

**JOSEPH J. FISCHEL**

curriculum vitae

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor**, Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS), Yale University (2012-current)

**Director of Undergraduate Studies**, WGSS, Yale University (2013-2015)

**Research Affiliate**, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Tulane University (spring 2016)

**Residential Fellow**, Silliman College, Yale University (2013-2015)

**Carol G. Lederer Postdoctoral Fellow**, Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University (2011-2012)

## EDUCATION

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois (2005-2011)

PhD, Department of Political Science (June 2011)

Dissertation: *Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent*

Committee: Patchen Markell (chair), Bernard Harcourt, Lauren Berlant

Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies, Center for Gender Studies (2010)

M.A., Political Science (June 2007)

Thesis: *I Do? Towards an (Alternative) Alternative Sexual Politics*

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, Connecticut (2000-2004)

B.A. with honors, Government, concentration in political theory

## PUBLICATIONS / BOOKS

- *Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent* (University of Minnesota Press, 2016)
- *Against Nature: A Solicitation to Sodomitical Justice* (in progress)
- *Screw Consent: Good Sex/Bad Sex* (in progress)

## PUBLICATIONS / JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Disabling Consent, or Reconstructing Sexual Autonomy," *Columbia Journal of Gender & Law* (vol. 30, no. 2, 2016)
- "Against Nature, Against Consent: A Sexual Politics of Debility," *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* (vol. 24, no. 1, 2013)
- "Pornographic Protections: Itineraries of Childhood Innocence," *Law, Culture and the Humanities* (June 2013)
- "Contrôle et production des délinquants sexuels aux États-Unis : une introduction critique" (trans: The regulation and production of sex offenders in the United States: a critical introduction), *Archives de Politique Criminelle* (no. 34, 2012)
- "Transcendent Homosexuals and Dangerous Sex Offenders: Sexual Harm and Freedom in the Judicial Imaginary," *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy* (vol. 17, no. 2, 2010)
- "Per Se or Power? Age and Sexual Consent," *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism* (vol. 22, no. 2, 2010)

**PUBLICATIONS / EDITED VOLUMES ENTRIES**

- “Consent,” in *The Routledge Handbook of American Sexuality*, eds. Kevin Murphy, Jason Ruiz, David Serlin (2017, Routledge)
- “A More Promiscuous Politics: LGBT Rights without the LGBT Rights,” in *After Marriage Equality: The Future of LGBT Rights*, ed. Carlos Ball (spring 2016, NYU Press)
- “Age of Consent,” in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*, ed. Abbie Goldberg (fall 2016, SAGE Publications)

**PUBLICATIONS / REVIEWS**

- Review Symposium, Stephen Macedo, *Just Married: Same-Sex Couples, Monogamy, and the Future of Marriage*, *Perspectives on Politics* (winter 2016)
- Ronald C. Den Otter, *In Defense of Plural Marriage*, *Journal of Politics* (vol. 78, no. 1, 2016)
- Marc Solomon, *Winning Marriage: The Inside Story of How Same-Sex Couples Took on the Politicians and Pundits -- and Won*, *Law & Politics Book Review* (vol. 25, no. 4, 2015)
- Roger M. Lancaster, *Sex Panic and the Punitive State*, *Law & Politics Book Review* (vol. 22, no. 2, 2012)

**PUBLICATIONS / POSTS**

- “[The Case for Affirmative Consent](#),” co-written with Melanie Boyd, *Huffington Post* (Dec. 17, 2014)
- “[Bigger Love? Same-Sex Marriage and the Poly Problem](#),” *Bilerico* (Sep. 18, 2014)
- “[Selling Sex \(and Justice\) in Orleans Parish](#),” *The Feminist Wire* (Apr. 5, 2012)

**TEACHING**

**Assistant Professor**, WGSS, Yale University (2012-current)

- *Bodies & Pleasures, Sex & Genders; Sex, Knowledge, Power; Intro LGBT Studies; Theories & Politics of Sexual Consent; Sexuality & Social Justice; Junior Seminar: Theory & Method; Senior Seminar: Colloquium; Directed Study: Sex, Crime, & Punishment*

**Postdoctoral Fellow**, Pembroke Center, Brown University (fall 2011)

- *Theories and Politics of Sexual Consent*

**Co-Lecturer**, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago (winter 2011)

- *Sex and Ethics* (w/ Professor Lauren Berlant)

**Lecturer**, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (spring 2009)

- *The Politics of Protection*

**Co-Lecturer**, Masters in the Program of Humanities, University of Chicago (winter 2009)

- *Graduate-Level Intro to Theories of Sex and Gender* (w/ Professor Candace Vogler)

