

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES, YALE UNIVERSITY

professor (2025-)
associate professor (2017-2024)
assistant professor (2012-2017)
director of graduate studies (2017-2018; 2019-2022)
director of undergraduate studies (2013-2015, 2016-2017)

YALE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

fellow, Whitney Humanities Center (2017-2018; 2019-2020)
residential fellow, Silliman College (2013-2015; 2016-2018)

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

research affiliate, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Tulane University (2016; 2019)
sabbatical visitor, Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies, Columbia Law School (2018)
postdoctoral fellow, Pembroke Center, Brown University (2011-2012)

EDUCATION

POLITICAL SCIENCE

doctor of philosophy, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (2011)
master of arts, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (2007)
bachelor of arts with honors, Government, Wesleyan University (2004)

LAW

master of studies in law, Yale Law School (2021)

GENDER STUDIES

graduate certificate, Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies, University of Chicago (2010)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Sodomy's Solicitations: A Right to Queerness* (Temple University Press, 2025)
- *Enticements: Queer Legal Studies* (co-editor; NYU Press, 2024)
- *Screw Consent: A Better Politics of Sexual Justice* (University of California Press, 2019)
- *Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent* (University of Minnesota Press, 2016)

PUBLICATIONS (CONT'D)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Decommissioning Rape Law,” *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender* (co-authored with Kate Brennan, 2025)
- “Capability without Dignity?” *Contemporary Political Theory* (co-authored with Claire McKinney, 2020)
- guest editor, “Queer Legal Studies,” *Critical Analysis of the Law* (2019)
 - “Editor’s Note, or a Queer Legal Theory of Litotes”
 - [interviewer] “Social Justice for Gender & Sexual Minorities: A Discussion with Paisley Currah & Aeyal Gross”
- “Catharine MacKinnon’s Wayward Children,” *differences* (2019)
- “Sodomy’s Penumbra,” *Journal of Homosexuality* (2017)
- “Horse F#\$@ing and the Limits of Consent: What Broad City Teaches Us about Sexual Violence,” *Studies in Gender & Sexuality* (2016)
- “Disabling Consent, or Reconstructing Sexual Autonomy,” *Columbia Journal of Gender & Law* (co-authored with Hil O’Connell, 2016)
- “Against Nature, against Consent: A Sexual Politics of Debility,” *differences* (2013)
- “Pornographic Protections: Itineraries of Childhood Innocence,” *Law, Culture & the Humanities* (2013)
- “Contrôle et production des délinquants sexuels aux États-Unis : une introduction critique,” *Archives de Politique Criminelle* (2012)
- “Transcendent Homosexuals and Dangerous Sex Offenders: Sexual Harm and Freedom in the Judicial Imaginary,” *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy* (2010)
- “Per Se or Power? Age and Sexual Consent,” *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism* (2010)

EDITED VOLUMES

- “Shmashmortion,” in *The Inconvenience of Lauren Berlant*, eds. Samuel Galloway & Danielle Hanley (Duke UP, forthcoming)
- “Consent” in *The Routledge Handbook of American Sexuality*, eds. Kevin Murphy, Jason Ruiz & David Serlin (Routledge, 2020)
- “Fine Print” [foreword], in *Querying Consent: Beyond Permission and Refusal*, eds. Jordana Greenblatt & Kaja Valens (Rutgers UP, 2018)
- “A More Promiscuous Politics: LGBT Rights without the LGBT Rights,” in *After Marriage Equality: The Future of LGBT Rights*, ed. Carlos Ball (NYU P, 2016)
- “Age of Consent,” in *The Sage Ency. of LGBTQ Studies*, ed. Abbie Goldberg (SAGE, 2016)

REVIEWS

- Steven Angelides, *The Fear of Childhood Sexuality*, *GLQ* (2021)
- Katherine Angel, *Tomorrow Sex Will Be Good Again*, *Signs* (2021)
- Davina Cooper, *Feeling Like a State: Desire, Denial, and the Recasting of Authority*, *Theory & Event* (2021)

PUBLICATIONS (CONT'D)

