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Education

The New School for Social Research, Graduate Faculty, New York, NY

Ph.D., Political Science, May 2006

Major Field: Political Theory; Minor Field: Comparative Politics

Dissertation title: "Rethinking Justice with Marx, Adorno and Lacan"

University of Vienna, Austria

Ph.D., *summa cum laude*, Psychology and the Philosophy of Science, January 2001

Dissertation title: "Class, Gender and Racial Marginalization in the Sciences"

The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

M.A., Gender Studies and Feminist Theory, May 1998

Dissertation title: "Addressing and Redressing Class and Gender Injustice"

University of Vienna, Austria

B.S./M.S. in Psychology, June 1996

Dissertation title: "The Impact of Social Group Contexts on Direct Female Aggression"

Current Positions

Assistant Professor of Political Philosophy, Department of Political Affairs, Roanoke College,
Virginia, July 2009 to date

Research Affiliate of Political Theory, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies,
Harvard University, Massachusetts, January 2009

Areas of Specialization: 19th and 20th century European Political Philosophy, Feminist
Political Theory, Frankfurt School of Critical Theory, Psychoanalysis

Areas of Competence: Democratic Theory, The History of Political Thought

Academic Publications

•Single-Authored Books:

Working-Class Women in Elite Academia: A Philosophical Inquiry (New York/Brussels: Peter Lang Publisher, Philosophy and Politics Series, 2004).

Die Zerstörung des Mythos von der Friedfertigen Frau: Der Einfluss von Sozialen Gruppenkontexten auf das Direkte Aggressionsverhalten von Frauen [The Destruction of the Peaceful Woman Myth: The Impact of Social Group Contexts on the Direct Aggression Behavior of Women] (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Verlag, 1998).

•Edited Book:

Feminists Contest Politics and Philosophy (with Lisa Gurley and Anna Aloisia Moser) (New York/Brussels: Peter Lang Publisher, Philosophy and Politics Series, 2005).

• Book Under Consideration (book-manuscript is written):

The Possibilities of the Limit: Rethinking Feminist and Democratic Theory,
Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Duke University Press, The
Continental Philosophy Series at SUNY Press, Penn State University Press.

• Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“The Im-Possibilities of the Feminist Subject,” *Social Philosophy Today* (forthcoming).

“Capitalism and the Unconscious,” *The Review of Politics* (forthcoming).

“The Politics of Misrecognition: A Feminist Critique,” *The Good Society* (forthcoming).

“Toward a Theoretical Outline of the Subject: The Centrality of Adorno and Lacan for
Feminist Political Theorizing,” *Political Theory* (lead article, vol. 36, no. 3, June
2008), 351-376.

“Fears and Desires: Women, Class and Adorno,” *Theory & Event* (vol. 11, no. 1, February
2008)

“Marx and the Gendered Structure of Capitalism,” *Philosophy & Social Criticism* (vol. 33, no.
7, November 2007), 833-859.

• Peer-Reviewed Article(s) under Review:

“Political Theory and the Radical Praxis of Transformation,” *Contemporary Political Theory*,
2009

• Book Chapters:

“Contesting Hierarchical Oppositions: The Dialectics of Adorno and Lacan,” in Alfred J.
Drake (ed.) *The Frankfurt School of Critical Theory* (Cambridge Scholars Press,
forthcoming).

“Das Klassenkonzept Poststrukturalistisch Gedacht,” [A Poststructuralist Perspective on the
Concept of Class], in Ingolf Eler (ed.) *Keine Chance für Lisa Simpson? - Soziale
Ungleichheit im Bildungssystem* [No Chance for Lisa Simpson? Social Inequality in the
Educational System] (Wien: Mandelbaum-Verlag, 2007), 72-88.

“Die Diskursive Disziplinierung von Frauen aus ArbeiterInnenkontexten in der
Wissenschaft” [The Discursive Disciplining of Working-Class Women in Academia],

in Gerald Echterhoff/Michael Eggers (eds.): *Der Stoff, an dem wir hängen: Faszination und Selektion von Material in kulturwissenschaftlicher Arbeit* [The Material we are Attached to: Fascination and Selection of Material in Cultural Theory], (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2002), 81-94.

- Book Reviews:

- “Adorno, Broken Modernity and the Im-Possibility of Biography,” *The Review of Politics*, (forthcoming).
- “Adriana Cavarero and the Horror of Contemporary Violence,” *Postmodern Culture* (forthcoming).

