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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, General Faculty (Equivalent to Visiting Assistant Professor)

University of Virginia – Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies – 2022-2024

Instructor

University of California, Irvine – Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies – 2020-2021

University of California, Irvine – Department of Political Science – 2020

Teaching Assistant

University of California, Irvine – School of Social Sciences – 2016-2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science – June 2022

University of California, Irvine – Department of Political Science

Subfields: Race and Ethnicity (Critical Race Theory), American Politics

Dissertation: “*And if the World Should End Tonight...: Sexual Mythmaking, Racial Capitalism, and Tumblr’s Queer-of-Color Worlds of Resistance*”

Committee: Claire Kim (Chair), Davin Phoenix, Tiffany Willoughby-Herard

Graduate Feminist Emphasis (Equivalent to Certificate in Feminist Studies) – June 2022

University of California, Irvine – Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies

M.A., Political Science – December 2021

University of California, Irvine – Department of Political Science

Subfields: Race and Ethnicity (Critical Race Theory), Queer and Feminist Theory, American Politics

B.A., Political Science – December 2015

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville – Department of Political Science

Minors: Peace and International Studies, Women’s Studies

PUBLICATIONS & WRITING

Book Chapters and Articles Forthcoming

“(White) Boys in White Dresses: Racial Capitalism and the Limits of Gender-Disruptive

Fashion” to be published in the *Palgrave Handbook of Fashion and Politics*, eds. Karen

M. Kedrowski, Candice Ortals, Lori Poloni-Staudinger and J. Cherie Strachan. Forthcoming; expected publication late spring/early summer 2024.
“It’s After the End of the World’: Notes on Black on Both Sides, Five Years On” for forthcoming special issue article of *Philosophy Compass*; submitted September 2022, affiliated article from Snorton expected February 2024, publication forthcoming.

Journal Articles Under Review

“SIMULTANEOUS JOY AND RAGE: Mark Aguhar’s “LITANIES TO MY HEAVENLY BROWN BODY” and Abject, Unruly Refusals of Unbearability” for *Women’s Studies Quarterly* special issue, “Unbearable Bodie(s).” Submitted for review October 2023; invited to Revise and Resubmit as of March 2024.

Manuscripts in Progress

Rites of Refusal: Queer-of-Color Imaginaries Beyond Equality. Book proposal and manuscript chapters in preparation.

Untitled Cedric Robinson teaching resource project (Co-authored with Steph Jones, Ian Baran, and Koji Quimbo). Book proposal and manuscript chapters in preparation.

Journal Articles in Preparation

“Stop Whose Hate?” to *Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies*; invited to Revise and Resubmit September 2023, requested to fully resubmit to journal after co-author dropped out. Currently under revision.

“Banishing the Boogeyman: Cedric Robinson’s Radical Critique of ‘The Political.’” Invited coauthored article on Cedric Robinson for *Politics, Groups, and Identities* special issue, “Flowers for the Founders: A Contemporary Revisiting of Canonical Black Politics Scholarship.” Coauthored article with Stephanie Jones and Chaz Briscoe. Proposal accepted September 2023; expected manuscript submission January 2024.

“Cultivating White Trans Worlds: Keffals, Kiwifarms, and the Threat of Visibility” for *Celebrity Studies* special issue, “Trans Celebrity.” Coauthored article with Josh Falek. Proposal submitted December 2023.

“In the Shadow of the Shield: Assessing the MCU’s Framing of Identity and Oppositional Ideology as Terrorism in The Falcon and the Winter Soldier” for *Terrorism and Popular Culture: Teaching the Next Generation from the Cold War to Present*, eds. Martin Claar and Clint Jones. Lexington Books. Proposal submitted December 2023.

Published Book Reviews

“Differing Not Merely in Degree but Also in Kind: A Review of Lorna N. Bracewell’s *Why We Lost the Sex Wars*.” *Theory & Event* 25(3): 2022.

“*Transforming Prejudice: Identity, Fear, and Transgender Rights*, by Melissa R. Michaelson and Brian F. Harrison. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2020. 256 pages. \$29.95 (paper), ISBN: 9780190068899.” *National Review of Black Politics* 2(3-4): 2021.

