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Areas of Specialization

Political Theory: Democratic Theory, Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality, Modern Political Thought, National and Transnational Social Movements and Collective Violence

American Politics: Political Representation, Politics of Collective Action, Racial Formation

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, The University of South Carolina, Spring 2006
Dissertation: "The Razor's Edge: Feminist Theory, Group Representation, and the Promise of Justice"
Directed by Professors Laura R. Woliver, Dan Sabia, Jill Frank, and Lynn Weber

M.A., Political Science, Texas Tech University, 1994
Thesis: "The Role of Religion in Utopian Socialist Thought"
Professor Clarke E. Cochran, principal advisor

B.A., Political Science, Texas Tech University, 1991

Employment

Professor Emerita
Spring 2024
The College of Saint Rose

Professor of Political Science
Spring 2014 – Present
Department of History and Political Science
The College of Saint Rose
Albany, NY

Chair, Department of History and Political Science
Fall 2014 – 2017
The College of St. Rose
Albany, NY

Professor-in-Residence
January 2014 - Present
New York State Assembly Internship Program
Albany, NY

Associate Professor of Political Science
Spring 2008 – Spring 2014
Department of History and Political Science
The College of Saint Rose
Albany, NY

Resident Fellow 2006-2007
Center for Citizenship, Racial, and Ethnic Studies (CREST)
The College of Saint Rose
Albany, NY

Assistant Professor of Political Science
Women's Studies Director
Fall 2002 – Spring 2008
Department of History and Political Science
The College of Saint Rose
Albany, NY

Visiting Professor
Fall 2005
Department of Government
University College Cork
Cork, Ireland

Select Courses Taught

Democratic Theory (Undergraduate and Graduate Level)
Introduction to Political Theory
United States Political Parties and Elections
Political Ideologies
Modern Political Thought
Social Movements, Power, and the State
United States Public Policy
American Government
Legislative Process
New York State Politics
Introduction to Politics
Gender Politics
The Politics of Race and Representation in the Contemporary South
Race and Representation (Graduate Level)
Feminist Theory (Undergraduate and Graduate Level)
The Politics of Collective Action (Graduate Level)
The Political Science Discipline (Graduate Level)
The Capstone in Political Science: Democracy and Foreignness (Topics Course)
The Capstone in Political Science: Marx and Marxism (Topics Course)
The Capstone in Political Science: Power, Politics, and Sex (Topics Course)
The Capstone in Political Science: Utopian Political Thought

The Capstone in Political Science: Democracy and De-Democratization
The History of Feminist Thought (Women's Studies)
Race and Mass Incarceration

College Service

Department Chair, History and Political Science
Co-Chair, Middle States Self-Study Executive Committee
Graduate Director, History and Political Science
Women's and Gender Studies Director
Rank and Tenure Committee
Co-Chair, Representative Committee of the Faculty
CREST Executive Committee
Provisions Fellows Executive Committee
Professional Development Committee
Undergraduate Academic Committee
Graduate Academic Committee
Community Advisory Board
Affirmative Action Committee
Benefits Committee
Ad hoc Committee for review of chair and program director compensation
Liberal Education Taskforce
American City First Year Experience Executive Committee
Ad Hoc Committee for the First Year Experience
Ad Hoc Committee for Program Review
Ad Hoc Committee for the Assessment of Administrators
Restructuring Taskforce

Language

Proficient in Latin translation

Peer-Reviewed Publications

The New Plutocracy, with David Schultz and Adam Hoffman, under contract with Routledge

Group Representation, Feminist Theory, and the Promise of Justice (2012), Routledge.

Manufactured Desire: Capitalist Hegemony and the Invention of the Sex Binary, a book proposal under review with and invited by Palgrave.

"*Class Action: Social Class, Political Participation, and Representation in America*", The CREST Working Papers Collection, 2006-2007.

"The South Carolina Confederate Flag: The Politics of Race and Citizenship," for a special issue on race in America for *Politics and Policy*, Vol. 29, No. 4, February 2002, co-authored with Laura R. Woliver and Chris Dolan

Book Reviews and Op-Eds

"Tea Party Mourns Nation Best Left Behind", op-ed for the *Times Union*, June 7, 2010

"Sonia Sotomayer and Identity Politics", op-ed for the *Times Union*, June 2009

“Race as an Invention”, op –ed for the *Times Union*, June 2008

The Suppression of Dissent: How the State and Mass Media Squelch US American Social Movements, Jules Boykoff, Routledge, 2006, reviewed for *New Political Science*, December 2006

American Voter Turnout: An Institutional Perspective, David Lee Hill, Westview Press, 2006, reviewed for *White House Studies*, 2006

“Underrepresentation,” Entry for the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, Second Edition, William A. Darity, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Philip Costanzo, Patrick L. Mason, Paula McClain, David Scott, and Theresa Singleton, eds., 2007.

