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RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of western political thought; contemporary political theory; liberalism and its critics; feminist and critical theory; gender, marriage, care and neoliberalism.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 - present **Reed College**
 Departments of Political Science and Humanities
 Professor
- 2011 - 2022 **Reed College**
 Departments of Political Science and Humanities
 Associate Professor
- 2006 - 2011 **Reed College**
 Departments of Political Science and Humanities
 Assistant Professor
- July 2004 - July 2006 **Harvard University**
 Department of Political Science
 Lecturer
- Committee on Degrees in Social Studies**
 Lecturer; Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies
- July 2004 -June 2005 **Harvard University**
 Bok Center for Teaching and Learning
 Postdoctoral Fellow
- Summer 1998 **Humboldt State University**
 Visiting lecturer

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-2024 **Reed College**
 Office of the Dean of the Faculty
 Associate Dean of the Faculty
- 2018-2021 **Reed College**
 Center for Teaching and Learning
 Director

EDUCATION

- 2004 **Harvard University**
 Ph.D., Government
- 1992 **Brandeis University**

B.A., Summa cum Laude

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020-2022	NEH Summer Institute, Philosophical Perspectives on Care, Summer 2021. (\$168,877). Co-director, with Elizabeth Brake (Rice University).
2017, 2018, 2020	Social Justice Research and Education Fund Award
2014-2015	Maure L. Goldschmidt Memorial Research Fellowship
2008-2021	Faculty Development Awards, Reed College
2009+	Corbett Grant for Faculty-Student Collaborative Research, Reed College
2008-2009	Mellon Grant for Post Baccalaureate Support, Reed College
2008	Okin/Young Award, American Political Science Association
2004-2005	Cabot Post-Doctoral Fellow, Derek Bok Center for Teaching, Harvard University
2001-2002	Beard Graduate Fellow, Program in Ethics and the Professions, Harvard University
2001	Graduate Society Dissertation Grant, Harvard University
1997-2006	Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
1995-1997	Judith Shklar Memorial Fellowship, Harvard University
1995	Program on Constitutional Government Enhancement Grant, Harvard University
1992	<i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , Brandeis University

Selected PUBLICATIONS

Books

Untying the Knot: Marriage, the State and the Case for Their Divorce. Princeton: Princeton University Press (2010).

Justice, Politics, and the Family, edited volume with Daniel Engster, Boulder, CO: Paradigm Press (July 2014).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Demands of Care and Dilemmas of Freedom: What We Really Ought to be Worried About,” *Politics and Gender*, 6 (2010): 120-128.

“The Liberal Case for Disestablishing Marriage.” *Contemporary Political Theory*. 6 (2007): 196–217.

Invited Chapters

“Family Matters,” with Nancy J. Hirschmann, “A Different Freedom,” *Boston Review*, Cambridge, MA (December 2023)

“Marriage and the Neoliberal Politics of Care,” *Stating the Family: New Directions in American Politics*, Carol Nackenoff and Julie Novkov, eds., Lawrence: University of Kansas Press (2020).

“Marriage,” *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Michael Gibbons, ed.. Hoboken, NJ: Blackwell-Wiley (October 2014).

“Should States be in the Marriage Business at All?” *American Constitution Society Book Talk*, (April 29, 2010).

“The Future of Marriage and the State,” *Marriage and Family: Complexities and Perspectives*, Elizabeth Peters, ed., New York: Columbia University Press (2009).

“Why We Should Disestablish Marriage,” *Just Marriage*. Mary Lyndon Shanley. New Democracy Forum. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press (2004).

Book Reviews

“Review of Judith Butler, *The Force of Nonviolence*,” *American Political Thought*, (Spring 2020).

“Review of Clare Chambers, *Against Marriage*,” *Political Theory*, (May 2018).

“Symposium Comment on Stephen Macedo, *Just Married*,” *Syndicate Philosophy*, (January 2018).

“Review of Stephen Macedo, *Just Married*,” *Journal of Politics*, (May 2017).

“Review of Joan Tronto, *Caring Democracy*,” *Contemporary Political Theory*, (2016).