Non-Academic Writing

- “*Ripple on Through Me: Aye Nako’s ‘Unleash Yourself’ and Moving Toward the Feeling of Queer-of-Color Freedom*” for *You’ve Gotta Check This Band Out* essay anthology. Ed. Merlin Sabal. Forthcoming.
- “AFTER EXTERMINATION, or: My Chemical Romance is Dead! Long Live My Chemical Romance!” for *SWARM Zine: A My Chemical Romance Anthology*. Published November 2023.
- “Good is a Thing You Do: Feminism as Action, Rather Than Identity” For the SIUE Women’s Studies Program blog. November 2, 2015.
<https://siuewmst.wordpress.com/2015/11/02/good-is-a-thing-you-do-feminism-as-action-rather-than-identity-3/>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentations

- “*When I Grow Up, I Want to be Nothing at All: Towards a Nonbinary Without Non-Binary.*” To be presented at the *Shared Horizons: Queer, Trans and Feminist Politics in the Time of Fascism* Kohler Seminar symposium at the University of Virginia: February 2024.
- “Neither/nor/Both and Me: Theorizing a Nonbinary Politics beyond Identity.” Accepted to the American Political Science Association 2023 meeting: September 2023. Conference participation withdrawn in solidarity with Unite Here Local 11.
- “More ‘Non,’ Less ‘Binary, or: Nonbinary Politics Without Nonbinary Identity.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association 2023 meeting: April 2023.
- “Solidarity Beyond Geography: #StopAsianHate and Reckoning with ‘Filipino.’” Coauthored with Jenilene Fransisco. Presented at the Western Political Science Association 2023 meeting: April 2023.
- “Cultivating White Trans Worlds: Keffals, Kiwifarms, and the Violence of Visibility.” Coauthored with Josh Falek. Presented at the Northeast Modern Language Association 54th Annual Convention: March 2023.
- “...*I Had A Crazy, Classic Life: Mark Aguhar, Blake Brockington, Janelle Monáe’s ‘Crazy, Classic Life’ and the Many Ends of Many Queer Worlds.*” Presented at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting: October 2021.
- “*Ain’t No Glory in the West: Racial Capitalism and Theorizing Anti/Metronormativity.*” Presented at the Northeast Modern Language Association 52nd Annual Convention: March 2021.
- “BREAK THE BINARY: Blake Brockington, Transmedicalism, and the ‘Antagonistic Differences’ of Racial Capitalism.” Presented at the National Conference for Black Political Scientists 52nd annual meeting: March 2021. [Miscredited as Isabel Gonzalez].
- “...*And if the World Should End Tonight: Sexual Mythmaking and Queer-of-Color Resistance Against Racial Capitalism.*” Presented at the UC Riverside Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (UCR PRIEC) meeting: October 2020. [Miscredited as Isabel Felix].
- “BLESSED IS THE SPECTRUM: Sexual Mythmaking and Mark Aguhar’s Radical Politics of Refusal.” Presented at the American Political Science Association 2020 meeting: September 2020.

- “Queen Mark and King Blake at the End of the World: Tumblr, the End of Queer Worlds, and Kinship As/Beyond Aperture.” Presented at the UCI Critical Race Theory Workshop 2nd annual meeting: June 2020.
- “*See the Boys as they Walk on By*: Orville Peck’s Masked Gaze and Queer Genealogies of Resistance.” Presented at the Northeast Modern Language Association 51st Annual Convention: March 2020.
- “Racial Capitalism & Sexual Mythmaking: Excess, Acceptability, and Queer Possibilities of Resistance” [Formerly: Racial Capitalism and Erotic Mythmaking: On Excess and Acceptability]. Presented at the Association for Political Theory 2019 Conference: October 2019.
- “It Has Everything’: Racial Capitalism, Sexual Mythmaking, and Tumblr Communities as Critical Sites of Resistance.” Presented at the UCI Critical Race Theory Workshop 1st annual meeting: June 2019.
- “Political Freeloaders or Protectors of Freedom: On the Discourses Surrounding Black Women’s Political Participation as Political Labor.” Presented at the Western Political Science Association 2019 meeting: April 2019.
- “Can the Subaltern Weep? Power, Positionality, and White Women’s Tears as Epistemic Violence:” Presented at the Northeast Modern Language Association 50th Annual Convention. March 2019.
- “No, You Move: Captain America, Divergent Narratives, and Contentions Over the American Idea.” Presented at the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association 39th Annual Conference. February 2018.
- “Soldiers and Spies: The Complicated Gender Politics of “Captain America: The Winter Soldier.” Presented at the Southwest Popular/American Culture Association 37th Annual Conference, February 2016.
- “Police Brutality, Solidarity, and Social Media: A Common Experience Among Black and Palestinian Youth in the Twenty-First Century.” Presented at the International Studies Association 57th Annual Convention, March 2015.

Panel chair/discussant

- “Home on the Horizon: Towards TRANS-Disciplinarity in Queer and Trans Filipinx Studies.” Invited panel discussant. To be presented at the Association for Asian American Studies 2024 Annual Meeting: April 2024.
- “Who Has Agency After Dobbs? Gender, Sexuality, Autonomy and Surveillance.” To be presented at the American Political Science Association 2023 meeting: September 2023. Conference participation withdrawn in solidarity with Unite Here Local 11.
- “Queer Migrations, Queer Movements.” To be presented at the American Political Science Association 2023 meeting: September 2023. Conference participation withdrawn in solidarity with Unite Here Local 11.
- “Establishing a Caucus for Queer Political Science” at the Western Political Science 2023 meeting: March 2023.
- “Still Life: Reflecting on Five Years of *Black on Both Sides* by C. Riley Snorton” at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists: March 2022.
- “New Directions: LGBTIQ Scholarship in Political Science” at the Western Political Science Association 2022 meeting: March 2022.

