

# Joanna W. Wuest

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## **Academic Appointments:**

### **Princeton University (2019-present), Princeton, NJ**

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, Philadelphia, PA**

Ph.D., Political Science, 2019

Fields: American Politics, Political Theory, and Public Law

Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

### **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

M.A., Political Science, 2015

### **Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN**

B.A. *with highest distinction* in Political Science and History (double major), 2013

Certificate in International Studies, 2013

## **Book Project:**

*Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, & Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement* [advance contract with the University of Chicago Press].

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

## **Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

“From Pathology to ‘Born Perfect’: Science, Law, and Citizenship in Campaigns to Ban LGBTQ+ Conversion Therapy,” *Perspectives on Politics* (Forthcoming).

“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 [published under the name Jo Wuest].

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

### **Invitations to Revise & Resubmit:**

“A Conservative Right to Privacy: Legal, Ideological, and Coalitional Transformations in U.S. Social Conservatism,” *Law & Social Inquiry*.

- Recipient of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus *Bailey Award for the Best Paper* presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019

“The Identity Impasse: Liberal and Left Identitarianism in Theory and Practice,” w/ Carly Regina, *Catalyst (Revise & Resubmit)*.

### **Invitations to Submit:**

Roundtable on the 2019 *Science* Genome-Wide Association Study on Sexual Orientation, *GLQ* Special Issue on “The Science of Sex ‘Itself’” (2022).

“Assuaging the Anxious Matriarch: Social Conservatives and Radical Feminists Against Trans Rights,” in *Feminism Against Cisness*, ed. Emma Heaney (*volume solicited by Duke University Press*).

Book review on Andrew Koppelman, *Gay Rights vs. Religious Liberty? The Unnecessary Conflict* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020) [*Perspectives on Politics*].

### **Working Papers:**

“The Impossibility of Liberation: Queer Political Thought Since the New Left” (*Under Review*).

### **Public Writing:**

“The Supreme Court, Capital, and Queer Equality,” *The Nation*, June 16, 2020, [[link](#)].

“Abortion After the Pandemic,” *Dissent*, May 13, 2020, [[link](#)].

“The State of Biopower in the Age of the Coronavirus,” Los Angeles Review of Book’s *The Philosophical Salon*, April 16, 2020, [[link](#)].

“Beyond Intersectionality,” *The Nation*, February 24, 2020, [[link](#)].

“Labor Has Only One Candidate,” *Jacobin*, September 22, 2019, w/ Carly Regina, [[link](#)].

“Did Representative Dwight Evans Flip Flop on Medicare for All?,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 25, 2019, w/ Carly Regina, [[link](#)].

“The Next LGBTQ+ Movement Is the Movement for Economic Equality,” *Philadelphia Inquirer* (June 6, 2019), w/ Carly Regina, [[link](#)].

## **Honors, Fellowships, and Awards:**

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  
Penn School of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2017-2018 (\$5,000)  
Jack Miller Center Summer Fellowship, 2017 (\$1,000)  
Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2016 (\$5,000)  
Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, 2013-2014 and 2015-2018  
Carol Roberts Writing Center Consulting Award, 2012-2013

## **Conferences, Talks, and Workshops:**

### **Conference Presentations:**

“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].

“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.

### **Invited Talks:**

“Beyond Equal Rights: LGBTQ+ Advocacy in an Age of Inequality,” Princeton University Bisexual, Transgender, Gay and Lesbian Alumni Association (BTGALA), Princeton, NJ, April 2020 [cancelled due to COVID-19].

“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.

“Beyond Equal Rights: LGBTQ+ Advocacy in an Age of Inequality,” Princeton University LGBT Employee Resource Group Lunch & Learn Series, Princeton, NJ, December 2019.

“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: Science Authority and Citizenship in the American LGBTQ Movement,” Mount Holyoke College, November 2018.

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

### **Chair and Discussant Service & Professional and Pedagogy Presentations:**

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

Panelist: “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.

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

Panelist: “Let's Talk about Sex (and Gender and Sexuality): Legitimizing and Teaching Identities in 2017,” APSA Roundtable, American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2017.

### **Teaching Experience:**

#### **Princeton University: (Instructor)**

Seminar on Race, Science, & Political Economy Spring 2021

Class & Inequality, Fall 2020

Sexuality & Gender in American Law and Politics, Spring 2020

Rights and the Law in American Politics, Fall 2019

#### **University of Pennsylvania:**

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

#### **Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne:**

Supplemental Instructor, Introduction to American Politics, Fall 2012, Professor Michael Wolf

Teaching Assistant, U.S. Presidential Elections 2012, Summer 2012, Professor Michael Wolf

Writing Center Consultant, 2011-2013

### **Mentoring:**

Undergraduate Research Assistance Advisor, Princeton University, Summer 2020

Junior Paper Advisor, Princeton University Politics Department, Spring 2020

### **Professional Service:**

Sherrill Best Dissertation Committee for the Sexuality and Politics section of APSA, 2020

Secretary for the APSA Sexuality and Politics Section, 2018-2019

### **Memberships:**

American Political Science Association

Law and Society Association

Association for Political Theory  
Northeastern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association  
Political Science Graduate Student Organization Co-chair, University of Pennsylvania, 2015-2016

## **References:**

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