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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2014 PhD, Political Science

2009 Master of Arts, Political Science

Fields: Political Theory, Race and Ethnicity Politics, Philosophy and Qualitative Methods
Fellow, University of Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, & Sexuality

Maternidad La Luz Midwifery School, El Paso, TX

CPM (Certified Professional Midwife), 2003

University of Texas, Austin, TX

Bachelor of Arts, Middle Eastern Studies, 2000

APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Assistant Professor of Gender and Women's Studies

July 2017-present

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Honorary Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities

Academic year 2016-2017

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Affiliate, Africana Studies

July 2014-June 2017

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Lecturer, Department of Gender and Women's Studies

Autumn 2013 and Spring 2014

University of Washington

Lecturer, Department of Political Science
Spring 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Political Life of Black Infant Mortality

Under contract with University of California Press, submitted November 2018

Second book project: *Birthright Paradox: Racism, Colonization, and Radicalism in US Midwifery*

Peer-Reviewed Publications

““Awful gladness”: The dual political rhetorics of Du Bois’ “Of the Passing of the First-Born.””
Political Theory, February 2018 (Online First).

“Minor perambulations: Anarchist women ancestors and the horizons of humanity,” *Political Research Quarterly*, Volume 70, Number 4 (2017), 728–734.

“Maternal Generativity in the Afterlife of Slavery,” in Lewis Gordon, Annie Menzel, George Shulman, and Jasmine Syedullah, “Critical Exchange on Afro-Pessimism,” *Contemporary Political Theory* (Online First, 2017).

“Birthright Citizenship and the Racial Contract: The United States’ *Jus Soli* Rule against the Global Regime of Citizenship.” *Du Bois Review*, Volume 10, Number 1 (2013), 29-58.

Under Review

“The Midwife’s Bag, or, the Objects of Black Infant Mortality Prevention”

In Progress

“Doula Care as Justice Technology”

Invited Contribution

“The Violence of the Natural.” In *Once and Future Feminist*, Edited by Merve Emre. *Boston Review* Forum 7 (43.3).

Book Reviews

Review of Shatema Threadcraft’s *Intimate Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2016). *Political Theory*, December 2017 (Online First).

“And the Flesh Shall Set You Free: Weheliye’s *Habeas Viscus*.” Review of Alexander Weheliye, *Habeas Viscus: Racializing Assemblages, Biopolitics, and Black Feminist Theories of the Human*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2014. *Theory and Event* 19:1, January 2016.

Literary journal

Bordering on Birth. *The Rio Grande Review*, Volume 25 (Spring 2005).

INVITED TALKS

“All the Charms of Sycorax”: Race, Gender/Genre, and the Demonic Maternal in Sylvia Wynter and Silvia Federici. Brown University Political Theory Colloquium, February 7, 2019.

Doula Care as Justice Technology. Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin, October 25, 2018.

Midwifery, Political Ontology and Black Infant Mortality. Beloit College, Beloit, WI, March 28, 2017.

Epigenetic Politics of Black Infant Mortality: Promises and Perils. Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture, Department of Geography, University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 2, 2016.

“Minor Perambulations” 2016 Neal A. Maxwell Lecture in Political Theory and Contemporary Politics at the University of Utah, response to Kathy Ferguson (University of Hawai’i), “Anarchist Women and the Politics of Walking.” Salt Lake City, November 1, 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019

Mothers, Masculinity, and Mourning in Black Political Thought. Western Political Science Association, San Diego.

2018

Doulas, Technology, and Justice. Roundtable on Gender, Race, and the Medical Industrial Complex. National Women’s Studies Association, Atlanta, November 8.

Homebirth’s Borders: White Settler Innocence in US Midwifery. Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, April 20.

2017

Border, Racism, and Colonization in US Midwifery and Birth Work. Abolition Convergence, Minneapolis, MN, October 7.

The Midwife's Bag: Political Objects and Racial Disparities, Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 6.

2016

Epigenetic Politics in an Anti-Black World: Promises and Perils. American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2.

Roundtable organizer and presenter: Political Possibility in the Afterlife of Slavery, Western Political Science Association, San Diego, California, March 27.

2015 Agency Without Optimism: Afro-Pessimism and Queer Negativity. American Political Science Association, San Francisco, California, September 4.

2014 "Awful gladness": The complex political rhetorics of Du Bois' "Of the Passing of the First-Born." Western Political Science Association, Seattle, Washington, April 18.

2013 The Midwife's Bag: Actor-Network Theory and the Stuff of Racial Domination and Resistance. Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, California, March 28.

2012 Southern African-American Midwifery and the Political in the Biopolitical. Western Political Science Association, Portland, Oregon, March 19.

2010 Crisis and Epistemologies of Ignorance. American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, September 3.

2009 The SCHIP's "Fetus Option": An Intimate Geography of the Global Racial Regime of Citizenship. Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, March 20.

