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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

State University of New York at Stony Brook (2024-Present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Mount Holyoke College (2022-2024)
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics

Princeton University (2019-2022)
Fund for Reunion-Cotsen Postdoctoral Fellow in LGBT Studies in the Society of Fellows
Lecturer in the Council of the Humanities and Politics

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania
Ph.D., Political Science, 2019
Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Purdue University Fort Wayne
B.A., Political Science & History *with highest distinction*, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Joanna Wuest, *Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, & Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement* (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2023) [link].

- Awards: Honorable Mention 2024 Rachel Carson Prize, Society for Social Studies of Science; Honorable Mention for the 2025 Charles Taylor Book Award, American Political Science Association.
- Media: *New York Times* [link]; WNYC's *Radiolab* [link]; NEH blog [link].
- Reviews: *Law & Society Review*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Interest Groups & Advocacy*; *Journal of Homosexuality*; *Gay & Lesbian Review*; *The Baffler*.
- Symposiums: *Bill of Health* [link].

Peer-Reviewed Edited Collections

Kathryn J. Perkins and **Joanna Wuest**, "LGBTQ+ Politics and Scholarship in Precarious Times," *Politics, Groups, and Identities* [Forthcoming 2026].

Peer-Reviewed and Law Review Articles

Joanna Wuest, "Exposing the Gender Identity Industry: Anti-Gender and the Paranoid Critique of Trans Medicine," *Signs* 51, no.4 (2026): 829-55 [link].

Laura K. Jans, **Joanna Wuest**, Noah Williamson, Annesa P. Flentje, and Briana S. Last, "It's a trap for everyone": A Qualitative Investigation of LGBTQ+ People's Perspectives on the Moral Panic Driving Anti-LGBTQ+ Legislation," *Sexuality Research and Social Policy* (2026): https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-026-01371-0

Joanna Wuest, "Evidence and Expertise in Trans Health Law," *Boston University Law Review*, 105, no.4 (2025): 1295-1320 [link].

Joanna Wuest and Briana S. Last, "Church Against State: How Industry Groups Lead the Religious Liberty Assault on Civil Rights, Healthcare Policy, and the Administrative State," *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 52 (2024), https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2024.65.

- Commentary: Lori Freedman and Kimani Paul-Emile "No Strings Attached: How Catholic Institutions Prospered at the Expense of the Administrative State and Patient Autonomy," *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, 52, no.1 (2024): 169–171. https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2024.74.

Joanna Wuest and Briana S. Last, "Agents of Scientific Uncertainty: Evidence and Expertise in Conflicts over Gender-Affirming Care Bans for Minors," *Social Science & Medicine* 344 (March 2024), https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116533.

- Media: Radio-Canada [link]; Connecticut Public Radio's *The Wheelhouse* [link]; *Salt Lake Tribune* [link]; *MassLive* [link]; *Daily Hampshire Gazette* [link], *Assigned Media* [link].

Stephanie Claire, Patrick Grzanka, and **Joanna Wuest (equal authorship)**, "Roundtable on Gay Genes in the Post-genomic Era," *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian & Gay Studies* 29, no.1 (2023): 109-28 [link].

Briana S. Last and **Joanna Wuest**, "Science on Trial: Policy Disputes Over Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Change Efforts," *the Behavior Therapist*, 45, no.8 (2022): 285-97 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "After Liberation: Sex, Social Movements, and Capital Since the New Left," *Polity* 54, no.3 (July 2022): 478-502 [link].

- Award: Caucus for a New Political Science's *Christian Bay Award* at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2020.

Joanna Wuest, "A Conservative Right to Privacy: Legal, Ideological, and Coalitional Transformations in U.S. Social Conservatism," *Law & Social Inquiry* 46, no.4 (2021): 964-92 [link].

- Award: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus *Award for the Best Paper* at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.

Joanna Wuest, "From Pathology to 'Born Perfect': Science, Law, and Citizenship in Campaigns to Ban LGBTQ+ Conversion Therapy," *Perspectives on Politics* 19, no.3 (2021): 838-53 [link].

- Media: *Ms. Magazine* [link].

Jo Wuest, "The Scientific Gaze in American Transgender Politics: Contesting the Meanings of Sex, Gender, and Gender Identity in the Bathroom Rights Cases," *Politics & Gender* 15, no.2 (June 2019): 336-60 [link].

Editor-Reviewed Articles and Essays

Joanna Wuest, "Conversion Therapy Bans as Unsettled Legal-Scientific Settlements: Symposium on Aziza Ahmed's *Risk and Resistance: How Feminists Transformed the Law and Science of AIDS*," *Boston University Law Review Online* [Forthcoming Summer 2026].

Joanna Wuest and Briana S. Last, "The Bad Science Behind Trans Medicine Bans," *Dissent*, Winter 2025, 116-124 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Queer Working-Class Politics: LGBTQ+ Advocacy in the U.S. Labor Movement," *New Labor Forum* 33, no.2 (2024): https://doi.org/10.1177/10957960241245441.

- Reprinted: *Jacobin* [link]; *Power at Work* [link].
- Media: *The Majority Report* [link]; *City Works* [link]; *Reinventing Solidarity* [link].

Joanna Wuest, "The Racial Disparity Politics of Biomedical Research: Disaggregating Categories into New Essentialisms," *nonsite* (Winter 2020), [link].

Peer-Reviewed Commentaries

Briana S. Last, **Joanna Wuest (equal co-authorship)**, Melissa Grey, David P. Rivera, Craig Rodriguez-Seijas, & Lorenzo Lorenzo-Luaces, "The Misuse of Scientific Uncertainty Claims in Sexual Orientation Change Efforts Research: Comment on Rosik, Beckstead, & Lefevor (2023)," *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000661 [link].

- Media: *Mother Jones* [link].

Book Chapters

Joanna Wuest, "Gender Identity is Real (Sometimes)," in *Reassignments: Trans and Sex from the Clinical to the Critical*, eds. Alex Brostoff and r.l. Goldberg (New York: Fordham University Press, *Forthcoming*).

Joanna Wuest, "Assuaging the Anxious Matriarch: Social Conservatives, Radical Feminists, and Dark Money Against Trans Rights," in *Feminism Against Cisness*, ed. Emma Heaney (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2024) [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Sex, Science, and the Politics of Uncertainty," in *Research Handbook on Feminist Political Thought*, eds. Mary Caputi and Patricia Moynagh (Cheltenham, U.K.: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2024) [link].

Joanna Wuest, "The Science of Civil Rights," *Code of Life: Who We Are And Could Become* (Göttingen, Germany: Wallstein-Verlag, 2023) [essay in German to accompany an exhibit at the German Hygiene Museum in Dresden – link].

Book Reviews

Joanna Wuest, Book Review of Andrew Koppelman, *Gay Rights vs. Religious Liberty? The Unnecessary Conflict* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020), *Perspectives on Politics*, (March 2021) [link].

Works in Progress

Kelsy Burke, Tara Gonsalves, and **Joanna Wuest**, "Transformations in Anti-Trans Media Narratives," [Article in Progress].

Joanna Wuest, *After Equality: American Capitalism and the Crisis of LGBTQ+ Liberalism* [Book Manuscript in Progress].

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship, 2026-2027 ($60,000)

Louisville Institute Grant for Researchers, 2026-2027 ($55,000)

Mid-Career Fellow, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, University at Buffalo Law School, 2027

Alternate, National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2026-2027

Honorable Mention, Charles Taylor Book Award, American Political Science Association, 2025

Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) Fellow in LGBTQ Rights, 2024-2025 ($25,000)

Honorable Mention, Rachel Carson Prize, Society for Social Studies of Science, 2024

Exceptional Reviewer, *Polity*, 2023-2024

Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) Fellow in LGBTQ Rights, 2023-2024 ($25,000)

APSA Diversity and Inclusion Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars, 2022 ($2,500)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2021 ($6,000)

AAUW American Short-Term Research Publication Grant, 2021 ($6,000)

Caucus for a New Political Science's Christian Bay Award, APSA, 2020

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus Award for the Best Paper, APSA, 2019

APSA Kenneth Sherrill Award for the Best Dissertation on Sexuality and Politics, 2019

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2016 ($5,000)

Internal

President's Distinguished Travel Grant, Stony Brook University, 2026 ($1,730)

Nexus Curriculum Grant, Mount Holyoke College, 2023 ($5,000)

Council on Science and Technology Summer Grant, Princeton University, 2020 ($7,000)

Princeton University Anonymous Undergraduate Research Assistance Fund Grant, 2020, ($3,750)

Princeton Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences Grant, 2019 ($1,435)

Penn School of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2018-2019 ($30,000)

Penn School of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2017-2018 ($5,000)

SELECTED POPULAR WRITING

Joanna Wuest, "Diversity as Value, Diversity as Risk," *Law and Political Economy Blog*, May 4, 2026 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Americans' Views on Transgender Rights Since November 2024," *PRRI Spotlight*, June 20, 2025 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "The 'Gender Identity Industry' and Other Conspiracies," *Law and Political Economy Project*, April 7, 2025 [link].

