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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Chicago, Political Science	2008
MA, University of Chicago, Political Science	2003
MA, Central European University, Budapest, Gender and Culture	2000
Visiting Graduate Student, Oxford University	1998-1999
MA, University of Bucharest, Philosophy	1998
BA, University of Bucharest, Philosophy	1997

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Victoria

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

July 1, 2025 - present

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2025

University of Toronto

Visiting Fellow and Postdoctoral Associate, Centre for Ethics

2015-18

Frankfurt University

Go-In Postdoctoral Fellow, Cluster of Excellence *Normative Orders*

2013-16

Postdoctoral fellow, *Justitia Amplificata* Centre for Advanced Studies

2012-13

University of Chicago

2008-12

Harper Schmidt Fellow and Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences Collegiate Division

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist theory, social theory, structural injustice, oppression, domination, critical race theory, authority, political obligation

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Book

Connected by Commitment. Oppression and Our Responsibility to Undermine It (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2017), 216 pages.

Reviewed in *Political Theory*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Ethics*, *Hypatia* Reviews Online, *APA Newsletter for Feminism and Philosophy*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Choice Magazine*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Structural Responsibility. *American Political Science Review*, 2025, 119 (3), 1333-1347.

Honorable mention from the 2026 Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory (APSA)

The Racial Division of Carework and the Devaluation of Care, *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2021, 20(4), 895-899.

Part of the Critical Exchange Woodly, D., Brown, R. H., Marin, M., Threadcraft, S., Harris, C. P., Syedullah, J., & Ticktin, M. The politics of care. *Contemporary Political Theory*, 2021, 20(4), 890–925.

PUBLICATIONS, Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (Continued)

Racial Structural Solidarity. *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, 2018, 21(5), 586-600. Reprinted in Avigail Ferdman and Margaret Kohn, (eds.) *Solidarity and Public Goods* (Routledge, 2021).

Care, Oppression and Marriage. *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, 2014, 29(2), 337-354.

Peer-Reviewed Invited Book Chapters

Transformative Action as Structural and Publicly Constituted, in Jude Browne and Maeve McKeown (eds.), *What Is Structural Injustice?*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2024, 31-47.

Other Invited Book Chapters

Marriage as Commitment: A Revisionary Argument. In Sherrow O. Pinder (ed.), *American Multicultural Studies*, Sage Publications, 2012, 303-316.

Book reviews

Rochelle DuFord, *Solidarity in Conflict: A Democratic Theory, Perspective on Politics*, 20 (4), 2022, 1444-1445.

Avery Kolers, *A Moral Theory of Solidarity, Perspectives on Politics*, 16 (3), 2018, 802-803

Nichole Marie Shippen, *Decolonizing Time. Work, Leisure and Freedom, Political Theory*, 46 (1), 2018, 151-155.

Elizabeth Brake (ed.), *After Marriage. Rethinking Marital Relationships*, *Hypatia Reviews Online* 2017

Shay Welch, *Existential Eroticism. A Feminist Approach to Understanding Women's Oppression-Perpetuating Choices*, *APA Newsletter on Feminism and Philosophy*, 17 (1), 2017, 12-14.

Other

Reflections on Power and Structural Change. A Commentary on Maeve McKeown's *With Power Comes Responsibility* in *FQP - Philosophy and Public Issues*, 2/2024, 231-240.

Response to Avery Kolers's review of "Connected by Commitment: Oppression and Our Responsibility to Undermine It." *Perspective on Politics*, 2018, 16(3), 806.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

What Domination Can and Cannot Do. Gender Subordination, Structural Analysis and the Limits of Pettit's Notion of Domination (in manuscript, approx. 10,000 words).

Peer-Reviewed Invited Book Chapters

Conceptualizing Structure, in Ruth Buchanan, Annie Bunting, Inbar Peled, and David Schneiderman (eds.), *The Relational Turn* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press) (due August 17, 2026).

