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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments:

Mount Holyoke College (2022-present), *South Hadley, MA*

Assistant Professor of Politics

Princeton University (2019-2022), *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, Public Law, and Political Theory

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

Publications:

Books:

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

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

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* [Conditionally Accepted as of November 28, 2022 – [SSRN preprint](#)].

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.

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.

- Recipient of the Caucus for a New Political Science’s *Christian Bay Award* for the best paper presented on a New Political Science panel 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.

- Recipient of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus *Award for the Best Paper* presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2019.
- Nominated for the Dukeminier Awards Journal of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law, UCLA Law, 2022.

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.

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

Book Chapters:

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](#)].

Essays and Reviews:

Joanna Wuest, “State, Economy, and LGBTQ+ Civil Rights,” *Law and Political Economy Project*, February 2, 2022 [[link](#)].

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).

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, 2023).

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, 2023).

Works in Progress:

Joanna Wuest, “Delegated Discrimination: Faith-Based Welfare and the Politics of Retrenchment [Article in Progress].

Joanna Wuest, “Profit & Parochial Schools: Religious Liberty, Civil Rights and the End of Public Education” [Article in Progress].

Joanna Wuest, *Church Against State: How Industry Groups Lead the Religious Liberty Assault on Civil Rights and Social Welfare* [Book Manuscript in Progress].

Selected Public Writing:

Joanna Wuest, “The Dead End of Corporate Activism,” *Boston Review*, May 18, 2022, [[link](#)].

Joanna Wuest and Briana Last, “Dark Money, the Supreme Court, and the Fate of LGBTQ+ Rights,” *The Nation*, June 21, 2021, [[link](#)].

Joanna Wuest and Briana Last, “With Gay Adoption Decision, Will the Supreme Court Erode 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](#)].

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 Books’s *The Philosophical Salon*, April 16, 2020, [[link](#)].

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

Selected Media:

“How a Right-wing Law Firm Shaped the Judge Who Will Rule on the Abortion Pill,” *Texas Monthly*, March 14, 2023 [\[link\]](#).

“The Search for Gay Genes: Should Queer People Support It?” *Ms. Magazine*, November 14, 2021 [\[link\]](#).

“LGBTQ Voters Flock to Bernie Sanders, NBC News Exit Poll Finds,” *NBC News*, March 4, 2020 [\[link\]](#).

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards:

External:

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)
APSA Kenneth Sherrill Award for the Best Dissertation on Sexuality and Politics, 2019
Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2016 (\$5,000)
Jack Miller Center Summer Fellowship, 2017 (\$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 Presentations and Conferences:

Invited Talks and Paper Presentations:

“The Promise and Problems of Conversion Therapy Ban Legislation,” YES Project/Youth Equity Science, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT, [TBD].

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

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.

“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.

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

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.

“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.

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

“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.

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

“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.

“Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement,” Lehigh University Political Science Department, Bethlehem, 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 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, 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 & Workshop Presentations:

“Delegated Discrimination: Faith-Based Welfare and the Politics of Retrenchment,” American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, California, August 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, CA, May 2023.

“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.

“Uneven Egalitarianism: Sex, Gender, and Corporate Power in American Constitutionalism,” Discussion Group on Constitutionalism, University of Maryland Law School, March 2022.

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].

“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].

“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.

Academic Roundtables, Pedagogy Discussions, and Discussant and Chair Service:

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

Panelist, “50 Years of Queer Scholarship at APSA,” American Political Science Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2023.

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

Panelist, “Critical Intervention Panel on Law and Social Exclusion,” Northeast Law and Society Retreat, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, October 2022.

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.

Panelist, “The Politics of Panic: Backlash, Dog Whistles, and the Erosion of LGBTQ Victories,” American Political Science Association Conference, Montréal, QC, September 2022.

Panelist, “Science, Corporate Power, and the Rights of Trans Youth,” American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 2021 [online].

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].

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.

Guest Lectures:

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

Seattle University School of Law: “Science on Trial: 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:

Mount Holyoke College: (Assistant Professor)

Constitutional Law, Fall 2023
Civil Liberties, Fall 2022
American Politics, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Sex, Gender, and American Law, Spring 2023
Law and Inequality, Spring 2023

Princeton University: (Lecturer)

Seminar on Science, Identity, and the Politics of Human Difference, 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 Consultant, PFW Writing Center, 2011-2013

Institutional Service:

Senior Thesis Second Reader, Mount Holyoke College Politics Department, AY 2022-2023
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:

Book manuscripts: Cambridge University Press; University of California Press; Pluto Press

Journal articles: *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Polity*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities* [2x];
Law & Policy

Professional Service:

Sherrill Best Dissertation Award Committee for the Sexuality and Politics section of APSA, 2023
APSA's Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Individuals in the
Profession, 2022-2025
APSA Sexuality and Politics Section, At-Large Board Member, 2022-2023
Christian Bay Award Chair, Caucus for a New Political Science, 2022
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
APSA Sexuality and Politics Section, Secretary, 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

References:

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