REVIEWS

- Rachel Hope Cleves, [Unspeakable: A Life Beyond Sexual Morality](#), *Notches Blog* (2021)
- Jyoti Puri, [Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle over the Antisodomy Law in India](#), *Journal of Politics* (2017)
- Stephen Macedo, [Just Married](#), *Perspectives on Politics* (2016)
- Ron C. Den Otter, [In Defense of Plural Marriage](#), *Journal of Politics* (2016)
- Marc Solomon, [Winning Marriage](#), *Law & Politics Book Review* (2015)
- Roger M. Lancaster, [Sex Panic and the Punitive State](#), *Law & Politics Book Review* (2012)

POPULAR AUDIENCE (SELECTED)

- ["A Left, Not Libertarian, Defense of Free Speech,"](#) *Inside Higher Ed* (Feb. 6, 2025)
- ["Sticking with the Sex,"](#) *Inquest* (April 2, 2024)
- ["Is There a Constitutional Right to Sex Work?,"](#) *Boston Review* (Feb. 1, 2022)
- ["Pornography's Contradictions,"](#) *Boston Review* [multi-book review] (Sep. 21, 2021)
- ["for lb,"](#) *Critical Inquiry Blog* (July 21, 2021)
- ["Keep Pride Nude,"](#) *Boston Review* (June 23, 2021)
- ["Four Ways to Escape a Sex Panic,"](#) *Boston Review* (co-authored with Kevin Henderson, Aug. 25, 2020)
- ["In the Fight for Policing Reform, LGBT is a Threadbare Alliance,"](#) *Boston Review* (June 17, 2020)
- ["Toward a Democratic Hedonism,"](#) *Boston Review* (May 20, 2019)
- "The Comfort of Monsters," Programme Essay for *Downstate*, National Theatre, London (Mar. 2019)
- ["What Do We Consent to When We Consent to Sex?"](#) *Aeon* (October 23, 2018)
- ["How Calling Kevin Spacey a Pedophile Hurts the Gay Community,"](#) *Slate* (Nov. 2017)
- ["Milo was the Wrong Voice on the Real Complexity of Age, Sex, and Consent,"](#) *Slate* (co-authored with Gabriel N. Rosenberg, Feb. 24, 2017)
- ["The Case for Affirmative Consent,"](#) *Huffington Post* (co-authored with Melanie Boyd, Dec. 17, 2014)
- ["Bigger Love? Same-Sex Marriage and the Poly Problem,"](#) *Bilerico* (Sep. 18, 2014)

INTERVIEWS

- "CANS Can't Stand" [[documentary film](#), 2022]
- *The Times* [*Los Angeles Times* podcast], ["Kink at Pride is a Mainstay – but for How Long?"](#) (June 28, 2021)
- *Public Intellectual* [podcast], ["Bad Sex is a Feminist Issue"](#) (Sep. 25, 2019)
- WNYC *Radiolab* [podcast], ["In the No"](#) (Part 3, 2018)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

BOOKS, PAPERS, DISSERTATION & EXTERNAL AWARDS

- CHOICE Outstanding Academic Titles: *Screw Consent* (2019)
- Foundations in Political Theory First Book Award, American Political Science Association (APSA): *Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent* (2017)
- Cynthia Weber Best Conference Paper Award, Sexuality & Politics, APSA (2016)
- Julien Mezey Dissertation Award, Association for the Study of Law, Culture & Humanities (2012)
- Special Fund for the Study of Women and Politics, APSA (2012)

YALE UNIVERSITY

- Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies Award, LGBT Studies (multiple grants)
- Griswold Faculty Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale (multiple grants)
- Poorvu Family Award for Interdisciplinary Teaching (2015)
- Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund Award, Whitney Humanities Center (2015)
- Morse Fellowship, Office of the Provost (2015-2016)
- Provost Distinguished Mentor Series Award, Office of the Provost (2013)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

- Provost's Dissertation Fellowship (2010-2011)
- Harper Dissertation Fellowship, Division of Social Sciences (2010-2011)
- Mellon Diss. Fellowship, Div. of Soc. Sci. (awarded but not accepted, 2010-2011)
- James C. Hormel Fellowship in Lesbian & Gay Studies, Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies, U of C (2009-2010)
- Grodzins Prize Lectureship, Department of Political Science (2009)
- Provost Summer Research Fellowship (2008)
- Political Science Research Grant, Department of Political Science (2008)
- Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science (2007)
- University Fellowship (2005-2009)