Beloved [a volume of critical essays on Toni Morrison’s novel, *Beloved*], Carl Plasa, ed., Columbia University Press, 1998, reviewed for *Utopian Studies*, Winter 2002

The American Language of Rights, Richard A. Primus, Cambridge University Press, 1999, reviewed for the *Journal of Political Science*, Fall 2001

Conference Participation

Meet the Author Panelist, “Trans Is As Trans Does,” Paisley Currah, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Montreal, Canada, October, 2022

"Manufactured Desire: Gender, Sexuality, and Hegemony," paper presented at The annual meeting of The Southern Humanities Council, February 2013

“Social Class, Political Representation, and Democratic Revival: Resisting Quiescence and Manufactured Interests,” presented at the Left Forum in New York City, March 2011

“Hegemony, Social Class, and Manufactured Interests,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2011

“Fair Representation, Social Class, and Mobilization—A New Class Consciousness?,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, September 2007

“Class Action: Social Class, Working Class Culture, and Political Participation in America,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, September 2006

“Social Identity and Political Representation: The Participation Connection,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington, DC, September 2005

“Electoral Change and Minority Representation,” presented at the annual meeting the Northeastern Political Science Association in Boston, MA, November 2004

“The Razor’s Edge: Electoral and Participatory Change to Increase Minority Representation,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, IL, September 2004

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Panel Chair, “Democratic Theory and Social Difference” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, September 2003

“Lani Guinier, Anne Phillips, Iris Young, and the Politics of Inclusion,” presented at the annual Justice Studies Association in Albany, NY, May 2003

“Feminist Theory and Group Representation: The Politics of Jurisprudence, Equality, and Difference,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Savannah, GA, November 7-9, 2002

“Feminist Theory and Group Representation: The Politics of Interests, Rights, Identity, and Participation,” presented at the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association’s 7th annual Interdisciplinary Women’s Studies Conference, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA, March 14, 2002

“Diffusion and Confusion of RU-486 at the Local Level,” co-authored with Laura R. Woliver, presented at the 15th annual Women’s Studies Conference at the University of South Carolina, March 1, 2002

“Feminist Theory and Group Representation,” presented at the 36th annual meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association, Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC, February 9, 2002

“American Individualism and the Case for Group Rights,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November, 2001

Discussant at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November, 2001, Panel: “Contemporary Perspectives on Contemporary Human Rights Debates” (Invited)

“Policing Mifepristone in South Carolina,” co-authored with Laura R. Woliver, presented at the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC, October 2001

“Individual Rights and Democratic Practice: The Politics of Race, Gender, and Class,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas, NV, March 2001

“State and National Interest Groups and Social Movements Battling About the Confederate Flag in South Carolina: Scopes of Conflict, Reframing Issues, and Political Power,” co-authored with Laura R. Woliver and Chris Dolan and presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, GA, November 2000

Discussant at the Midwest Political Science Association meeting in Chicago, IL, April, 2000
Panel: “Rethinking Equality: Reproduction, Abortion, and Pornography” (Invited)

"Identity and Community: Toni Morrison's Postmodern Utopian Yearnings," presented at the Society for Utopian Studies in San Antonio, Texas, November 1999, co-authored with Ashlie Lancaster

"Individualism and Democratic Practice," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1999, co-authored with Dan Sabia

"Individualism and American Political Culture: The Incompatibility of Participatory Democracy and Capitalism," presented at the Seventieth Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in Atlanta, GA, October 1998

Research Presentations/Public Lectures

Panelist, The Necessity of Reparations, Greater Capital Region YWCA Series, Summer, 2021

Invited Lecturer, Gender and the Law, Albany Law School, Winter 2017

Panelist, Race and Mass Incarceration, Spencertown, NY, Spring 2015

Keynote Speaker for Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society), April 2013

Invited Panelist/Presenter on Gender and the Law, Albany Law School, February 2013

Invited Lecturer at Silver Bay, "Social Class and the Occupy Movement," August 2012

Featured speaker at the Leadership Council for Inclusion - "Inclusion in Higher Ed: Student and Curricular Innovation," Spring 2012

Invited panelist on redistricting reform, NYPIRG and Syracuse University, April 8, 2011

“Feminist Theory, Social Difference, and Political Mobilization,” an invited lecture presented for the 2006-2007 Women and Public Policy Fellows through the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society at the Rockefeller School for Public Affairs and Policy at the University at Albany, March 2007

“Class Action: Social Class, Representation, and Political Participation in America,” a public lecture presented as part of the CREST Residential Fellow Program, October 2006

“Social Difference and Political Participation: The Case for Group Representation,” a public lecture presented on behalf of the Government Department, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, November 2005

“Feminist Backlash and The Role of Systemic Factors in Gender Inequality,” an invited lecture for the Great Capital Region Business and Professional Women’s Association, March 2005

“The Razor’s Edge: Group Representation, Feminist Theory, and the Promise of Justice,” presented at the Department of History and Political Science’s Colloquium Series at the College of Saint Rose, Spring, 2003

“Individual Rights and Democratic Practice,” presented at the Political Science Research Workshop at the University of South Carolina, Fall 2001

“The Politics of Recognition: Rights and Representation in the American Context,” presented at the American Politics Research Series at the University of South Carolina, Spring 1999

Other Professional Activity

Board of Directors
In Our Own Voices
2018 – Present

Faculty Co-Chair
Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self-Study Team

Vice President
College of St. Rose chapter of the AAUP
August 2015 – Present

Regular political contributor for WAMC, Northeastern Public Radio
Fall 2007 – Present

Graduate Director
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Department of History and Political Science
2007 – 2012

Fall 2006-2007
Resident Fellow
Center for Citizenship, Racial and Ethnic Studies

Fall 2003 –2007
Coordinator, Women’s Studies Program
The College of Saint Rose

Manuscript Reviewer for:

* *Gender and Politics*, the official journal of the American Political Science Association's Women and Politics Research Section

* *New Political Science*

* *Citizenship Studies*

* *Whitehouse Studies*

Awards

Resourceful Woman of the Year, Greater Capital Region YWCA
Fall 2022

2006-2007 College of Saint Rose Resident Fellow, Center for Citizenship, Racial, and Ethnic Studies (CREST)

Professional References

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