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**Curriculum Vitae**

Department of Political Science  
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2000 Johns Hopkins University, Political Science  
M.A., 1993 Johns Hopkins University, Political Science  
B.A., 1982 University of Florida, Political Science (High Honors)

DISSERTATION

Flirtations with Wissenschaft: Thinking Thinking and Thinking Politics In, and Out of, the Work of Hannah Arendt (Richard Flathman, Advisor; Kirstie McClure, 2nd Reader)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2008- Associate Professor, Political Science and Philosophy, Northeastern Illinois University  
2004-2008 Assistant Professor, Political Science and Philosophy, Northeastern Illinois University  
2003-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science, Beloit College,  
2002-2003 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
2000-2002 Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy, Rutgers University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Woodrow Wilson Foundation, Travel Grant for Imagining America/Affirming Action Annual Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2003

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, September 2002 to May 2003

Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Educational Grant for Art Matters Too!, a project of the Walt Whitman Center, the New Brunswick School District and the New Brunswick Youth Services System, March 2002 to January 2003

Post-Doctoral Research and Teaching Fellowship, The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy, Rutgers University, July 2000 to June 2002

Minority Academic Careers Mentor Fellowship, Office of Minority Affairs, The State of New Jersey, September 2001 to May 2002

American Political Science Association, Service Learning Workshop Stipend, Annual Meeting, September 2000

Ford-Mellon Minority Scholars Program, Faculty Mentor, Williams College, Summer 1994

DAAD Fellowship, Goethe Institute of Rothenburg, West Germany, July 1989 to August 1989

#### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern and Contemporary Political Theory

History of Political Thought

Philosophy of Political and Social Inquiry

Continental Philosophy and Literary Theory

Politics of Race, Prejudice, and Identity

Feminist Theory and Politics

American Politics and Political Thought

Public Law and the Politics of the Legal Order

#### PUBLICATIONS

“Interpretation, Political Theory, and the Hegemony of Normative Theorizing,” invited for Becoming Plural: The Political Thought of William E. Connolly, Alan Finlayson, ed., Routledge, forthcoming

“Neoliberalism and the Jurisprudence of Privacy: An Experiment in Feminist Theorizing,” Feminist Theory, August 2008

Book Review, Bound by Recognition by Patchen Markell, Political Psychology, Spring 2006

“Facts, Values and ‘Real’ Numbers: Making Sense In and Of Political Science,” with Stephen G. Engelmann and Elizabeth Rose Wingrove, The Politics of Method in the Human Sciences: Positivism and Its Epistemological Others, George Steinmetz, ed., Duke University Press, 2005

“Mrs. Parker and the History of Political Thought,” The Critical Waltz: Approaches to the Work of Dorothy Parker, Rhonda Pettit, ed., Fairleigh Dickinson University Press 2005

Book Review, Hannah Arendt: Twenty Years Later edited by Larry May and Jerome Kohn, Ethics, April 1999

WORK IN PROGRESS: ESSAYS

“Family Politics”

“21<sup>st</sup> Century Arendt: A Reconsideration of the Categories ‘Labor’ and ‘Work,’” current research

“Arendt, Foucault, Agamben: Three Thinkers, Two Styles of Reasoning,” current research

WORK IN PROGRESS: BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Illiberal Liberalism at Home and Abroad: “Having the Body” and the Problem of Freedom in the New Economy

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Life, Death and Human Capital: Illiberal Liberalism in the Jurisprudence of Privacy,” Law and Society, Berlin Germany, July 2007

“Family Politics: Generations and the Meanings of War,” Law and Society Association, Berlin Germany, July 2007

\_\_\_\_\_, Dialogues Under Occupation, Chicago Illinois, November 2006

“Policy Beyond Power and Knowledge,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, September 2006

“The Rule of the Exception: Disciplines of Prejudice and Power in American Politics,” American Studies Association, Atlanta Georgia, November 2004

“So, Arendt Got Labor and Work Right After All,” American Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, September 2004

“Inquiry in Political Science and Political Theory: Taylor, Connolly and the Hegemony of Normative Theorizing,” Western Political Science Association, Denver Colorado, March 2004

“‘The South’ as Fact and Figure in the Study of American Politics,” The South: The Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities’ Fifth Annual Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, April 2003

“Hannah Arendt as Theorist of Privatization,” Western Political Science Association, Long Beach California, March 2002

“Nietzsche, Arendt and Perspectival Narrative as a Mode of Knowing,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 2001

“Facts, Values and ‘Real’ Numbers: Making Sense In and Of Political Science,” with Stephen Engelmann and Elizabeth R. Wingrove, presented by Wingrove at Positivism and Post-Positivism in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, October 2001

“Properties of Self in Physician-Assisted Suicide,” American Studies Association, Detroit Michigan, October 2000, read in absentia

“Physician-Assisted Suicide, Abortion Politics, and the Lochner Era,” Walt Whitman Center Noon Seminar Series, Rutgers University, September 2000

“Natality and Mortality in Public and Private,” American Political Science Association, Atlanta Georgia, September 1999

\_\_\_\_\_, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 1999

“Arendt’s Eichmann and Foucault’s ‘Specific Intellectual,’” American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington DC, August 1997

“Arendt and Foucault on Sexual Harassment: a reading of the Hill/Thomas hearings,” Western Political Science Association, Albuquerque New Mexico, March 1994

“Eichmann as Specific Intellectual,” fascisms: roots/extensions/replays, Eugene Oregon, April 1992

#### INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

“Interpretation, Political Theory and the Hegemony of Normative Theorizing,” Workshop Presentation, Forum for Research on Law, Politics and the Humanities, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois, Chicago, April 2008

“On Values,” with Dan Milsky and Sarah Hoagland, University Day, Northeastern Illinois University, March 2007