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

- White Fellowship for Excellence in Government (2005)
- Phi Beta Kappa (2004)
- Departmental Honors, Government (2004)

TEACHING

YALE UNIVERSITY (2012-PRESENT)

graduate: Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; WGSS Working Group & Colloquium; Theories of Race, Sex & Injustice; Sexuality & Social Justice; Sexuality & Disability; directed study on sexual violence; dissertation committee member (Political Science, Philosophy, WGSS)

undergraduate: Topics in Human Sexuality; Theory & Politics of Sexual Consent; Gender, Justice, Power & Institutions; Sex, Knowledge & Power; Bodies & Pleasures, Sex & Genders; Junior Seminar: Theory & Method; Senior Colloquium; New Orleans in the American Imaginary; directed study on sex, crime & punishment; directed study on the scholarship of Lauren Berlant; senior essay advisor

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, PEMBROKE CENTER, BROWN UNIVERSITY (2011)

Theory & Politics of Sexual Consent

GRADUATE STUDENT, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (2007-2011)

The Politics of Protection; Sex & Ethics (w Lauren Berlant); Graduate-Level Introduction to Theories of Sex & Gender (w Candace Vogler); Classics of Social & Political Thought I, II & III (intern for Nathan Tarcov, Jennifer Pitts, and Julie Cooper)

SERVICE

YALE UNIVERSITY

co-founder, Combined PhD in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies

chair, Hilles and Griswold Award Committees, Whitney Humanities Center (2022-2024)

- offers financial supports to humanities scholars' research and publications

chair & associate chair, LGBT Studies (2019-present)

- Fund for Lesbian & Gay Studies Awards; Cohen Awards
- Brudner Prize
- LGBT Studies Research Fellowship
- senior essay prizes

chair, Silliman Head of College Reappointment (2021)

senator, Faculty of Arts & Sciences (2019-2021)

- committee member, instructional faculty & academic support programs
- committee member, diversity & inclusion

member, Truman Scholarship Reading Committee (2023, 2024)

member, Yale College Executive Committee [disciplinary board] (2019-2020; 2022-2024)

member, Faculty of Arts & Sciences Activity Committee (2020)

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principal organizer

- Judith Butler, "Fascist Passions," LBTS and other sponsors (2025)
- Silliman College Tea: Peggy Orenstein (2025)
- Grace Hopper College Tea: Jules Gill Peterson (2025)
- "CANS Can't Stand" talkback & screening, LBTS (2023)

SERVICE (CONT'D)

principal organizer

- Book Launch: Spencer Kornhaber, *On Divas*, LBTS (2023)
- Brudner Prize Lecture: Jacqui Alexander, LBTS (2022)
- Brudner Roundtable: What is Sexual Justice?, LBTS (2022)
- Risk & Care, Then & Now: A World AIDS Day Symposium, LBTS (2020)
- Provocations in Queer Legal Studies, WGSS (2019)
- Pleasureless: A Queer Symposium, WGSS (2018)
- Race, Sex & Ethics Speaker Series, RITM (2016-2017)
- Power/Sex: Consent, Constraint, Context, WGSS & Yale Law School (2014)
- Trans Week Keynote: Janet Mock, LBTS (2014)
- Silliman College Tea: Al Vernacchio (2014)

faculty mentor, *ESI-PREP*, Office for Graduate Student Development (2017-2018)

- advise URM and first-generation students for graduate school

search committee member & diversity liaison, *TT Asst. Prof.*, WGSS (2016-2017)

faculty fellow, Mellon Forum, Silliman College (2013-2015; 2016-2018)

member, Poynter Fellowship in Journalism Committee (2016-2018)

chair, Majors Project Committee, WGSS & Yale College (2013-2014)

member, WGSS Council

- **committee chair**
 - graduate advising & admissions (2021-2022)
 - combined PhD planning committee (2017-2018)

GENDER STUDIES & POLITICAL SCIENCE

section chair, Sexuality & Politics, *American Political Science Assoc.* (2014-2015)

vice chair, Sexuality & Politics, *American Political Science Assoc.* (2013-2014)

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workshop coordinator, *Enticements: Queer Legal Studies* (2020-2021)

