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Education

- In Progress Ph.D., Political Science, Northwestern University
Dissertation: “The Spirit of Caste: Recasting the History of Civil Rights”
Committee: Erin F. Delaney; Mary G. Dietz (Chair); Paul A. Gowder; Alvin B. Tillery, Jr.
Primary Subfield: Political Theory
Secondary Subfield: American Politics
Certificate: Critical Theory
- J.D., *cum laude*, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law
 (Completed in Spring 2020, degree conferred with Ph.D.)
- 2018 M.A., Political Science, Northwestern University
- 2013 B.A., Politics, *high honors*, Oberlin College

Research Interests

Areas of Specialization: Civil and Human Rights; Abolitionism; Black Legal and Political Thought; Critical Race Theory; Feminist Legal and Political Theory; Constitutional and Public Law; Critical Theory.

Areas of Competence: Constitutional Criminal Procedure; Immigration Law; Legal History; Decolonial Theory.

Employment and Academic Positions

- 2022 Instructor, Department of History, Grinnell College
- 2021-2022 Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
- 2020-2021 Rule 711 Licensed Lawyer, Community Justice and Civil Rights Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
- 2020-2021 Teaching Assistant, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Prof. Nicolette Bruner
- 2020-2021 Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. Shmulik Nili

2020 (Summer) Research Assistant, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University, Prof. Sheila Bedi

2020-2021 Associate Editor, *Northwestern Journal of Human Rights*, Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University

2019 Rule 711 Licensed Lawyer, Juvenile Justice Clinic, Pritzker School of Law

2017-2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

2017 (Summer) Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. S. Sara Monoson

2013-2016 Special Education Teacher, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

2021-2022 What's Wrong with Rights?: Critical Approaches to Civil and Human Rights, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Spring

Black Abolitionist Thought, Department of History, Grinnell College, Spring

2013-2016 Special Education Teacher for 1st-5th grade classrooms, Frank W. Gunsaulus Scholastic Academy, a Pre-K to 8th grade elementary school on Chicago's Southwest Side

Courses Assisted

2020-2021 Constitutional Law II, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University Prof. Joanna Grisinger, Spring)

Advanced Research Seminar, Department of Legal Studies, Northwestern University Prof. Nicolette Bruner, Fall & Winter

2017-2018 Introduction to Political Theory: International Contemporary Global Issues, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. Shmulik Nili, Spring

Subjects, Citizens, Revolutionaries: Early Modern Political Thought, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Prof. James Farr, Winter

Classical Political Theory, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University Prof. S. Sara Monoson, Fall

Legal Experience

- 2020- 2021 Community Justice and Civil Rights Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
Assisted in drafting motions for federal court cases involving constitutional claims against the City of Chicago and State of Illinois. Assisted in drafting an ordinance for a local, Chicago community advocacy group. Hired to provide legal work for civil rights cases and matters (Spring, Summer, & Fall, 2020).
- 2019 Juvenile Justice Clinic, Pritzker School of Law
Assisted in drafting a clemency petition for an individual sentenced as a juvenile to life without parole. Assisted in drafting policy memoranda for the Illinois State Legislature relating to retroactivity and sentencing enhancements for firearms possession.

Conference Participation

- 2021 “Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” *Association for Political Theory*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- “Frederick Douglass and the Spirit of Caste,” *American Political Science Association*, Seattle, WA
- “Republicanism, Abstract Domination, and Slavery in the Americas,” *The Venice World Multidisciplinary Conference on Republics and Republicanism*, Venice International University, Venice
- “The Politics of Anti-Caste: Rethinking the Political Limits of Equality Before the Law,” *Midwest Political Science Association*, Virtual Conference
- “Refashioning Consent after *Schneckloth v. Bustamonte*,” *Global Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- “Fourth Amendment Consent” *JD-PhD Seminar*, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
- Paper Response to Professor Ainsley Lesure, “Another World is Possible: Rereading *Black Skin, White Masks Phenomenologically*,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- “The Spirit of Caste: Caste Critique and the Contestation of Racial Subjection in the United States,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2020 “Coerced Consent,” *Midwest Law & Society Retreat*, University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Madison, WI (rescheduled for November, 2021)

“The Care Crisis in Contemporary Political Theory,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“The Concept of Civil Rights in the 19th Century,” *JD-PhD Seminar*, Northwestern’s Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

2019 “From Love to Care: Reorienting to the World with Arendt’s *Amor Mundi*,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2018 “*Amor Mundi*: Contestations at the Heart of Arendt’s Political Theory,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Paper Response to Boris Litvin, “Biography’s Uncertain, Flickering, and often Weak Light: Arendt on Action, Audience, and Authorship,” *Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2017 “Inquiry or *Poiēsis*?: Politicizing Practice in Dewey and Heidegger,” *Resistance, Radicalisms, and Aesthetics: 2017 Graduate Student Conference*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2021-2022	Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
2020-2021	Teaching Assistantship, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University
2020-2021	Associate Editor, <i>Northwestern Journal of Human Rights</i> , Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
2019-2020	Law School Scholarship, Northwestern University
2018-2019	Law School Scholarship, Pritzker School of Law
2018-Present	Law and Science Fellow, Pritzker School of Law
2018	Minar Memorial Summer Award, Northwestern University
2018-Present	Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies, Northwestern University
2017-2018	Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
2016-2017	University Fellowship, Northwestern University
2013	John D. Lewis Memorial Prize for Work in Political Theory, Oberlin College
2009-2013	John F. Oberlin Scholarship, Oberlin College

Services

2021-2022	Co-Founder, Sylvia Wynter & W.E.B. Du Bois Reading Group, Program in Critical Theory, Northwestern
2020-2021	Associate Editor, <i>Northwestern Journal of Human Rights</i> , Pritzker School of Law, Northwestern University
2018-Present	New Student Mentor, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

Affiliations and Memberships

2021-Present	Law and Society Association
2020-Present	American Political Science Association
2021-2022	Franke Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University
2018-Present	J.D./Ph.D. Seminar, Northwestern University
2016-Present	Critical Theory Cluster, Northwestern University
2016-Present	Graduate Student Political Theory Workshop, Northwestern University

Research in Progress

“Coerced Consent in *Schnecko v. Bustamonte*” (in preparation for submission)

“From Love to Care: Arendt’s *Amor Mundi* in the Ethical Turn” (under review)

Languages

English (native)

Spanish (research, translation, and work proficiency)

French (research, translation, and work proficiency, B2 *Diplôme d'Etudes en Langue Française*)

Albanian (beginner)

References

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