

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Riverside. Conferred June 2017.

M.A. Political Science, University of California, Riverside. Conferred June 2012.

B.A. Political Science, Magna Cum Laude, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California.
December 2005.

DISSERTATION

The Style and Form of Authority

My dissertation considers rhetorical strategies of authority in Enlightenment political thought, specifically those employed by Denis Diderot, British freethinker John Toland, and eighteenth-century feminist journalists. I investigate how styles of writing are used strategically to grant marginal thought or marginal thinkers legitimacy and authority in the public sphere.

Committee: John Christian Laursen (chair), Georgia Warnke, and John Medearis.

ON-GOING WORK

My current research focuses on gender and political authority. Beginning with eighteenth-century France, I investigate how written strategies come to be gendered, and how writing is used to challenge gender norms and political authority. I am particularly concerned with the extent to which the perception of women's speech as less authoritative continues to have negative consequences for deliberation and politics. I am also currently writing about how gender difference and women's inferiority were constructed through public discourse in the eighteenth-century periodical press.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Contributions to Edited Volumes

"The Style and Form of Heterodoxy: John Toland's *Nazarenus* and *Pantheisticon*," *Clandestine Philosophy: New Studies on Subversive Manuscripts in Early Modern Europe, 1620-1823*, eds. Gianni Paganini, Margaret Jacob, and John Christian Laursen, University of Toronto Press, forthcoming 2018.

"Towards a Radical Feminist Historiography," in *The Invention of Female Biography*, Vol. 1. ed. Gina Luria Walker, London: Pickering & Chatto, 2017.

“Diderot and Ditz: complicating the Radical Enlightenment,” co-authored with John Christian Laursen, *Lumières radicales et politique*, ed. Marta García Alonso, Paris: Champion, 2017, pp. 281-302.

“Elements of Style: Openness and Dispositions,” in *Inheriting Gadamer*, ed. Georgia Warnke, Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press, 2016, pp. 81-101.

“The Style of Materialist Skepticism: Diderot’s *Jacques le fataliste*,” *Philosophy and Literature*, 39: 1A (2015), pp. 32-48.

“Diderot and the Politics of a Skeptical Materialism,” in *Skepticism and Political Thought in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, eds. J. C. Laursen and Gianni Paganini, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2015, pp. 177-202.

“Denis Diderot on War and Peace: Nature and Morality,” co-authored with John Christian Laursen, *Araucaria: Revista Iberoamericana de Filosofía, Política, y Humanidades*, 16: 32 (2014), pp. 155-171.

Book Reviews

“*Love’s Enlightenment: Rethinking Charity in Modernity* by Ryan Patrick Hanley,” in *Political Theory*, February 2018.

Other

“Writing for the General Public: A Defense,” essay in *Engaging the Age of Jane Austen*, Iowa City, Iowa: University of Iowa Press.

“Christine de Pizan was not a ‘Good Feminist.’ Can We Still Learn from Her?” *The Lily*, a blog at *The Washington Post*, 9 March 2018. <<https://www.thelily.com/christine-de-pizan-was-not-a-good-feminist-can-we-still-learn-from-her/>>

“The Clandestine and Heterodox Underground of Early Modern Philosophy,” *Rivista di Storia di Filosofia*, 1, 2017, pp. 171-174. A critical summary of a conference.

“Yes, in the U.S., the people can reject a president—if they’re sure he’s a tyrant,” in *The Monkey Cage*, the political blog of *The Washington Post*, 22 November 2016. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/11/22/yes-in-the-u-s-the-people-can-reject-a-president-if-theyre-convinced-hes-a-tyrant/?utm_term=.5a532bb903d6>

“Historical Interpretation,” co-authored with J.C. Laursen, *Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, ed. Michael Gibbons, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014, pp. 1666-1670.

“Marie Dupré,” in Mary Hays, *Female Biography; or, Memoirs of Illustrious and Celebrated Women, of All Ages and Countries (1803)*, ed. Gina Luria Walker, London: Pickering & Chatto, 2014. (Notes for an entry in a new edition of a classic work in women’s biography.)

“Skepticism and Politics in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries,” *Rivista di Storia di Filosofia*, 3, 2013, pp. 601-604. A critical summary of a conference.

“Acatalepsy” and “Destiny,” with Laetitia des Lagasnerie, translations of articles from the original French for The *Encyclopedia* of Diderot and d’Alembert Collaborative Translation Project, ed. Dena Goodman, <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.did2222.0003.113> and <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.did2222.0003.114>

WORK UNDER REVIEW

“Visions of Persia in the Age of Enlightenment,” edited volume co-edited with Cyrus Masroori and John Christian Laursen, under review at Oxford University Studies in the Enlightenment.

“Constructing Difference: Contesting Rousseau’s Republican Gender Roles.” An examination of how contemporaries of Rousseau responded to his ideas about gender difference and its political significance in the periodical press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Salon as Periodical: Marie-Jeanne Lheritier’s *L’Erudition Enjouée*.” A consideration of the significance of the first French periodical written by a woman.

“Rousseau on Sex and Gender: A Feminist Materialist Interpretation.” A consideration of how new feminist biological theories illuminate Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s narrative of gender differentiation, and the ways in which Rousseau’s narrative points to the emancipatory limits of such theories. Given at the University of California, Irvine Political Theory Workshop, June 2017.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

“The Language of Legitimacy: Eighteenth-Century Women in the Public Sphere,” delivered at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, August 31-September 3, 2017.