- lead monthly virtual meetings for authors, discussants, and contributors

panel organizer

- "Sex in Public," *Law & Society Assoc.*, Lisbon (2022)
- "Queer World-Building & Sexual Citizenship," *American Studies Assoc.*, Honolulu (2019)
- "Intimate Indignities," *Law & Society Assoc.*, Washington, DC (2019)
- "Reconstructing Social Justice," *American Political Science Assoc.*, Boston (2018)
- "Outstanding Sex," *Nat'l Women's Studies Assoc.*, Baltimore (2017)
- "Slippery Slopes," *American Studies Assoc.*, Denver (2016)
- "Commercial Sex, Comparatively," *American Political Science Assoc.*, San Francisco (2015)
- "Sex & (Inter)Discipline," *American Political Science Assoc.*, Washington, DC (2014)
- "Sex, State & Subject," *Western Political Science Assoc.*, Portland (2012)

SERVICE (CONT'D)

panel organizer

- “The Afterlife of LGBT Rights,” *Assoc. for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities* (2012)
- “Policed Sex, Politicized Sexualities,” *American Political Science Assoc.*, Washington, DC (2010)

methods advisor

- “Sexualities/Politics,” *American Political Science Assoc.*, Philadelphia (2016)
- “Sexualities/Politics,” *Western Political Science Assoc.*, Hollywood (2013)

manuscript reviewer, NYU Press, University of California Press, Routledge, Edinburgh University Press, *Sexualities, differences, Polity, Punishment & Society, Signs*

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

conference director, *What’s Queer About Sex Offenders?* (2010)

graduate student coordinator, *Lesbian & Gay Studies Project* (2007-2008)

student coordinator, *Symposium for Iris Marion Young* (2007)

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

POINT FOUNDATION (NATIONAL LGBTQ SCHOLARSHIP)

member, educational advisory board (2024-present)

member, selections committee (2010-present)

mentor for graduate students on research and professionalization (2018—present)

coach for community college students to transfer into 4-year college (2017-2019)

LEGAL ADVOCACY

volunteer researcher, American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana (2019)

co-curator for virtual exhibit, [“Crime Against Nature by Solicitation”](#) (2020)

consultant for LGBT Advocacy Clinic, Brooklyn Law School (2020-2023)

historical consultant for film documentary, “CANS Can’t Stand” (2020)

FITNESS

yoga instructor, Office of LGBTQ Resources, Yale (2013-2018)

yoga instructor, Yoga East Studio, Provincetown, MA (2010-2018)

running group coordinator, Silliman College, Yale University (2018)

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED LECTURES

- book talks
 - Sodomy’s Solicitations: Indiana University School of Law (2024); UC Davis (2024); University of Colorado Boulder (2024); University of Chicago Law School (2022); UC Irvine (2022); Loyola Marymount University (2022); Northumbria School of Law (2021)
 - Screw Consent: Georgetown (2018); Duke (2019); Labyrinth Books, Princeton (2019); Williams College (2020); Wesleyan University (2021)

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

INVITED LECTURES

- Pride Week, "Sex, Politics, and Law," *School of Management*, Yale University (2025)
- commentator, Lees Seminar, "The Gay Nazi," *History*, Rutgers University, Camden (2025)
- Mary Edwards Memorial Lecture, "Sodomy's Solicitations," *Political Science & Gender Studies*, SUNY Purchase (2023)
- Rainbow Lecture, "Gay Rights for Cows," *Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies*, University of Rochester (2021)
- speaker series, "Gay Rights for Cows, or the Extinction of Sodomy Law," *Gender & Women's Studies*, UC Berkeley (2020)
- keynote, "Intimate Provocations: Theorizing Consent in the Age of #MeToo," *Comparative Human Development*, University of Chicago (2019)
- Distinguished Alumni Lecture, "Kink & Football, Consent & Dignity," *Division of the Social Sciences*, University of Chicago (2018)
- "Capability without Dignity?" *Faculty of Law*, University of Toronto (2018)
- "Capability without Dignity?" *The Center for Gender & Sexuality Law*, Columbia University Law School (2018)
- "Bad Sex," *Gender & Sexuality Studies*, Tulane (2018)
- Latke Hamentaschen Debate, *Slifka Center*, Yale (2018)
- "Horses & Corpses, Kink & Cannibals," *Haas Institute*, UC Berkeley (2017)
- "LGBT Rights without the LGBT Rights," *Gender & Sexuality Studies*, Tulane (2016)
- "Against Nature: A Solicitation to Sodomitical Justice," *Political Science*, Tulane (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies*, Bowdoin College (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *The Rock Ethics Institute*, Penn State University (2016)
- keynote, "U Remembers," *Religious Studies*, University of Utah (2015)
- "Other Sex Scandals," *Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*, Washington University in St. Louis (2014)

UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIA & WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

- invited workshop participant, "Black Feminism: With, Without, and Beyond Consent," *University Center for Human Values*, Princeton University (2024)
- symposium, "Cutting Edge Queer Studies," *PennGALA & Yale GALA* (2020)
- plenary, "Queer Disruptions," *Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Council*, Columbia University (2018)
- invited workshop participant, "Unpacking Consent," *School of Global Studies*, University of Gothenberg, Sweden (2017)
- plenary, "Danger Talk," *Center for the Study of Gender & Sexuality*, NYU (2016)
- roundtable, "Sex and Speech on the College Campus," Brown University (2015)

PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D)

UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIA & WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

- plenary, "Perspectives on Consent & Sex Offending," *Sexual Consent Symposium*, University of Birmingham, UK (2013)
- plenary, "LGBT Studies in the Yale Curriculum," *GALA Alumni Reunion*, Yale (2013)
- plenary, "Sex and the State: Registries, Rights, and Punishment," *Sex & Justice Conference*, University of Michigan (2012)
- "Transcendent Homosexuals and Dangerous Sex Offenders," *Queer Theory Workshop*, Columbia University Law School (2011)

CONFERENCE PANELS (SELECTED)

- roundtable, "Queer Politics, Rightward Retrenchment," *Law & Society Assoc.*, Chicago (2025)
- roundtable, "On the Inconvenience of Lauren Berlant," *American Political Sci. Assoc.*, Philadelphia (2025)
- "The Ambivalent Case for Abolishing Rape Law," *Law & Society Assoc.*, Denver (2023)
- "The Right to be Loveless" *American Studies Assoc.*, Montreal (2023)
- "Sex Work, Sex, Work," *Law & Society Assoc.*, Puerto Rico (2023)
- "Sodomite Pride! Or What's Wrong with Sex in Public?" *Law & Society Assoc.*, Lisbon (2022)
- author meets readers for The New Sex Wars, *Law & Society Assoc.* Lisbon (2022)
- conference seminar, "Rape & Aesthetics," *American Comparative Literature Assoc.*, virtual (2021)
- author meets readers for Screw Consent, *Law & Society Assoc.*, Washington, DC (2019)
- author meets critics for Screw Consent, *American Political Sci. Assoc.*, Washington, DC (2019)
- "Capability without Dignity?" *Law & Society Assoc.*, Washington, DC (2019)
- "Nature's Pluripotency," *Nat'l Women's Studies Assoc.*, Atlanta (2018)
- roundtable, "Imagining Sexual Justice," *Nat'l Women's Studies Assoc.*, Atlanta (2018)
- "Capability without Dignity?" *American Political Sci. Assoc.*, Boston (2018)
- author meets critics for Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent, *Western Political Sci. Assoc.*, Vancouver (2017)
- author meets readers for Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent, *Law & Society Assoc.*, Mexico City (2017)
- author meets critics for Sex and Harm in the Age of Consent, *Western Political Sci. Assoc.*, Vancouver (2017)
- conference seminar, "Critical Semiotics," *American Political Sci. Assoc.*, Philadelphia (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *American Studies Assoc.*, Denver (2016)
- "Sodomy's Penumbra," *Law & Society Assoc.*, New Orleans (2016)
- roundtable, "After Marriage Equality," *American Political Sci. Assoc.*, Philadelphia (2016)
- roundtable, "Queer Dangers, Perilous Opportunities," *Western Political Sci. Assoc.*, San Diego (2016)

LANGUAGES: proficient in Latin and Ancient Greek

INTERESTS: competitive running; yoga (CorePower 200-hour teaching certification); Orangetheory; Scrabble; mixology