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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Political Science, Ph.D., 2013**
Major in Political Theory
Minor in Women's Studies
Minor in Comparative Politics
Dissertation: "Disabling Political Theory"
Dissertation Committee: Michael Lienesch (co-chair), Susan Bickford (co-chair), Jeff Spinner-Halev, Joanne Hershfield, Michele Berger
- **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Political Science, M.A., 2009**
Thesis: "Lessons for the Politics of Recognition"
Thesis Committee: Michael Lienesch (chair), Susan Bickford, Jeff Spinner-Halev
- **University of California, Santa Cruz, Politics, B.A. 2006**
Highest Honors in the Major
Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Administration, 2017-present
- Saint Louis University, Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2013-2017
- Saint Louis University, Courtesy Appointment in Women's and Gender Studies, 2014-2017

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018. "Disabling Ideal Theory." Forthcoming at *Politics, Groups, and Identities*
- 2017. "Disability and the Meaning of Reproductive Liberty." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 5 (1): 67-83
- 2017. "Feminism, Disability, and the Democratic Classroom." In *Negotiating Disability: Disclosure and Higher Education*, eds. Stephanie L. Kerschbaum, Laura T. Eisenman, and James M. Jones (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press)
- 2016. "Disability, Paternalism, and Autonomy: Rethinking Political Decision-Making and Speech." *Res Philosophica* 93 (4): 865-891

- 2015. “Democratizing Disability: Achieving Inclusion (without Assimilation) through Participatory Parity.” *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 30 (1): 97-114
- 2014. “Disability as Vulnerability: Redistributing Precariousness in Democratic Ways.” *The Journal of Politics* 76 (1): 15-26

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Disability, Autonomy, and the Politics of Parenthood*, book manuscript in preparation

This book manuscript places disability at the center of theorizing about the politics of parenthood. It examines policies, social practices, and ethical issues surrounding the experiences of parents of children with disabilities, including: reproductive liberty and the selective abortion of disabled fetuses; guardianship and the politics of paternalism; the ethics of care; special education policy; and, the role of the state in regulating the family.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Feminist Political Thought
- Contemporary Political Thought
- Modern Political Thought
- Disability Studies
- Women’s Studies

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Disability and the Politics of Paternalism: Reconceptualizing Autonomy.” Presented at the 2016 Western Political Science Association Annual Conference
- “Disability and Equality: A Critique of Luck Egalitarianism.” Presented at the 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- “Disability and Equality: A Critique of Luck Egalitarianism.” Presented at the 2015 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference
- “Feminism, Disability, and the Democratic Classroom.” Presented at the 2014 National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference
- “Disabling Academia: Being Vulnerable in the Classroom.” Presented at the 2013 Conference on Disability Disclosure in Higher Education
- “(Dis)Ableism in John Locke’s Liberalism.” Presented at the 2013 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference
- “Democratizing Disability: Including Citizens with Disabilities in Democratic Deliberation.” Presented at the 2012 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- “Disability and Vulnerability: Redistributing Precariousness in Egalitarian Ways.” Presented at the 2012 Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Primary Instructor**

- *University of North Carolina at Charlotte*

- Introduction to Political Philosophy: Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018
- History of Modern Political Philosophy: Fall 2017, Spring 2019
- Feminist Political Thought: Spring 2018
- Disability Theory and Politics: Spring 2019

- *Saint Louis University*

- Feminist Theory: Gender Justice: Fall 2013, Fall 2014
- Modern Political Thought: Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013
- Disability Theory and Politics: Spring 2013, Spring 2014
- Introduction to Women’s Studies: Spring 2013
- Citizenship and Social Difference: Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016
- Capitalism, Racism, and Patriarchy: Theorizing Structural Power: Fall 2012
- Introduction to Political Science: Spring 2014, Spring 2015
- Foundations of Political Theory: Spring 2014, Fall 2014

- *University of North Carolina*

- Modern Political Thought: Summer 2011
- Introduction to Women’s Studies: Summer 2011
- Feminism and Political Thought: Spring 2011, Fall 2010

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2016-2017: Saint Louis University Department of Women’s and Gender Studies– “Outstanding Faculty Member: Excellence in Teaching”
- 2016-2017: Reinert Center Innovative Teaching Fellowship
- 2013: Southern Political Science Association Artinian Award
- 2012: UNC’s Patrick Hagan Excellence in Graduate Instruction Award
- 2012: Southern Political Science Association Prestage-Cook Award
- 2011: Thomas M. Uhlman Summer Research Fellowship, UNC Department of Political Science

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-leader of APSA's Political Theory Teaching and Learning Symposium: Fall 2018
- Selection Committee for APSA's Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory: Fall 2018
- Editorial Board, *PS: Political Science and Politics*: 2015-2018
- Reviewer for *Contemporary Political Theory*, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*, *PS: Political Science and Politics*
- Disability Services Advisory Committee, Saint Louis University: Spring 2014- 2017
- Women's and Gender Studies Advisory Board: Fall 2013-Spring 2015
- Graduate Assistant for the Department of Women's Studies: Fall 2011
- Graduate Research Consultant for the Department of Women's Studies, Dr. Michele Berger: Spring 2011
- Graduate Student President of Department of Political Science: 2010-2011
- Graduate Representative on Selection Committee for UNC University Award for the Advancement of Women: 2009, 2010, 2011
- Instructor of Teaching Assistant Training Course for the Department of Political Science: Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Michael Lienesch

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