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EDUCATION

Syracuse University

Ph.D., Political Science 2018 (expected)

M.A., Political Science 2013

Dissertation: “Coalitions in Conflict: Balancing Law and Politics in Pursuit of LGBT Inclusion”

Committee: Thomas Keck (chair), Keith Bybee, Shana Gadarian, Elizabeth Cohen, Ellen Andersen (University of Vermont)

Exam Fields: American Politics (with distinction), Law and Courts (with distinction)

Ball State University

M.A., Political Science 2011

Indiana University

B.A., Political Science & Area Certificate, Jewish Studies 2009

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“The Gag Reflex: Disgust Rhetoric and Gay Rights in American Politics” (with Shana Kushner Gadarian). Forthcoming, *Political Behavior*. Online first: June 2017.

“Revisiting Demise Through Success: The Lesbian and Gay Movement After *Obergefell*.” *Sociological Imagination*, vol. 51 iss. 1 (2017).

Works in Progress

“Deviance, Defiance, Dignity: Reconstituting the American Sexuality Regime”

“Wildcat Litigators: The Role of Non-Movement Attorneys in Shaping Impact Litigation”

“No Ring to Rule Them: The Politics of Singlehood in the United States”

Applied Research

“Considering Shared Government Services in New York State: A Guide for Citizens and Public Officials” (contributing author). Campbell Public Affairs Institute (2017).

Book Reviews

Review of Donn Short's Don't Be So Gay: Queers, Bullying, and Making Schools Safe. (*The Law and Politics Book Review*, 2016).

Reference Entries

"Military Courts" (with Darren Wheeler) and "Jewish Americans" (with Sarah Combellick-Bidney) in The Social History of Crime and Punishment: An Encyclopedia, William Miller (ed.). SAGE Publishing (2012).

"Confrontation Clause," (with Darren Wheeler) in The Encyclopedia of American Law and Criminal Justice, David Schultz (ed.). Facts on File (2012).

HONORS AND AWARDS

External

Arthur Galub Best Graduate Student Paper Award, New York State Political Science Association 2014
for "Performance Anxiety: Does the Norm of Judicial Experience Produce Judicial Restraint?"

Internal

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Maxwell School 2017-2018
Ketcham Award for Excellence in Research on Democracy, Syracuse University 2015
Distinguished Graduate Student Award, Ball State University 2011

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University

Instructor of Record

Critical Issues for the United States Spring 2016/2017, Fall 2015/2016
• part of an interdisciplinary teaching team, responsible for plenary lectures and two sections of 15 students each; competitive selection process
U.S. Politics Through "House of Cards" and "The Newsroom" Summer 2015
• an intensive 2-week course with 21 students
U.S. Politics Through "The West Wing" and "The Newsroom" Summer 2014
• an intensive 2-week course with 25 students

Discussion Section Leader

Intro to American Government and Politics Spring 2015/2012, Fall 2012/2011
• responsible for leading two discussion sections of approximately 25 students each for a larger course of approximately 150 students, introductory American politics course.

Teaching Assistant

Constitutional Law I Fall 2014
Power and Identity Spring 2014
Sexuality and the Law Spring 2013
Contemporary Political Philosophy Fall 2012

Research Assistant

Research Assistant to Shana Kushner Gadarian 2013-2014

GRANTS

Campbell Public Affairs Institute Research Mini-Grant, Syracuse University 2017
American Political Science Association Travel Grant 2016, 2017
Law and Society Association Travel Grant 2016
Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant, Syracuse University 2013, 2014, 2016
Roscoe-Martin Research Funds, Syracuse University 2015
Kissel Fund for the Study of Civil Liberties Grant, Syracuse University 2013, 2014

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association 2014, 2016, 2017
Law & Society Association 2016
New England Political Science Association 2015
Midwest Political Science Association 2011, 2013-14
Northeastern Political Science Association 2010-13
New York State Political Science Association 2013
Graduate Political Theory Conference (Johns Hopkins University) 2010

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES AND INSTITUTES

Law & Society Association Graduate Student Workshop Summer 2016
• An interdisciplinary workshop for sociolegal scholars to network and develop projects. Competitive selection process.
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program Summer 2014
• Advanced training in quantitative methods at University of Michigan. Courses: Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Regression II.
Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University 2013-2014
• A year long training in university-level teaching focusing on pedagogy and undergraduate education.
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research Summer 2012
• Advanced training in qualitative methods at Syracuse University. Courses: Ethnography, Natural Experiments, Historical and Archival Research, Process Tracing.

SERVICE

Discipline

Reviewer: *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Political Behavior*, *California Journal of Politics and Policy*
Executive Committee, Sexuality & Politics Section, APSA 2017-2018
Invited panelist on roundtable “Love Trumps Hate: LGBTQ Politics and Identities in the Post-Trump Era”, American Political Science Association, San Francisco CA, 2017.

Syracuse University

University Senate LGBTQA Advocacy Committee 2015-present
Distinction Thesis Reader, Political Science 2013, 2017

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Political Science	2016-2017
Senator, Graduate Student Organization	2015-2016
Advisory Committee, Campbell Public Affairs Institute	2014-2015
Faculty Hiring Committee, Political Science	2014-2015
Academic Integrity Hearing Panelist, Maxwell School	2012-2015
Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science	2013-2014
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Political Science	2012-2013

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Invited Presentations

"Advocacy for Social Change: A User's Guide to Government." Presented by invitation at the Syracuse University LGBT Resource Center, March 2017.

Public Scholarship

Political Analyst, Utica College Center for Public Affairs	2017-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writer on current topics in law, sexuality, and social movements in American politics 	
Founder, CNY Civic Engagement Project	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community-based network of educators providing free adult civic education programming in Syracuse 	

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Law and Society Association

American Political Science Association

Sections: Sexuality and Politics, Law and Courts, Politics and History, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

RESEARCH INTERESTS

public law, sexuality and gender, social movements, American constitutional/political development, law and society, emotion and politics

TEACHING INTERESTS

constitutional law, judicial politics, American political institutions, pop culture and politics, political theory (social, legal, contemporary), qualitative methods

REFERENCES

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