**Teaching Intern**, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago (2007-2008)

- *Classics of Social and Political Thought I*, Professor Nathan Tarcov (fall 2007)
- *Classics of Social and Political Thought II*, Professor Julie Cooper (winter 2008)
- *Classics of Social and Political Thought III*, Professor Jennifer Pitts (spring 2008)

**HONORS & AWARDS**

Poorvu Family Award for Interdisciplinary Teaching, Yale (2015)  
 A. Whitney Griswold Faculty Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale (2015)  
 FLAGS Award, LGBT Studies, Yale (2015)  
 Morse Fellowship (research leave), Office of the Provost, Yale (2015-2016)  
 Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund Award, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale (2015)  
 FLAGS Award, LGBT Studies, Yale (2014)  
 Provost Distinguished Mentor Series Award, Office of the Provost, Yale (2013)  
 Special Fund for the Study of Women and Politics, Centennial Center  
 American Political Science Association (2012)  
 Julien Mezey Dissertation Award, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the  
 Humanities (2012)  
 Provost's Dissertation Fellowship, Office of the Provost,  
 University of Chicago (2010-2011)  
 Honorary Harper Fellow, Harper Dissertation Fellowship,  
 Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago (2010-2011)  
 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Division of Social Sciences,  
 University of Chicago (2010-2011, *awarded but not accepted*)  
 James C. Hormel Fellowship in Lesbian and Gay Studies, Center for Gender Studies,  
 University of Chicago (2009-2010)  
 Grodzins Prize Lectureship, Department of Political Science,  
 University of Chicago (2009)  
 Provost Summer Research Fellowship, University of Chicago (2008)  
 Political Science Research Grant, Department of Political Science,  
 University of Chicago (2008)  
 Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science,  
 University of Chicago (2007)  
 University Fellowship, University of Chicago (2005-2009)  
 White Fellowship for Excellence in Government, Wesleyan University (2005)  
*Phi Beta Kappa*, Wesleyan University (2004)  
 Departmental Honors, Government, Wesleyan University (2004)  
 Honors awarded to independent undergraduate thesis (2004)

**PRESENTATIONS / GUEST LECTURES**

- Plenary, "Danger Talk," *Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality*, NYU (2016)
- "A More Promiscuous Politics? LGBT Rights without the LGBT Rights," *Gender & Sexuality Studies*, Tulane University (2016)
- "Against Nature: A Solicitation to Sodomitical Justice," *Political Science*, Tulane University (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies*, Bowdoin College (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)* and *The Rock Ethics Institute*, Penn State University (2016)
- "Against Nature: A Solicitation to Sodomitical Justice," *Women's Studies*, Duke University (2016)

**GUEST LECTURES (CONT'D)**

- Keynote, "U Remembers" (Holocaust Education Program), *Religious Studies*, University of Utah (2015)
- Symposium, "Sex and Speech on the College Campus," Brown University (2015)
- "Other Sex Scandals: Frat Boys, Queer Teens, and the Trouble with Sexual Autonomy," *Political Theory Workshop*, Yale University (2014)
- "Disabling Consent," *WGSS Working Group*, Yale University (2014)
- "Other Sex Scandals: Frat Boys, Queer Teens, and the Trouble with Sexual Autonomy," *WGSS*, Washington University in St. Louis (2014)
- Plenary, "Perspectives on Consent and Sex Offending" *Sexual Consent Symposium*, University of Birmingham, UK (2013)
- Plenary, "LGBT Studies in the Yale Curriculum" *LGBT Alumni Reunion*, Yale University (2013)
- Plenary, "Sex and the State: Registries, Rights, and Punishment" *Sex and Justice Conference*, University of Michigan (2012)
- "Transcendent Homosexuals and Dangerous Sex Offenders" *Queer Theory Workshop*, Columbia University Law School, New York (2011)

