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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Political Science, expected 2020
- Dissertation: “Visualizing Violence: Toward a Political Aesthetic of Commemoration”
 - Committee: Susan Bickford (chair), Jeff Spinner-Halev, Michael Lienesch, Alexander Kirshner, Simon Stow
 - Political Theory (major field); American Politics (minor field)
- M.A. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Political Science, 2017
- Master’s Thesis: “Mourning Again in America: Memorial Day, Monuments, and the Politics of Remembrance”
 - Committee: Susan Bickford (advisor), Jeff Spinner-Halev, Michael Lienesch
- B.A. Wesleyan University
Government, 2014
- Honors Thesis: “First We Stopped Throwing Stones: Post-Genocide Rwanda and a Political Theory of Forgiveness”
 - Advisor: Sonali Chakravarti

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Instructor

Poli. 100: Introduction to American Government | Fall 2018

Poli./Women’s and Gender Studies 265: Feminist Political Theory | Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Poli. 271: Modern Political Thought | Summer 2019

Teaching Assistant

Poli. 271: Modern Political Thought | Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Graduate Research Consultant

Poli. 472: Problems of Democratic Theory | Fall 2016

Grader

Poli. 101: State and Local Politics | Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Duke Talent Identification Program

Instructor

History of the Future | Summer 2018 | Created and taught an interdisciplinary class on futurism for gifted 8th-10th graders

Wesleyan University

Course Assistant

Govt. 350: Citizens and Existentialism | Spring 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Memory and political commemoration, violence, politics of place

My dissertation explores how political societies choose to represent histories of violence in their physical landscape through monuments, memorials, and other representations. It draws on three case studies – representations of genocide in Rwanda, of chattel slavery in the United States, and of colonial violence in Australia – for insights about how an aesthetic of commemoration might be able to cultivate sensibilities among the public that work to prevent future occurrences of mass violence.

PUBLICATIONS

“Toward Forgiveness: Arendt's Banality of Evil.” *SPECTRA: The Social, Political, and Ethical Theory Archives* 3.2 (2014). <http://doi.org/10.21061/spectra.v3i2.312>.

“Derrida and Conflict.” *Critical Theory and Social Justice Journal of Undergraduate Research* 4.1.9 (2014). <https://perma.cc/8HFC-6UDU>.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION

“A Political Aesthetic of Bodily Vulnerability in Rwanda’s Genocide Memorials.” Under review.

“Confederate Symbols, Emotions, and Political Efficacy,” with Emily Wager and Tyler Steelman. Under review.

“A New Measurement for Emotional Reactions to Political Events,” with Pamela Conover and Tyler Steelman.

“Reasons and Power: A Holistic U.S. Political Institutions Simulation,” with Ryan Williams.

“Share Your Trauma: A Critical Feminist Theory of Trauma Culture,” with Wilson Hammett.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Share Your Trauma: A Critical Feminist Theory of Trauma Culture,” paper prepared for the Feminisms Here and Now Conference, November 22, 2019.

“Bared Bones: A Political Aesthetic of Bodily Vulnerability in Rwanda’s Genocide Memorials,” paper prepared for the Association for Political Theory annual meeting, October 25, 2019.

“Spaces of Solidarity: Australia’s Commemorative Landscape,” paper prepared for the Memory Studies Association annual meeting, June 28, 2019.

“A Political Aesthetic of Remembrance: Colonial Violence in Australia’s Memorial Landscape,” paper prepared for the Western Political Science Association meeting, April 20, 2019.

“Visualizing Violence: The Political Aesthetic of Bodily Vulnerability,” paper prepared for the Duke Graduate Conference in Political Theory, Durham, NC, February 8, 2019.

“How to View the Past: A Political Aesthetic of Justice After Violence,” paper prepared for the ASPECT Graduate Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia, March 23-24, 2018.

“Confederate Symbols, Emotions, and Political Efficacy,” paper prepared with Tyler Steelman at the Southern Political Science Association meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 4-6, 2018.

“Who Gets Mourned? Memorial Day and the Politics of Remembering Slavery and American Wars,” paper prepared for the Southern Political Science Association meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 12-14, 2017.

INVITED TALK

“Effects of Confederate Monuments on Political Attitudes and Behavior,” UNC Center for the Study of the American South, “Tell About the South” lunchtime talk series, Chapel Hill, NC, February 12, 2019.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Critical Ethnic Studies Collective Graduate Working Group Fellowship, 2020 | \$2,000
- Graduate Opportunity Fund (Principal Investigator), 2019 | \$1,350
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship (highly competitive university-wide application), 2019-2020 | \$18,000
- Whit Ayres Fund for Graduate Student Support in the Department of Political Science Summer Fellowship, 2019 | \$2,800
- APPLES Service-Learning Grant (for partnering to develop a new service-learning course in race and politics) | \$1,000
- Thomas Uhlman Graduate Fund in Political Science Summer Research Fellowship, 2018 | \$2,500
- Center for Faculty Excellence Future Faculty Fellowship Program, 2018
- Center for the Study of the American South Graduate Research Grant, 2017 (Principal Investigator) | \$500
- Thad L. Beyle Research Award, 2017 (co-author) | \$725
- The Whit Ayres Fund for Graduate Student Support in the Department of Political Science Travel Grant, 2017 | \$350

Other

- Finalist, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Organization’s Charlotte Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2019 (69 finalists selected from over 500 submissions)
- Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Travel Grant, 2017 | \$300
- Wesleyan University Center for the Humanities Student Fellow, 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bridge International Academies, Cambridge, MA

- Curriculum Writing Fellow, Kenya Social Studies Team | November 2014 – June 2015
- Wrote textbook chapters and lesson plans for low-cost Kenyan primary schools

Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Office and Student Programs Assistant | August – October 2014

- Organized department events; supported faculty, graduate students, and administrators

SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND TRAININGS

Mental Health First Aid Certified

SAFE Zone (LGBTQIA+ Resources) Certified

Political Science Tutor, UNC Academic Support for Student-Athletes | Spring 2019-Present

- Led 1-4 person tutoring sessions for student-athletes across all subfields of political science

Coordinator, Graduate Student Teaching Group | Fall 2018-Present

- Facilitated graduate student pedagogical support group and coordinated peer teaching observations

Graduate Student Vice President, Department of Political Science | Fall 2018-Spring 2019

- Provided feedback to faculty committee on department's overhaul of graduate student teaching training

Co-Leader, Tobacco Road Duke-UNC Political Theory Group | Fall 2017-Present

- Organized meetings for graduate student workshop highlighting recent papers by junior scholars