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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Political Science, Barnard College, 2021-present.

Environmental Fellow, Harvard University Center for the Environment, 2019-2021
Faculty Host: Katrina Forrester, Department of Government

Education

2012-2019	PhD (2019), Political Science (Political Theory), Yale University MA (2016), MPhil (2016) Dissertation: <i>Free Gifts: Nature, Households, and the Politics of Capitalism</i> Committee: Karuna Mantena (chair), David Grewal, James Scott Field certifications: Political Theory, Comparative Politics, Qualitative Methods
2010-2011	MSc Nature, Society, & Environmental Policy (with distinction), School of Geography & the Environment, University of Oxford
2004-2008	BA, Political Science (with honors), Stanford University

Publications

Books

Free Gifts: Capitalism and the Politics of Nature (Manuscript in progress)

A Planet to Win: Why We Need a Green New Deal, with Kate Aronoff, Daniel Aldana Cohen, and Thea Riofrancos. New York: Verso, 2019.

Articles

(Forthcoming) “Sustaining Life on This Planet,” in *The Working Manifesto*, eds Isabelle Ferreras and Julie Battilana, under contract with University of Chicago Press.

(Forthcoming) “State, Capital, Nature: State Theory for the Capitalocene,” in *Capitalist States and Marxist State Theory: Enduring Debates, New Perspectives*, eds. Umut Ozsu, Rafael Khachaturian, Eva Nanopoulos, and Rob Hunter, under contract with Palgrave Macmillan.

(Invited contribution) “Gender and Democracy,” in *The Cambridge History of Democracy Vol. 3, 1800-present*, under contract with Cambridge University Press.

(Forthcoming) “A Green New Deal for Care,” in *The Green New Deal and the Future of Work*, eds. Craig Calhoun and Benjamin Fong, under contract with Columbia University Press.

(Forthcoming) “The Other Side of Abundance: Feminist and Ecological Arguments for Guaranteed Income,” in *Universal Basic Income: Global Histories*, eds. Peter Sloman, Daniel Zamora Vargas, and Pedro Ramos Pinto, Palgrave Macmillan (in press).

“Ways of Making a Living in the Twenty-First Century: Revaluing the Work of Social and Ecological Reproduction,” *Socialist Register* Vol 56, 2020.

“Bringing in the Work of Nature: From Natural Capital to Hybrid Labor.” *Political Theory* Vol. 45(1) 5–31: 2017.

“Kata and/or Streiphen: Climate Change and the Politics of Catastrophe.” In *Catastrophe: The History and Theory of an Operative Concept*. Eds. Nitzan Lebovic and Andreas Killen. De Gruyter, 2014.

Reviews and Review Essays

“Anthropocene Politics,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(3), 2020 p. 881-885.

(Forthcoming). Review, *Resource Radicals*, by Thea Riofrancos, *H-Net Diplo*.

Review, *How Nature Works: Rethinking Labor on a Troubled Planet*, eds. Alex Blanchette and Sarah Belsky, *Economic Geography*, 96(5), p. 502–503.

Review, *In the Shadow of Justice*, by Katrina Forrester, *H-Net Diplo*, October 2019.

“Disrupting the future: Review, *Fully Automated Luxury Communism*,” by Aaron Bastani, *Nature Sustainability* 2, (651) 2019.

Review, *Connected by Commitment: Oppression and our obligation to undermine it*, by Mara Marin, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2018.

Essays (select)

“Bad Romance,” *Dissent*, Winter 2020.

“After Carbon Democracy,” with Jedediah Purdy, *Dissent*, Fall 2019; republished in translation (German).

“Material World,” *Dissent*, Summer 2019. On Bruno Latour, *Facing Gaia* and *Down to Earth*.

“Spadework,” *n+1*, Issue 34: Head Case, Spring 2019.

“The Green New Deal’s Five Freedoms,” *The Guardian*, with Kate Aronoff, Daniel Aldana Cohen, and Thea Riofrancos, March 2019.

“No Time for Gradualism,” *Jacobin*, October 2018; republished in translation (French and Dutch) for *Lava*.

“States of Emergency,” *The Nation*, July 2018. Review of *Climate Leviathan: A Political Theory of Our Planetary Future*, by Geoff Mann and Joel Wainwright.

“Living, Not Just Surviving,” *Jacobin*, Issue 26, Summer 2017.

“Monstrous, Duplicated, Potent,” *n+1*, Issue 28: Half-Life, Spring 2017. Review of *Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene*, by Donna Haraway.

“The False Promise of Universal Basic Income,” *Dissent*, Spring 2017; republished in translation (Spanish) in *Nueva Sociedad*.

“Wouldn’t a more democratic world just mean a bigger environmental crisis?” in *The ABCs of Socialism*, ed. Bhaskar Sunkara and Philip Wigglesworth, New York: Verso Books, 2016.

“The Green and the Red,” in *The Future We Want: Radical Ideas for the New Century*, eds. Sarah Leonard and Bhaskar Sunkara, New York: Metropolitan Books, 2016.