“Trauma-Informed Approaches to Graduate School” at the Northeast Modern Language Association 52nd Annual Convention: March 2021.

“*Beyond this Town Lies a Life Much Sadder: Thinking Queer Rural Resistance*” at the Northeast Modern Language Association 52nd Annual Convention: March 2021.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Awards Won

Bayard Rustin Award for Best LGBTQ+ Student Paper, National Conference of Black Political Scientists – March 11, 2022.

Graduate Student Award, American Political Science Association Sexuality and Politics Section – June 2021.

Fellowships, Grants, and Travel Awards Won

APSA Status of LGBTQ Individuals Travel and Accessibility Grant, American Political Science Association – August 2023.

LGBTQ+ Studies Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California, Irvine – Academic Year 2021-2022.

Associate Dean’s Fellowship, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine – Fall Quarter 2019-2020.

Associate Dean’s Fellowship, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine – Winter Quarter 2018-2019.

Graduate Student Caucus Travel Award, Northeast Modern Language Association – March 2020.

Award Nominations

APSA Sexuality and Politics Section Best Dissertation Award – 2022-2023 Award Year.

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

Invited Talks

Guest speaker as part of a conference keynote roundtable. For *Mothership Connection: Sites of Contention*. University of California, Riverside – May 1, 2023.

“Growing Up Gay on the Internet: Tumblr’s Queer-of-Color Worlds in the Era of Marriage Equality.” Guest speaker for the Hampden-Sydney College Unity Alliance. Hampden-Sydney College – March 31, 2023.

Classroom Guest Lectures

Guest lecture on queer politics and Deborah Miranda’s “Extermination of the Joyas.” For the UCI Ethics Center Summer Mentoring Program, instructed by Jenilene Fransisco. University of California, Irvine – July 9, 2021.

“Metronormativity and its Unsettling.” For Queer Studies (GEN&SEX 20), instructed by Dan Bustillo. University of California, Irvine – April 21, 2021.

“Always Here: A Brief Overview of Queer and Trans History.” For Summer Search Bay Area program, coordinated by Xavier Soto. July 22, 2020.

“*What Would It Mean to Desire A Future That We Can’t Even Imagine?: Trans Politics and Histories as Racial Politics and Histories.*” For Intro to Race and Politics (POLI1900), instructed by Rachel Torres. University of Iowa – April 22, 2021.

“*What Would It Mean to Desire A Future That We Can’t Even Imagine?: Trans Politics and Histories.*” For Gender and American Politics (POLI SCI 129), instructed by Danielle . University of California, Irvine – October 20, 2020.

“Critical Race Theory.” For Deconstructing Diversity (SOC SCI 189), instructed by Teresa Neighbors. University of California, Irvine – November 20, 2019.

Other Speaking Engagements

Introductory speaker for the film *Hummingbirds* (dir. Contreras and Castaños) at the 2023 Virginia Film Festival – October 29, 2023.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Positions Held

Organizing member, LGBTQ Status Committee/LGBTQ Caucus exploratory committee, Western Political Science Association – 2023.

At-large member, Executive Board, Sexuality and Politics Section, American Political Science Association – 2022-2024.

Mentor/Volunteer, Pi Sigma Alpha – 2022-2023.

Graduate student representative, Sexuality and Politics Section, American Political Science Association – 2020-2021

Journal Manuscripts Reviewed

Manuscript #ETN-23-0130 submitted to *Ethnicities*. 2023. (Reviewer)

Manuscript #APSR-D-23-01145 submitted to *American Political Science Review*. 2023. (Reviewer)

“Queering Black Feminism: The Political Thought of Cathy J. Cohen.” *National Review of Black Politics*. 2019. (Reviewer)

“Between the Discipline and Me.” *National Political Science Review* 19.2. 2018. (Reviewer)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Conferences Organized

Critical Race Theory Workshop 3rd Annual Conference, “Black Ecologies and the Black Anthropocene,” University of California, Irvine – May 20, 2022

Critical Race Theory Workshop 2nd Annual Conference, “MOTHERSHIP CONNECTION: Queer Injustice/Queer Utopias,” University of California, Irvine – May 15, 2020

Critical Race Theory Workshop 1st Annual Conference, “Thinking Critically in 2019,” University of California, Irvine – July 21, 2019

Association for Political Theory Annual Conference – October 24-26, 2019

Workshops and Reading Groups Organized

Music and the Map to the Black Radical Tradition Collaborative Group – 2022-present
Racial Capitalism Teach-In Event – University of California, Irvine – July 19, 2021
Critical Race Theory Workshop – University of California, Irvine – 2018-2022

REFERENCES

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