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Education

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, Ph.D., June 2014

- Dissertation: “Republics, Passions, and *Patria*: Love of Country in Eighteenth Century Political Thought”
- Committee: Kirstie McClure (chair), Joshua Foa Dienstag, Anthony Pagden, Giulia Sissa, Peter Stacey
- Faculty advisor: Kirstie McClure

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, C.Phil., March 2012

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, M.A., September 2008

Vassar College, French and Francophone Studies and Political Science, B.A., with General Honors and Departmental Honors in Political Science, May 2005

Employment

Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2017-2018

Vanderbilt University, Women’s and Gender Studies, Affiliated Faculty, 2017-2018

Brown University, The Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, The Carol G. Lederer Postdoctoral Fellow in Gender Studies, 2016-2017

Whitman College, Department of Politics, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015-2016

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Political Science, Lecturer, 2014-2015

The UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies, Graduate Student Researcher, 2011-2012

American Political Science Review, Editorial Assistant, September 2008-January 2010

Teaching and Research Interests

History of political thought; citizenship and representation; critical theory; democratic theory; emotion and politics; Enlightenment politics and literature; feminist political theory; law, politics, and literature; liberalism and its critics; philosophy of freedom; republican political theory; revolutionary political thought; social contract theory

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Moving Hearts: Cultivating Patriotic Affect in Rousseau’s *Considerations on the Government of Poland*,” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, forthcoming. Published first online June 25, 2016.
DOI: 10.1177/1743872116656112

“Fear, Liberty, and Honourable Death in Montesquieu’s *Persian Letters*,” *Eighteenth-Century Fiction* 28.4 (2016): 623-644.

Book Reviews and Other Short Pieces

Book review, Sara Ahmed, *Living a Feminist Life*, *Public Seminar*, forthcoming.

Book review, Jill Locke, *Democracy and the Death of Shame: Political Equality and Social Disturbance*, in *Politics and Gender*, forthcoming.

Book review, Karen Green, *A History of Women's Political Thought in Europe, 1700-1800*, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, available online [here](#).

Book review, Lee Ward, *Modern Democracy and the Theological-Political Problem in Spinoza, Rousseau, and Jefferson*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 14.3 (2016): 872-874.

“Agency and Anxiety: On Marie-Hélène Huet’s *The Culture of Disaster*,” *The 18th-Century Common: A Public Humanities Website*, October 9, 2014.

“‘An Unknown Arc into the Future’: An Interview with Daniel Lewis, Curator of ‘Beautiful Science: Ideas that Changed the World’ at the Huntington Library,” *The 18th-Century Common: A Public Humanities Website*, September 28, 2013.

Book review, Michel de Montaigne, *Selected Essays with La Boétie’s Discourse on Voluntary Servitude*, in *Comitatus* 43 (2012): 243-245.

Review essay, “Rule and Resistance: Theorizing the Female Sovereign in Sixteenth-Century Europe,” in *Comitatus* 39 (2008): 219-224.

Book review, Judith M. Bennett, *History Matters: Patriarchy and the Challenge of Feminism*, in *Comitatus* 38 (2007): 187-190.

Work in Progress

Book manuscript: *The Lost Passions of Republican Thought: Politics and Emotions of the French Enlightenment*

Working paper: ‘*The error of his own bonds*’: *Contract, Freedom, and Gender in Milton’s Divorce Tracts*

Conference and Workshop Participation

Paper, ‘*The error of his own bonds*’: *Contract, Freedom, and Gender in Milton’s Divorce Tracts*, The Association for Political Theory Conference (APT), October 2017

Participant, APT pre-conference workshop, *Decolonizing Political Theory*, October 2017

Paper, *Ambition, Glory, and Honor in Montesquieu’s Dialogue between Sulla and Euclates*

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA), September 2017
- The New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting (NEPSA), April 2017

Discussant, *Feminist Agency Revisited*, APSA, September 2017

Roundtable, *Riot. Refuge. Refusal.*, The Pembroke Center, Brown University, April 2017

Discussant, *How to Observe Men Well: Rousseau at a Critical Juncture*, NEPSA, April 2017

Chair, *Normative Political Thought: Freedom, Free-Riding, and Foreigners*, NEPSA, April 2017

Participant, Folger Institute Center for the History of British Political Thought Symposium, *Political Thought in Times of Crisis, 1640-1660*, December 2016

Paper, *Book Prospectus: The Lost Passions of Republican Thought*, Book Proposal Workshop, APT, October 2016 (accepted)

Paper, *Origin Stories: The Haitian Revolution’s Challenge to Universalism*

- APT, October 2016 (accepted)