Honors and Awards

- Grants and Fellowships

2008 Nomination for the 2008 Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory

2007 Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG, Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft) research grant, \$21,000

2006 Austrian Academy of Sciences (APART, Austrian Program for Advanced Research and Technology) post-doctoral grant, \$225,000

2005 Research Fellow Grant, Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden, Linköpings University, Sweden

2005 American Political Science Association Travel Grant

2003 The Graduate Faculty Dean’s Grant for the Women in Political Studies Conference

2001 The New School for Social Research Ph.D. Fellowship

1999 University of Vienna, Dissertation Fellowship, \$10,000

1997 J. William Fulbright Fellowship, \$60,000

- Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Philosophy, Department of Political Affairs, Roanoke College, Virginia, July 2009 to date

Visiting Assistant Professor: Political Philosophy, Department of Government, Dartmouth College; New Hampshire, Winter, Spring 2009

Postdoctoral Fellow: Political Theory, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, September 2007-January, 2009

Visiting Assistant Professor and Scholar: Political Theory, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago; Fall-Spring 2007

Visiting Lecturer: Feminist Political Theory, Department of Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna, Austria; Spring 2006

Research Fellow: Political Philosophy, Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden, Linköping University, Campus Norrköping, Sweden, October, 2005-December, 2005

Research Fellow: Feminist Political Thought, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, September, 2003-May, 2004

Visiting Lecturer: History of Political Philosophy, Department of Politics, Princeton University; Fall 2001

Participating Scholar: Graduate Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Capetown, South Africa, January, 1999; and Krakow, Poland, July, 1998.

Paper Presentations

- Peer-Reviewed

“The Dialectics of Adorno and Marcuse: Toward a Radical Political Praxis,” Northern Political Science Association Annual Conference (NPSA), Philadelphia, PA, November 2009

“The Early Frankfurt School, French Thought and the Outline of the Political Subject,” to be presented at the Rethinking Marxism Conference, Amherst, MA, November 2009

“Marx, Adorno and the Theoretical Challenge to a Pseudo-Praxis,” to be presented at the American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Toronto, Canada, September 2009

“Continental Theory and the Political Practice of Change,” Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, March, 2009

“The Politics of Misrecognition: A Feminist Critique,” presented at the American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, MA, August, 2008

“The Im-Possibilities of the Feminist Subject,” presented at the International Social Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, July, 2008

“A Theoretical Outline of the Subject,” presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April, 2008

“Towards a Radical Feminist Political Theory,” presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference (NWSA), St. Charles, IL, June, 2007

“The Lacanian Real: A Central Concept for Political Theory,” presented at the Northeastern Political Science Association Conference (NPSA), Boston, MA, November, 2006

“Justice and the Unconscious,” presented at the American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington DC, September, 2005

“Mastery over the Female Body: Fears, Desires and Fantasies in the Early Marx,” presented at the Rethinking Marxism Conference, Amherst, MA, November, 2003

“A Feminist Critique of Pierre Bourdieu's Social and Political Thought,” presented at the Political Science Graduate Student Conference, Yale University, May, 2002

“Rethinking Marx's, Weber's and Bourdieu's Class Concepts,” presented at the Women in

Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, The New School for Social Research, March, 2001

“Gender, Class and Democracy,” presented at the Social Movements and Organizing Conference, Columbia University, April, 2000

“The Return of the Working-Classed and Gendered Subject: Class and Gender Politics in the Academy,” presented at the Political Science Graduate Student Conference, The New School for Social Research, May, 1999

- Invited (selected)

“Feminist Theory and the Radical Praxis of Political Transformation,” presented at the Feminist Inquiry Seminar, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, May, 2009

“Adorno, Lacan and Feminist Political Thought,” presented at the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, March, 2008

“The Non-Identical and the Real: Two Central Concepts for Radical Feminist Political Theory,” presented at the Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, November, 2006

“Psychoanalysis and Feminism” presented at the Department of Gender Studies, Göteborg University, Sweden, November, 2005

“Marx, Lacan and Binary Thought,” presented at the Department of Philosophy, Södertörn University College, Stockholm, Sweden, November, 2005

“Identity Thinking Reinforced: Representations of the Working-Class/Woman in Theodor W. Adorno’s Political Philosophy,” presented at the Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden (ACSIS), Campus Norrköping, Sweden, October, 2005

“Pierre Bourdieu and Feminist Theory,” presented at the Department of Women’s Studies, University of Flensburg, Germany, October, 2003

“Deconstructing Class and Gender in Marx, Adorno and Bourdieu,” presented at the Five College Women’s Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, October, 2003

“The Discursive Disciplining of Working-Class Women in the Sciences,” presented at the Feminist Theory Lecture Series, University of Vienna, Austria, June, 2001

Teaching Positions and Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor: Political Theory, Department of Government, Dartmouth College; I was teaching: Introduction to Political Theory, European Political Philosophy, Alternative Political Theory, Winter/Spring 2009

Visiting Assistant Professor: Political Theory, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago; developed and taught the graduate course “Alternative Models of Political Theorizing,” Spring 2007

Visiting Lecturer: Feminist Political Theory, Department of Social Studies of Science, University of Vienna, Austria; developed and taught the graduate course “Marginalization in the Sciences: Gender, Class and Race,” Spring 2006

Adjunct Professor: Modern and Contemporary Political Thought, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York City; developed and taught two undergraduate courses, one on Early Modern Political