Solidary Action as Structurally Positioned Action, in Milan Bernard and Tristan Boursier (eds.), *Les trésors perdus de la solidarité*, Les Presses de l'Université Laval (under review, 6923 words)

Book Manuscript

Structural Agency and Structural Obligations. Rethinking Agency, Political Action and Obligations to Resist Oppression (Revise & Resubmit from Oxford University Press, approx. 50,000 words)

Book Project

Race as Social Structure. A Conception of Race as the Basis for Solidarity for Anti-racist Collective Action

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Invited presentations

- "Enabling Structures and Socially Structured Action," Critique – Centre for Ethics and Critical Thought, University of Edinburgh, June 22, 2026.
- "Conceptualizing Structure," *The Relational Turn: Looking Back, Thinking Ahead* workshop, Osgoode, York University, Toronto, April 30, 2026.
- "Sewell on Social Structure," [Structural Injustice and Responsibility for Relational Equality \(SIRRE\) research network](#), January 8, 2026.
- "Structural Responsibility," University of Vienna, June 17, 2025.
- "Conceptualizing Structure," Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society (WPES), Washington University in St. Louis, April 11, 2025.
- "Structural Obligations," *Power and Domination: An International Research Workshop*, McGill University, August 15-17, 2022.
- "A Structural View of the Obligations to Resist Oppression," *Centering the Margins: New Approaches to Transnational Injustices* workshop, Haverford College, April 22, 2022.
- "Commitment and the Politics of Labor," Yale-NUS College Philosophy Research Colloquium Series, October 6/7, 2021.
- "How to Think of Action as Structural," Political Philosophy Reading Group, Queen's University, August 9, 2021.
- "How to Think of Action as Structural," *Structural Injustice* workshop, University of Cambridge, March 22-23, 2021.
- "Labor Relations and Obligations of Commitment," Department of Political Science, Queen's University, April 2, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID 19)
- "Labor Relations and Obligations of Commitment," Department of Political Science, Department of Political Science, University of Ottawa, April 3, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID 19)
- "Generating Inequality through the Denial of Vulnerability," Political Theory Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, April 24, 2019
- "Racial Structural Solidarity," *Approaches to Public Goods: Solidarity and Social Justice* workshop, University of Toronto, May 13-14, 2016
- "What Domination Can and Cannot Do. Gender Oppression and the Limits of the Notion of Domination," *Challenges of Structural Injustice*, Binghamton University, November 20, 2015
- "Connected by Commitment in Response to Oppression," *What Is 'Commitment' to Resist Oppression?* workshop with Lionel McPherson, Tufts University, March 6, 2015
- "Connected by Commitment in Response to Oppression," The New School, March 5, 2015
- "What Domination Can and Cannot Do. Gender Oppression and the Limits of Pettit's Notion of Domination," *Structural Injustice* conference, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, February 12-13, 2015
- "A Commitment Model of Political Obligation," Workshop in Political Philosophy, Cambridge University, November 14, 2014
- "Care, Oppression, and Marriage," Reed College, April 2, 2013
- "Marriage as Commitment: A Revisionary Argument," Université de Montréal, June 4, 2010
- "Political Obligation as Commitment," Cornell Political Theory Colloquium, October 24, 2007

PAPER PRESENTATIONS (Continued)

Conference presentations (selection)

- "Transformative Action as Socially Structured and Plurally Public," ECPG, Newcastle, 2026
- "Conceptualizing Structure," APSA, Vancouver, 2025
- "Transformative Action as Socially Structured and Plurally Public," Social Ontology 2024, Duke University
- "Structural Obligations," WPSA, Vancouver, 2024
- "Transformative Action as Socially Structured and Plurally Public," WPSA, San Francisco, 2023
- "How to Think of Action as Structural," APSA, Montréal, 2022
- "Transformative Action as Socially Structured," *Structural Injustice, Responsibility, and the Passage of Time* MANCEPT Workshop, September 8, 2022
- "Tommie Shelby on 'impure dissent' and the missed opportunity of understanding obligations as structural," WPSA, Portland, 2022
- "Resistance as Structural Agency," WPSA, online, 2021
- "Obligations to Resist Oppression and the Limits of Action," APSA, online, 2020
- "Against Understanding Obligations to Resist Oppression as Moral Obligations," WPSA, Los Angeles, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID 19)
- "Black Solidarity and the Denigration of Black Labor," CPSA, Vancouver, 2019
- "Black Solidarity and the Denigration of Black Labor," WPSA, San Diego, 2019
- "Racial Structural Solidarity," APSA, San Francisco, 2017
- "Structural Solidarity," CPSA, Toronto, 2017
- "The Insufficiency of Non-Domination: The Case of Gender Oppression," APSA, San Francisco, 2015
- "Commitment as a Model for Our Responsibility for Oppression," APSA, Washington, DC, 2014
- "What Is Structural about the Basic Structure?," WPSA, Seattle, 2014
- "What Is Structural about Structural Injustice?" *Philosophy and Social Science*, Prague, 2013