“Alive in the Sunshine,” *Jacobin* Issue 13, Winter 2014.

“The Flood Next Time,” *Jacobin* Issue 9, Winter 2012.

Editorial positions

Editorial board, *Dissent*, 2020-present

Core contributor, *Law and Political Economy Blog*, 2018-present.

Editorial board, *Jacobin* magazine, 2012-present.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2019	Graduate Students Association Conference Travel Grant
2018	MacMillan Center International Travel Grant
2016-2017	University Dissertation Fellowship
2015-2016	Mellon Graduate Fellowship, Mellon Graduate Concentration in Digital Humanities
2015	National Science Foundation Travel Award, American Society for Environmental History
2011	College Prize, Jesus College, University of Oxford
2011	Bowers Fund Travel Grant, Jesus College, University of Oxford
2008-2009	Tom Ford Fellowship in Philanthropy
2008	Arnaud B. Leavelle Prize, Best Thesis in Political Theory, Stanford University

Presentations, Comments, and Invited Talks

Invited talks

“Labor of Life: Resonance and Tensions in Feminist and Ecological Theories of Labor,” Ecological Crisis and the Question of Concrete Labour, Hamburg University, April 7, 2021.

“Abolish Oil,” 13/13 Seminar: Abolition, Columbia University, March 11, 2021.

“Labor and the Green New Deal,” University of Massachusetts-Boston, March 5, 2021.

“Labor of Life: Thinking Labor with and Against Nature,” Keynote lecture, *Beyond Survival: Eco-Feminist Imaginings in Precarious Times*, University of Pennsylvania, February 26, 2021.

“Zero-Carbon Democracy? State and Capital in the Age of Climate Change,” The Ohio State University, February 12, 2021.

“The Politics of Externalities: Three Perspectives,” Institute for Historical Research, London, UK, Early Career Scholars Workshop, November 25, 2020.

(Cancelled) “Free Gifts: Nature and the Politics of Capitalism,” New College of Florida, April 20, 2021.

(Cancelled) “The Future of Work: Technologies, Bodies, and the Challenge to Political Theory,” Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, April 15-17, 2020.

(Cancelled) “The Great Acceleration and the Golden Age: Growth and the Good Life,” Knowledge for the Anthropocene, Duke University, March 26-28, 2020.

“Climate Justice and the Green New Deal,” University of North Carolina-Greensboro, February 20, 2020.

“Cyborg Ecologies and Gendered Labor,” Climate Futures, Design and the Green New Deal, Rhode Island School of Design, December 5, 2019.

“The Victory of the *Animal Laborans*? On Arendt’s Worldly Philosophy,” Arendt on Earth: From the Archimedean Point to the Anthropocene, November 22, 2019, Northwestern University.

“Gender and the Environment,” Keynote, Conference Agora É Que São Elas, São Paulo, Brazil, September 22, 2019.

“Free Gifts: Nature and the Politics of Capitalism,” University of Santa Barbara, California, December 3, 2018.

“Free Gifts: Nature and the Politics of Capitalism,” New School for Social Research, November 27, 2018.

“Green Jobs, Pink Collars? Revaluing Social and Ecological Reproduction for Just Transitions,” at Climate Futures, Design, and the Just Transition: A Symposium, Rhode Island School of Design, Brown University, & Providence College, Providence, RI, Nov 8-9 2018.

“Free Gifts: Nature and the Politics of Capitalism,” Providence College, October 3, 2018.

“Universal Basic Income: History and Theory of a Utopian Desire,” Mellon Sawyer Seminar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, September 15, 2018.

“The Caring Conservation Corps? On Social and Ecological Reproduction.” *Unsettled Spaces: New Scholarship on the Social and Spatial Dynamics of Climate Change*, University of Pennsylvania, April 20, 2018.

“Abundance, Austerity, and the Politics of Work,” *Feminism and Capitalism: Sharing Interdisciplinary Research and Knowledge*, University of British Columbia, July 30-August 1, 2017.

Conference and workshop presentations (select)

“*Universal Basic Income: Global Histories*: Book Launch,” Basic Income Earth Network, August 20, 2021.

“Labor and the Green New Deal,” Climate and Inequality Workshop, Utrecht University, February 16-17, 2021.

“Labor of Life: Feminist Theories of Reproductive Work,” Pioneer Valley Political Theory Workshop, November 19, 2020.

“From Pink Collar to #RedforEd: For an Expanded View of Green Jobs,” Labor and the Green New Deal, Arizona State University, November 1, 2019.

“Climate Politics for the People: Democracy and the Green New Deal,” For the Many Symposium, University of Chicago, October 25, 2019. (Conference co-organizer)

“On Maintenance Work.” Back to Work: New Theories of Work (panel co-organizer). American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 30, 2019.

“On *Full Surrogacy Now*,” with Sophie Lewis and McKenzie Wark, New School for Social Research, May 6, 2019.

“On Valuing the Work of Nature,” American Association of Geographers, Washington, D.C., April 6, 2019.

“The End of Work? Guaranteed Income as a Feminist and Ecological Response to Fordism,” An Intellectual History of Universal Basic Income, University of Cambridge, January 14, 2019.

