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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** Cornell University, Department of Government, Ithaca, New York, 2005 (**M.A.** 2001)

**B.A.** State University of New York at Albany, *Magna Cum Laude*, Honors in Political Science, 1993

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Theories of Ideology and History, Critical Theory, Comparative Political Theory, Latin American and Caribbean Political Thought, Theories of Political Economy, Cuban Studies, Postcolonial Theory

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

San Francisco State University

Professor, Department of Political Science, 2020-present  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, 2014-2020  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2008-2014

Franklin & Marshall College, Department of Government, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-2008

The New School, Graduate Program in International Affairs, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2005-2006

The City College of New York, The Center for Worker Education, Adjunct Assistant Professor, 2005-2006

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2015.

Reviewed in *Theorin: Revista de Ciencias Sociales* (Ecuador), *International Politics* (Japan), *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*, *Latin American Perspectives*, *Revista Temas*, *The CLR James Journal* [multi-author symposium], *Perspectives on Politics*, *Anthropological Forum*, *Revista de Historia Ibero-Americana* (Chile), and *Choice*.

*Globalizing Political Theory*. New York: Routledge, 2023. Textbook co-edited with Smita Rahman and Shirin Deylami.

### Articles (Editor and Peer Reviewed)

“Strategies of Imperialism and Opposition in Cuba: Reflections on the Purity of Anti-Imperialism,” *Viewpoint Magazine* 6, 2018. <https://www.viewpointmag.com/2018/02/01/strategies-imperialism-opposition-cuba-reflections-purity-anti-imperialism/>

“Partial Hegemony as Ideological Negotiation: A Reply,” in *The CLR James Journal: A Review of Caribbean Ideas* 23:1/2 (Fall 2017).

“No Better Way to be Latin American: European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory?” *Postcolonial Studies* 16:4 (December 2014).

“Rogue Specters: Cuba and North Korea at the Limits of U.S. Hegemony.” Co-author Jee Sun E. Lee. *Alternatives: Global, Local, Political* 34:3 (Fall 2009).

“Sales + Economy + Efficiency = Revolution?: Dollarization, Consumer Capitalism and Popular Responses in Special Period Cuba.” *Public Culture* 18:2 (Spring 2006).

### **Book Chapters and Entries (Editor and Peer Reviewed)**

“Ernesto ‘Che’ Guevara’s Political Economy: Balancing Development and Dis-Alienation,” in Rahman, Gordy and Deylami (eds.), *Globalizing Political Theory*. New York: Routledge, 2023.

“Introduction: What Does it Mean to Globalize Political Theory?” co-authors Smita Rahman and Shirin Deylami in Rahman, et. Al (eds.), *Globalizing Political Theory*. New York: Routledge, 2022.

“Situated Political Theory in Latin America,” in Leigh Jenco, Megan Thomas and Murad Idris (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Political Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019.

“Strategic Deployments: The Universal/Local Nexus in the Work of José Carlos Mariátegui,” in Daniel Kapust and Helen Kinsala (eds.), *Comparative Political Theory in Time and Place*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“Marxian Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition,” in Clem Fatovic and Sean Walsh (eds.) *Interpretation in Political Theory*. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Counter-publics,” *The Encyclopedia of Political Thought*, Michael T. Gibbons (ed.). Blackwell, 2014.

“Beside the State: Anarchist Strains in Cuban Revolutionary Thought,” in James Martel and Jimmy Casas Klausen (eds.) *How Not to Be Governed: Readings and Interpretations from a Critical Anarchist Left*. New York: Lexington Press, 2011.

### **Book and Documentary Reviews**

*Delimitations of Latin American Philosophy: Beyond Redemption* by Omar Rivera. *Philosophy and Global Affairs* (forthcoming).

*Writing in the New World: The Politics of Natural History in the Early Spanish Empire* by Mauro José Caraccioli, *Political Theory* (2021)

“Violence and Freedom: Canonical Interventions and Heretical Readings.” *Fugitive Rousseau: Slavery, Primitivism and Political Freedom*, by Jimmy Casas Klausen and *Machiavelli and the Orders of Violence*, by Yves Winter. *Theory and Event* 22.4 (October 2019)

*The Power of Race in Cuba: Racial Ideology and Black Consciousness During the Revolution*, by Danielle Pilar Cleland. *Perspectives on Politics* 16:4 (2018)

*People and State in Socialist Cuba: Ideas and Practices of Revolution*, by Marina Gold. *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Research* 23:3 (2017)

*Theorizing Race in the Americas: Douglas, Sarmiento, Du Bois, Vasconcelos*, by Juliet Hooker. *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy* 8:2 (Fall 2017).

