association <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>	March 2011
Law & Society Association <i>Denver, Colorado</i>	June 2009
<u>Chair and Discussant</u>	
“Political Theologies”	
Association for Political Theory, Loyola University <i>Chicago, Illinois</i>	November 2025
“The Courts Post-Dobbs”	
Western Political Science Association <i>Seattle, Washington</i>	April 2025
“Theorizing Capitalism and Its Alternatives”	
Association for Political Theory, Union College <i>Schenectady, New York</i>	October 2023
“Forensic Legalism”	
Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Emory University <i>Atlanta, Georgia</i>	June 2022
“Contesting the Juridical”	
Association for Political Theory, Univ. of Mass.-Amherst <i>Amherst, Massachusetts</i>	November 2021
“Colonialism and Transnationalism”	
American Political Science Association <i>virtual due to Covid-19</i>	September 2020
“The First Amendment and Contemporary Controversies”	
American Political Science Association <i>virtual due to Covid-19</i>	September 2020
“Prisons, the Carceral State, and the Criminal Reimagined”	
Association for Political Theory, Univ. of California-Irvine <i>Irvine, California</i>	October 2019
“Migration and the Wall”	
American Political Science Association <i>Washington, DC</i>	August 2019

“Comparative Regulation of Religion” Law & Society Association <i>Washington, DC</i>	May 2019
“Democratic and Non-Democratic Systems” Northeastern Political Science Association, <i>Montreal, Quebec</i>	November 2018
“Rights Claims, Religion, and the Law” American Political Science Association <i>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</i>	September 2016
“The Altered Self: Rethinking the Liberal Subject” Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Birkbeck College <i>London, England</i>	March 2013
“An Existential Crisis for Secular Liberalism (Part II)” Law, Culture, and the Humanities, Birkbeck College <i>London, England</i>	March 2013
“Secularism as a Constitutional Problem” Law & Society Association <i>San Francisco, California</i>	June 2011
“Faith, Law, and Politics: Encounters between the Secular and the Religious” Law & Society Association <i>San Francisco, California</i>	June 2011

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching Experience

Whitman College | *Walla Walla, Washington*

What is Justice? (Fall 2025)
 Capital Punishment (Fall 2025)
 Religious Freedom (Fall 2025, Fall 2024)
 Ordinary Law (Spring 2025)
 Race & Citizenship (Spring 2025)
 Policing, Protests, and Public Order (Fall 2024)

Dickinson College | *Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

Race & Citizenship (Spring 2024)
 Gender & Justice (Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2020, Fall 2019)
 Religious Freedom (Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2019)
 The Judiciary (Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2019)
 Capital Punishment (Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021)
 First Year Seminar: Power and Protest (Fall 2022)
 Law & American Society (Spring 2022)
 Introduction to Political Philosophy (Summer 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2018)
 Foundations of Law & Policy (Fall 2019)
 Philosophy of Law (Fall 2018)

University of California, Berkeley | *Berkeley, California*

The Supreme Court & Public Policy (Instructor of Record: Spring 2018)

Democracy, Disobedience, & Resistance (Instructor of Record: Fall 2017)
Law, Religion, & Culture (Instructor of Record: Fall 2017, Fall 2015)
Legal Studies Honors Seminar (Co-Taught with Lauren Edelman: Fall 2017, Fall 2016)
Rhetorical Interpretations of the Logo (Teaching Assistant, Winnie Wong: Spring 2016)
Theories of Justice (Teaching Assistant, Sarah Song: Fall 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2010, Fall 2009)
Feminist Jurisprudence (Teaching Assistant, Kathryn Abrams: Spring 2014, Summer 2013, Summer 2012, Fall 2011, Summer 2010)
Immigration & Citizenship (Teaching Assistant, Leti Volpp: Summer 2014, Spring 2013)
20th Century American Legal & Constitutional History (Teaching Assistant, Ben Brown: Fall 2013)