“Perils of Marriage and Neoliberal Politics of Care,” B.U. L. Rev. Annex (April 22, 2016).

- “Review of Elizabeth Brake, *Minimal Marriage*,” *Social Theory and Practice*, (January 2014).
- “Review of Brian Duff, *Parent as Citizen*,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 10:2 (June 2012).
- “Review of David Archard, *The Family: A Liberal Defence*.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, (August 2011).
- “Review of Linda McClain, *The Place of Families*.” *Politics and Ethics Review*. 2 (1) (2006).

Commentary

“What’s Next? Disestablish Marriage!” In “What’s Next for the LGBT Movement?” *The Nation*. June 27, 2013.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Marriage,” *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of John Rawls*, in progress, with Ophelia Vedder
- “Possessive Familialism and the Crisis of Democracy,” article in progress, with Nancy J. Hirschmann

Selected TALKS, PRESENTATIONS and CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- May 2024 **Caring Futures**
Paper: “Possessive Familialism: Lockean Roots of the Neoliberal Present,” co-authored with Nancy J. Hirschmann
- September 2022 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Paper: “Possessive Familialism: Lockean Roots of the Neoliberal Present,” co-authored with Nancy J. Hirschmann
- August 2021 **International Social Ontology Society**
Keynote address: “Neoliberal Familialism and the Crisis of Democracy”
- August 2020 **Escuela de Ciencias Sociales y Gobierno, Tecnológico de Monterrey**
Talk: “The Social Contract Tradition in Contemporary Context”
- April 2019 **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Paper: “#MeToo and the Neoliberal Gender Politics”
- September 2018 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Chair: #MeToo: What Kind of Politics?
Paper: “#MeToo and its Critics: A Case Study of Neoliberal Gender Politics”
- September 2017 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Co-chair and participant, “The First 222 Days: Sex, Gender, Race, Class” Roundtable
- April 2017 **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Chair: Feminism: Maternity, Religion, and Politics
Paper: “Civic Speed: Bikes, Bodies and the Pace of Politics”
- March 2017 **Association for Law and the Humanities Meeting**
Talk: “Marriage and the Neoliberal Politics of Care”
- March 2016 **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Paper: “*Obergefell v Hodges*, Marriage and the Neoliberal Politics of Care”
- October 2015 **Beyond Same Sex Marriage Conference, Arizona State University**
Invited paper: “*Obergefell v Hodges*: An Advance?”
Public panel discussant
- October 2015 **Association for Political Theory, CU Boulder**
Paper: “Citizen Cyclists: Are Bikes Good for Democratic Politics?”
- September 2015 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Discussant: Markets, Morals and Marriage
Discussant: Diversity in Families? Economic Precarity and the Politicization of the Family
- March 2015 **Lewis and Clark Gender Studies Symposium**

- Paper: "Inclusive Capitalism": Just How? A Feminist Analysis"
- September 2013 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Paper: "After Marriage: Intimate Care and the Challenges of Freedom"
- March 2013 **European Conference on Politics and Gender**
Paper: "Demands of Care and the Dilemmas of Freedom"
- February 2013 **Yale Political Theory Workshop**
Invited talk: "Marriage, the State and the Case for Their Divorce."
- March 2012 **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Chair and discussant: Author Meets Critics: Jennifer Nedelsky, *Law's Relations: A Relational Theory of Self, Autonomy, and Law*
Discussant: Care Ethics, Markets, and Social Policy
- September 2011 **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**
Paper: "Holding Up Half the Sky on a Second Shift?"
- June 2011 **New Books in Political Science**
Interview, <http://newbooksinpoliticalscience.com/>
- May 2011 **Philosophy Talk, National Public Radio**
Invited guest, <http://www.philosophytalk.org/pastShows/ShouldMarriageBeAbolished.html>
- October 2010 **Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting**
Host
Discussant: "Freedom" Panel
- June 2010 **Mellon 23 Feminist Ethics Workshop**
Organizing committee member
- April 2009 **Americans for Separation of Church and State**
Invited speaker: "Same Sex Marriage Debates" Panel at PSU
- March 2008 **Western Political Science Association Meeting**
Co-chair, Feminist Theory Workshop
- October 2007 **Oregon State University, Social Sciences Division**
Invited talk: "The Liberal Case for Disestablishing Marriage?"