*We Created Chavez: A People’s History of the Bolivarian Revolution* by George Ciccariello-Maher. *Contemporary Political Theory* 14 (2015).

*Maestra*, directed by Catherine Murphy. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 72:1 (January 2015)

*The Cuban Revolution as Socialist Human Development* by Henry Veltmeyer and Mark Rushton. *Contemporary Sociology* 44:2 (March 2015).

*Gender and Democracy in Cuba* by Ilja A. Luciak. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History*

65:3 (January 2009).

*Bloqueo: Looking at the U.S. Embargo Against Cuba*, directed by Heather Haddon and Rachel Dannefer. *The Americas: A Quarterly Review of Inter-American Cultural History* 64:2 (October 2007).

### Popular Press and Radio

“Globalizing Political Theory and the Challenges of Making it Happen,” blog post for *Black Issues in Philosophy*. Available at <https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/12/20/globalizing-political-theory-and-the-challenges-of-making-it-happen/>

Radio Interview, “Cuban Socialist Ideology,” *Against the Grain*, KPFA Pacifica, 1/11/22. Available at: <https://kpfa.org/episode/against-the-grain-january-11-2022/>

“Dreams and Pragmatism: Cuba Today,” *Against the Current* (September/October 2009): 23-24. Also available at <http://www.solidarity-us.org/node/2375>

“Criminalizing Homelessness.” *In These Times*. 18 (1994): 6-7.

### In Progress

“Negotiating Contradiction: To Make Socialism Alive and Livable,” for *The Lived Experience of Ideology*, edited by Başak Ertür, Naveed Mansoori, James Martel, and Connal Parsley (Routledge).

*Empirical Imaginaries: Situated Political Theory in Latin America*. Book Manuscript.

“To Work for Oneself: State Employment in Contemporary Cuba.”

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021: Discussant, “Populism Left and Right,” Western Political Science Association (WPSA), online.

Participant, Author Meets Critics, *Hotels and Highways: The Construction of Modernization Theory in Cold War Turkey* by Begum Adalet, Midwestern Political Science Association (MWPSA), online.

2019: “Historical Relativism as Historical Materialism,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, Washington D.C.

“The Political Valence of Utopia: Foreign Intellectuals’ Responses to the Cuban Revolution,” Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), Providence, RI.

2018: “To Work *for Oneself*: State Employees in Post-Socialist Cuba,” Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), Barcelona, Spain

“Facts at the Service of the Imaginary,” WPSA, San Francisco, CA

2017: “Alternative Genealogies of Revolution: Walterio Carbonell and the Remaking of National Culture,” CPA Annual Meeting, New York, New York and WPSA, Vancouver BC

Participant, Author Meets Critics, *Theorizing Race in the Americas* by Juliet Hooker, APSA, San Francisco, CA and CPA, New York, New York

Participant, Author Meets Critics, *Mr. Mothercountry* by Keally McBride, WPSA, Vancouver, BC

Discussant, “Marx, Imperialism and Empire,” WPSA, Vancouver, BC

2016: “Models, Myths and Revolutionary Movements,” CPA annual meeting, Storrs, CT.