Aziza Ahmed and **Joanna Wuest**, "Banning Trans Health Care Puts Young People at Risk of Harm," *The Nation*, December 13, 2024 online/February 2025 magazine [link].

- Media: *The Nation* Weekly.

Joanna Wuest, "Trans Medicine's 'Merchants of Doubt," *The Nation*, December 4, 2024 [link].

- Media: *Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR)* [link]; *The Nation* Weekly [link]; PRRI Morning Buzz.

Joanna Wuest, "Transgender Politics Didn't Have to End Up Here," *Jacobin*, November 12, 2024, [link].

Kelsy Burke, **Joanna Wuest**, Andrew Flores, and Suzanna Krivulskaya, "Republicans Are Mostly United in Their Views on LGBTQ+ Rights. Democrats Are Not," *LGBTQ Nation*, October 20, 2024 [link].

Andrew R. Flores, **Joanna Wuest**, Kelsy Burke, and Suzanna Krivulskaya, "LGBTQ Rights vs. Religious Liberty Cases: Public Opinion and the Law," *PRRI Spotlight*, September 19, 2024 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Anti-Trans Attitudes in Political Context," *PRRI Spotlight*, April 11, 2024 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Review of Judith Butler's *Who's Afraid of Gender?* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2024)," *Jacobin*, March 16, 2024 [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Born This Way," LGBTQ+ Rights, and the Politics of Uncertainty," *Bill of Health*—the blog of the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School, September 18, 2023, [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Targeted Cruelty: Capital and the Anti-Trans Agenda," *Zeitschrift Luxemburg*, July 2023, [essay in German: link] [English version reprinted by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation: link].

Joanna Wuest, "The Dead End of Corporate Activism," *Boston Review*, May 18, 2022, [link].

- Media: *Financial Times* [link]; *Boston Review's* "Radical Pride" collection [link].

Joanna Wuest, "State, Economy, and LGBTQ+ Civil Rights," *Law and Political Economy Project*, February 2, 2022 [link].

Joanna Wuest and Briana S. Last, "Dark Money, the Supreme Court, and the Fate of LGBTQ+ Rights," *The Nation*, June 21, 2021, [link].

Joanna Wuest and Briana S. Last, "Eroding the Regulatory State," *Boston Review*, April 15, 2021, [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Beyond 'Born This Way," *Psyche*, February 24, 2021, [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Mutual Aid Can't Do It Alone," *The Nation*, Feature Article in Issue December 28/January 4, 2021, [link].

- Media: *The Economist* [link].

Joanna Wuest, "The Supreme Court, Capital, and Queer Equality," *The Nation*, June 16, 2020, [link].

Joanna Wuest, "Abortion After the Pandemic," *Dissent*, May 13, 2020, [link].

Joanna Wuest, "The State of Biopower in the Age of the Coronavirus," Los Angeles Review of Book's *The Philosophical Salon*, April 16, 2020, [link].

Joanna Wuest and Carly Regina, "Stonewall 50th Anniversary: The Next LGBTQ+ Movement Is the Movement for Economic Equality," *Philadelphia Inquirer* June 6, 2019, [link].

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Invited Academic Talks and Seminars

"Agents of Scientific Uncertainty: Understanding Conflicts over Gender-Affirming Care Bans," Stony Brook University Library's LGBTQ* History Month Series, October 2025.

"Agents of Scientific Uncertainty: Understanding Conflicts over Gender-Affirming Care Bans," Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, April 2025 [rescheduled].

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Distinguished Lecture Series in Queer Studies, California State University—Long Beach, April 2025 [rescheduled].

"Agents of Scientific Uncertainty: Conflicts over Evidence and Expertise in Gender-Affirming Care Bans for Minors," School of Communication and Journalism Colloquium, Stony Brook University, February 2025.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectional Justice Talk Series, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, October 2024.

"The Political Economy of the U.S. Conservative Legal Movement," Center for Law, History, and Culture, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, October 2024.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," World Politics Speaker Series, Oberlin College and Conservatory, Oberlin, OH, April/May 2024.