HONORS & FUNDING AWARDED

Spring 2020	Institute for Research in the Humanities Residential Fellowship , full release from teaching and service
Summer 2019	UW OVCGRE Fall Research Competition , \$16,445 salary, \$5500 flexible funds
June-July 2016	Ford Scholar Research Fund , Vassar College, for student-faculty summer research collaboration, \$4500 (\$1000 for faculty member, \$3500 for student). Research Fellow: Orion Morrison-Worrell

- June 2014** **Citizen Scholar Medal Finalist**, University of Washington Graduate School
- 2013-2014** **Martha Duggan Fellowship in Labor Studies**, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, \$10,000 for the study of caring labor
- Summer 2010** **Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship**, advanced Spanish language study, University of Washington, stipend \$2500, tuition waiver \$3535
- May 2009** **Stuart Scheingold Award for best graduate student paper in Law & Society Studies**, University of Washington Department of Political Science for “The SCHIP’s “Fetus Option”: An Intimate Geography of the Global Racial Regime of Citizenship,” \$250 prize
- Winter-Spring 2008** **Speyer Fellowship**, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, competitive merit fellowship awarded to one incoming student per year, stipend \$4353, tuition waiver \$3139

SERVICE

University of Wisconsin

WARF Contemporary Social Problems Initiative Review Committee
 4W (Women, Wisconsin, Wellness, and the World) Leadership Circle
 GWS Research Committee 2018-2019
 GWS Climate Committee 2018-2019
 GWS Curriculum Committee 2017-2018

Vassar College

Africana Studies Steering Committee
 Faculty Appeals Committee (2015-2016)
 Queer Studies Curriculum Committee
 Political Science Department Self-Assessment Committee

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin

Race, Gender, Colonization, Capitalism
 Feminist Thinking in Dark Times (Graduate Seminar)
 The Science and Politics of Reproductive Health
 Childbirth in the United States

Race, Gender, Sexuality, Environment: The Science and Politics Of Reproductive Health

Vassar College

Introduction to Political Theory

African American Political Thought

Biopolitics

The Politics of Human Reproduction (senior seminar)

Afro-Pessimism (independent study)

Gender and Sexuality in the Afterlife of Slavery (independent study)

University of Washington

African American Political Thought

ADVISING

University of Wisconsin-Madison

PhD Committee Member

2018-present CV Vitolo-Haddad, Department of Communication Arts

Amy Groshek, English

Kaden Paulsen-Smith, Political Science

MA Committee Member

2018-present Flint Devine, GWS

GWS Undergraduate theses

2018-2019

Melady Elfritz, GWS and Philosophy

Ashley Hartman Annis, GWS

Vassar College

2015-16

Tessa Baum, Women's Studies. Transnational Surrogacy and Sex Work Tourism: Comparing Global Commodifications of the Flesh.

James Haxton, Political Science and Latin American and Latino Studies. The Evolution and Efficacy of Anti-LGBT Hate Crime Laws in South America

2014-15

Emma King, Women's Studies. American Colonialism, Midwifery, The Contemporary: The Biopolitics of Birth in the US Southwest

FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in spoken and written Spanish
Proficient in written French
2 years modern Hebrew language
2 years Persian language

PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Women's Studies Association
Madison Abortion Access Working Group
American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Midwives' Association of North America
National Association of Certified Professional Midwives
Wisconsin Guild of Midwives
Groundwork Antiracism Collective
Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression in Midwifery Working Group
Families for Justice

COMMUNITY WORK

June 2018-present	Madison Abortion Access Community Working Group
October 2016	Volunteer grantwriter, Wisconsin Guild of Midwives/Centering Pregnancy program, Milwaukee, WI
September 2016	Co-facilitator, Families for Justice workshop, Racism in Madison Schools
August 2016-present	Families for Justice advisory committee, Madison, WI
Spring 2016	Showing Up for Racial Justice, Vassar College
Summer 2015-present	Sustainer, Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson
December 2013	Co-facilitator, Groundwork Antiracism Collective racial justice training, University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy, Madison, WI
November 2013	Volunteer grantwriter, Wisconsin Guild of Midwives/Wisconsin Doulas of Color Collective
October 2013	Lead organizer, "How does being white impact midwifery practices? Working toward an inclusive profession and equity in maternal and infant health." Full-day pre-conference workshop, Midwives Association of North America annual meeting, Portland, Oregon
January 2013-December 2014	Member, Groundwork Antiracism Collective, Madison, WI
Fall 2012	Groundwork Antiracism Collective 8-week training
2012-2013	Co-organizer, yearlong anti-racism training series for Wisconsin NACPM

September 2012	Co-organizer, full-day anti-racism training for 40 midwives, doulas, and childbirth educators, Madison, WI
August 2012	Co-organizer, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression in Midwifery fundraiser
April 2012-present	Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Work in Midwifery
Sept-Dec 2011	Volunteer interpreter, Maternity Care for All prenatal clinic, Dodgeville, WI
2007-2009	Volunteer interpreter for CISPES, Seattle, WA
May & August 2002	Co-organizer with NGO Border Network for Human Rights of bilingual presentations at Maternidad La Luz clinic on Ciudad Juarez femicides
2001-2003	Member, Amigos de las Mujeres de Ciudad Juarez

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013-2014	AHI Certified Healthcare Interpreter
12/2010 –2014	Dane County, WI Registered Medical Interpreter
9/2005 – 9/2011	Staff interpreter, UW Medical Center Interpreter Services
7/2003 – 2011	Washington State DSHS-Certified Spanish Medical Interpreter
3/2002– 6/2003	Advanced Intern Midwife, Maternidad La Luz Birth Center, El Paso, TX