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EDUCATION

- 2016 **Ph.D., The Graduate Center, City University of New York**
Political Science
Major Field: Political Theory (With Distinction)
Minor Field: International Relations (With Distinction)
Women's Studies Certificate
Dissertation: Feeling Political: Affect, Emotion, and Ethics in Western Political Theory
- 2010 **M.A., Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver**
International Studies
- 2010 **B.A., University of Denver**
International Studies; Russian
Phi Beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-present **Assistant Professor, SUNY Plattsburgh**
Department of Political Science
- 2016-2018 **Visiting Assistant Professor, Beloit College**
Department of Political Science
Affiliate Faculty, Law & Justice Program

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Forthcoming **McMahon, J.** "Sonia Sotomayor's Legal Phenomenology, Racial Policing, and the Limits of Law," accepted at *Polity*
- 2021 Crandall, E., Brown, R. and **McMahon, J.** "Magicians of the Twenty-First Century: Utopia, Work, and Domination in Silicon Valley," *Theory & Event* 24 (3), 841-873
- 2019 **McMahon, J.** "Producing Political Knowledge: Students as Podcasters in the Political Science Classroom," *Journal of Political Science Education*, DOI: 10.1080/15512169.2019.1640121

Schiller, A. and **McMahon, J.** “Alexa, Alert Me When the Revolution Comes: Gender, Affect, and Labor the Age of Home-Based Artificial Intelligence,” *New Political Science* 41 (2), 173-191

2018 **McMahon, J.** “The ‘Enigma of Biopolitics’: Antiracism, Modernity, and Roberto Esposito’s Biopolitics,” *Political Theory* 46 (5), 749-771

McMahon, J. “Vital Forces: Marx and the Tension of Capitalist Affect,” *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association* 7 (1), doi: 10.25158/L7.1.4

2017 Jen, J.T. and **McMahon, J.** “Timely Politics: A Political Theory of Messianic, Evangelical, and Queer Temporalities.” *Theory & Event* 20 (4), 923-949

2016 **McMahon, J.** “Emotional Orientations: Simone de Beauvoir and Sara Ahmed on Subjectivity and the Emotional Phenomenology of Gender.” *philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism* 6 (2), 215-240

2015 **McMahon, J.** “Behavioral Economics as Neoliberalism: Producing and Governing ‘Homo Economicus.’” *Contemporary Political Theory* 14 (2), 137-158

Chapters in edited volumes

2021 Issar, S., Brown, R., and **McMahon, J.** “Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness.” In *Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg*, ed. Drucilla Cornell and Jane Anna Gordon, Rowman & Littlefield

2020 Beatty, J., Hartnett, T., Kimok, D., and **McMahon, J.** “‘And Still We Rise’: Open Pedagogy and Black History at a Rural Comprehensive State College.” In *Open Pedagogy: Faculty, Library, and Student Collaborations*, ed. Alexis Clifton and Kimberly Davies Hoffman, Rebus Publishers/Milne Library

Invited book reviews

2018 **McMahon, J.** “The Pedagogy of Feminist Theory.” Symposium on *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theory*, ed. Lisa Disch and Mary Hawkesworth (2016), *Politics & Gender* 14 (2) e10, 13-17

Publications under review

2021 Hanley, D. and **McMahon, J.** “Securing White Democracy: Guns and the Politics of Whiteness,” under review

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY

Courses taught

SUNY Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, NY

Introduction to Political Thought
 Political Ideals and Ideologies
 African-American Political Thought
 Feminist Political Thought

Justice and Politics
 Global Political Thought
 Seminar in 21st Century Political Thought
 Honors Seminar: Why Do We Work?: The Politics of Work in the 21st Century
 Cardinal Foundations First-Year Seminar: Black Power Movements
 US National Politics

Beloit College, Beloit, WI

Introduction to Political Thinking
 US Federal Government and Politics
 Modern Political Theory
 US Constitutional Law
 US Political Thought
 Classical Justice
 Senior Capstone Research Seminar in Political Theory and Public Law

Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY

Historical Introduction to American Government
 Women and Gender in Western Political Thought
 Modern Political Thought
 Political Thought Since 1900