OTHER PARTICIPATION (SELECTION)

Invited

- Participant in *Power and Domination: An International Research Workshop*, a book manuscript workshop on Arash Abizadeh's *Power, Subjection, and Democracy* and William Clare Roberts' *A Radical Politics of Freedom*, McGill University, August 15-17, 2022
- Participant in roundtable on *The Form of the Firm* by Abraham Singer, CPSA, Vancouver, 2019
- Participant in symposium on *The Politics of Repressed Guilt* by Claudia Leeb, WPSA, San Diego, 2019
- Participant in *Judgement, Relationality, Care: A Celebration of the Work of Jennifer Nedelsky*, Centre for Ethics, University of Toronto, October 27, 2017
- Discussant for Michael Ferguson's "Cooptation or Complicity?," Political Theory Research Workshop, University of Toronto, February 12, 2016
- Discussant in the *Theoretical Reflections on Exploitation in Practice* workshop at University of Guelph, October 9-10, 2015 (organized by Monique Deveaux, Meena Krishnamurthy and Vida Panitch)
- Participant in roundtable on *Fortunes of Feminism* by Nancy Fraser, Frankfurt University, May 2013

OTHER PARTICIPATION (SELECTION) (Continued)

At conferences

Chair for Author Meets Critics panels on:

- *With Power Comes Responsibility. The Politics of Structural Injustice* by Maeve McKeown, APSA 2025
- *Part-Time for All. A Care Manifesto* by Jennifer Nedelsky and Thomas Malleson, WPSA 2023.
- *Reckoning. Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Necessity of Social Movements* by Deva Woodly, APSA 2022
- *In a Classroom of Their Own* by Keisha Lindsay, WPSA 2021

Participant in and chair of *Authors Meet Authors: Solidarities and Injustices* workshop (APSA 2020)

Participant in Author Meets Critics on *Law's Relations* by J. Nedelsky, WPSA, Portland, 2012

Discussant for WPSA panels (2024: *Marxisms*; 2023: *Politics of Care*; 2021: *Capitalism, Colonialism, and Race*), CPSA panels (2019: *Solidarity and Organic Politics*; 2010: *The Uses and Limits of Ideals in Political Judgment*), APSA panels (2025: *Structural Injustice and Racial Justice*; 2017: *Consent, Authority, and Obligation*; 2010: *The Good Citizen: Re-thinking Political Obligation*; 2008: *Feminist Theory and "Redistribution"*; 2006: *Care and Social Justice*)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Graduate Supervision: Maria Milanova (MA, September 2024), Ava Dale (MA, co-supervision with Laura Parisi, 2025), Sasha Slansky (PhD, ongoing), Emilie Evans (MA, ongoing).

Second Reader: Dempsey Wilford (MA, 2019), Kayla Hofman (MA, 2021), Christina Iwase (MA, 2025).

Graduate Committee Member: Carol Marinho-Ribeiro (PhD in Law and Society, Faculty of Law).

Graduate External Examiner: Sacha Ghandeharian (PhD, Political Science, Carleton University, 2020), Sophia Myers (MA, Sociology, University of Victoria, 2020)

Honors Students Supervisor: Alicia Bednarski (2020), Lily Jones (2021), Isabel Simons (2022), Kailani Johansson (2023), Acacia Lee (2024)

Honors Students Second Reader: Giulia Gagliano (2021), Mack Stanbridge (2024), Kaitlyn Kirkpatrick (2024), Grace MacMaster (2026), Elliott N. Baxendale Fabi (2026)

JCURA Project Supervisor: Lily Jones (GDS, 2020-21), Isabel Simons (GDS, 2021-22)

VKURA Project Supervisor: Alena Gavrilenko (2024)

CLASSES TAUGHT

University of Victoria

Introduction to Political Theory (Fall 2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024; Spring 2020, 2022, 2024, 2026, 2027)

Early Modern Political Theory (Fall 2019, 2020, 2024, 2025; Spring 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2027)

Post-Enlightenment Political Theory (Fall 2025)

