
Candice K. Travis, Ph.D. Candidate

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of Massachusetts Amherst**, Amherst MA
Political Science (expected February 2022)
Exam fields: History of Political Thought; Contemporary Social & Political Theory

Dissertation: *The Violence of Nostalgia: Conspiracy Theorism, White Nationalism, and Restoring American Exceptionalism*

Committee: Roberto Alejandro (chair); Thomas Dumm (outside member, Amherst College); Justin Gross; Jesse Rhodes

M.A. **Lehigh University**, Bethlehem PA
Political Science (2015)

Master's Thesis: *Recovering 'The Feeling of Existence'*
Advisor: Richard Matthews, Political Science

B.A. **Lehigh University**, Bethlehem PA
Philosophy (departmental honors) and Political Science (2014)
Summa cum laude

Undergraduate Thesis: *Liberal Consent: Charade or Freedom?*
Advisor: Robin Dillon, Philosophy

**RESEARCH
INTERESTS**

Critical theory, democratic theory, American political thought, history of political thought, existential philosophy, nations/nationalism, race/ethnicity, political violence and extremism, critical pedagogy, philosophy of education, service-learning, civic education & engagement

**ARTICLES
IN PROGRESS**

Travis, Candice K. "Nostalgia, Hypermasculinity, & The American Far Right: What ever happened to being Proud of Your Boy?"

**INVITED TALKS
AND LECTURES**

Contemporary White Nationalism April 2022
Guest lecture for Politics of Nationalism
Temple University, Philadelphia PA

Nostalgia, Nationalism, & American Democracy December 2021
Guest lecture for American Government and Legal Studies
Worcester State University, Worcester MA

Feminism as Self-Transcendental Ideology April 2018
Guest lecture for Introduction to Political Ideology
Lehigh University, Bethlehem PA

FELLOWSHIPS	Civic Engagement & Service-Learning Faculty Fellowship	2022 – 2023
	Amherst Program in Critical Theory Fellowship	2016 – 2022
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Dept. of Political Science Conference Grant	Spring 2022
	Dept. of Political Science Research and Writing Grant	Summer 2020
	Dept. of Political Science Research and Writing Grant	Summer 2019
	Dept. of Political Science Conference Grant	Fall 2018
	Dept. of Political Science Research and Writing Grant	Summer 2018
	Dept. of Political Science Conference Grant	Spring 2018
HONORS	Dept. of Political Science Research and Writing Grant	Summer 2017
	Distinguished Teaching Award Finalist, UMass Amherst	February 2018
	Haynes Prize Winner, Lehigh University	Spring 2014
	Presidential Scholar, Lehigh University	Spring 2014
	Williams Scholar, Lehigh University	Spring 2012 & Spring 2013
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor , Civic Engagement & Service-Learning University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA <i>Learning through Community Engagement</i>	Fall 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory service-learning class with a focus on social justice. 	
	Co-Instructor , College of Social & Behavioral Sciences University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA <i>First Year Seminar Teaching Assistant Course</i>	Fall 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on student development theory and classroom pedagogy. 	
	Instructor , College of Social & Behavioral Sciences University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA <i>First Year Seminar in Student Success</i>	Fall 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to making the most of the college experience. 	
	Instructor , Residential Academic Programs University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA <i>First Year Seminar: Student Success in SBS</i>	Fall 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential oriented introduction to Social & Behavioral Sciences. 	
	Instructor , Department of Political Science University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA <i>Conspiracy Theory & the American Imagination</i>	Summer 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of the role of conspiracy in American politics. 	
<i>Interpretation & Analysis</i>	Spring 2021	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing intensive & methods requirement for Political Science majors. 		

First Year Seminar: Power and Politics in the University Fall 2019 & 2020
• Introduction to college, pedagogy, politics, and individuality.

Modern Political Thought Spring 2019
• Focus on the production of an ‘Other’ in modern thinking.

Teaching Assistant, Political Science Sept 2015 – May 2020
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst MA

Introduction to Political Theory
American Politics through Film
American Political Thought

Teaching Assistant, Political Science Aug 2014 – May 2015
Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

American Political Thought
Introduction to Political Ideology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Advisor & Student Outreach Coordinator Feb 2022 – present
Civic Engagement & Service-Learning Office
University of Massachusetts Amherst

- Advised students pursuing program certificate, expanded number and diversity of students served, and developed social media campaigns.

First Year Seminar Program Assistant Director Fall 2021
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
University of Massachusetts Amherst

- Developed FYS curricula, supervised and trained instructors, curated resources, and provided pedagogical support and collaboration.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Conspiracy Theory & White Nationalism: It’s the End of America as we Know it
Western Political Science Association
Portland, OR March 2022

Problematizing Political Nostalgia: Conspiracy Theory & White Nationalism
American Political Science Association
Seattle, WA September 2021

For Mad People Only: Imagination and Irrationality in Political Science
(co-author: Sean D. Harris, Temple University)
Northeastern Political Science Association
Philadelphia, PA November 2019

For Mad People Only: The Importance of Suspending Reason through the Study of Literature in Politics
(co-author: Sean D. Harris, Temple University)
Western Political Science Association
San Diego, CA April 2019

Narrative as Mirror: Finding Meaning in Loss
Western Political Science Association
San Diego, CA April 2019

Literature and Political Theory: Accessing a World Beyond Reason
(co-author: Sean D. Harris, Temple University)
American Political Science Association
Boston, MA September 2018

Modernity and the Critique of Authenticity as Nationalist Nostalgia
Western Political Science Association
San Francisco, CA March 2018

SERVICE

Representative, Graduate Studies Committee
Political Science Graduate Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst 2018 – 2019

Coordinator, Political Theory Workshops
Department of Political Science
University of Massachusetts Amherst 2017 – 2018

Conference Organizer, *Violent Times, Violent Spaces*
Political Science Graduate Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst 2016 – 2017

Co-Chair
Political Science Graduate Student Association
University of Massachusetts Amherst 2016 – 2017

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association
Western Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy Honor Society)