“The Empirical Imaginary and Indigenous Socialism,” WPSA, San Diego, CA

- Author respondent, Roundtable: *Living Ideology in Cuba: Socialism in Principle and Practice* by Katherine A. Gordy, Author Meets Critics, WPSA, San Diego, CA
- “To Work for Oneself: State Employment in Contemporary Cuba,” La Perruque: de Certeau and Contemporary Practices of Resistance, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 2015: “Empirical Imaginaries in Postcolonial Political Theory,” CPA annual meeting, Riviera Maya, Mexico
- 2014: “Neither Local nor Universal: José Carlos Mariátegui and the Task of Theory,” CPA, St. Louis, MO
- “Marxist Interpretations of Political Theory: Locating a Tradition,” WPSA, Seattle, WA
- Participant, “Roundtable: *We Created Chávez: A People’s History of the Bolivarian Revolution* by George Ciccariello-Maher, Author Meets Critics,” WPSA, Seattle, WA
- 2013: “Situated Political Theory: Method in the Political Thought of Mariátegui and Sarmiento,” APSA annual meeting, Chicago, IL
- “A Method of Theorizing in the Work of Sarmiento and Mariátegui,” LASA Congress, Washington DC and WPSA, Hollywood, CA
- 2012: “No Better Way to be Latin American? European Science and Thought, Latin American Theory?” Association for Political Theory (APT) annual conference, Columbia, South Carolina
- 2011: “Between Hegemony and Ideology: Anarchism with a Small “A” in Cuba,” WPSA, San Antonio
- “Beside the State: Anarchist Strains in Cuban Revolutionary Thought,” Cuba Futures: Past and Present, Bildner Center, the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
- Discussant, “Critical Practices After Marx,” WPSA, San Antonio
- 2010: “Gramsci and Mariátegui: Breaking Down the Theory and Experience Organizational Divide,” WPSA, San Francisco
- 2009: “Bring it on Home: Cuban Doctors and Being Abroad,” LASA Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- “Justifying Economic Policy: Cuban Press Accounts of the SDPE,” “Measure of a Revolution” Conference, Queens University, Kingston, ON.
- “Latin American Political Thought and the Dilemmas of a Comparative Approach,” presented at:
- WPSA, Vancouver (Panel Organizer)
  - Cultures of Democracy in the Americas Conference, UC Irvine (invited)
- Discussant, “Concepts and Contexts: Putting Political Ideas Back in Political Contexts,” WPSA, Vancouver
- 2008: “The Problem of Ideology in U.S. Political Discourse and its Reflection in Political Science,” WPSA, San Diego
- “Does Cuban Socialism Still Travel? Humanitarian and Academic Exchanges with the U.S. and Venezuela,” Conference: “A Changing Cuba in a Changing World,” Bildner Center of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2007: “How Ideologies Travel: The Case of Cuban Socialism,” LASA Congress, Montreal
- 2006: “Cuban Studies and Its Paradigms of Transition,” “Cuba in Transition” conference, Bildner Center, CUNY Graduate Center
- “Disciplining Cuban Studies,” LASA, Puerto Rico

"Insisting on the Inside: Organic Intellectuals and Critical Revolutionary Thought in Cuba," Cuban Research Institute Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, FIU, Miami

- 2005: "Comparative Political Theory and the Return of Theory to Political Science," presented at:
- American Political Science Association (APSA), Washington D.C.
  - "Critical Theorizing Today: Social and Cultural Theory for the Present Crisis," McMaster University
- 2004: "Everyday Socialism and Consumer Capitalism During Cuba's Special Period," presented at:
- LASA, Las Vegas
  - "Cuba Today: Continuity and Change since the 'Período Especial'," Bildner Center, CUNY

### INVITED TALKS, SYMPOSIUMS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2019: Participant, "Traveling Ideas: Race, Colonialism and Empire," University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2018: Workshop participant, "Canonization and Decolonization," Taskforce on Knowledge and Place in the Humanities, University of Victoria, British Columbia
- 2017: Roundtable participant, "Cuba After Fidel: Reflections on his Legacy Past, Present, and Future," Stanford University, Stanford
- Respondent, "Drums, Mines, Coils, Voices: Histories of Media and Materiality" (paper by Alejandra Bronfman), Subversive Sounds: Music and Politics of the Global South, UCSC, Santa Cruz, CA
- 2014: Talk: "Situated Theory: Radical Political Thought in Latin America," University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2013: Panelist, "Political and Social Developments in Cuba," Cuba and California: Prospects for Change and Opportunity, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley
- Participant, "Theory's Landscapes: Movements, Memories and Moments," A Faculty Development Academy, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2012: Talk: "Living the Principles of Cuban Socialism?" UC Berkeley Working Group, Berkeley, CA
- 2010: Talk: "Comparative Communisms," Sonoma County Museum, Santa Rosa, CA
- Talk: "Cuba and the World: Does Theory Meet Practice in Cuban Socialism," DLCL Research Unit working group on Cultural Synchronization and Disjuncture, Stanford University, CA
- 2008: "Speculating on Cuba's Future," Quest for Learning Seminar, Lancaster, PA
- 2007: "Human Rights in Cuba," Symposium "Humanity Interrupted: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Human Rights Issues," Millersville University, PA
- 2006: "Post-Millennial Havana: Culture, Consumption & Everyday Life," Brecht Forum, New York
- 2005: "Rogue States: the Hermit Kingdom and Island Fortress," with Jee Sun Lee at the Williams College International Studies Colloquium
- 2002: "Between Blinding Dogma and Guiding Light: Navigating the Principles of Cuban Socialism," Latin American Studies Program Seminar Series, Cornell University

