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Academic Appointments

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| Coordinator, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies University of Alaska Fairbanks | 2017-- |
| Associate Professor, Department of Political Science University of Alaska Fairbanks | 2017 -- |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science University of Alaska Fairbanks | 2012-2016 |
| Residential Research Fellow, Necropolitics in the Era of Late Capitalism University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) | 2011-2012 |
| Lecturer, Department of Political Science Northeastern University | 2009-2011 |
| Lecturer, Department of American Studies University of Massachusetts, Boston | 2009-2010 |
| Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics University of California, Santa Cruz | 2005-2009 |

Education

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| Ph.D., Politics University of California, Santa Cruz | 2011 |
| M.A., Politics University of California, Santa Cruz | 2007 |
| B.A., (<i>summa cum laude</i>), Social Thought and Political Economy University of Massachusetts, Amherst | 2004 |

Courses Taught

Ethics & Society
Methods of Inquiry
Comparative Indigenous Rights
Classical Political Thought
Constitutional Law and Civil Liberties
Political Freedom
Introduction to Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies
American Political Thought
Modern Political Thought
Contemporary Political Philosophy
Research and Writing in Northern History
US Environmental Politics
Graduate Thesis Writing
After Evil
Political Ideologies
Politics & Art

Publications

1. Books

co ed., with David McIvor, *The Democratic Arts of Mourning: Political Theory & Loss*, New York: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming, 2018.

ed., *Theorizing Post-Conflict Reconciliation: Agonism, Restitution & Repair*, New York: Routledge, December, 2011 (translated into Indonesian, with Pustaka Pelajar Publishing, 2016)

2. Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Between Empathy and Imagination: New Photographic Experiments in Memorial Aesthetics,” *Postmodern Culture*, 27 (3), 2018.

“Hope and Agonism in the Native American Political Thought of William Apess,” *New Political Science* 39 (3), 2017.

“Walking Off the Edge of the World: Sacrifice, Chance, and Dazzling Dissolution in the Book of Job and Ursula LeGuin’s ‘The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas’,” *Humanities* 5 (3), 2016.

“Articulating Secession: Self-Determination, Decolonization and Stateless Independence amongst the Kanaka Maoli,” *Social Identities: Race, Nation, Identity* 21 (2), 2015.

“Hope, Without Guarantees: Mourning, Natality, and the Will to Chance in Book XXIV of the Iliad,” *Theory & Event* 18 (1), 2015.

“Sovereignty Surreal: Bataille and Fanon Beyond the State of Exception,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 13, 2014.

“The Promise of the Unforgiven: Violence, Power, and Paradox in Arendt,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 39 (1), 2013.

“Like So Many Antigones: The Politics of Recognition and the Afterlife of Indigenous Funerary Remains,” *Law, Culture & the Humanities* 10 (3), 2011.

“Fugitive Reconciliation: The Agonistics of Respect, Resentment, and Responsibility,” *Contemporary Political Theory* 10, 2011.

3. Chapters in Edited Volumes

“The Democratic Arts of Mourning,” in *Democratic Arts of Mourning* (Lexington, 2018).

“The Politics of Mourning,” in eds. Jens Meierhenrich, et al., *Oxford Handbook of Transitional Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

“Fugitive Reconciliation,” in *Theorizing Post-Conflict Reconciliation* (London: Routledge, 2011).

“The Agon of Reconciliation,” in *Theorizing Post-Conflict Reconciliation* (London: Routledge, 2011)

4. Online Essays, Editor Reviewed Publications, & Other Published Writings

“A Specter is Haunting the US, the Specter of #MeToo,” *Clarity Magazine*, March, 2018.

“Standing Rock and Ecological Risk” *The Contemporary Condition*, December 12, 2016.

“Too Hard to Keep,” *The Contemporary Condition*, June 3, 2015.

“Living On,” *The Contemporary Condition*, September 3, 2013.

5. Review Essays

“Judgment, Imagination, and Critique in the Politics of Reconciliation,”
International Journal of Transitional Justice 7(1), 2013.

“Tragic Democracy and Political Theory,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* 38 (6),
2012.

6. Book Reviews (solicited)

Review of P.J. Brendese, *The Power of Memory in Democratic Politics*, in
Contemporary Political Theory, January 2016.

Review of Glen Coulthard, *Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial
Politics of Recognition*, in *American Indian Journal of Culture & Research*
39(4), 2016.

Review of Berber Bevernage, *History, Memory, and State-Sponsored Violence:
Time and Justice*, in *Rethinking History*, April, 2012.

Review of Ernesto Verdeja, *Unchopping a Tree: Reconciliation in the
Aftermath of Political Violence*, in *Law, Culture & the Humanities* 7, February
2011.

Review of Andrew Schaap, ed., *Law and Agonistic Politics*, in *Law, Culture &
the Humanities* 5, October 2009.

7. In Progress and Under Review

Vital Sources of Undeadness: Moral Inadequacy and the Will to Chance, book
manuscript, under construction.

Prophecy and Counter-Memory in Native American Political Thought, book
manuscript, under construction.