"The Political Economy of the Conservative Legal Movement: Disorganization in Capital and Conflicts over Health Policy," Cornell University Government Department PSAC Series Seminar, Ithaca, NY, April 19, 2024.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," LSU Ethics Institute, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, February 2024.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," the Institute for Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies and the Department of Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University, Montréal, QC, February 2024.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Center for Applied Transgender Studies, Chicago, IL, November 2023 [online].

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Trinity College, Hartford, CT, November 2023.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID, October 2023 [online].

"The Science of LGBTQ+ Civil Rights," Constitution Day Event on Expanding the 'We the People: Race, Gender, and Equal Protection of the Laws, Towson University, Baltimore, MD, September 2023.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Connecticut College Government Department, New London, CT, March 2023.

"Science on Trial: How the Conservative Legal Movement Threatens Equality, Evidence-Based Policies, and Social Welfare," School of Social Practice & Policy, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, December 2022 [online].

"State, Economy, and Social Justice," George Mason University Cultural Studies Colloquium, Fairfax, VA, September 2022.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Queens College—City University of New York Department of Political Science, New York, NY, March 2022 [online].

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics, Los Angeles, CA, February 2022 [online].

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Swarthmore College Political Science Department, Swarthmore, PA, November 2021.

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Princeton University Queer Politics Workshop, Princeton, NJ, September 2021 [online].

"Beyond Born This Way?: Postgenomics and the Future of LGBTQ+ Politics," Columbia University's Precision Medicine & Society Program, New York, NY, May 2021 [online].

"The Church Against the State in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*," with Briana S. Last, University of Pennsylvania's Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research, Philadelphia, PA, April 2021 [online].

"Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement," Lehigh University Political Science Department, Bethlehem, PA, April 2021 [online].

"Born This Way: Science and Citizenship in the American LGBTQ Movement," Princeton University Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Princeton, NJ, October 2019.

"Born This Way: Scientific Authority and Citizenship in the American LGBTQ Movement," Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, November 2018.

"Born This Way: Scientific Authority and Citizenship in the American LGBTQ Movement," University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 2018.

Conferences & Workshops

"Sex Panic / Sex Wars," States of the Field," University of Massachusetts Amherst WGSS 50th Anniversary Symposium, Amherst, MA, September 2026 [invited panelist].

"Shareholder Activism, LGBTQ Liberalism, and the Fall of Corporate Social Justice," American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, September 2026.

"Denial, Carcerality, Feeling: The Structure of Anti-Transgender Politics" w/ Tey Meadow & Jane Ward, American Sociological Association Conference, NYC, August 2026 [invited panelist].

"Shareholder Activism, LGBTQ Liberalism, and the Fall of Corporate Social Justice," American Sociological Association Conference, New York, NY, August 2026.

"The Souls of Shareholders: Faith-Based Investing and the War on Corporate Social Justice," Law and Society Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, May 2026.

"Exposing the Gender Identity Industry," Race, Care, and Capitalism Conference, Boston University Law School, Boston, MA, April 2026.

"Faith, Assets, and Social Justice," Law and Political Economy Conference, Richmond, VA, February 2026.

"Roundtable on the Elgar Press *Research Handbook on Feminist Political Thought*," American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, September 2025.

"Exposing the Gender Identity Industry," WGSS Research Hour at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, February 2025.

"Roundtable on Family, Gender, Law," Boston University Law Review Symposium on Law and Expertise, Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA, November 2024 [invited panelist].

"The Political Economy of the Conservative Legal Movement," American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024.

"50 Years of Queer Scholarship at APSA," American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024 [panelist].

"The Enigma of Mifepristone: Conflicts in Organized Capital and the Conservative Legal Movement over the FDA and Health Bureaucracy," Law and Society Association Conference, Denver, CO, June 2024.

"Authors Meet Readers: *Supreme Bias: Gender and Race in U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings*," Law & Society Association Conference, Denver, CO, June 2024 [panelist].

"The Political Economy of the Conservative Legal Movement: Capital, Religion, & Conflicts over Health Policy," Consortium on the American Political Economy Summer Academy, Berkeley, CA, May 2024.

"The Political Economy of the Conservative Legal Movement: Disorganization in Capital and Conflicts over Health Policy," Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD, March 2024 [invited].

"Delegated Discrimination: Faith-Based Welfare and the Politics of Retrenchment," American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, California, August 2023 [cancelled].

"The Politics of Scientific Uncertainty: Conflicts over Evidence and Expertise in Bans on Gender-Affirming Healthcare for Minors," with Briana S. Last, PRIDE Lab, University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), July 2023.