- Whitman College Politics Colloquium, April 2016
 - Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), March 2016
- Discussant, *Power and Control Across Space*, APSA, September 2016
- Chair, *Gender, the Family, and Feminist Political Theory*, APSA, September 2016
- Participant, Global Studies Summer Workshop, *The Stories We Tell: Globalizing Perspectives, Decolonizing Pedagogy*, Whitman College, May 2016
- Chair, *Aesthetics and Affect in Environmental Critique*, WPSA, March 2016
- Paper, *Gender and the Rhetoric of Emotions in Burke's Reflections*, APSA, September 2015 (accepted)
- Paper, *Sentiments of Citizenship: Civic Ritual in Rousseau's Thought*, The American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference (ASECS), March 2015
- Paper: *Moving Hearts: Civic Ritual and Republican Citizenship in Rousseau's Thought*, APSA, August 2014
- Paper, *The Seraglio and the State: Despotism in the Persian Letters*, Persia and Europe in the Age of Enlightenment: A Conference, UC Riverside, May 2014
- Panel co-organizer, *Sensible Signs: Affect, Language, and Materialism*, WPSA, April 2014
- Paper, *Rites of the Republic: Reconstituting the State through Affect in Rousseau*, WPSA, April 2014
- Paper, *The Origins of Romantic Nationalism: Love, Ritual, and Republican Impulses in Rousseau and Wordsworth*, The Annual Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, February 2014
- Paper, *How to Do Things with Emotions: Affective Practices and Republican Political Thought*, APT, October 2013
- Poster, *Fear and Loathing in the French Enlightenment: Despotism and Republican Citizenship in Montesquieu and Diderot*, APSA, August 2013
- Participant, The Clark Summer Institute, The William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, August 2013
- Participant, The California Rare Book School, *History of the Book, 200-1820*, June 2013
- Paper, *Fear and Loathing in the French Enlightenment: Despotism and Republican Citizenship in Montesquieu's Persian Letters*
- ASECS, April 2013
 - WPSA, March 2013
 - The UCLA Early Modern Research Group Works-in-Progress Workshop, February 2013
- Participant, The School of Criticism and Theory, Cornell University, June-July 2012
- Seminar: *Philosophy of the Passions, Rhetorics of Affect*
- Paper, *'Accounts of Publick Emotions': Vocabularies of the Passions in Eighteenth-Century Thought*, The School of Criticism and Theory Research Workshop, July 2012
- Chair and discussant, *Borders and Democratic Communities*, Southwestern Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, April 2012
- Paper, *A Genealogy of the Passions in Republican Political Thought*, WPSA, March 2012

Paper, *Cicero and Machiavelli on Republican Passions*, The Renaissance of the Passions: A Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Ahmanson Conference, UCLA, November 2011

Assistant conference organizer and website coordinator, *Life! Motions, Motives, Emotions*, organized by Giulia Sissa, UCLA, November 17-19, 2011

Respondent, UCLA Political Theory Workshop, December 2007, April 2009, and May 2011

Invited Presentations

The Despot's Passions, Vassar College, March 2017

Feeling Free: Politics and Emotions in the French Enlightenment, New Eyes on the Eighteenth Century Symposium, sponsored by the Eighteenth-Century Studies Seminar at the Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, November 2016

In Excess: Emotional Regimes in Montesquieu's Lettres persanes, UCLA Political Theory Workshop, October 2014

Courses Developed and Taught

History of Modern Political Philosophy (undergraduate lecture) - spring 2018

An Introduction to Political Theory (undergraduate lecture) - summer 2015, spring 2018

Democratic Theory and Practice (undergraduate seminar) - fall 2017

Feminist Theories of Freedom (undergraduate and graduate seminar) - fall 2016, fall 2017

An Introduction to Modern European Political Theory (undergraduate lecture) - spring 2016

An Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Political Theory (undergraduate lecture) - fall 2015

Encounters: Transformations (general education freshman seminar), 2015-2016

Political Theories of the Passions: Judgment, Justice, and Emotion (undergraduate lecture) - spring 2015

Enlightenment Political Thought: Rhetoric, Rights, and Revolution (undergraduate lecture) - winter 2015

Feminist Political Theory (undergraduate lecture and seminar) - fall 2014, fall 2015

Republics of Letters: Politics and/as Literature (freshman seminar) - spring 2013

Other Teaching Experience

Teaching Fellow, UCLA General Education Cluster in the Foundations of Modern Thought, 1341-1968 (freshman seminar) - fall 2012, winter 2013

Reader, UCLA Department of Political Science - winter 2010, winter 2012

Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Political Science - 2007-2011

Academic Fellowships and Honors

Grant-in-aid Award, The Folger Institute, 2016

Dissertation Fellowship, The William Andrews Clark Memorial Library and the UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies, 2013-2014

The CalRBS Annual Fund Scholarship, The California Rare Book School, 2013

Department of Political Science Graduate Office, UCLA, Summer Funding, 2012

The Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 2009-2010

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2007

Academic Service

Conference Program Committee, The Association for Political Theory, 2016-present

Manuscript referee: *American Journal of Political Science*

Founder, *Irish and Scottish Enlightenment(s) Reading Group*, The UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies and the William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, 2013-2014

Chair, Ethos, an association of the UCLA political theory graduate students, 2007-2010

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Association for Political Theory

National Women's Studies Association

Western Political Science Association

Western Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

Languages

French - reading and speaking proficiency

German - basic reading proficiency

References

Please contact Joseph Brown (joseph@polisci.ucla.edu; 1.310.825.3372) in the UCLA Department of Political Science Graduate Office for letters of recommendation from:

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