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Sabbatical Award (leave with pay), Fall 2022/Spring 2023

RSCA Recovery Award (one course release plus travel funds), SFSU, Spring 2022

Sabbatical Award (leave with pay), SFSU, Fall 2015/Spring 2016

Presidential Award for Professional Development (leave with pay), SFSU, Spring 2011

Mellon Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 2000/2001, 1998

Sage Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Cornell University, 1995/1996

Research and Travel Grants, Cornell University, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003

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## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **San Francisco State University**

#### *Undergraduate*

PLSI 275, Introduction to Political Theory

PLSI 387 and 387GW, Non-Western/Comparative Political Theory

PLSI 388, Politics and the Popular: Experience, Common Sense, and Tradition

PLSI 389, Latin American Revolutionary Societies

PLSI 392 and 392GW, Latin American Political Thought

PLSI 353, Political Theory: The 20<sup>th</sup> Century

PLSI 394/LABR 394, Political Theories of Work, Labor and Free Time

PLSI 302, Writing in Political Science

PLSI 372, Critical Political Thought

#### *Graduate*

PLSI 780, Graduate Seminar in Political Theory

PLSI 782, Colonialism, Gender and Scientific Racism

PLSI 766, State/Society Relations in the non-Western World

PLSI 781, Practicum in Teaching Political Science

PLSI 786, Great Theorists: Walter Benjamin

PLSI 788, Latin American Political Theory

PLSI 780, Colonialism and Anti-Colonialism

PLSI 701, Graduate Writing in Political Science

### **Franklin & Marshall College**

GOV 242, Modern Political Theory: Conceptions of the Political

GOV 378, The Politics of Globalization in the Americas

GOV 379, Latin American Revolutionary Societies: Once the War Has Taken Place

GOV 477, Politics and the Popular: Experience, Common Sense, and Tradition

### **Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School**

NINT 5001, Global Flows

NINT 5126, Race and Gender in International Relations

### **The Center for Worker Education, The City College of New York**

CWE 10200, Core Social Science I: Work, Family, and Community

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## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY**

### **Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University**

Graduate Coordinator, 2016-2022

Women and Politics Search Committee Member, Fall '19

Comparative Politics Search Committee Co-Chair, Fall '18

7<sup>th</sup> Cycle Review co-author, Spring '18  
Matthew Stoltz Political Theory Prize Committee, annual  
MA Thesis Chair and Second Reader, annual

### **San Francisco State University**

Faculty member: Latin American Studies Program, Critical Social Thought  
“Foreign Policy Toward Cuba Under Trump,” for 2016 Presidential Public Election Panel “The New Administration: Foreign Policy,” Fall '16.  
Conference Organizer, Guantanamo Bay Naval Base Symposium, SFSU, Fall '09

### **Community**

#### **Conference Panel Organizer/Chair/Division Chair:**

Co-Chair, Normative Political Theory Division, American Political Science Association (APSA), 2019.  
Organizer, “Foreign Intellectuals and the Cuban Revolution,” CPA, Spring '19.  
Organizer and Chair, “Critical Reflections on *Theorizing Race in the Americas*,” WPSA, CPA and APSA '17.  
Organizer, “Theorizing Founding, Freedom and New Orders From Liberatory Praxis,” CPA, '16  
Chair, “Theme Panel: Political Transformation and Reason-giving in Non-Western Discourses,” APSA '13  
Organizer, “The Theoretical in Latin American and Caribbean Political Thought,” LASA '13  
Chair, “Neoliberalism and Biopolitics,” WPSA, San Francisco, Spring '10

#### **Book Manuscript Reviewer:**

Oxford University Press  
Routledge  
Palgrave Macmillan  
University of South Carolina Press.

#### **Article Manuscript Reviewer:**

*American Journal of Political Science*  
*Political Research Quarterly*  
*Political Theory*  
*American Political Science Review (APSR)*  
*Philosophy and Social Criticism*  
*A Contracorriente*  
*Cultural Anthropology*  
*Contexto Internacional*  
*New Political Science*  
*Politics, Groups and Identities*  
*PS: Political Science & Politics*  
*Journal of Politics*  
*Third World Quarterly*  
*Ethnos*  
*Journal of Labor and Society*  
*Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict, & World Order*

#### **Editorial Board Membership:**

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#### **Professional Membership:**

American Political Science Association (APSA), Western Political Science Association (WPSA)  
Caribbean Philosophical Association (CPA), Latin American Studies Association (LASA)