Talk Back Session, with Susan Colon and Christina Buena for The Waiting Room, Nanci Carol, dir., Northeastern Illinois University, April 2006

Introductory Comments on Elizabeth Wingrove’s Rousseau’s Republican Romance, Western Political Science Association’s Feminist Theory Conference, March 2003

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discussant, and Panel Chair, Democratic Theory: New Thinkers, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 2008

\_\_\_\_\_, Political theory and 'interdisciplinary traveling,' American Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, September 2007

\_\_\_\_\_, Ways of Thinking About Power, American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, September 2006

\_\_\_\_\_, Political Theory: Foundations and Prospects, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 2006

\_\_\_\_\_, Heteronormativity and the Politics of Heterosexuality, American Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, September 2004

\_\_\_\_\_, Problems of Responsibility, Conflict, and Order, Association for Political Theory, Grand Rapids Michigan, April 2000

\_\_\_\_\_, The Politics of Self-Making, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, April 2000

Panel Organizer, Exemplar, Example, Exception: Rhetorical Crossroads and American Democracy, American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta Georgia, November 2004

\_\_\_\_\_, The Past and Future of Labor and Work, American Political Science Association, Chicago Illinois, September 2004

Peer Reviewer, Body and Society, Spring 2007

\_\_\_\_\_, Journal of Political Science Education, Spring 2006

Roundtable Participant, Imagining America/Affirming Action Annual Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, November 2003

\_\_\_\_\_, Women of Color Studies in Political Science Workshop, Northeastern University, August 2002

\_\_\_\_\_, The Future of Democracy Series Introductory Roundtable, The Walt Whitman Center, September 2001

#### UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Board of Trustees, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, IFT, AFT, AFL-CIO, Northeastern Illinois University Representative, 2009

Strategic Planning Team, Northeastern Illinois University, 2008

Honors Program Curriculum and Standards Board, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-present

Chair, Philosophy Search Committee, History of Philosophy, Philosophy, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-2007

Search Committee Member, Contemporary Islamic Social and Cultural Thought, Philosophy, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-2007

Co-Chair, with Russell Benjamin, Political Science Search Committee, Comparative Politics, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-2007

Co-Coordinator, with David Leaman, IBHE 8-Yr Departmental Review, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-2007

Co-Chair, with Russell Benjamin, Search Committee, Public Law, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, 2005-2006

Grievance Committee Member, NEIUPI, Northeastern Illinois University, 2005-2006

Search Committee Member, IR/Comparative Politics, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, 2004-2005

College Academic Affairs Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern Illinois University, 2004-2005

Relief Picket Captain, NEIUPI Work Stoppage, Fall 2004

Seminar Series Organizer, Violence and the Culture and Politics of Democracy, The Walt Whitman Center for the Culture and Politics of Democracy, Rutgers University, 2001-2002

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mess Hall, Keyholder, 2008-present

Chicago Labor Arts Festival Committee, 2005-present

Event Organizer, screening of Beyondmedia's Turning a Corner, Salomé Chasnoff, Dir., Chicago Labor Arts Festival, No Exit Cafe, May 2006

\_\_\_\_\_, Lane Tech High School Mural Tour, Chicago Labor Arts Festival, May 2006

Program Coordinator and Service-Learning Instructor, Art Matters Too!, a project of the Walt Whitman Center, the New Brunswick School District and the New Brunswick Youth Services System, 2001-2002

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND COURSES TAUGHT

##### Graduate Seminars

“Classics of Political Science” (NEIU 2008, 2007, 2006)

“Seminar on the Work of Hannah Arendt” (NEIU 2006, 2005)

“Interpretive Theory and Critical Policy Analysis” (NEIU 2006)

### Undergraduate Courses

- “Seminar on the Work of Karl Marx” (NEIU 2007, 2005)  
“Honors Introduction to the Social Sciences” (NEIU 2007)  
“Modern Political Thought” (NEIU 2008, 2007, 2005; Beloit College 2004; University of Illinois at Chicago 1999, 1998; University of Michigan at Ann Arbor 1997)  
“Ancient Political Thought” (NEIU 2008, 2006, 2004; Beloit College 2003; Williams College 1993)  
“Contemporary Political Philosophy: Theories of State and Governance: (NEIU 2008, 2006)  
“Introduction to American Politics” (NEIU 2005; Williams College 1995; Johns Hopkins University Continuing Education Program 1991)  
“Introduction to Political Theory” (Northeastern Illinois University 2004; University of Illinois at Chicago 1998, 1997; Williams College 1993)  
“Law and the Body” (Beloit College 2004)  
“Introduction to Politics” (Beloit College 2004, 2003; University of Illinois at Chicago, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997)  
“Prejudice and the Production of Order: A Course on Interpretive Theory” (University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign 2003; Williams College 1993)  
“Politics, Literature and the Arts, a service learning course” (Rutgers University 2002)  
“Feminist Theory” (NEIU 2008, Rutgers University 2000, 2001; University of Illinois at Chicago 2000; University of Michigan at Ann Arbor 1996)  
“American Race Relations” (Rutgers University 2001)  
“‘Masculine’ and ‘Feminine’ as Concepts of Political Thought” (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1997; Williams College 1993)  
“Rights Theory and Practice” (Williams College 1995)  
“Introduction to Women’s Studies” (Towson State University 1992)  
“Practical Composition” (Johns Hopkins University 1991, 1990)

### ADMINISTRATION

- Graduate Advisor and Coordinator, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, 2005-present  
Research and Program Director, The Walt Whitman Center, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, 2001-2002  
Team and Course Coordinator for “The Scope of Political Science,” Department of Political Science, University of Illinois, Chicago, 1999-2000

### LANGUAGES

- German (basic reading knowledge); French (introductory coursework)