Graduate Research Assistance Provided

University of California, Berkeley | *Berkeley, California*

Kathryn Abrams (2016-2017)
Leti Volpp (Summer 2015)
Leti Volpp and Bryan Wagner, Mellon Course Threads Initiative (Fall 2014)
David Lieberman (Spring 2013)
Sarah Song, Mellon Discovery Fellowship (Fall 2010)
Judith Butler, Mellon Discovery Fellowship (Summer 2009, Summer 2010)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

In the Profession

Manuscript Reviewer, *New Political Science*
Manuscript Reviewer, *Contemporary Political Theory*
Member, Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Association for Political Theory
Chair, Subcommittee on Inclusive Pedagogy, Association for Political Theory
Member, Working Group on Who Runs the Academy, Western Political Science Association

In the Academy

At Whitman College | *Walla Walla, Washington*

Facilitator, Pedagogies of Kindness (Summer 2025)

At Dickinson College | *Carlisle, Pennsylvania*

Co-Director, Dialogues Across Differences Project (2022-2024)
Advisor, Senior Honors Thesis in Political Science and Law & Policy Studies (2018-2024)
Independent Study Faculty Advisor, Dickinson in DC (Fall 2023)
Co-Convener, Workshop on Graduate Study Statements (Fall 2023)
Elected Member, Academic Program Review Task Force (2022-2023)
Elected Member, Misconduct Review Board (2021-2023)
Faculty Advisor, Dickinson College Workers' Party (2022-2023)
Mock Interviewer, Truman Scholarship (Spring 2022)
Interviewer, Mansfield Program for Study Away at Oxford University (Spring 2022)
Examiner, International Studies Senior Exams (Spring 2022)
Member, Access and Disability Services Advisory Council (2021-2024)
Faculty Advisor, Dickinson College Democrats (2020-2024)

Faculty Advisor, Her Campus at Dickinson College (2020-2024)
Interviewer, Fulbright Program (2019-2024)
Facilitator, Women in Politics Roundtable for the Women's Leadership Summit (Fall 2019)
Facilitator, Clarke Forum Roundtable with Kathryn Abrams on Restorative Justice (Fall 2019)
Member, CPC Committee for Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference (Spring 2019)
Member, Working Group on Departmental Honors in Political Science (Fall 2019)
Member, Working Group on Restorative Justice (Fall 2018)
Mock Interviewer, Marshall Scholarship Program (Fall 2018)

At the University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, California

Graduate Representative, Legal Studies Curriculum Committee (2015-2017)
Discipline Leader for the Social Sciences, Annual Teaching Conference (2015-2017)
Facilitator, Teaching Practicum for International Studies (Summer 2015)
Co-Director, Working Group on "Secularism and its Subjects" (2014-2015)
Graduate Representative, Jurisprudence and Social Policy Admissions Committee (2011-2012)
Graduate Representative, Committee for Reforming the Legal Studies Major (2010-2011)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING & LEADERSHIP

In the Profession

Co-Facilitator, "Trauma-Informed Pedagogy," Association for Political Theory (October 2022)
Co-Facilitator, "Responding to Evaluations," Association for Political Theory (October 2021)
Co-Facilitator, "Feminist Pedagogies," Association for Political Theory (October 2019)
Participant, "Rethinking Political Theory 101," Association for Political Theory (October 2018)

In the Academy

At Dickinson College | Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Co-Facilitator, "Dialogues Across Differences" (Fall 2022, Summer 2023)
Participant, "Normative Case Studies" (Summer 2023)
Participant, Environmental Humanities Working Group (Summer 2022)
Participant, "Ungrading" (Spring 2022)
Participant, "Implementing Universal Design" (Summer 2021)
Participant, "Facilitating Successful Peer Review" (September 2019)
Participant, "Ethics Across the Curriculum" (Summer 2019)
Participant, "Course Design Collaboratory" (January 2019, January 2020)
Participant, Central Pennsylvania Consortium's Best Practices for College Teaching (January 2019)

At University of California, Berkeley | Berkeley, California

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 2015

DISCIPLINARY MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities

Law & Society Association
Western Political Science Association

LANGUAGES

English (native)
German (proficient spoken and written)
French (conversational)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.