

Joanna W. Wuest

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

Stony Brook University – State University of New York (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.
- Symposiums: *Boston Review* [forthcoming]; *Bill of Health* [[link](#)].
- Media: *New York Times* [[link](#)]; WNYC's *Radiolab* [[link](#)]; NEH blog [[link](#)].
- Reviews: *Law & Society Review*; *Journal of Homosexuality*; *Gay & Lesbian Review*; *The Baffler*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Joanna Wuest, "Exposing the Gender Identity Industry: Anti-Gender and the Paranoid Critique of Trans Medicine," *Signs* [Forthcoming].

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 [\[link\]](#); Center for Public Integrity [\[link\]](#); 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

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

Joanna Wuest, “Uncertainty Against Itself,” in Symposium on Law and Expertise, *Boston University Law Review* [Invited & In Progress].

Kelsy Burke and **Joanna Wuest**, “Transformations in Anti-Trans Media Narratives,” [Article in Progress].

Joanna Wuest, “U.S. Business Advocacy, Federalism, and Trans Rights, 2016-2025,” *The Forum* [Invited Article in Progress for Special Issue].

Kathryn J. Perkins and **Joanna Wuest (co-editors)**, Special Issue on LGBTQ Politics, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Fall 2024 [In Progress].

Joanna Wuest, *Church Against State: How Religious Liberty Turned Against Social Welfare & Civil Rights* [Book Manuscript in Progress].

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

External

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

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)

Selected Magazine and Newspaper Writing

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](#)].

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

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

Selected Blog Writing

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, “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, “Cruelty with a Point: 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, “State, Economy, and LGBTQ+ Civil Rights,” *Law and Political Economy Project*, February 2, 2022 [[link](#)].

Invited Presentations and Conferences

Invited Academic Talks and Seminars

“Agents of Scientific Uncertainty: Understanding Conflicts over Gender-Affirming Care Bans,” Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, April 2025.

“Born This Way: Science, Citizenship, and Inequality in the American LGBTQ+ Movement,” California State University—Long Beach, April 2025 [online].

“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

“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, 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.

Discussant and Chair Service & Pedagogy Discussions

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): Legitimizing and Teaching Identities in 2017,” APSA Roundtable, American Political Science Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, September 2017 [panelist].

Other Public Speaking Events

Invited Moderator, “Queer Organizing in the U.S. Labor Movement,” CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies, 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 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 & 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)

Comprehensive Exam Committees

AJ Castle: Trans Theory/ Trans Logics/ Trans Methods, (Spring 2025)
Hayden Cuttone: Trans Studies (Spring 2025)

Graduate Independent Studies and Directed Readings

AJ Castle: Trans Theory/ Trans Logics/ Trans Methods (Spring 2025)
Hayden Cuttone: Trans Studies (Spring 2025)
Peter Bruno: TBD (Spring 2025)
Peter Bruno: TBD (Fall 2025)
Peter Bruno: TBD (Spring 2026)

Institutional Service

Stony Brook University

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
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Professional Service

APSA Sexuality & Politics Lasting Contribution Award Committee Member, 2025

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

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

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

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

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus Award Committee for the Bailey Award, 2020

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