"Faith, Fortune, & *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*: How Industry Groups Use Faith-Based Child Placement Agencies to Undermine Social Welfare," Law & Society Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

"Delegated Discrimination: How Industry Groups Lead the Religious Liberty Assault on Civil Rights, Healthcare Policy, and the Administrative State," Toronto Political Development Workshop, Toronto, Canada, May 2023.

"What's Going on with the Abortion Pill?" Five College Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice Faculty, Amherst, MA, April 2023 [panelist].

"Critical Intervention Panel on Law and Social Exclusion," Northeast Law and Society Retreat, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA, October 2022 [invited panelist].

"After the Fall of *Roe*: The Future of Abortion in the US and Abroad," Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, September 21st, 2022 [panelist].

"Author Meets Critics: Paisley Currah's *Sex Is as Sex Does* (2022)," American Political Science Association Conference, Montréal, QC, September 2022 [invited panelist].

"The Politics of Panic: Backlash, Dog Whistles, and the Erosion of LGBTQ Victories," American Political Science Association Conference, Montréal, QC, September 2022 [panelist].

"The Church Against the State: Religious Liberty and the Regulatory State," American Political Science Association Conference, Montréal, QC, September 2022.

"The Church Against the State: Social Conservatism, Anti-Statist Industry Groups, and Constitutional Challenges to the Administrative State," Law & Society Association Conference, July 2022 [Virtual].

"Uneven Egalitarianism: LGBTQ+ Citizenship, Corporate Power, and American Constitutionalism," Cultivating Networks & Innovative Scholarship in Law and Courts Workshop, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, June 2022 [cancellation].

"Sex, Science, & the Politics of Uncertainty," Law and Humanities Junior Scholars Workshop, USC School of Law, Los Angeles, CA, May 2022.

"Uneven Egalitarianism: LGBTQ+ Citizenship, Corporate Power, and American Constitutionalism," LGBTQ+ Rights Roundtable, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, April 2022 [invited].

"Uneven Egalitarianism: Sex, Gender, and Corporate Power in American Constitutionalism," Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD, March 2022 [invited].

Book Manuscript Workshop for *Born This Way*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, November 2021.

"The Reign of Expertise: Science, Medicine, and Mental Health in the Same-Sex Marriage and Conversion Therapy Ban Cases," New Directions in Law and Society Conference, UMass Amherst, October 2021 [Online].

"Gay Genes in the Postgenomic Era," Society for Social Studies of Science Conference, Toronto, CA, October 2021 [Online].

"Science, Corporate Power, and the Rights of Trans Youth," American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 2021 [panelist].

"Beyond Born This Way: Sex, Science, and Political Economy in a Post-Bostock Era," Western Political Science Association Conference, April 2021 [Online].

"The Impossibility of Liberation: Queer Political Thought Since the New Left," Association of Political Theory Conference, Amherst, MA, November 2020 [Online].

"The Impossibility of Liberation: Queer Political Thought Since the New Left," American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2020 [Online].

"From Pathology to 'Born Perfect': Science, Law, and Autonomy in Campaigns to Ban Conversion Therapy," Law & Society Association Conference, Denver, CO, May 2020 [Online].

"From Pathology to 'Born Perfect': Science, Law, and Autonomy in Campaigns to Ban Conversion Therapy," Western Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 2020 [Online].

"From Pathology to 'Born Perfect': The Role of Scientific Authority in Campaigns to Ban Conversion Therapy," Bodies of Knowledge Working Group, Princeton University Humanities Council, Princeton, NJ, February 2020.

"A Conservative Right to Privacy Against Trans Rights," American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C. August 2019.

"A Conservative Right to Privacy: The Reassociation of a Progressive Ideal," Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2019.

"The Identity Impasse: Liberal and Left Identitarianism in Theory and Practice," with Carly Regina, Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, April 2019.

"The Persistence of Immutability Arguments in the Same-Sex Marriage Cases," American Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA, August 2018.

"Building Bioessentialism into Gay Rights Litigation: Immutability Before the Gay Gene," Western Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2018.

"Why is My Child Gay?': PFLAG and the Origins of the 'Born This Way' Gay Political Identity," Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

"Why is My Child Gay?': PFLAG and the Origins of the 'Born This Way' Gay Political Identity," Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

"The Scientific Gaze in Contemporary American Transgender Politics: The Role of Scientific Discourses and Institutions in Constructing Transgender Political Identity," Law & Society Association Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

"Transgender Bathroom Discrimination Cases: Contestations over Transgender Political Identity and the Meaning(s) of Sex and Gender," Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Graduate Colloquium, Philadelphia, PA, April 2017.