Honorarium University Lectures

University of Hawaii, Manoa, Department of Political Science, and Futures Studies,
March 10, 2017.

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Political Science, and the Racism,
Immigration, and Citizenship Program, October 19, 2016.

Opinion Articles and Media Appearances

“Gun Violence in the US,” interview with Robert Hannon, *Northern Soundings*, KUAC, National Public Radio, March 15, 2018.

“Sexual Assault in Alaska,” CBS News, Anchorage, KVTA, Wednesday, August 31, 2017.

“Alaska Should Declare a Sexual Assault State of Disaster,” *Alaska Dispatch News*, August 7, 2017.

“Alaska Should Declare a Sexual Assault State of Disaster,” *Bristol Bay Times*, August 11, 2017.

Awards

Nominated, Best Paper at the Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015.

Nominated, Faculty of the Year, ASUAF (student government), Spring 2015.

Nominated, Robert Piacenza Outstanding Teaching Award, UAF, Spring 2015.

Awarded, Artist in Residence of Skagway, Alaska, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016.

Nominated, Robert Piacenza Outstanding Teaching Award, UAF, Spring 2014.

Nominated, Faculty of the Year, ASUAF (student government), UAF, Spring 2013.

Awarded, Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Activity Faculty Adviser Fellowship, Fall 2013.

Awarded, Residential Research Group Fellowship, University of California Humanities Research Institute, 2012.

Awarded, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northeastern University, 2011.

Nominated, Center for Teaching Excellence Award, University of California, Santa Cruz, Fall 2011.

Awarded, Online Teacher’s Award, Northeastern University, Spring 2011.

Service Activities

1. *Service to the University of Alaska (selected)*

Search committee, History Department, Spring 2018.

Provost Search Committee, Spring 2018.

Sabbatical committee, College of Liberal Arts, Fall 2017.

Classroom Inside Out, Fall 2017.

Coordinator, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Fall 2017 – ongoing.

Committee on the Status of Women, Tenure & Promotion Workshop, April 21, 2017.

General Education Review Committee, Fall 2016 – ongoing.

Engaging Students, Faculty Panel, August, 2016.

UAF Faculty Senate Fall 2016 – ongoing.

Faculty Editorial Board, Clarity Magazine, College of Liberal Arts, Spring 2013 – ongoing.

Faculty Advisory Board, Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity, Fall 2013 – Spring 2016.

Judge, Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activity annual award competition, Spring, 2016.

Annual UAF Ethics Bowl, Co-Organizer (with Seth Jones), and Judge, Spring 2015 – ongoing.

Classroom Inside-Out, Fall, 2015.

Emerging Scholars Academy Faculty Panel, UAF, Fall 2015 – ongoing.

Faculty Advisor to UAF Campus Democrats, Fall 2014 – ongoing.

Faculty Adviser to Socratic Society, UAF, Fall 2014 – ongoing.

Faculty Adviser to Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society, Fall 2013 – ongoing.

Search Committee, Political Science Department, Summer, 2015.

Search Committee, Political Science Department, Fall 2014.

Member, UAF Faculty Learning Community (“Writing Across the Curriculum”), Fall,

2014.

Member, UAF Faculty Learning Community, (“Teaching Strategies for Early Career Tenure Track Faculty”), Fall 2013.

Member, UAF Faculty Learning Community, (“Communication Across the Curriculum”), Fall 2013.

Search Committee, Political Science Department, UAF, Fall 2012.

MA / MFA Thesis Committee Member in English Department: Derek Hinkley, Eric Notaro, Caitlin Scarano, Christopher Moran, Jonnell Liebl, Zackary Medlin, Tara Knight, Danny Dyer, Amy Marsh, Nicklaus Moser, Quintin Overton, Kendalyn McKisick.

MA Thesis Committee Member in Arctic and Northern Studies: Vanessa Raymond, Ryan Hallsten, Victoria Smith, Jessica Zaydak, Yu (Kimmy) Cao (Chair), Kerstin Schley, Arlo Davis (Chair), Angela Rudolph (Chair), Carolyn Kozack, Lex Treinen, Lauren Baranik.

MA Thesis Committee Member in Communications: Mindy O’Neill.

PhD Committee: Erika Anderson (chair); Margaret Cysewski (chair); John Messick

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Chair in Political Science / Philosophy: Jonathan Quinones, Jackson Willard, Daniel Strigle, Margot Adams, Lachlan Gillespie, Silvan Schuttner, Matthew West, Matthew Ryan Harris, Bexley Brown (UAA), Brandon Blum, Ryan Pullis, Gabriela Draper.

2. *Service to Community (selected)*

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, course on dialogue in an era of political polarization, Spring 2017.

Artist in Residence, Skagway, AK, 2014-2016: delivering lectures on philosophical themes to town on a regular basis, and hosting philosophy workshops with school system, K-12, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016.

Executive Officer, Board of Directors, Bread Line Inc.: Non-Profit Organization that works to prevent hunger and poverty in Fairbanks, AK, Fall 2013 – present.

Moderator, debate between Rep. Scott Kawasaki (D) and Greg Bringhurst (R), candidates for Alaska House District 1, Raven’s Landing, October 24, 2014.

3. *Service to Political Theory (selected)*

Program Committee, Association for Political Theory, 2016- ongoing.

Ongoing Peer Reviewer for original book manuscripts:
Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Edinburgh University Press,
Routledge Press, Ashgate Press, University of Alaska Press, University Press of Kansas.

Ongoing Peer Reviewer of article manuscripts:
Political Theory; *New Political Science*;
Political Research Quarterly; *American Indian Journal of Culture and Research*; *Theory
& Event*; *History of European Ideas*; *International Journal of Transitional Justice*;
Political and Legal Anthropology Review; *International Theory: A Journal of
International Politics, Law and Philosophy*; *Law and Society*; *American Political
Thought*; *Citizenship Studies*; *Security Studies*.

Reviewer of Tenure files:
Ghent University (Belgium), Fall 2017.

Member, American Political Science Association.

Member, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.

Member, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy.

Conference Participation

Author and Presenter, “Between Empathy and Imagination,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, March 2017.

Chair and Discussant, “Political Mourning in Comparative Perspective,” panel 14.23, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2016.

Author and Presenter, “Redemption Without a Subject, Responsibility Without Guilt,” panel 16.20, “Glorious Expenditure: On the Political Theory of Georges Bataille,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with James Rowe, Dean Mathiowetz, Nandita Mellamphy, and James Martel, March 2016.

Author and Presenter, and Chair, “Roundtable: The Power of Memory in Democratic Politics,” panel 14.19, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, with Lawrie Balfour, Bronwyn Leebaw, and Cristina Beltran, March 2016.

Discussant, “Complicity and Justice,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Ernesto Verdeja, Bronwyn Leebaw, Mihaela Mihai, and Stephen Esquith, Sept., 2015.

Author and Presenter, “The Procreant Urge of the World,” “Genres of Theorizing the Political” panel, *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Michael J. Shapiro, Davide Panagia, George Shulman, Briane Gallagher, and Chad Shomura, April, 2015.

Discussant, “Listening to Anger after Mass Violence” Roundtable, *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Holloway Sparks, John McCormick, Sonali Chakravarti, and Shatema Threadcraft, April, 2015.

Discussant, “Mourning and Melancholia” panel, *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with David McIvor, Simon Stow, Heather Pool, and Samantha Hill, April, 2015.

Author and Presenter, “Promising and Forgiveness,” *Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, “The Political Significance of Democratic Tragedies” panel with Robert Pirro, Heather Pool, and Larissa Atkinson, November, 2014.

Author and Presenter, “Hope, Without Guarantees,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, “Politics of Death” panel, with Mark Button, David McIvor, Simon Stow, Christina Tarnopolsky, and Sara Rushing, Sept. 2014.

Discussant, “American Idioms in Political Theory,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Brian Weiner, Nathan Gies, and Chad Lavin, April, 2014.

Author and Presenter, “The Politics of Public Mourning, Natality, and Hope,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, “Frames of Redemption” panel with Michaele Ferguson, Steven Johnston, Jade Schiff, Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, 2014.

Author and Presenter, “Native American Tragic Mourning,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, panel with George Shulman, Lawrie Balfour, Steven Johnston, and David McIvor, March, 2013.

Author and Presenter, “Anger and the Magic of Reconciliation After Atrocity,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Bonnie Honig, Mina Suk, Sonali Chakravarti, and Grace Hunt, March, 2012.

Author and Presenter, “The Necropolitics of Recognition and Redistribution in Native American Land Claims,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, March, 2012.

Author and Presenter, “Fugitive Reconciliation: Democracy and Transitional Justice in the Postcolonial World,” *Radical Democracy Conference*, Columbia University and New School for Social Research, April, 2011.

Author and Presenter, “White Autochthony in Western Settler States,” *Honoring Indigenous Thought and Survivance Symposium*, University of California, Santa Cruz, April, 2010.

Chair and Discussant, “Fault Lines of Contestation: Justice, Order and Repair in Post-

Conflict Political Society,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, with Andrew Schaap, Adrian Little, Erik Doxtader, and Jason Frank, 2010.

Author and Presenter, “The Afterlife of Indigenous Funerary Remains,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 2010.

Chair and Discussant, “Justice, Politics, Ethics,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, November, 2009.

Author and Presenter, “Fugitive Reconciliation,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, November, 2009.

Author and Presenter, “Indigenous Repatriation and the Tragedy of Reconciliation,” *American Studies Research Symposium*, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 2009.

Author and Presenter, “Public Mourning and Political Tragedy,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, March 2008.

Author and Presenter, “To Be Held Out Into the Nothing: Spinoza and Heidegger on the Politics of Violence,” *Cultures of Violence Conference*, University of California, Irvine, April 2007.

Chair and Discussant, “Violence, Resentment, Reconciliation,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October, 2006, with Anne Norton and Robert Meister.

Author and Presenter, “Collective Voice and Political Violence,” *Rethinking Marxism Conference*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, October, 2006.

Letters of Reference (available upon request)
