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## Education

*Ph.D.* in Political Science, University of Minnesota, 2014

*Subfields:* Political Theory and American Politics

*Dissertation:* “Empire of the People: The Ideology of Democratic Empire in the Antebellum United States”

*Committee:* Joan Tronto, Joe Soss, Elizabeth Beaumont, Antonio Vazquez-Arroyo, Dara Strolovitch

*M.A.* in Political Science (with Distinction), Purdue University, 2008

*Subfields:* Political Theory and Public Policy

*B.S.* in Political Science and Public Policy (Honors), University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, 2005

## Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Political Science, 2017-Present

Assistant Professor, Sewanee: The University of the South, Politics, 2015-2017

Lecturer, University of Minnesota, Political Science, 2014-2015

## Publications

*Empire of the People: Settler Colonialism and the Foundations of Modern Democratic Thought*, University Press of Kansas, forthcoming (May 2018)

“Narrating Historical Injustice: Political Responsibility and the Politics of Memory” (w/ David Temin), *Political Research Quarterly*, forthcoming

“Black American Jacobins: Revolution, Radical Abolition, and the Transnational Turn,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 15 (September 2017)

“Black Disembodiment in the Age of Ferguson,” *New Political Science*, 39 (September 2017)

“Commercial Conquest: Empire and Property in the Early U.S. Republic,” *American Political Thought*, 5 (Summer 2016)

“Nullifying Settler Democracy: William Apess and the Paradox of Settler Sovereignty,” *Polity*, 48 (April 2016)

“Neoliberalism for the Common Good? Public Value Governance and the Downsizing of Democracy” (w/ Joe Soss), *Public Administration Review*, 74 (July 2014)

## Manuscripts in Progress

*Transnational America: Democracy Beyond and Across the Nation* (book manuscript)

“Creolizing Natural Liberty: Ottobah Cugoano on Slavery and Property”

“Decolonizing Democratic Theory: Indigenous Peoplehood and Non-Sovereign Democracy”  
“From Black Power to Black Lives Matter: Land, Colonialism, and Solidarity”

## **Conference Participation**

### ***Selected Presentations***

- “Creolizing Natural Liberty: Ottobah Cugoano on Slavery and Property.” Presented at the APSA annual meeting in San Francisco, CA (September 2017); and at the Association for Political Theory annual meeting in Ann Arbor, MI (October 2017)
- “Decolonizing Democratic Theory: Indigenous Peoplehood and Non-Sovereign Democracy.” Presented at the WPSA annual meeting in Vancouver, Canada (April 2017)
- “Narrating Historical Injustice: Political Responsibility and the Politics of Memory.” Presented at the APSA annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA (September 2016), w/ David Temin
- “Black Disembodiment in the Age of Ferguson.” Presented at *Why all the Fuss about the Body? Local and Globalized Bodies*, Sewanee: The University of the South (April 2016)
- “Narrative, Political Responsibility, and Historical Injustice.” Presented at the WPSA annual meeting in San Diego, CA (March 2016), w/ David Temin
- “The Terror of Tyrants: Revolutionary Violence and Radical Abolitionism.” Presented at the APSA annual meeting in San Francisco, CA (August 2015)
- “The Tocquevillean Moment: Settler Colonialism and the Democratic Social State.” Presented at the WPSA annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)
- “Nullifying the Settler Polity: William Apess and the Paradox of Settler Sovereignty.” Presented at the APSA annual meeting in Washington, DC (August 2014)
- “A True Picture of America: Frederick Douglass on Democracy and Empire.” Presented at the WPSA annual meeting in Seattle, WA (April 2014)
- “Commercial Conquest: Empire and Property in the Early U.S. Republic.” Presented at the SSHA annual meeting in Chicago, IL (November 2013)
- “Antinomies of a Founding: Constituting the U.S. Imperial Republic.” Presented at the MPSA annual meeting in Chicago, IL (April 2013)
- “Tocqueville, Cultural Racism, and *Herrenvolk* Democracy.” Presented at the WPSA annual meeting in Portland, OR (March 2012)
- “Envisioning Democracy: Manifest Destiny and Political Culture in American Development, 1828 – 1871.” Presented at IQMR; Syracuse, NY (June 2011)
- “Mikhail Bakhtin and the Republic of Imagination.” Presented at the WPSA annual meeting in San Francisco, CA (March 2010)

