

# 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

## **Publications:**

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles:**

“A Conservative Right to Privacy: Legal, Ideological, and Coalitional Transformations in U.S. Social Conservatism,” *Law & Social Inquiry* [FirstView [link](#)].

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

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

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

“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].

### **Reviews and Scholarly Essays:**

Book review on Andrew Koppelman, *Gay Rights vs. Religious Liberty? The Unnecessary Conflict* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020), *Perspectives on Politics*, (March 2021).

“Beyond ‘Born This Way,” *Psyche (Aeon)*, February 24, 2021, [link](#).

### **Invitations to Submit:**

“The Dream of Bioessentialism is Alive in a Post-Genomic Era,” Roundtable on the 2019 *Science* Genome-Wide Association Study on Sexual Orientation, *GLQ* Special Issue on “The Science of Sex ‘Itself’” (2022) [*Under Review*].

“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 [*Accepted with Minor Revisions*].

### **Working Papers:**

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

“Uneven Development: Sex, Gender, and Unsteady Progress in the Post-Fordist U.S.” w/ Briana Last [*In Progress*].

### **Selected Public Writing:**

“With Gay Adoption Decision, Will the Supreme Court Erode the Regulatory State?,” *Boston Review*, April 15, 2021, w/ Briana Last, [link](#).

“From Mutual Aid to Welfare State and Back Again,” *The Nation*, Feature Article in Issue December 28/January 4 2021, [link](#).

“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, [\[link\]](#).

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

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

### **External:**

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

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

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

Jack Miller Center Summer Fellowship, 2016 (\$1,000)

### **Internal:**

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)

Benjamin Franklin Graduate Fellowship, 2013-2018

Carol Roberts Writing Center Consulting Award, 2012-2013

## **Invited Talks and Conferences:**

### **Invited Talks:**

“Beyond Born This Way?: Postgenomics and the Future of LGBTQ+ Politics,” Columbia University’s Precision Medicine & Society Program, New York, NY, May 2021.

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

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

“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: Scientific 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.

### **Conference Presentations:**

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

“Faith & Fortune in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*,” Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research, University of Pennsylvania, 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].

“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.

### **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:**

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

**Peer-Review Service:**

*Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, and Identities.*

**Professional Service:**

C. Herman Pritchett Book Award Committee for the Law and Courts Section, 2021  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus Award Committee for the Bailey Award, 2020  
Sherrill Best Dissertation Award Committee for the Sexuality and Politics section of APSA, 2020  
Secretary for the APSA Sexuality and Politics Section, 2018-2019  
Political Science Graduate Student Organization Co-Chair, University of Pennsylvania, 2015-2016

**Memberships:**

American Political Science Association  
Law and Society Association  
Association for Political Theory  
Northeastern Political Science Association  
Western Political Science Association

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