Race and Liberal Theory (Spring 2019)

Gender, Race and Power. Feminist Political Theory (Fall 2019, 2026; Spring 2021, 2022, 2023)

Racial Capitalism (renamed *Race and Capitalism*) (Fall 2022, 2023, 2026; Spring 2021, 2025, 2026)

Toronto Metropolitan University

Introduction to Feminist Philosophy, Winter 2018

University of Chicago

Classics of Social and Political Thought, 2008-12 (yearlong course); Winter 2005, 2006, 2008

Theories of Oppression, Autumn 2011

Introduction to Feminist Political Theories, Autumn 2007

Problems in the Study of Sexuality, Autumn 2007 (co-taught with Lauren BERLANT)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

University of Victoria

Department Collective Learning Coordinator (July 2025 – June 2027)
Faculty Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, member (July 2025 – June 2027)
Department Working Group on Equity and Indigenous Plans, chair (July 2025 – June 2027)
Appointment Review Committee for the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences (October-December 2025)
Sexualized Violence Policy Review Advisory Group, member (October – December 2024)
Academic Women's Caucus Steering Committee, member (September 2024 – November 2025)
Undergraduate Committee, Political Science, member (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
Graduate Committee, Political Science, member (January 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024)
Salary Evaluation Committee, Political Science, member (Spring 2021)
Speaker Series Committee, Political Science, member (July 1, 2019 – January 30, 2021)
Undergraduate Program Review Committee, Political Science, member (Jan – June 2019)
Library Committee, Political Science, member (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)
Victoria Colloquium Speaker Series Committee, member (July 1, 2018-present)

University of Chicago

The College Council, member (elected term: 2009-2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Book manuscript reviewer for: University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press.

Article manuscript reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Social Ontology*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Hypatia*, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Global Justice: Theory Practice Rhetoric*, *Constellations*, *Political Studies*, *Studies in Social Justice*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Politics, Philosophy and Economics*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Ergo*.

Conference co-organizer:

Love and Care in the Time of Capitalism (Frankfurt, 2015)

Relational Injustice (Frankfurt, 2013)

Principles of Associations in British History (Chicago, 2005)

Conference panel/workshop organizer:

Structural Injustice and Structural Change panel, APSA 2025

Transformative action between judgment and structures panel, WPSA 2023

Author Meets Critics panels on

- *With Power Comes Responsibility. The Politics of Structural Injustice* by Maeve McKeown, APSA 2025
- *Part-Time for All. A Care Manifesto* by Jennifer Nedelsky and Thomas Malleson, WPSA 2023
- *Reckoning. Black Lives Matter and the Democratic Necessity of Social Movements* by Deva Woodly, APSA 2022
- *In a Classroom of Their Own* by Keisha Lindsay, WPSA 2021

Authors Meet Authors: *Solidarities and Injustices* Workshop, APSA 2020 (co-organized with Thomas Donahue-Ochoa).

Structural Injustice, Consent and Obligations panel, WPSA 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

Race, Gender, and the Politics of Care panel, WPSA 2019

PRIZES, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Honorable mention from the 2026 [Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory](#) of the American Political Science Association for “Structural Responsibility,” *American Political Science Review* 2025, 119 (3): 1333-1347

UVic SSHRC Explore Grant for “Conceptualizing Social Structure” (2026 – 2027) – \$6951.32

UVic SOSC Indigenous Resurgence Support Fund (with Reeta Tremblay) (2019) – \$1500

APSA Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2017, 2005)

Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Frankfurt University (4-year position; 2014; declined)

Wayne C. Booth Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching (2008)

Mellon Foundation/Social Sciences Dissertation-Year Fellowship (2006-07)

Grodzins Prize Lectureship (for teaching *Introduction to Feminist Political Theories*) (2007)

Dissertation Teaching and Research Fellowship (2005-06)

Global Supplementary Grant Award, *Open Society Institute* (2005, 2006)

Nicholson Center Student Initiative Award for organizing *Principles of Associations in British History* (with Victor Muniz-Fraticelli) (April 2005)

Access to Research Infrastructure Action, European University Institute, Florence (2002)

Century Scholarship, University of Chicago (2001-05)

Central European University Scholarship (1999-00)

Soros/Foreign and Commonwealth Office Chevening Scholarship at Oxford University (1998-99)