TEACHING

Courses

Liberalism and its Critics
Neoliberalism and its Critics
Sex, Gender and Political Theory
Introduction to (western) Political Thought
Ancient Mediterranean Humanities
African American Political Thought
What is Political Freedom?
American Constitutional Democracy
Marriage in Western Political and Legal Thought

Undergraduate Thesis Advising

Christina Ahn (2005), Matthew Guarnieri, (2005), Ryan Thorenson (2006), Catherine Steadman (2007), Duke Harjo (2007), Lukas Strickland (2008), James Hicks (2009), Michael Clark (2009), Eddie Weizenegger (2010), Annika Burnett (2010), Michael Crane (2011), Sam Williams (2011), Hannah Love (2102), Michela Dimond (2012), Kelsey Groenke (2012), Nicole Betancourt (2013), Nina Liss-Schultz (2013), Taro Shido (2013), Christine Atkins (2014), James Brewer (2014), Jacob Canter (Fall 2014), Kasra Shokat (2014), Brandon Ross (2015), Molly Kimball (2016), Cristobal Mancillas (2016), Alex Freitag (2017), Grace Haley (2017), Kat Collins (2017), Helen Edelman (2017), Ophelia Vedder (2018), Shauna Switzer (2018), Kathryn Loucks (2018), Addie Meyer (2019), Lewis Chapman (2019), Mayaki Kimba (2020), Chae Park (2020), Altana Elings-Haynie (2020), Rebecca Coster (2020), David Snower (2020), Jacob Shaw (2021), Abhi Rajshekar (2021), Mariana Beyer-Chapa (2021), Lucy Saboo (2021).

Undergraduate Collaborative Research

Amanda Ufheil-Somers, Mellon Post Baccalaureate Fellow (2008-2009); Michael Crane, Corbett Grant for Collaborative Research (2009); Hannah Love, Corbett Grant for Collaborative Research (2011); Marina Moro, Corbett Grant for Collaborative Research (2014); Kathryn Loucks, Corbett Grant for Collaborative Research (2016); Ophelia Vedder (2018); Chae Park (2019); Alex Harris (2021).

Master's Thesis Advising

Darek Teller (2010); Josie Nealy (2013).

COLLEGE SERVICE (partial list)

Chair, Academic Success Committee, 2022-present
Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Distribution Requirements, 2022-present
Chair, Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Committee, 2018-2021
Member-Leader, (informal iteration) Sex, Gender, and Sexuality Consortium, 2010-2018
Member, Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, 2013-2014
Chair, Humanities 110, 2015-2016
Member, Committee on Advancement and Tenure, 2016-2018
Chair, Political Science Department, 2019-2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, *APSA Council*, APSA (2020-present)
Treasurer, *Foundations of Political Theory*, APSA, (2017-2020).
Member, *Distinguished Teaching Award Committee*, APSA (2017-2018)
Board member, *Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession*, APSA (2012-2014)
Chair, *Women's Caucus*, Western Political Science Association (2011-2012)
Host, 2010 Annual Meeting, *Association for Political Theory* (2009-2010)
External examiner for senior honors exams, *Swarthmore College* (2009, 2010, 2012, 2016)
Member, Chair and Discussant Committee, *Association for Political Theory* (2008-2009)
Co-Chair, *Feminist Theory Workshop*, Western Political Science Association (2007-2008)
Member, *Standing Committee for Women, Gender and Sexuality*, Harvard University (2004-2006)
Manuscript reviewer: Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Blackwell Press, Harvard University Press, *Political Theory*, *Constellations*, *Hypatia*, *Ethics*, *American Political Science Review*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Polity*, *CRISSP*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Studies*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Res Publica*, *PS*, *American Political Thought*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
The American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy