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### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Mississippi State University**

Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, August 2020 - present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, July 2014 – August 2020.

#### **University of Washington**

Lecturer, Department of Political Science, January - June 2014.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Washington**

PhD in Political Science, December 2013. Graduate Certificate in Law and Society.

#### **University of Essex**

MA (Distinction) Theory and Practice of Human Rights, March 2006

#### **University of Bristol**

BA French and Philosophy, June 2003.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

- MA in Political Science program coordinator (August 2016 - present)
- Robert Holland Faculty Senate member (April 2021 – present)
- College of Arts and Sciences Promotion and Tenure Committee (September 2021 – present)
- University Instructional Improvement Committee (Fall 2021- present)
- College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate member (January 2019 – December 2020)

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Co-editor-in-chief of *Emancipations: A Journal of Critical Social Analysis* (open access journal hosted by Mississippi State University library): [www.emancipations.org](http://www.emancipations.org)

Chair of the Executive Committee of the “Socialism, Capitalism and Democracy” Research Committee of the International Political Science Association (December 2018 – present)

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*Undoing Work, Rethinking Community: A Critique of the Social Function of Work*. Cornell University Press, February 2018.

“Review Symposium” (with contributions by Marek Steedman, Sam Arnold, Maria Rosales, David Frayne, Rachel Brown and my response to them) in *Critical Horizons: A Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory* <https://doi.org/10.1080/14409917.2019.1672276>

Reviews:

1. Jörg Nowak, *Capital and Class* (2021) <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/03098168211035847d>
2. Joel Winkelman, *Political Theory* (2020) <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0090591720939041>
3. Nathan Gerrard, *Contemporary Political Theory* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-019-00327-x>
4. Nichole Marie Shippen, *Perspectives on Politics* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1017/S153759271800405X>
5. Marion Lougheed, *Allegra Lab* (2019) <http://allegralaboratory.net/review-undoing-work-rethinking-community/>
6. Patrick Reedy, *Organization Studies* (2018) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0170840618792160>
7. Faun Rice, *Basic Income Earth News* (2019) <https://basicincome.org/news/2019/02/book-review-undoing-work-rethinking-community/>
8. David Frayne, *Autonomy* (2018) <http://autonomy.work/portfolio/undoing-work-rethinking-community-review-by-david-frayne/>

### Edited Book

*Capitalism, Socialism, Democracy: Critical Debates*. With Albenaz Azmanova. Under contract with Springer (“Philosophy and Politics - Critical Explorations” series).

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Responsibility for Migrants: From Hospitality to Solidarity.” *Political Theory* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0090591719877543>

“Motivating Cosmopolitanism: Jürgen Habermas, Jean-Luc Nancy, and the case for Cosmocommonism.” *Contemporary Political Theory* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-019-00337-9>

“Challenging Borders: The Case for Open Borders with Joseph Carens and Jean-Luc Nancy.” *Journal of International Political Theory* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1177/1755088219859919>

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“From the Freedom of the Seas to No Borders: Reading Grotius with Deleuze and Nancy,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 44, no. 6 (2018): 682–700.

“Minoritarian Democracy: The Democratic Case for No Borders,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 24, no. 2 (2017): 142-153.

“Migration and the Politics of Life,” *Theory and Event* 19, no. 2 (2016).

“Bending over Backwards: Flexibility, Freedom, and Domination in Contemporary Work,” *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory* 22, no. 1 (2015): 91-104.

“Recognition and social justice: What critical theory can learn from paid domestic laborers in the United States,” *New Political Science: A Journal of Politics and Culture* 35, no. 2 (June 2013): 182-202.

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

“Open Borders and (post)-work,” in *Whither Work? The Politics and Ethics of Contemporary Work*, edited by Jean-Philippe Deranty and Keith Breen (Routledge) Forthcoming

### **Book Reviews**

Francesco Boldizzoni, *Foretelling the End of Capitalism: Intellectual Misadventures since Karl Marx*. *Perspectives on Politics* 19, no. 1 (2021): 247-248.

Albena Azmanova, *Capitalism on Edge: How Fighting Precarity Can Achieve Radical Change without Crisis or Utopia*. *Philosophy and Social Criticism* (2020).

Riccardo Baldissone, *Farewell to Freedom: A Western Genealogy of Liberty*. *Organization Studies* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0170840619862226>

Nancy Fraser and Rahel Jaeggi, *Capitalism: A Conversation in Critical Theory*. *Contemporary Political Theory* (2019) <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41296-018-00304-w>

Anne-Laure Amilhat Szary and Frédéric Giraut (eds.), *Borderities and the Politics of Contemporary Mobile Borders* and Thomas Nail, *The Figure of the Migrant*. *Perspectives on Politics* 15, no. 1 (2017): 99-100.

### **Public Writing/Media**

“Pandemic Lessons from Socrates,” *Columbus Dispatch* July 24, 2020 <https://ctjournal.org/2020/04/30/covid-19-and-the-work-society/>

“Covid-19 and the work society,” *Critical Times: Interventions in Global Critical Theory* April 30, 2020 <https://ctjournal.org/2020/04/30/covid-19-and-the-work-society/>

“Covid-19 and the art of life,” *Open Democracy* April 20, 2020, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/can-europe-make-it/covid-19-and-art-life/>

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“Post-workers of the world unite! Reconciling open borders and post-work politics,” *Public Seminar* December 6, 2019, [https://publicseminar.org/2019/12/post-workers-of-the-world-unite/?utm\\_campaign=sharelink](https://publicseminar.org/2019/12/post-workers-of-the-world-unite/?utm_campaign=sharelink)

## INVITED TALKS/WORKSHOPS

Podcast interview with Jean-Paul Gagnon, University of Canberra, for “Professional Orientation” philosophy class (August 2021).

“Work Society and Unworked Community,” *Unproductive Labor Podcast* Episode 3 (2021) at *Public Seminar* <https://publicseminar.org/2021/06/work-society-and-unworked-community/>

Mississippi Poor People’s Campaign, press conference on Covid-19, prisons and public education, August 20, 2020.

New York University, Global Institute for Advanced Study workshop on the topic of work, January 2019.

Discussion of *Undoing Work, Rethinking Community* at Bras Basah Open: School of Theory and Philosophy (Singapore) via Skype, December 2018.

“Showcasing New Books in our Fields” (for *Undoing Work, Rethinking Community*), at the Labor and Employment Relations Association, Baltimore, MD, June 2018.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Global Capitalism as Vital Siphoning.” MANCEPT Political Theory workshops, University of Manchester (virtual conference), September 2021.

“Author meets critics” roundtable on *Undoing Work, Rethinking Community*. Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 2019.

“No Borders and the Post-Work Community.” American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 2018.

“Borders: The Individual and the Community in Analytic and Continental Philosophy.” International Political Science Association, Brisbane, Australia, July 2018.

“Responding to the Migration Crisis: The case for Cosmocommonism.” Philosophy and Social Science conference, Prague, Czech Republic, May 2018.

“Responding to the Migration Crisis: The case for Cosmocommonism.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA April 2018.

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“Hostage to Borders: Opening Hospitality to No Borders.” Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2018.

“Sea Space: Towards an Immanent Commons.” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2017.

“Becoming Diverse: Towards smooth and impersonal diversity.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015.

“The Power of Work: Rethinking the Politics of Immigration.” American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

“Freedom and Work in Neoliberalism.” Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, April 2014.

“The Unstable Meaning and Value of Work: An Exploration of the Refusal of Work through the 2011 UK Riots and Public Sector Strikes.” American Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2013.

“Earning Respect: The Politics of Paid Work and Citizenship in Contemporary Capitalism.” Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 2012.

“Achievement, Class, and the Struggle for Legal Recognition.” Law and Society Association, San Francisco, California, June 2011.

“Achievement, Class, and the Struggle for Legal Recognition.” Western Political Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, April 2011.

“Paid Domestic Labor and the Struggle for Recognition.” Women of Color Collective Second Annual Conference, University of Washington, May 2010.

“Paid Domestic Labor and the Struggle for Recognition.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, April 2010.

## **OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

Roundtable participant on Terrell Carver’s *Marx*, International Political Science Association (virtual meeting) July 2021.

Chair of “Varieties of Capitalism, Varieties of Social Injustice,” International Political Science Association (virtual meeting) July 2021.

Session Chair for Socialism, Capitalism and Democracy Research Committee of the IPSA, Lisbon 2020 World Congress.

Chair and Discussant for “Re-examining Alienation in an Age of Populism,” at the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX, January 2019.

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Chair for “Political Theories and Concepts,” at the International Political Science Association World Congress, Brisbane, Australia, July 2018.

Chair and Discussant for “Neoliberalism, Economic Inequality, Justice,” at the Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2018.

Discussant for “Work, Class and Democracy,” at the Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2017.

Co-organized (with Richard Ashcroft, UC Berkeley) the panel “Diversifying ‘Diversity’: Migrations, Economy and Culture in Contemporary Politics and Theory,” at the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2015.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Introduction to Political Theory (Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014)
- Ancient and Medieval Political Thought (Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Fall 2015, Spring 2014)
- American Political Theory (Fall 2018, Fall 2016)
- Modern Political Thought (Spring 2019, Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Winter 2014, Winter 2013)
- Theories of Freedom (Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Summer 2013, Summer 2012)
- Contemporary French Political Theory (Spring 2018)
- Democracy and Democratization (Spring 2016).
- Race and Political Theory (Summer 2015)
- Comparative Law and Courts (Spring 2014)
- Politics and Law of International Human Rights (Spring 2017, Winter 2014)

## **Masters Committees (Mississippi State University)**

Katherine Bowman, Bryan Mathison, Frank Bradford, Matthew Campbell, Tyson Elbert, Mustapha Sen.

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Washington (Autumn 2008 – December 2013, 2 classes of 25 students each per term)**

Various courses in political theory and public law.

## **AWARDS, FUNDING AND DISTINCTIONS**

College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Professor Award, November 2021.

Mississippi State University, College of Arts and Sciences travel grant to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of APSA in Boston, MA.

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Stennis Summer Research Fund (Mississippi State University) 2018.

Mississippi State University, College of Arts and Sciences travel grant to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of WPSA in San Francisco, CA.

Mississippi State University, College of Arts and Sciences travel grant to attend the 2017 Annual Meeting of WPSA in Vancouver, B.C.

Mississippi State University, College of Arts and Sciences and Office of Research and Economic Development travel grants to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of APSA in Washington, D.C.

American Political Science Association Travel Grant to attend the 2013 Annual Meeting of APSA in Chicago, IL.

Philo S. Bennett Prize for “Earning Respect: The Politics of Paid Work and Citizenship in Contemporary Capitalism,” Summer 2012.

Distinction in Political Theory Comprehensive Exam, Spring 2011.

Comparative Law and Society Studies travel award to attend the 2011 annual conference of the Law and Society Association in San Francisco, CA.

Comparative Law and Society Studies Center Fellow, University of Washington, Summer 2009.

University of Washington, guaranteed five-year Teaching Assistantship, 2008.

Honorable Mention for the Deborah Fitzmaurice Prize (Human Rights), University of Essex, 2005.

Distinction, MA in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights, University of Essex, 2005.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Committee Member, Malcolm Jewell Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association (2017)

Reviewer: Cambridge University Press (book manuscript), Cornell University Press (Book Manuscript), Routledge (book proposal) Oxford University Press (book proposal), *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Constellations*, *Political Theory*, *Polity*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Public Administration Review*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Administrative Theory and Praxis*.

New Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Washington Department of Political Science, 2012 and 2013.

United Auto Workers 4121 (Academic Student Employees) steward, December 2011-December 2012.

University of Washington Graduate and Professional Student Senate, Autumn 2010 to Spring 2011.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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International Political Science Association, 2018 to present.

Western Political Science Association, 2010 to present.

American Political Science Association, 2011 to present.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Spring 2011 and Summer 2010: Research Assistant to Professors Michael McCann and George Lovell. Archival research for *A Union by Law: Filipino Cannery Workers and the Transpacific Struggle for Equal Rights, 1921-1991*.

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**Salisbury District Council**, United Kingdom (January 2007 to July 2008)

*Senior Democratic Services Officer*

- Policy research for scrutiny committees; notably coordinated a major review of the role Salisbury District Council could play in mitigating and adapting to climate change
- Legal and procedural advice to elected representatives, officials, and members of the public on the workings of council meetings

**London Borough of Harrow**, United Kingdom (August 2005 to December 2006)

*Democratic Services Officer*

- Administrative and other support to various committees of the council

**Coimbra Group of European Universities**, Brussels, Belgium (January 2002 to July 2002)

*Intern*

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Near fluent reading French.

## **REFERENCES:**

Paulina Ochoa Espejo, Associate Professor of Political Science, Haverford College:  
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University of Delaware: [minion@udel.edu](mailto:minion@udel.edu)

Christine Di Stefano, Associate Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Washington:  
[distefan@uw.edu](mailto:distefan@uw.edu)