Pedagogy development

- 2019-20 Co-Organizer, “Anti-Oppression Work at a PWI” Dialogue Project, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, SUNY Plattsburgh
- 2019 Curator and Contributor, “And Still We Rise: Celebrating Plattsburgh’s (Re)Discovery of Iconic Black Visitors.” Exhibit at Feinberg Library, SUNY Plattsburgh (tinyurl.com/plattsburghrise)
- 2018 Participant, “Diversifying Political Theory 101” workshop, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference
- 2017-18 Participant, Mellon Foundation Pedagogy Series, Beloit College Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusiveness
- 2017 Facilitator, Beloit Summer Institute, Beloit College Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Participant, Advising Workshop Retreat, Beloit College
- 2014-16 Coordinator, Teaching Political Science seminar, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2014-15 Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow, Hunter College, CUNY
 Faculty development; research on Writing Across the Curriculum pedagogy; writing workshops and tutoring for Political Science students

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2014-present **Co-Host, Always Already Podcast**
Podcast featuring discussions of books and articles in political theory and critical theory and interviews with academics and activists
- 2020 “Why students of law and justice should read Octavia Butler’s *Parable of the Sower*” (with Claudia Mei Theagene), *CULJP In The Classroom Blog*, January
- 2016 “Do Government Incentives Make Us Bad Citizens?” *Boston Review*, July 19
- 2015 “Training for Neoliberalism.” *Boston Review*, July 15

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016 Fellow, Committee for the Study of Religion, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2013-16 Fellow, Center for Global Ethics and Politics, The Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2012-13 Mellon Fellow, Mellon Seminar Series on “Democratic Citizenship and the Recognition of Cultural Differences,” The Graduate Center, CUNY

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Paper presentations (selected)

- 2021 “Monumental Hegemony: Politics of Time, Narrative, and Race in the American Object World,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, November 11-13 (co-authored)
- 2020 “Guns, Affect, and White Solidarity,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, November 7-14 (co-authored)
- 2019 “Tarrying with Whiteness: ‘All Lives Matter,’ White Fragility, and Phenomenologies of Whiteness in an Antiracist World,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 29-September 1
- 2018 “Bad Faith Universality: Race, Anti-politics and the Theoretical Structure of ‘All Lives Matter,’” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, October 18-20 and Northeastern Political Science Association Annual meeting, November 8-10
- “The Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness: Catalyzing Racial Capitalism,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, October 18-20 (co-authored)

- “Cyborgs, Vampires, Giants: Work, Gender, and Silicon Valley’s Neoliberal Dreams,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 29-31 (co-authored)
- 2017 “Alexa, Affect, and Alienation: The Feminine Mystique in the Age of Home-Based Artificial Intelligence,” Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, October 12-14 (co-authored)
- “Civil Death, Social Death: Thinking Afro-pessimism with Sonia Sotomayor,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31–September 3
- “Get a (Democratic) Life: Politicizing Work within Democratic Theory,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 13-15 (co-authored)
- “Producing Political Knowledge: Students as Bloggers, Students as Podcasters in the Political Science Classroom,” American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference, February 10-12
- 2016 “Race and Biopolitics: A Black Feminist Critique,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 10-12
- “Materialist Feminism, Social Reproduction, and Affective Capacity,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 24-26
- 2015 “Feeling as Method? Affective Encounters with the Political Theory Canon,” Association for Political Theory Conference, October 22-24
- “Political Theory of the Flesh? Affect, the Canon, and an Ethics of Embodiment,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6
- “Critiques of Chrononormativity: Queer, Evangelical, and Messianic Temporalities,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 3-6 (co-authored)
- “Marx, the Tension of Capitalist Affect, and the Future Communal Body,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2-4, and Open Embodiments, Somatechnics Research Network, April 15-18
- 2014 “‘Vital Forces’: Marx and the Tension of Capitalist Affect,” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 13-15
- “Affect Theory and the Dynamic Hobbesian Body,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 28-31
- 2013 “Emotional Orientations: Emotions, Gender, and Transformation in De Beauvoir’s *The Second Sex*,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual

Conference, November 7-10 and Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, November 14-16

“Depoliticization, Essentialization, or Transformation? UN Women’s Representations of Men and Masculinity,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 3-6

2012 “Behavioral Economics as Apparatus: Producing and Governing ‘Homo Economicus,’” Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Conference, November 15-17

Workshops Facilitated

2021 “Reflections on Teaching during a Global Pandemic,” Law and Society Association, May 26-30