"The Scientific Gaze in Contemporary American Transgender Politics," Western Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2017.

"Bisexuality and Political Identity: The Role of Science, Law, and Politics in Crafting Political Identity," Penn Graduate Student Conference, Philadelphia, PA, February 2017.

"Constructing Bisexuality: The Role of Science, Law, and Politics in Crafting Political Identities," Western Political Science Association Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2016.

"Non-Sectarianism and Atheism in the Courts: The Fractured Separationist Response to the Religious Right," Western Political Science Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, April 2015.

Organizer, Discussant, and Chair Conference Service

Invited panelist, "Book Launch for Kevin Guyan's *Rainbow Trap: The Perils and Possibilities of Gender, Sex and Sexuality Categories*, New York University, September 2025.

Organizer and Panelist, "Author Meets Critics Panel on Anna Kirkland's *Health Care Civil Rights*," American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, September 2025.

Panelist, "APSA Joint Status Committee Roundtable on Strategies and Opportunities for Coalition Building in the Current Political Environment," American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, September 2025.

Panelist, "APSA Committee on Professional Ethics, Rights, and Freedoms Panel on Ethics and Obligations of Teaching and Training in Political Science," American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, September 2025.

Discussant, "Current Issues in Trans Politics," American Political Science Association Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, September 2025.

Chair and Discussant, "Critical Perspectives on Civil Rights & Citizenship," Division 27: Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence, American Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024.

Chair, "Queering the Constitution: LGBTQ Rights and Identity in the US Constitution," Division 27: Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence, American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2023 [online].

Discussant for Clancy Murray, "Transsexuality in the Structure of Making," Western Political Science Association's Political Theory Virtual Community, March 2023.

Discussant for Zahid Chaudhary, "Unruly Truth: Libidinal Politics and Crises of Authority," Society of Fellows, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, April 2021.

Chair and Discussant, "Bias, Descriptive Representation, and Legal Change," Western Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, May 2020 [online].

"LGBTQ+ Political Scientists: Sharing Our Experiences in the Profession and Welcoming a New Generation of Colleagues," APSA Roundtable, American Political Science Association Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2019 [panelist].

Chair, "Representation of Identity in Art and News Media," Northeastern Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

"Let's Talk about Sex (and Gender and Sexuality): Legitimating and Teaching Identities in 2017," APSA Roundtable, American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2017 [panelist].

Other Public Speaking Events

Invited panelist, "The Archive of American Trans Politics," w/ Paisley Currah and Jamie Lauren Keiles, McNally Jackson Festival, New York, NY, June 2025.

Invited moderator, "Queer Organizing in the U.S. Labor Movement," CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, March 2025.

Invited panelist, "PRRI LGBTQ 50 States Report," Public Religion Research Institute, March 2025.

Invited speaker, "Queer Working-Class Politics," Labor Solidarity Project at the University of Washington-Tacoma, October 2024.

Panelist, "*Feminism Against Cisness* U.S. Book Launch," Lesbian Herstory Archive, Brooklyn, New York, September 2024.

Invited speaker, "Born This Way," Prism: Los Alamos National Laboratory's LGBTQ+ employee resource group, February 2024.

Book launch w/ Paisley Currah, *Born This Way*, Greenlight Bookstore, Brooklyn, New York, October 2023.

Invited speaker, "LGBTQ+ Rights," Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library, Cleveland, OH, [online].

Invited panelist, "Scapegoating and Social Death," OurSchool, Eugene, Oregon, May 2023.

Invited panelist, "The Impact of *303 Creative* and *Dobbs* on LGBTQ+ Rights," Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY, March 2023.

Invited panelist, "The Rise of Anti-Trans Policy in 2022," Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY, April 2022.

Invited speaker, "Religion and the Regulatory State in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*," with Briana S. Last, Princeton University LGBT Lunch & Learn Series, Princeton, NJ, June 2021.

Invited speaker, "Queers & Capital Interests: Gay Liberation in an Age of Inequality," Princeton University Bisexual, Transgender, Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (BTGALA), Princeton, NJ, December 2020.

Invited speaker, "Beyond Equal Rights: LGBTQ+ Advocacy in an Age of Inequality," Princeton University LGBT Lunch & Learn Series, Princeton, NJ, December 2019.

Guest Lectures

University of South California, "Born This Way," Sexuality & Politics, Sara Angevine, April 2026.

University of Pennsylvania, "Agents of Scientific Uncertainty: Understanding Conflicts over Gender-Affirming Care Bans," Science Communication in Democracy, Vanessa Schipani, April 2025.

Stony Brook University – School of Communication and Journalism, "Born This Way," Principles of Inclusive Engagement, Radha Ganesan March 2025.

Fordham University, "Church Against State," Religion, Gender, and Sexuality, Orit Avishai, March 2025.

Princeton University, "Science, Law, & Gender Identity," School of Public and International Affairs, Race, Power, Inequality, Laurence Ralph, August 2024.

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, "Born This Way," Sociology of Sexualities, Kelsy Burke, April 2024.

University of Alberta Faculty of Law: "Science, Law, & Gender Identity," Transgender People and the Law, Florence Ashley, March 2024.

California State University – Long Beach: "Born This Way," Queer Law, Kathryn Perkins, November 2023.

McGill University: "Born This Way," Sex, Science and Culture, Sahar Sadjadi, October 2023.

The New School: "Science on Trial: LGBTQ+ Rights, Scientific Expertise, & State Power," Global Politics of LGBTQ+ Rights, Cyril Ghosh, June 2023.

Hunter College (CUNY): "Science on Trial: LGBTQ+ Rights, Scientific Expertise, & State Power," Queer Policy & Politics, Cyril Ghosh, March 2023.

Seattle University School of Law: "Science on Trial: LGBTQ+ Rights, Scientific Expertise, & State Power," Law and Social Science Seminar, Danieli Evans & Dean Spade, February 2023.

Hunter College (CUNY): "Science, Law, & Gender Identity Politics," Queer Policy & Politics, Erin Mayo-Adam, March 2022.

George Mason University: "Uneven Egalitarianism," Graduate Seminar in Gender/Sexuality, Roger N. Lancaster, September 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stony Brook University – State University of New York (Assistant Professor)

Undergraduate Courses

Histories of Feminism, Spring 2025, Spring 2026
Introduction to Feminist Theory Fall 2025
Gender, Science, & Health, Spring 2026

Graduate Courses

Trans Studies, Fall 2024
Feminist Theory, Fall 2025

Mount Holyoke College (Assistant Professor)

Science, Identity, & the Politics of Difference (First Year Seminar), Fall 2023
Constitutional Law, Fall 2023
Civil Liberties, Fall 2022
American Politics, Fall 2022
Sex, Gender, and American Law, Spring 2023
Law and Inequality, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Princeton University (Lecturer)

Seminar on Science, Identity, and the Politics of Human Difference, Spring 2021
Class & Inequality (Junior Workshop), Fall 2020
Sexuality & Gender in American Law and Politics, Spring 2020
Rights and the Law in American Politics (Junior Workshop), Fall 2019

University of Pennsylvania (Lecturer and TA)

Instructor, Introduction to American Politics, Summer 2018
Teaching Assistant, Modern Constitutional Law, Spring 2015, 2016, Professor Rogers M. Smith
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2015, Professor Marc Meredith
Teaching Assistant, Classical Constitutional Law, Fall 2014, Professor Rogers M. Smith
Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Certificate, 2017

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Dissertation Advisees

Peter Bruno (Ongoing)

Dissertation Committees

Francesca Petronio (Ongoing)
AJ Castle (Ongoing)
Hayden Cuttone (Ongoing)
Kassel Franco Garibay (Ongoing)

Master's Thesis Committees

Emily Ferrante

Comprehensive Exam Committees

AJ Castle: Trans Theory/ Trans Logics/ Trans Methods, (Spring 2025)
Hayden Cuttone: Trans Studies (Spring 2025)
Kassel Franco Garibay: Transfeminine Studies (Spring 2026) [Chair]
Peter Bruno (Spring 2026): Ideologies of Desire

Graduate Independent Studies and Directed Readings

AJ Castle: Trans Theory/ Trans Logics/ Trans Methods (Spring 2025)
Hayden Cuttone: Trans Studies (Spring 2025)
Peter Bruno: Into the Mirror World (Spring 2025)
Kassel Franco Garibay: Transfeminine Studies (Fall 2025)
Peter Bruno: Prospectus Development (Fall 2025)
Peter Bruno: (Dis)ordered Desires (Fall 2025)
Peter Bruno: Technofascism (Spring 2026)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Stony Brook University