**PRESENTATIONS / CONFERENCE PAPERS (SELECTED)**

- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *American Studies Association (ASA)*, Denver (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *American Political Science Association (APSA)*, Philadelphia (2016)
- Roundtable, "After Marriage Equality," *APSA*, Philadelphia (2016)
- Roundtable, "Queer Dangers, Perilous Opportunities," *Western Political Science Association (WPSA)*, San Diego (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *Law & Society Association (LSA)*, New Orleans (2016)
- "Disabling Consent, or Reconstructing Sexual Autonomy," *APSA*, San Francisco (2015)
- "Disabling Consent, or Reconstructing Sexual Autonomy," *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)*, Chicago (2015)
- "Other Sex Scandals," *APSA*, Washington D.C. (2014)
- Short Course, "Struggles of Marriage Equality," *APSA*, Washington D.C. (2014)
- "How to Have Bad Sex: Querying the Gay Ethic," *WPSA*, Seattle (2014)
- "Growing Somewhere? The Crowded Journeys of Adolescence," *PechaKucha Conference*, *WGSS*, Yale University (2013)
- "Pornographic Protections: The Racial Itinerary of Innocence," *MPSA*, Chicago (2013)
- "Against Nature, Against Consent: A Sexual Politics of Debility," *APSA*, New Orleans (2012, cancelled—weather)
- "Selling Sex (and Justice) in Orleans Parish," *Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Fort Worth (2012)
- "'Especially Heinous': Politics, Predation, Panic" *APSA*, Washington, D.C. (2010)
- "Per Se or Power? Age and Sexual Consent," *WPSA*, San Francisco (2010)

**SERVICE / POLITICAL SCIENCE & GENDER STUDIES**

**Section Chair**, Sexuality & Politics, APSA (2014-2015)

**Vice Chair, Chair Elect**, Sexuality & Politics, APSA (2013-2014)

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**Panel Organizer**, “Slippery Slopes: Incest, Bestiality, Sodomy,” ASA, Denver (2016)

**Panel Organizer**, “Commercial Sex, Comparatively,” APSA, San Francisco (2015)

**Panel Organizer**, “Sex and (Inter)Discipline,” APSA, Washington, D.C. (2014)

**Methods Advisor**, “Sexualities/Politics,” WPSA, Hollywood (2013)

**Panel Organizer**, “Sex, State and Subject,” WPSA, Portland (spring 2012)

**Panel Organizer**, “That’s So Gay? The Afterlife of LGBT Rights,” *Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities*, Fort Worth (spring 2012)

**Panel Organizer**, “Policed Sex, Politicized Sexualities,” APSA, Washington, D.C. (summer 2010)

**Reviewer**, University of California Press, Routledge, Edinburgh University Press, *Punishment & Society, differences*

**SERVICE / YALE UNIVERSITY**

**Principal Organizer**, *Trans Week Keynote: Janet Mock*, LGBTTS (2014)

**Principal Organizer**, *Master’s Tea Keynote: Al Vernaccio*, Silliman College (2014)

**Mellon Forum Faculty Fellow**, Silliman College (2013-2015)

**Symposium Director**, *Power/Sex: Consent, Constraint, Context*, WGSS, LGBTTS & Yale Law School (2014)

**Chair**, Majors Project Committee, WGSS and Yale College Dean’s Office (2013-2014)

**Member**, WGSS Council (2012-present)

- Committee Chair, Steere Prize in Women’s Studies (2015)
- Committee Chair, Lily Rosen Prize in Women’s Health (2015)
- Committee Chair, Yale Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association Prize (2015)
- Committee Chair, Shana Alexander Summer Research Fellowship (2015)
- Subcommittee Co-Chair, Curricular Development (2012-2014)
- Subcommittee Member, Cross-Department Faculty Appointment (2013)

**Member**, LGBTTS Council, Yale University (2012-2014)

**Faculty Liaison**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Alumni Association (2012)

**SERVICE / UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

**Conference Director**, *What’s Queer About Sex Offenders?* Lesbian and Gay Studies Project, Center for Gender Studies, U of C (2010)

**Graduate Student Coordinator**, Lesbian and Gay Studies Project, Center for Gender Studies, U of C (2007-2008)

**Student Coordinator**, *Symposium for Iris Marion Young*, U of C (2007)

**Representative**, Graduate Student Political Science Association (2006-2009)

**SERVICE / COMMUNITY**

**Reader & Selections Committee Member**, Point Foundation (2010-present)

- review applications for Point (National LGBTQ Scholarship Fund); train readers

**Vinyasa Yoga Instructor**

- Queer Yoga, Office of LGBTQ Resources, Yale (2013-present)
- Yoga East Studio, Provincetown, MA (2010-present)

**Research and Editorial Assistant for Rabbi Michael Lerner**, Berkeley, CA (2005)

**Logistical Director**, Spiritual Activism Conference, *Tikkun & Peace & Conflict Studies*, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA (2005)

**LANGUAGES**

- Proficient in Latin and Ancient Greek

**INTERESTS**

- Contemporary political theory, feminist and queer theory, critical race theory, critical legal studies, running, yoga, Scrabble
- CorePower Yoga, 200-Hour Teacher Certification, Chicago, IL (2010)