Thought and one on Modern and Contemporary Political Thought, Fall 2002-Spring 2003

Visiting Lecturer: History of Political Philosophy, Department of Politics, Princeton University; introduced undergraduate students to the History of Political Philosophy, Fall 2001

Adjunct Professor: Contemporary Feminist and Democratic Theory, Department of Social Science, The New School for General Studies, New York City; developed and taught for three semesters the course “Rethinking Female Aggression,” Spring 2000-Fall 2001 developed and taught the on-line course “The Politics of Recognition,” Fall 2000

Instructor: German Language, Language Center at the World Trade Institute, Pace University, New York City; taught Introduction to German Grammar and Conversation; 1999-2001

Teaching Assistant: Women in Greek Philosophy, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, Department of Social Science, The New School for General Studies, New York City, Instructor Dr. Gina Luria Walker, Spring 2001

Teaching Assistant: “Violence against Women and its Psycho-Social Consequences,” Department of Psychology, The University of Vienna, Austria, Instructor Dr. Agnes Büchele, Spring 1996

Research Positions

Research Affiliate: Political Philosophy Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, January, 2009

Postdoctoral Fellow: Political Theory, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, September 2007-January, 2009

Visiting Scholar: Political Theory, Department of Political Science, University of Chicago, Fall 2006

Research Fellow: Political Philosophy, Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden, Linköping University, Campus Norrköping, Sweden, October, 2005-December, 2005

Research Fellow: Feminist Political Thought, Five College Women’s Studies Research Center, Mount Holyoke College, September, 2003-May, 2004

Research Assistant: Political Philosophy, Department of Political-Science, Rutgers University, for Dr. Drucilla Cornell; resulted in the publication of the book *Defending Ideals: War, Democracy, and Political Struggle* (2004, New York: Taylor & Francis, Inc.) and an article in the anthology *Feminist Interpretations of Adorno* (2006, Penn State University Press), January, 2004-December, 2005

Research Assistant: Women in Greek Philosophy, the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, for Dr. Gina Luria Walker, The New School for General Studies, 2000-2001

Participating Scholar: Graduate Institute, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, Capetown, South Africa, January, 1999; and Krakow, Poland, July, 1998. Research on the role of women in transitions to democracy.

Research Assistant: Women and Politics in Eastern Europe, for Dr. Ann Snitow, The New School for General Studies, 1997-1998

Community Service

- Conference Organizer

Organized the first, second, and third “Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference,” The New School for Social Research, February, 2000-2003
The best papers of the 2003 conference were published in the anthology *Feminists Contest Politics and Philosophy* (2005)

- Reviewer for

Political Theory: An International Journal of Political Philosophy

- Conference Panel Organizer

“Continental Philosophers’ Perspectives on Global Inequalities,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, August, 2008

“Challenging and Rethinking Western Feminist and Political Philosophy,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Washington DC, September, 2005

- Conference Paper Discussant and Panel Chair

Chair “Adorno and the Question of Nihilism: Annihilation and Awareness,” the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy (SPEPS), Arlington, Virginia, October, 2009

Discussant and Chair “Theorizing the Social Sciences,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference, Toronto, Canada, September, 2009

Discussant and chair “Critical and Comparative Interpretive Methodologies,” Western Political Science Association Conference (WPSA), Vancouver, Canada, March, 2009

Chair “Continental Philosophers’ Perspectives on Global Inequalities,” American Political Science Association Conference (APSA), Boston, MA, August, 2008

Discussant and chair “Making Citizens: Theorizing Civic Education,” Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April, 2008

Chair “Heidegger and Nature,” 41st North American Heidegger Conference, DePaul University, May, 2007

Discussant of Dr. Drucilla Cornell’s Keynote Address “New Political Infamy and the Sacrilege of Feminism,” Third Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, The New School for Social Research, March, 2003

Discussant and chair “Women, Difference and Philosophy,” Second Women in Political Studies Interdisciplinary Conference, The New School for Social Research, March, 2002

- Ongoing Academic Forum Organizer

“Women in Political Studies,” The New School for Social Research, 1999-2005

- Forum across disciplines to discuss work-in-progress of its members.
- “Working-Class Women in Academia,” The New School for Social Research, 1997-1999
Forum across disciplines and academic institutions in New York City.
Designed syllabus and led group discussions on class and gender injustices in higher education.
- “Women and Aggression,” The University of Vienna, Austria, 1995-1996
Designed syllabus, led discussions and organized group activities on issues concerning female aggression.
- “Women and Sexuality,” The University of Vienna, Austria, 1994-1995
Designed syllabus and led discussions on issues concerning women and sexuality.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)
The American Philosophical Association (APA)
National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
Austrian Scholars in North America Network (ASCINA)

Foreign Language Proficiency

German: Fluent reading, writing, and speaking
French: Advanced reading and writing, intermediate speaking
Spanish: Intermediate reading, writing, and speaking
Latin: Advanced reading and writing