Co-chair, Department Curriculum Committee (ad hoc), Spring 2026
Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2025-Spring 2026
External Reader Philosophy (WGSS Minor) Honors Thesis, Fall 2025
Internship Faculty Sponsor, Fall 2025
Job Market Coordinator, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026
Graduate Student Admissions Committee, 2025, 2026
Second Reader WGSS Honors Thesis, Spring 2025
Academic Judiciary Committee Hearing Board, AY 2024-2025

Mount Holyoke College

Faculty Advisor, Moot Court, AY 2023-2024
Advisor to a Speaking, Arguing, & Writing (SAW) Center Teaching Assistant, Spring 2024
Member, Libby Rosenfeld Himelstein Prize Committee, Politics Department, AY 2022-2023
Senior Thesis Second Reader, Politics Department, AY 2022-2023

Princeton University

Senior Thesis Advisor, Politics Department, AY 2020-2021
Undergraduate Research Assistance Advisor, Summer 2020
Junior Paper Advisor, Politics Department, Spring 2020, Spring 2021

PEER-REVIEW SERVICE

Book manuscripts: Cambridge University Press [2x]; University of California Press [x3]; University of Chicago Press [4x]; Duke University Press; SUNY Press; Pluto Press; De Gruyter; Palgrave Macmillan.

Journal articles: *Perspectives on Politics* [x3]; *Signs*; *Annals of Internal Medicine*; *Oxford Intersections*; *Political Studies*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Polity* [2x]; *Politics, Groups, and Identities* [2x]; *Law & Policy*; *Politics & Gender, PS: Political Science & Politics* [2x]; *Bulletin of Applied Transgender Studies*; *Journal of Homosexuality*; *NORA: Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Leadership Positions

APSA Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence Section Program Co-Chair, 2024

APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals in the Profession, 2022-2025

APSA Sexuality and Politics Section, At-Large Board Member, 2022-2024

APSA Sexuality and Politics Section Secretary, 2018-2019

University of Pennsylvania, Political Science Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, 2015-2016

Award Committees

APSA Charles Taylor Book Award Committee, 2026

APSA Kenneth Sherrill Award for Emerging Scholars Committee, 2026

APSA Sexuality and Politics Section's Best LGBTQ Politics Article Award, 2026

APSA Sexuality & Politics Lasting Contribution Award Committee, 2025

National Endowment Humanities Fellowship, Political Science & Jurisprudence Peer Review Panelist, 2024

APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Travel Grant Committee, 2023, 2024

APSA Sherrill Best Dissertation Award Committee for the Sexuality and Politics Section, 2020, 2023

APSA Caucus for a New Political Science Christian Bay Award Chair, 2022

APSA Law and Courts Section C. Herman Pritchett Book Award Committee, 2021

APSA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus Bailey Award Committee, 2020

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Madison Pauly, "Trump Is About to Drop a 'Nuclear Weapon' on Trans Youth Health Care," *Mother Jones*, April 14, 2026 [link].

Madison Pauly, "Meet the Mastermind Behind Trump's Definition of "Woman," *Mother Jones*, February 5, 2026 [link].

Jessica Washington, "These 59 Companies Fought the Anti-Trans Bathroom Bill in 2016. In 2025, They're Silent," *The Intercept*, September 11, 2025 [link].

Mélanie Meloche-Holubowski, "These 'Merchants of Doubt' at the Heart of the Debate on Transitional Care," *Radio-Canada*, October 28, 2024 [link].

Mélanie Meloche-Holubowski, "Gender Affirming Care: 100 Years of History and Controversy," *Radio-Canada*, October 28, 2024 [link].

Charles Blow, "People Say Queer People Are Born That Way: It's More Complicated," *New York Times*, July 31, 2024, [link].

Lauren Leffer, "Is Bisexuality Genetic? It's More Complex Than Some Studies Imply," *Scientific American*, February 6, 2024, [link].

Harry Bruinius, "How Religious Liberty Became the Roberts Court's North Star," *Christian Science Monitor*, June 30, 2023, [link].

Mimi Schwartz, "How a Right-wing Law Firm Shaped the Judge Who Will Rule on the Abortion Pill," *Texas Monthly*, March 14, 2023 [link].

Tim Fitzsimons and Patrick J. Egan, "LGBTQ Voters Flock to Bernie Sanders, NBC News Exit Poll Finds," *NBC News*, March 4, 2020 [link].

MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
Law and Society Association
Association of Law and Political Economy
Society for Social Studies of Science