### ***Panel and Workshop Participation***

- Discussant, “Resistance, Mobilization, and Solidarity,” Association for Political Theory meeting in Ann Arbor, MI (October 2017)
- Participant, “Decolonizing Political Theory,” Association for Political Theory meeting in Ann Arbor, MI (October 2017)
- Chair and Discussant, “Colonization, Resistant, and Law,” WPSA meeting in Vancouver, BC (April 2017)
- Panel Organizer, “Rethinking Historical Injustice,” APSA meeting in Philadelphia, PA (September 2016)
- Discussant, “Latin American Political Thought and Comparative Political Theory,” WPSA

meeting in San Diego, CA (April 2016)  
Discussant, “Contemporary Abolitionism,” WPSA meeting in Las Vegas, NV (April 2015)  
Panel Organizer, “Theory and Practice of Empire and Colonialism,” Social Science History  
Association meeting in Chicago, IL (Nov. 2013)

## **Invited Talks**

“The Black American Jacobins: Revolution, Radical Abolition, and the Transnational Turn,”  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Political Science (March 2017)  
“Nullifying Settler Democracy: William Apress and the Paradox of Settler Sovereignty,”  
University of Memphis, Department of Political Science (January 2017)  
Comments on Ta-Nehisi Coates’ *Between the World and Me*, Faculty Retreat, The University of  
the South (August 2016)  
“Nullifying Settler Democracy: William Apress and the Paradox of Settler Sovereignty,” The  
University of the South, Department of Political Science (December 2014)  
“Nullifying Settler Democracy: William Apress and the Paradox of Settler Sovereignty,”  
University of Oklahoma, Department of Political Science (November 2014)  
Roundtable: “Perspectives on Creating Public Value;” *Creating Public Value in a Multi-  
Sector, Shared Power World*, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, University  
of Minnesota (September 2012)

## **Honors and Awards**

- Nominated for APSA Leo Strauss Award for best dissertation in political philosophy (2015); University of Minnesota, Department of Political Science
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2013), American Council of Learned Societies and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, \$33,000
- Bridging Funds Award (2013), Graduate School, University of Minnesota, \$1,808
- Summer Fellowships (2009-2013), University of Minnesota, \$27,000
- Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship (2009), University of Minnesota, \$7,000
- Frank Sorauf Fellowship (2008), University of Minnesota, \$7,000
- Pi Sigma Alpha Graduate Instructor of the Year Award (2007), Purdue University
- Inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honors Society (2005)

## **Research Experience**

*Research Assistant* (Fall 2011), Joe Soss, Hubert H. Humphrey School of  
Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

Conducted Archival Research at the New York Public Library, New York Historical Society,  
and the Newberry Library

## **Teaching Experience and Professional Development**

*Assistant Professor* (2017 – Present), Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Democracy and Citizenship  
African American Political Thought  
American Political Thought

*Assistant Professor* (2015 – 2017), Politics, The University of the South  
Introduction to Political Theory  
American Political Thought  
Democracy and Citizenship  
African American Political Thought  
Marx, Nietzsche, Freud (Humanities Program)

*Lecturer* (2014 – 2015), Social Science, Metropolitan State University  
Introduction to American Government (online course)

*Lecturer* (2014 – 2015), Political Science, University of Minnesota  
Democracy and Citizenship  
Ideas and Ideologies

*Teaching Assistant* (2009 – 2013), Political Science, University of Minnesota  
Ideas and Ideologies  
Democracy and Citizenship  
Constitutional Law

*Graduate Instructor* (2007 – 2008), Political Science, Purdue University  
Environmental Politics

*Teacher Training Workshops and Professional Development*, University of Minnesota  
Certificate in Teaching in Active Learning Classrooms (Spring 2013)  
Teaching Enrichment Workshop Series (Summer 2013)

- Teaching Critical Thinking
- Teaching Through Active Lectures
- Discussions that Engage All Students

### **Service to the Profession, University, and Department**

- Manuscript Reviewer: *American Political Thought*; *American Political Science Review*; *Polity*; *Review of Politics*; Oxford University Press
- First-Year Reading Program, Committee Member (2017), The University of the South
- Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Member of Advisory Board (2017), The University of the South
- Organizer of Faculty Reading Group, Freshman Reading Program – Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*, University of the South
- Member of Provost's Task Force on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (2016-2017), University of the South
- Pi Sigma Alpha Faculty Advisor (2015-2017), The University of the South
- Graduate Student Member, Political Theory Search Committee (2013), Department of Political Science, University of Minnesota
- Vice President of Communications (2011 – 2012), Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota
- Co-Convener of the Political Theory Colloquium (2010 – 2011), University of Minnesota

## **Methodology and Language Skills**

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2011); Syracuse, NY  
Reading Proficiency in Spanish

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association  
Association for Political Theory  
Social Science History Association

## **References**

Available upon request