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**Curriculum Vitae**

Political Science and Philosophy  
Northeastern Illinois University  
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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)

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2015- Professor, Political Science and Philosophy, Northeastern Illinois University  
2008-2015 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, FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS**

Students' Choice Award, Political Science, NEIU Honor Society, April 2013

Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching, Northeastern Illinois University, 2011-2012

Faculty Excellence Award for Research, Northeastern Illinois University, 2007-2008

Faculty Excellence Award for Service, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-2007

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

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, Summer 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 – Peer Reviewed**

"Richard Flathman E.," Encyclopedia of Political Thought, Michael Gibbons, ed., Wiley Blackwell, 2014/2015

"'the end was in the beginning': Melville, Ellison and the Democratic Death of Progress in Typee, and Omoo" Jason Frank, ed. The Political Companion to Herman Melville, University of Kentucky Press, January 2014

"Interpretation, Political Theory, and the Hegemony of Normative Theorizing," Becoming Plural: The Political Thought of William E. Connolly, Alan Finlayson, ed., Routledge, October 2009

"Neoliberalism and the Jurisprudence of Privacy: An Experiment in Feminist Theorizing," Feminist Theory, 9(2), August 2008

"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

### **PUBLICATIONS – Occasional Pieces**

"Down There and Wherever Here Might Be: On Studying the South," Seeds, Northeastern Illinois University, Spring 2012

"I Liked It SO Much, And I'm Very Worried: Star Trek and the Continuing Mission of American Imperialism," Counterpunch: On-Line Edition, Jeffrey St. Clair and Alexander Cockburn, eds., [www.counterpunch.org/mihic05292009.html](http://www.counterpunch.org/mihic05292009.html), May 2009  
*Italian trans.:* [www.comedonchisciotte.net/modules.php?name=News&file=print&sid-1597](http://www.comedonchisciotte.net/modules.php?name=News&file=print&sid-1597)

### **PUBLICATIONS – Book Reviews**

Book Review, Hannah Arendt, Totalitarianism, and the Social Sciences by Peter Baehr, Contemporary Political Theory, Vol. 13, 4, e9-e11, 2014

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

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

## **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)

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Penumbras of Publicity: A Distinction Between Liberalism and Neoliberalism”

“21<sup>st</sup> Century Arendt: Neoliberalism, Human Capital and the Categories ‘Labor’ and ‘Work’”

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

The Life and Work of Richard Flathman, Roundtable, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, September 2016

“‘the end was in the beginning’: Melville, Ellison, and the Democratic Death of Progress in Typee and Omoo, Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago Illinois, April 2013

“Languages of Property and Propriety: Human Capital, Hannah Arendt and the Near History of Neoliberalism,” Plenary Session, Dialogues Under Occupation, Beirut Lebanon, May 2012

“Penumbras of Publicity: A Distinction Between Liberalism and Neoliberalism,” KURRENTS Conference, What Is the Common? Göteborg University, Göteborg Sweden, October 2009

“Life, Death and Human Capital: Illiberal Liberalism in the Jurisprudence of Privacy,” Law and Society Association, 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 PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS**

“On Reading Zora Neale Hurston,” SEEDS: Spring Journal Launch and Celebration Northeastern Illinois University, March 2012

“Vituperative Language and Discourse During the ‘First Year,’” Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society Conference: Obama, the First Year, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago Illinois, April 2010

“21<sup>st</sup> Century Arendt: Neoliberalism and the Categories ‘Labor’ and ‘Work,’” Plenary Session, Midwest Faculty Seminar on The Human Condition, University of Chicago, Chicago Illinois, November 2009

“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, Complexity, Process and Disruption: Political Theory Under Pressure, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia Pennsylvania, September 2016

Discussant and Panel Chair, Asian Contingent Thought, American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2014

Discussant, Hannah Arendt: Visuality, Masking, Loss, American Political Science Association, Washington D.C., September 2010

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, Political Theory and Herman Melville's Imperial Fictions, Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013

\_\_\_\_\_, 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, New Political Science, Spring 2016

\_\_\_\_\_, American Journal of Political Science, Spring 2012

\_\_\_\_\_, Polity, Fall 2011

\_\_\_\_\_, Continuum International Publishing Group, Spring 2011

\_\_\_\_\_, Contemporary Political Theory, Fall 2010

\_\_\_\_\_, 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 AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

General Education Committee, NEIU, Fall 2014 to present

Co-Chair, with Nancy Wrinkle, General Education Review and Revision Task Force,  
Northeastern Illinois University, 2010 to 2014

Departmental Personnel Committee, Chair, Philosophy, 2008 to 2011

Departmental Personnel Committee, Chair, Political Science, Fall 2009, Spring 2012

College Academic Affairs Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern Illinois  
University, 2009 - 2010, 2004 - 2005

Doctoral Education Review Committee, Northeastern Illinois University, 2010

Dean's Search and Screen Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern Illinois  
University, 2009

Strategic Planning Team, Northeastern Illinois University, 2008

Honors Program Curriculum and Standards Board, Northeastern Illinois University, 2006-2009

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

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

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

**UNION SERVICE**

Chapter President, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, IFT, AFT, AFL-CIO,  
Northeastern Illinois University, Fall 2012 to present

Vice-President, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, IFT, AFT, AFL-CIO, Fall 2012  
to present

UPI Representative, Citizens Action Committee, 2015 to present

Fund Our Future Coalition, 2015 to present

30<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Relations Law Conference, ITT Chicago Kent College of Law, December 2014

Illinois Federation of Teachers, Higher Education Constituency Committee Fall 2012 to present

AFT Higher Education Special Leadership Conference, Washington D.C., January 2013

Board of Trustees, University Professionals of Illinois Local 4100, IFT, AFT, AFL-CIO, Northeastern Illinois University Representative, Spring 2009 to Spring 2012

Grievance Committee Member, NEIUPI, Northeastern Illinois University, 2009, 2005 – 2006

Relief Picket Captain, NEIUPI Work Stoppage, Fall 2004

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Chicago Labor Coalition, Chicago, 2015 to present

Mess Hall, Keyholder, Chicago, 2008 - 2009

Chicago Labor Arts Festival Committee, 2005 - 2007

\_\_\_\_\_, Event Organizer, screening of Beyondmedia's Turning a Corner, Salomé Chasnoff, Dir., No Exit Cafe, May 2006

\_\_\_\_\_, Lane Tech High School WPA Mural Tour, 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

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Graduate Advisor and Coordinator, Political Science, Northeastern Illinois University, 2005-2009, 2011-2012

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)

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