“Nuanced, Dynamic, but Still Sexist: Rousseau on Sex and Gender,” at the University of California, Irvine Political Theory Workshop, Irvine, June 2017.

“Revenge of the *Beaux-Esprits*: Attacking Rousseau’s Gender Politics in the Eighteenth-Century Periodical Press,” invited lecture at California State University, Long Beach, April 25, 2017.

“An Ideal Authoritarianism,” invited lecture at San Diego City College, April 20, 2017.

“Rousseau on Sex and Gender: A Feminist Materialist Interpretation,” delivered at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2016.

“The Style and Form of Heterodoxy: John Toland’s *Nazarenus* and *Panttheisticon*,” delivered at the conference “Clandestine and Heterodox Literature in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries,” at UCLA’s William Andrews Clark Library, April 4-5, 2016.

“Rousseau and the Gendering of Discourse: The Case of the *Journal des dames*,” delivered at the 14th Congress of the International Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, July 2015.

“Writing with Feeling: Forging the *Citoyenne*,” the annual Barricelli Memorial Grant Lecture, University of California, Riverside, May 2014.

“Persia in the *Encyclopédie*,” delivered at the conference *Persia in the Age of Enlightenment*, co-organized with Ahmad Motameni and John Christian Laursen, University of California, Riverside, May 2014.

“Diderot’s Style in *Jacques the Fatalist*,” part of the panel “Sensible Signs: Affect, Language, and Materialism,” co-organized with Megan Gallagher of UCLA, at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, April 2014.

“Women in Political Science,” roundtable co-organizer with Dr. Janni Aragon of the University of Victoria, British Columbia, at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, April 2014.

“The Hermeneutics of Style,” at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, Los Angeles, March 2013.

“The Essayist: Oakeshott’s Theory and Practice,” invited paper at conference entitled “Oakeshott in Comparative Perspective”, California State University, San Marcos, May 11-12, October 2011.

“Ethics for the Age of Bullets, Billboards, and Motors: Sociobiology and its Implications for Political Theory”, at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March 2011.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

TEI-encoding seminar, Women Writer’s Project, Northeastern University, Boston, April 2017. Facilitated by Sarah Connell and Syd Bauman.

TEI-encoding fundamentals, Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, June 2016. Facilitated by Constance Crompton and Lee Zickel.

London-Sussex Summer School in Intellectual History, University College London, Summer 2012. Facilitated by Knud Haakonssen, Angus Gowland, and Janet Coleman.

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

Tuition scholarship, Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2016.
Tuition covered the cost of a weeklong course on TEI-encoding.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Winter and Spring 2016. Awarded by the University of California to provide financial support to PhD candidates in the final year of dissertation writing.

Barricelli Memorial Grant for Graduate Research, Winter 2014.

Chercheur invité, Le Centre International de Recherches en Philosophie, Lettres, Savoirs, at the École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, Winter and Spring, 2014.

Graduate Research Mentorship Program Fellowship, Winter and Spring Quarters, 2014.

Outstanding Teaching Assistant of the Year Award, 2012.

Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2009-2013.

TEACHING

Lecturer, University of California, Riverside
Modern Political Thought, Spring 2018.

Lecturer, California State University, Fullerton
World Politics Through Literature, Spring 2018.

Lecturer, Cal Poly Pomona
Intro to Political Thought, Winter, Spring, and Fall 2018; Spring 2019.
Modern Political Thought, Fall 2018.
Contemporary Political Thought, Spring 2018 and 2019.
Ancient and Medieval Political Thought, Winter 2018.
American Political Thought, Fall 2018.
Advanced American Political Thought, Spring 2019.

Lecturer, California State University, San Marcos
U.S. Government and Institutions, Fall 2017.
Global Development, Fall 2017.

Lecturer, Loyola Marymount University
Foundations of Political Theory, Spring 2019.

Visiting Professor, Pomona College
Theorizing Unfreedoms, Fall 2016.

Visiting Professor, Pitzer College
Politics and Literature, Fall 2015.

Feminist Theory, Spring 2015.

Associate In, University of California, Riverside

Modern Political Theory, Fall 2014.

Modern Political Thought, Summer 2012. A survey of liberal, Marxist, socialist, feminist, and postmodernist thought and critiques.

Democracy and the Social Contract, Summer 2012, 2013. A survey of major contract thinkers such as Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau and their critics.

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Riverside:

American Politics, Fall 2015. Instructor: Bruce Bordner.

Comparative Politics, Spring 2017. Instructor: Yasemin Carreras.

Constitutional Law: Fundamental Freedoms, Fall 2010, 2011, 2012, Summer 2016. Instructor: John Cioffi.

Criminal Procedure, Spring 2011. Instructor: James Cemo.

World Politics. Fall 2016.

Modern Political Thought, Winter 2011, Summer 2012. Instructor: John Christian Laursen.

Political Ideologies, Winter 2012, Spring 2017. Instructor: John Medearis.

Environmental Political Thought, Spring 2012. Instructor: Farah Godrej.

Democracy and the Social Contract, Summer 2011, Winter 2013. Instructors: Mayia Shulga, Chris Laursen.

Democratic Theory, Spring 2013. Instructor: Georgia Warnke.

Visions of Justice, Fall 2013. Instructor: Bronwyn Leebaw.

World Politics, Fall 2016. Instructor: Parkes Riley.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Spanish: fluent reading, listening, and speaking.

French: fluent reading, competent listening and speaking.

Computer languages: competent in TEI-encoding, an HTML language.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association

Association of Political Theory

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

REFERENCES

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