“Free Gifts: Toward a Political Theory of Social and Ecological Reproduction.” The Political Theory of Capitalism, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018.

“On the Capitalocene: Response to Jason W. Moore.” Center for Historical Enquiry in the Social Sciences, Yale University, February 16, 2018.

“The Limits to Rawls: Ecology, Economics, and Politics in the 1970s.” Rethinking Rawls. (Panel co-organizer.) American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 1, 2017.

“Author Meets Critics: Mara Marin, *Connected by Commitment*.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2, 2017.

“Self-Ownership and Solidarity Beyond the Human.” Feminist Articulations of Autonomy, Solidarity, and (Self-)Ownership. Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, May 31, 2017.

“On Maintenance,” with the Yale Working Group on Globalization and Culture. Cultural Studies Association Annual Conference, Georgetown University, May 26, 2017.

“Reading Haraway Politically.” Technopolitical Feminisms. (Panel co-organizer) Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C., April 14, 2017.

Roundtable: “Political Economy and/as Political Theory.” (Panel organizer) Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, B.C., April 14, 2017.

“From the People to the Human—and Beyond? Collectivity in an Age of Ecological Anxiety.” Northwestern Graduate Conference, Northwestern University, November 3, 2016.

“The Economy of Nature: Whole Earth Economics and the Disappearance of the Outside.” The Economical and the Natural. Historicizing the Economy, Harvard University, September 24, 2016.

“The Lives of Capitalism,” with the Yale Working Group on Globalization and Culture, Princeton University, April 21, 2016.

“Real Value and Ideal Politics: Ecological Economics and Theories of Justice in the 1970s.” On Rawls. Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 25, 2016.

“‘Making Nature’s Values Visible’: Seeing Ecosystems in Politics and Economics.” University of Massachusetts-Amherst Graduate Conference, March 11-12, 2016. (Honorary Mention, Best Paper)

“Glass Pasts, Genetic Futures: Fluid Legacies of Marine Biodiversity.” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 22, 2015.

“‘Anything Under the Sea?’: The History of Marine Biotechnology and the Ownership of Life in the Oceans.” European Society for Environmental History Summer School, Porto, Portugal, July 4-8 2014.

“From Natural Capital to Hybrid Labor: Toward a Feminist Political Ecology for the Anthropocene.” Anthropocene Feminism, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April 12, 2014.

Teaching

Associate Faculty Member, Brooklyn Institute for Social Research, 2018-present. Responsible for designing and teaching courses in Feminist Theory and Political Theory and participating in BISR programming.

Fall 2018: “Ecofeminism and Xenofeminism”—Theories of the relationship between nature and gender in relation to issues of environment, science, and technology.

Spring 2019: “Feminist Theory,” introduction to feminist political thought; “Social Reproduction Theory,” introduction to feminist political economy

Teaching Fellow, Yale College, 2014-2019. Responsible for teaching discussion sections of undergraduate courses, grading essays and exams, advising students, and contributing to exam design.

Courses taught

2018: “Introduction to Political Philosophy”—Introduction to Western political thought and traditions

2016: “Gandhi, King, and the Politics of Nonviolence”—History of nonviolent politics in the twentieth century via the thought and action of Martin Luther King Jr. and M.K. Gandhi.

2014: “Environmental Law and Politics”—Overview of central problems, laws, and cases of American environmental law and politics.

2014, 2019: “Moral Foundations of Politics”—Introduction to core thinkers and traditions of political thought, including utilitarianism, social contract theory, and Marxism.

Training: Fundamentals of Teaching Political Science (four-session training on teaching political science); Advanced teaching workshops including Writing-Intensive Workshop and Gender Bias Workshop; all at Center for Teaching and Learning, Yale University.

Writing Partner, Yale College Writing Center, 2015-2019: Weekly work with students who speak English as a second language (ESL) and students from underperforming high schools. Training in teaching ESL students and writing instruction.

Institutional Service

Reviewer, *American Political Science Review, Political Theory, Historical Materialism, Current Sociology, Economic Geography.*

Co-convenor, For the Many Symposium, University of Chicago, October 25, 2019.

Coordinator, International Conference for the Study of Political Thought (CSPT), Yale University, 2015-2019. Responsible for organizing annual CSPT conference and other CSPT events.

Coordinator, Working Group on Marxism and Culture, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, 2015-2019. Responsible for convening regular group meetings and administering funding.

Organizer, Political Theory Women’s Writing Group, 2013-2019. Responsible for organizing group meetings, arranging faculty events, and obtaining and administering departmental funding.

Organizing Committee, Climate, Ecology and History Workshop, Humanities/Humanity Program, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, 2014-2015.

Other Professional Experience

Editorial Fellow, *Mother Jones*, San Francisco, CA, 2011-12.

Consultant, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers (SPARC), Mumbai, India, 2009-10.

Tom Ford Fellow, Democratic Practice Program, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, New York, NY, 2008-9

Languages

French (reading, intermediate; speaking, intermediate); German (reading, beginner)

References

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