2020 “Anti-Oppression work at a PWI: A Dialogue Project,” Association of American Colleagues & Universities Diversity, Equity, and Student Success Conference, March 19-21 (proposal accepted; conference canceled due to COVID-19)

Panels Organized

2018 “Democracy, Domination, and Structures of Exclusion” panel, Northeastern Political Science Association Annual meeting, November 8-10

Roundtables Organized

2018 “Teaching White Supremacy: Pedagogical Reflections after Charlottesville,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, March 29-31

2017 “Teaching Contentious Issues in the Political Science Classroom: Pedagogical Reflections,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 13-15

Roundtable Participation

2017 “Highlights from the Teaching and Learning Conference,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31–September 3

Discussant

2021 “Hate and Refusal” Panel, Association for Political Theory Annual Conference, November 11-13

2020 “Political Subjects” Panel, CUNY Graduate Center Political Science Graduate Student Conference, December 4

2017 “Affect, Democratic Subjectivity, and Solidarity” Panel, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August 31–September 3

“The Affects of Democracy” Panel, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 13-15

2016 “Reflections on History and the Cosmos” Panel, Northeastern Political Science Association, November 10-12

Invited Talks

2021 “Rosa Luxemburg and the Primitive Accumulation of Whiteness,” Creolizing Rosa Luxemburg panel, *Rosa Luxemburg at 150: Revisiting Her Radical Life and Legacy*, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, March 4-5

2020 “Gender and Theories of Political Representation,” *International Affairs Conference*, Star Island, NH, July 25-August 1 (conference canceled due to COVID-19)

DEPARTMENTAL AND CAMPUS TALKS

2021 “Critical Theory Podcasting and the Public Sphere,” Institute for Ethics in Public Life, SUNY Plattsburgh, February 10

2019 “‘Alexa, Alert Me When the Revolution Comes,’” Gender and Women’s Studies Forum, SUNY Plattsburgh, November 14

“When All ≠ Everyone: #AllLivesMatter, #BlackLivesMatter, and the Racial Politics of Freedom,” Tuesday Reflections speaker series, SUNY Plattsburgh, March 26

“When Being Nice Isn't Enough: Race, Privilege, and Structure,” Social Justice Teach-In, SUNY Plattsburgh February 27

2018 “Sonia Sotomayor, #BlackLivesMatter, and the Fourth Amendment,” Panel on Criminal Justice Reform, Beloit College, March 7

2017 “This Is Not Us? Charlottesville and the Early American State,” Charlottesville: Exception or Rule? panel, Beloit College, September 13

“Student Podcasts,” Instructional Technology Workshop Series on Student Engagement, Beloit College, March 27

“‘This is What Democracy Looks Like’: Democratic Theory and Protest Politics in the Age of Trump,” Trump’s First 100 Days panel, Beloit College, February 13

“The Travel Ban, Xenophobia, and the Politics of Fear,” Immigration and Xenophobia Roundtable panel, Beloit College, February 3

2016 “Grad School: What Is It Good For?,” Advising Practicum Faculty Panel, Beloit College, October 26

“Using Class Blogs in the Political Science Classroom,” Political Science Program Professional Development Series: Teaching With Technology, The Graduate Center, CUNY, March 17

2015 “Feeling Political: Affect, Emotion, and Ethics in Western Political Theory,” Political Science Colloquium Series, The Graduate Center, October 29

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2020-present Member, Board of Directors, Consortium for Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs

2019 Member, Program Committee, Association for Political Theory

Journal manuscript reviewer

Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory; Contemporary Political Theory; Health, Risk & Society; Human Relations; International Political Sociology; Journal of Political Science Education; Journal of Social Philosophy; Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association; Men and Masculinities; New Political Science; philoSOPHIA: A Journal of Continental Feminism; Political Theology; Political Theory; Political Studies; Political Research Quarterly; Politics & Gender; Polity

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021 Equity Advocate Pilot Program
Department Representative, Faculty Senate
Member, Ad Hoc Working Group on the Academic Calendar

2020-21 Faculty Mentor, Student B.R.A.V.E. Space Project, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

2020 Facilitator, Anti-Racism Affinity Groups, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Member, Middle States Accreditation campus working group

2019-2020 Member, Student Life Committee

2018-present Advisor, SUNY Plattsburgh chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
Consortium for Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs
Law and Society Association

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST